



# V CAT

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*This is a boat review in two parts which will unfold as we go.*

## Part 1

On a near-perfect day in Durban harbour I looked forward to this review - conditions were idyllic, and the V Cat used in this test is owned by the jovial Dr Naveen Jumna, a dentist in the Defence Force, who has an outgoing personality that livens up all around him. With us was the director of Boat-A-Rama in Durban, Nathan Munthree. I also invited a very experienced man of the water, Nuno Quartin. Nuno has experienced just about every form of boating from powerboat racing to delivering yachts overseas; he has Springbok colours in barefoot water-skiing and is a Master Diver, and therefore just the right companion to have along on an occasion like this.



Dr Jumna with his V Cat



V Cat rear with fishing seat/rod holders and battery compartments

The V Cat is 6.6 m (22 ft) long and is powered by two 90HP ultra long power trim Mercury Outboard motors. Launching in the harbour from the Natal Rod and Reel Club was easily done off the Coastline galvanised trailer and we headed straight out to sea after getting Port clearance.

As I glanced around the craft, a few unique features stood out, and Dr Jumna explained that he had specifically asked the boat builder to accommodate his requests. The fish-fighting station is constructed similarly to that on many boats in the USA. It has a really flat seat, as opposed to a chair which takes up more room. There is an adjustable gimble on the seat. Though this is not a standard feature, once one has seen it, it's a must, for an extra R2 500. The adjustable rod holders on top of the stainless steel roll bars give the crew the option of more lines out than are