



under the squabs in the front cabin.

The battery is securely raised up on the rear parcel shelf, with additional storage available on either side. The battery switch is fully-waterproof and an optional rear cover is available.

The positioning of the swivelling pedestal seats has been carefully considered for maximum versatility. "The short hardtop and position of the helm seats allow you to comfortably sit and fish out the sides, with enough cockpit space to easily fish four people, making it more usable from a family point of view," explains Black.

The gunnels are at thigh-height to keep any little ones safe and provide additional seating for anglers. The gunnels feature four rod holders, with five more available in the rocket launcher above. Dawn raids on big winter noochers can be done in comfort, thanks to the hardtop, full navigation lights, interior light and rear-facing spotlight. The bait board is of a good size and there's also plenty of cockpit space available for a large icebox to keep the resulting fillets in prime condition.

Over the back, the twin treadplate duckboards, a boarding ladder and ample handholds should make taking a dip a hassle-free experience as well.

Fish o'clock

I made the trip down to the laid back shores of Mt Maunganui on a sunny Friday afternoon, where the Sportcraft team were eagerly prepping the Scorpion 610 Hardtop for duty. I've always found Jamie Black and his team a pleasure

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LIKES / DISLIKES



Versatile fish or family-fun platform

Punchy performance and smooth ride

Good protection, visibility and headroom under the hardtop

Roomy cabin with full-length bunks

Attractive finish and price



Battery switch being exposed to the elements, as tested (options)

No non-skid on gunnels or cockpit floor side panels as tested (options)

Anchor well edges were a bit sharp