



## SPY ... A WINNER!

Australia's newest ski boat venture - **SPY BOATS** - is fast becoming a dominating force within the Australian ski boat industry. The world launch of **SPY BOATS'** contemporary Australian-designed and built boats took place just one year ago at the 2007 Melbourne Boat Show. Less than 12 months later, the company has fully developed its 5-boat range and was recently awarded the prestigious "Ski Boat Of The Year" title at the 2008 AMIF (Australian Marine Industries Federation) Award presentation, held at the Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show.

The 22 foot rear-mount **SPY RX22** wake boat took the honours over the Super Air Nautique 210 and the Matrix Expression. The judging criteria included exhaustive checks of more than 40 items covering overall impressions, presentation, ergonomics, performance and safety. The judging panel consisted of two teams of judges (four from media and four independents), all experts in their individual fields.

Melbourne-based **SPY BOATS** is the joint venture combining leading ski boat specialist, Performance Marine and multi-award winning boat builder, Whittley Marine Group. This winning combination mixes Peter Webb's unrivalled understanding of ski boat performance with Whittley's unique design and engineering capabilities. **SPY BOATS** reflects the absolute commitment to quality which the Whittley/Webb partnership is based on.

Upon testing the award-winning RX22, respected boating journalist Mark Robinson was suitably impressed with this "hot rod of a boat". As he comments, "In over two decades of boat testing for leading Australian magazines, I've encountered many fine boats, a few lemons and a whole swag of craft I would rate from average to good. But it is extremely rare to find one as well-sorted as is the Spy RX22 ... Whether looked at from the perspective of its design brief, its build quality or its on-water performance, I could not fault this craft in any way ... whether watching this craft perform, riding in it, or settling in behind the wheel to put it through its paces, one soon realises that this craft lives up to its expectations."

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The **SPY BOATS** design team has created five different models on two hull lengths using industry-leading CAD technology. Automotive design cues and the latest marine engineering technology have been integrated to give the boats a high-tech edge in both their sharp styling and the sophisticated construction that lies beneath. **SPY BOATS** are powered by Mercruiser motors, ride on customised Easytow trailers and entertain with the very best Clarion audio systems.

In addition to the award-winning RX 22, the **SPY** range also includes two other 22 footers - the RS22 Sport rear-mount and the TS22 Tournament centre-mount as well as the 21 foot XS21 wake centre-mount and TS21 Tournament centre-mount.

**SPY BOATS** are committed to supporting and growing the all-Australian boating industry, and have managed to take on the best of American boats in the Australian market. With its impressive track record thus far, and building facilities available at Whittley's plant in Willacoochee, Georgia, **SPY BOATS** is well-poised to also launch onto the international scene, and in particular to take on the highly competitive American market on its home ground.

The entire **SPY BOAT** range will be on display at this year's BIA Melbourne Boat Show to be held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre.

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