

Boat Test Fyran 595 Pursuit

Economy **boating**



A well turned-out, mid-sized vessel, Fyran's new 595 Pursuit easily accommodates four or five anglers. A frugal engine and low weight combine for an economical day out, and, at just less than \$60k, it's an attractive drive-away package, writes

Norman Holtzhausen.

While Fyran was one of the first manufacturers to combine aluminium hulls with a moulded fibreglass cabin and hardtop, its new 595 Pursuit is a slight departure from the norm. It reverts to a cabin built in 3mm aluminium, with fibreglass used only for the stylish, hardtop cap. But such is the quality of the alloy workmanship that you'd be hard-pressed to pick up the difference.

The review boat's black-painted hull is handsomely offset by the hardtop and cabin's white finish. The quality of the paintwork is impeccable, adorned by a customised black and grey logo. The result is a striking boat that looks good in any setting. >>

Specifications

Fyran 595 Pursuit

LOA	6.08m
Beam	2.18m
Deadrise	16° at the transom
Hull thickness	5mm
Trailer	Hosking multi-roller, single-axle
Towing weight:	Approx 1350kg dry
Engine:	Honda 90HP Vtec with BLAST and Lean Burn technology



Price as reviewed **\$59,799**

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Cockpit

The cockpit's large fishing area flows directly from the hardtop area. A parcel shelf, the continuation of the same shelf in the cabin, runs the full length of the boat back to the transom. Gunwales are at just the right height for comfortable seating while fishing. Several rod holders are fitted, and a rocket launcher along the edge of the hardtop holds six additional rods. The transom features a walk-through with removable insert, and the battery sits in a well above the deck. There are open shelves in the transom, but optional hatches would turn these into storage lockers.

Fyran's attractive powder-coated aluminium bait board unit (with removable wooden cutting board) fits into two rod holders in the centre of the transom. The unit helps protect the engine from accidental damage (from sinkers) and includes its own rod holders angled out over the stern.

Out on the sizeable boarding platform is a custom alloy boarding ladder. Although set up as a fishing boat this configuration would make a good diving vessel since the engine is mounted above the platform rather than in its own well, enabling someone to easily walk around the engine to the starboard side. There are no other seats in the cockpit area, leaving an open area for fishing.

The review boat did not have the optional under-floor fuel tank. Instead, two 25-litre tote tanks are stowed neatly under the transom. Three standard tote tanks fit easily in the space, and if the narrow style tanks are used, four could slip under and out of the way.

Using tote tanks opens up the space under the deck for a large wet locker, ideal for stowing the catch or any wet gear. A bilge pump fitted under the transom area removes any stray water, and an easily-removed cover enables this to be quickly checked.

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Construction	4mm and 3mm marine grade aluminium
Engine	Honda 9 VTEC with BLAST
Trailer	Hosking multi-roller, single-axle trailer

TO OWN THIS BOAT:

EXAMPLE BASED ON

Purchase Price of	\$59,799
Deposit	\$11,960
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Term 60 months	
MONTHLY PAYMENT	\$913*



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There is a lot of space in the transom lockers

Tote tanks are partly stored, but you could opt for an under-floor tank

For its size, it's a spacious boat. The hardtop configuration offers ample headroom for those of above-average height and provides the helm position with sufficient shelter for most weather conditions. An armour-plate, flat glass windscreen offers a clear, all-round view (a curved windscreen of similar armour plate glass is optional).

Twin pedestals hold standard nylon seats with cushions for the skipper and passenger. The pedestals are hollow, providing useful storage space for loose items, and the seats swivel 360 degrees.

Although the seats are the industry-standard models fitted to hundreds of boats each year, they tend to be too narrow for those of ample proportions, so prospective buyers should test them for comfort. Fortunately, Fyran offers several seating options, including a King and Queen arrangement, so there's something to suit every shape and size.

Equipped with the basic engine instruments, there is good space for additional electronics on the large, flat dashboard. A large LCD screen could easily be accommodated and the back of the helm is quickly accessed through a panel inside the cabin. Welded aluminium

footrests make for comfortable driving while seated, and welded grab-handles give the passenger additional security when things get rough.

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Narrow seats

Inside the cabin, twin, full-length bunks with vinyl-covered squabs serve as a daytime resting spot, and would also be adequate for summertime overnighting. Again, additional options include fabric covers, a bunk infill (to make a double bunk) and a portable toilet.

