



## Celebrating Excellence in the W.A. Marine Industry

The who's who of the West Australian Marine Industry gathered in a celebration of excellence for the second annual 2006 WA Marine Industry and WA Boat of the Year Awards. Among the 230 guests were MP Bob Baldwin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry Tourism and Resources) and MLA Bob Kuchera.



▲ Greg Ferguson being presented with Life Membership by BIA President, Maurits Hayim

▲ Young Retailer of the Year  
Winner: Warwick Rann of Safety Bay Road Honda



▲ Marine Safety Award  
Winner: Bob Slight's Boat Schools



▲ Peter Golding receiving the Boating Education & Training Award  
Winner: The Fishing School



▲ Marine Mechanical Engineering Apprentice of the Year  
Winner: Michael Jordan of Austal Ships



▲ Industry Member of the Year Award  
Winner: Portside Marine

Marine Mechanic Apprentice of the Year  
Winner: Joe Orifici of Chivers Marine  
Runner-up: Lee Paxman of Offshore Marine

Metal Fabrication Apprentice of the Year  
Winner: Jason Kettle of Seaquest Pleasure Boats

Marine Craft Construction (Fit-out) Apprentice of the Year  
Winner: Ryan James Sparkes of Austal Ships

WA Marine Innovation Award  
Winner: The Wombat Sand Anchor by Rapid Anchor

Marina of the Year  
Winner: Port Geographe

Boatman of the Year (Sponsored by SGIO)  
Winners: Glen Coles, Jade Butson, Mike Brown  
The caliber of entries in this category was so high that the final decision by the judges was split, and as a result there are three winners

# THE WINNERS OF THE WA BOAT OF THE YEAR Awards



Custom Vessel  
42' Walkaround Sports Fisherman by Mark Ellis Marine Design



Non-trailerable Fishing  
350 Deepwater by Leisurecat Australia  
Kevin Horsley receives the Award from David Harrod



Trailerable Cruiser  
650 CR Cabin Runabout by North Shore Boats



Luke Chivers and Richard Candy with the Trailerable Fishing Inshore Estuary Award for the Meridian 550 Barra Classic by Chivers Marine



Trailerable Fishing Offshore  
Attitude 7000 by Commodore Marine  
Neville Fox and Trevor Moffat receive award from David Harrod



Ben Punch receiving the Judges Award for Innovation for the 6250 Centre Cab by Fibrelite Composite Trailerboats