

BayRaider 20 testimonials from Australian Owners

Below are some stories and feedback we have received on the BayRaider 20's that we have supplied/built for our Australian Clients. The common theme is everyone loves their boats and the sailing is easy, safe and fun.

The wind is a steady 15-18kts and the boat is flying along on a reach about to plane. "When we turn around into this we'll have near 25kts across the deck- how about a reef?" I asked my crew Adrian. "Let's just take on the water ballast" he suggests. A few minutes later 300 litres of water have filled the sub floor tank and we turn back for the beat to windward. The boat is totally different, "keelboat" like and stiff as a church sailing high to windward with full sail. The helm is light – just enough weather helm and the NACA foil sections are providing plenty of lift. . The self tacking headsail is making the beat a simple affair – just put the helm over and 'round she goes. Any spray is diverted by the spray dodger which we can carry under the sprit boomed mainsail. Am I grinning? You bet - it doesn't get much better than this! - Account of the launch of "Linda Lass" - Aussie BayRaider 20 #1

Andrew,

Our first sail in Eden was in 18 to 22kts. It was a great sail and we were the only boat on the bay. We used the ballast tank after an hour of fast sailing - great fun!

I put the boat through every point of sail including a controlled jibe with the wind at about 22kts she is every thing I could have hoped for Andrew and when we where moored up,as you said an old boat builder walked down to say how good she looked sailing and how see reminded him of boats he had built... with the gunter rig etc.

regards,

Tom N

Hi Andrew,

Arrived safely if not speedily at Coles Bay. Spent most of yesteday morning rigging and derigging the boat, very valuable for spotting little problems. We launched her about 12 and spent approx 4 hours on the water in 15 knots + . Popular vote saw fully ballasted and 2 reefs in the main which was a good introduction. Sailed back to the jetty under mizzen and jib with the wind onto the jetty and didnt disgrace ourselves. Very hard to avoid a crowd of onlookers down here and she drew a lot of interest, so we were pleased to have such a thoroughbred for a boat, she behaved impeccably. All we wished for and more. Thankyou so much for such a beautiful well constructed craft. Will keep you posted on further adventures

DN

We had a wonderful day yesterday , after test rigging the boat several times and practising reefing the sails we set out with much trepidation.

The bayraider is great for our family , as novices to larger boats we started with just the mizzen and jib and then later used the main with two reefs. With the ballast in the boat was fantastically stable and reassuring leaving us able to concentrate and how things work and then later just enjoying the day.

The only tricky bit was launching and retrieving with the wind blowing into the boat ramp and threatening to scratch the beautiful topsides, but the easy furling of the jib and ease of dropping the mainsail into the boat made us look like we had some idea of what we were doing.

The outboard will be nice but it was satisfying being the only people launching a boat at the boat ramp that only used manpower and the wind.

Can't wait til I get out sailing again.

Ken

Hi Andrew,

We sailed the Tamar Valley Classic a couple of weekends ago, I heard Piers had been in contact re a handicap. Don't know if you know much about the race but it's a sail up the Tamar river with a run component and a road ride component. Wind direction is usually NW so we were hoping for a fast reaching/ downwind run. Spent the first hour drifting with no wind to speak of, then had a southerly breeze for about half an hour before the southerly came in properly and it was a sheer hard slog. We basically had to tack the whole race, but certainly didn't disgrace ourselves. The water ballast was a godsend as we didn't stop to reef, and as a result made up a lot of time on the other Div 2 boats that were down to storm jib and reefed mains and still overpowered. The wind was gusting to about 30kts with the squalls, so we showed them what we were made of. Was a bit disappointed that there weren't any other female skippers racing. I think I earned a bit of respect though: I'm sure the men in the keel boats wondered what this little dinghy was doing out on the water, especially when the wind blew up. You will be pleased to hear as a testament to your workmanship we won Piers' award for the prettiest boat on the water. Ended up in 12th place overall, 2nd of the Div 2 boats. Not bad for a first effort.

Cheers

DN

Hi Andrew

The sailing went well in very strong conditions. I set off from my place around 12 and it was very calm and took me a long time to get to near Pulbah Island then it picked up so much I had to put the water ballast in. By the time I was north of Pulbah heading over to Wangi Park, where I was meeting them, the wind was close to 25knots. Stephen and his friend Gary were watching me coming across and were impressed how well the boat handle the conditions. I dropped the main near the shore and sailed in under jib and mizzen then picked them up. We headed over the the eastern side of the lake but the wind was really hiking down from Belmont and possibly near 30knots. Even with 3 of us on board I had to put a reef in. I got Stephen to hold the boat into the Wind and Gary and I put the reef in out in the middle in the strong winds, It went well. The boat was handling well with the reef and the

ballast in. We jibed around Pulbah and headed back to Wangi. I have jibed a few times by myself in heavy wind and the water ballast is great when your by yourself. I probably had them in the boat for an hour and a half. As the wind was so strong we didn't try it with out the ballast. I headed back to Wangi and Gary offered to sail with me back to my place and Stephen drove down and picked him up. With a reef in and the ballast in We were still doing 6knots sailing back on a broad reach.

David W

Hi Andrew

You will be pleased to hear that we took part in the "Old Gaffers" annual race yesterday run out of Royal Fresh Water Bay Yacht Club. We were in division C for small boats. There were a couple of Drascombe Luggers, a Ness Yawl, a Calendonian Yawl, a Goat Island cat? And various clinker and scout boat types. Wind was very variable with the start taking place in about 10 knots, this rose to around 15 during the first part of the race, then dropped to 8 knots before a nasty looking rain cloud brought gusts of 18-20 knots with it, after that the wind was back to around 8 knots.

Kailani drew lots of attention before and after the race, especially as we won with a margin of about 10-15 minutes in a race lasting just under 2 hours.

James B