Fyran has done a neat job with the solid aluminium hatch, and adequate light streams through two side windows. Although a clear polycarbonate hatch is available as an upgrade option, the solid hatch is a good, low-cost solution.

The cabin sides and roof are fully carpet-lined, with a parcel shelf running either side.

Opening the hatch provides access to the forward deck, which cannot be safely reached from the outside due to the width of the hardtop. The sizeable self-draining anchor well has a checkerplate cover to keep out any water that comes over the bow. There's no anchor winch but there's sufficient place to fit one. A bollard and a substantial fairlead with nylon roller are welded to the hull.

Other boats in this class



Surtees 6.1 Barcrusher HT

An excellent fishing platform, and, with a two-metre forward berth and an optional enclosed cockpit, a great overnighter.

Specifications

LOA	6.1m
Beam	2.35m
Rec hp	100-150
Weight	650kg
Fuel	170 litres



Kiwi-Kraft 590 Sport HT

A popular pontoon design, the Kiwi-Kraft 590 combines a fine entry, variable dead rise and twin planing strakes to provide superior lift and improved fuel consumption.

Specifications

LOA	5.90m
Beam	2.30m
Weight	775kg
Rec hp	150



McLay 600 Fisherman HT

Cuddy cabin design gives a huge cockpit area and makes this boat a serious family, fishing and dive boat, with extra weather protection provided by the hardtop.

Specifications

LOA	6.10m
Beam	2.28m
Weight	750kgs
Rec hp	115-175

In the review boat the VHF radio and a stereo system were mounted inside the cabin behind the dash rather than at the helm. Despite the location the VHF can be fully controlled from the helm thanks to a remote control fitted on the dash. The microphone clip is on the side of the cabin door, so it's within reach from both within the cabin and from the helm seat.

Performance

The boat's fitted with the new-generation Honda 90hp VTEC engine, right in the middle of the recommended horsepower range for this hull. Its "Lean Burn" feature claims to use up to 20 percent less fuel at cruising speed. It also has "Boosted Low

Speed Torque" (BLAST) technology, which develops more horsepower at low revs to get the hull up on the plane more quickly.

We launched the boat at Auckland's West Park marina on a blustery day. The boat is easily launched single-handedly off its Hosking single axle, multi-roller trailer, and the towing weight

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of around 1350kg makes it manageable for most family saloons.

Despite its designation, the 595 Pursuit is actually 6.09m LOA, with a comfortable beam of 2.18m. The hull, constructed of 5mm aluminium plate, has no planing strakes and with its deep "vee" bow provides a very soft ride in rough conditions, a characteristic we quickly came to appreciate.

Once clear of the channel we accelerated to around 25 knots, pounding through the swell. The wide chine does a good job of turning the spray away from the boat under normal conditions.

In the conditions we were never going to get the boat to its top speed of over 40 knots, but the 90hp Honda proved capable. It gets the boat out the hole very quickly indeed, and despite the lack of strakes the boat turns very tightly when needed. The Honda was as quiet as expected from a modern four-stroke, and there was very little hull vibration thanks to the Vibra-stop under the engine mountings.

The steering, despite being a conventional cable model, was light and positive. The throttle control is also well set up, with the parcel shelf providing a place to steady the hand when trying to make fine throttle adjustments. The claims of the BLAST technology seem valid, as the engine has plenty of power at low revs.

Thanks to the tote tank setup we were able to get a rough estimate of fuel consumption, which

Trade-A-Boat says...

A well turned-out, mid-sized vessel. Fyran's new 595 Pursuit easily accommodates four or five anglers. The boat's fitted with the economic and efficient new-generation Honda 90hp VTEC engine, with features that claim to use up to 20 percent less fuel at cruising speed and more horsepower at low revs to get the hull up on the plane more quickly. The overall result is of a striking and responsive boat that looks good in any setting.

during our trial averaged around one litre per nautical mile. Most of the running was at around 20 knots, so this gives the boat a working range in excess of 100 nautical miles if the optional 115-litre under-floor tank is fitted.

All Fyran boats are built to CPC standards and are consequently unsinkable. The under-floor cavities are filled with foam so that even in the unlikely event that the 5mm hull plate is pierced, the boat will still remain afloat.

Apart from checking that the seat size suits you, this is an ideal drive-away package. It is priced attractively at \$59,799 as tested, although packages start at \$52,204 for the basic boat, engine and trailer. ↓

