

Buccaneer 685 El Dorado – Fishing Focus



One of the very few 'new' fibreglass trailer boats at this year's Hutchwilco New Zealand Boat Show was the Buccaneer 685 El Dorado. While based on the well proven and long established 685 hull, everything else from the cockpit to the bimini is new.

The 685 El Dorado is something of a first for Buccaneer and also a local builder, with a very distinctive cabin styling and layout. The concept is based around a standard walk around centre cabin style, such as the Buccaneer Billfisher, but with a much lower profile centre cabin and more rakish lines. The layout is very much fishing orientated and will especially suit those that like their soft bait fishing, with the ability to utilise the front section of the deck. The extra wide walk around decks with high bulwarks allow you to play a fish from anywhere on the boat. The cockpit is designed to easily handle 3-4 anglers, with rod storage overhead in the fold down rocket launch/bimini or inside trays/ The transom is a direct copy of that found on the Buccaneer 685 with two deep wet lockers than can be easily plumbed as a live bait tank to port and a handy bait locker starboard. The 685 El Dorado has a large moulded centre unit



which forms another very deep fish bin or bait tank and a cutting board above.

There is extra storage in the cockpit sole with a removable fish bin. Forward of this is the built-in fuel tank, with the remaining areas providing buoyancy.

Although at first glance the cabin looks small, it's not until you go inside you appreciate just how much space there is. Twin squabs can convert to a large double, plus there's a head and good sitting headroom for two. Probably a space that will be more suited to day boating and somewhere to toss the dry gear. The helm has been designed with the fisherman in mind, hence the extra large



flat space for a 12" MFD screen. Instruments and other switches and controls are placed conveniently around the helm. Standard seating is twin swivelling buckets, but there are other seating options available. The 685 El Dorado is available in either an open bimini with clears or a fully enclosed hardtop. Powered by a Yamaha 200hp, the 685 El Dorado has a top speed just shy of 50mph. Look for a full boat review on the 685 Buccaneer El Dorado in a future issue of PPB. www.buccaneer.co.nz

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