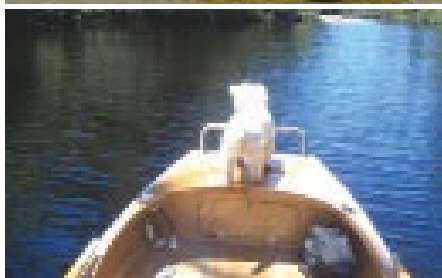


3.6m RIPPLE Launch

in Tasmania



Brian Furmage launched his 3.6m Ripple tender in early December 2013 in Devonport Tasmania. Brian contacted Spirited Designs after seeing the Ripple designs advertised but wanted something larger than the 2.8m design which at that stage was the largest in the range.

The 3.6m design was optimised to suit his needs and then kitted in Gaboon plywood. Being a first-time boat builder Brian relied on the support from Spirited Designs to achieve a result to be proud of. The boat was finished in a clear varnish to show off the natural grain of the plywood. A side benefit of this was to also try to avoid the dreaded fairing. Named *B.S.F.*, the 3.6m Ripple performed well in her initial sea-trials with responsive handling and a respectable top speed of 22kts powered with a 15hp outboard.

Brian's main use for the boat is to commute between his home and the yacht club further along the river but he also wanted *B.S.F.* to be a practical day boat. Photos shown are of Brian's first day trip on *B.S.F.* to Lake Barrington where it is loaded up with gear including the dog!

Outremer 5X Wins

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In summing up the judges commented:

Quite simply, this provides the best helm sensation of any big cat I've sailed. The tiller steering from the comfortable bucket seats is fantastic, matched by her performance and sleek looks. With the 5X, VPLP and Outremer have proved you can have your cake and eat it with an offshore cruising cat, as she's addictively rapid yet certainly still boasts a very comfortable liveaboard platform and interior for a competitive price.