

# Trailerboat Fishing

## "THE CHICK" SKIPPER'S LOG

As the old saying goes, there's always two sides to every story. After reading Havoc's take on the day I thought it only fair and best to add my thoughts from the ladies perspective.

Yes, the details are correct on how and why we ended up out there in the first place.

You know how it goes, sitting around the camp fire, making claims of how 'girls can do anything!' Once challenged by the boys, there was no turning back.

All fun aside, I have often wondered how many women who accompany their trusty other halves out on boating trips, would manage if something happened in some way and they had to get themselves and or the crew back to shore. Also for this reason I was eager to learn all I could

in respect to the launching, driving and of course enjoying a little fishing along the way. I'm grateful I had some trusting companions who were happy to come along for the ride - albeit after the day, may change their mind next time!

We found launching the boat no real problem. Kim enjoyed driving 'Ernie' the tractor which made the launching fairly easy. We soon discovered there were many things to check off beforehand:- securing the bungs, checking fuel, making sure there was a lifejackets onboard for each person, having a rod for each person, making sure we had bait, tackle, food & water etc.

I found the boat fairly easy to handle. The most disconcerting thing being the feeling of instability when driving on water, compared to the solid base of driving on land. Just when I thought I had the motor trimmed, speed correct and we were sitting fairly nicely, a rogue wave would hit us, giving us a shake up, reminding us of the reality of being out on the unpredictable sea. Luckily, we



Filleting our catch for the boys to cook

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