

# Boating



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There's plenty of room to mount your electronics, but one big thing that I thought stood out was the way Col had his 1198 Humminbird setup on a swivel mount. Obviously it's totally up to the individual what sort of electronics you fit your boat out with, but by doing this you eliminate the need for two sounders (console and front) as you can swivel your sounder around and watch what's going on while idling along with the electric motor. Speaking of electric motors, both of the Wildfishers were fitted with 80lb Minn Kota I-pilot Link electric motors. I have seen similar boats fitted with 12v 55lb electric motors and, even though this is a cheaper alternative and still does the job, once you get a bit of tidal flow or wind they really start to struggle. I really agreed with spending a bit of extra money for the 24v system to get it right. Also, the foot controller for the Minn Kota was installed right between the two hatches near the bow which I thought was a great spot and very convenient.

There was a covered compartment on the console to put valuables like keys, phones and wallets which would come in very handy. The switch panel was on the bottom right hand side

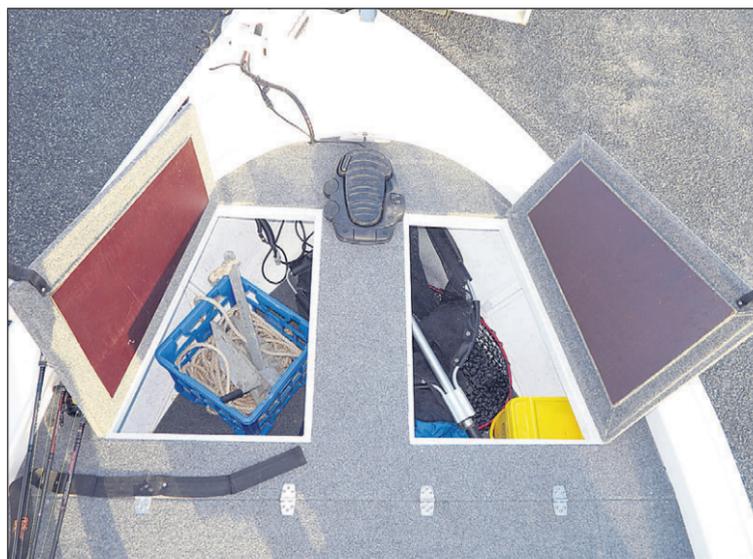
providing the driver with convenient control over the boat's electrics. The top right hand side had two Garmin GMI 10 gauges for management of the Suzuki Four Stroke. I have had personal experience with this model of gauge and think they are fantastic. The top of the console was utilised to put GPS antennas. Between the console and the rear casting deck was a side pocket so the driver had some very useful storage within arm's reach.

Overall I was very impressed with the Tabs 4800 Wildfisher. With standard options, no electronics, a dual axle trailer and a 140 Suzuki Four Stroke you would be looking around the \$44000 mark, you would then add whatever options and electronics to suit your needs. I believe this is great value for money considering what you're getting. I have compared this to a few other brands and that is a bargain. The Wildfisher and its setup would be a great investment for the mad keen lure chucker. Plenty of underfloor storage and oodles of room makes it very comfortable to fish out of and with plenty of grunt it would be sure to get you wherever you are going in a flash.

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Check out the roomy rod locker.



Two hatches towards the bow provide plenty of room for storage.

**Standard features**

Console side (no steering), electric motor bow mount, floor – fully carpeted armour ply, floor – full sub floors throughout, front casting platform (extended full height), fuel tank underfloor w/sender unit 110 litre, fully welded gunwhale & side decks, live well tournament plumbed, painted white hull w/stripes, plate hull design (phd),

rear casting platform (extended full height), rod holders plastic x 4, seat positions x 2, seats – upholstered x 2, side pockets x 2, spray chines (wide full length), transducer bracket, wiring kit (nav & stern lights, bilge pump, switch panel & battery isolation switch)

**Specifications**

- Length Overall: 4.8m
- Beam: 2300mm
- Freeboard (Approx): 550mm
- Deadrise: 12
- Material Bottoms: 4.0mm
- Material Sides: 3.0mm
- Transom: L/S
- Max Transom Weight: 240Kg
- Min Horsepower: 70Hp
- Rec Horsepower: 115Hp
- Max Horsepower: 150Hp
- Hull Weight (approx): 600Kg
- Number of People (up to): 5

**Optional Extras**

Boarding ladder (aluminium), built in esky (in lieu of live well), cleat – pop up s/s, cleat – plastic small, fibreglass console & lounge, paint 2 tone upgrade, remove rear casting platform, steering kit (nfb or hydraulic), swim platform & s/s boarding ladder, transom tie down lugs



A pair of boats that turn heads. Both owners are very pleased with their purchases.

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