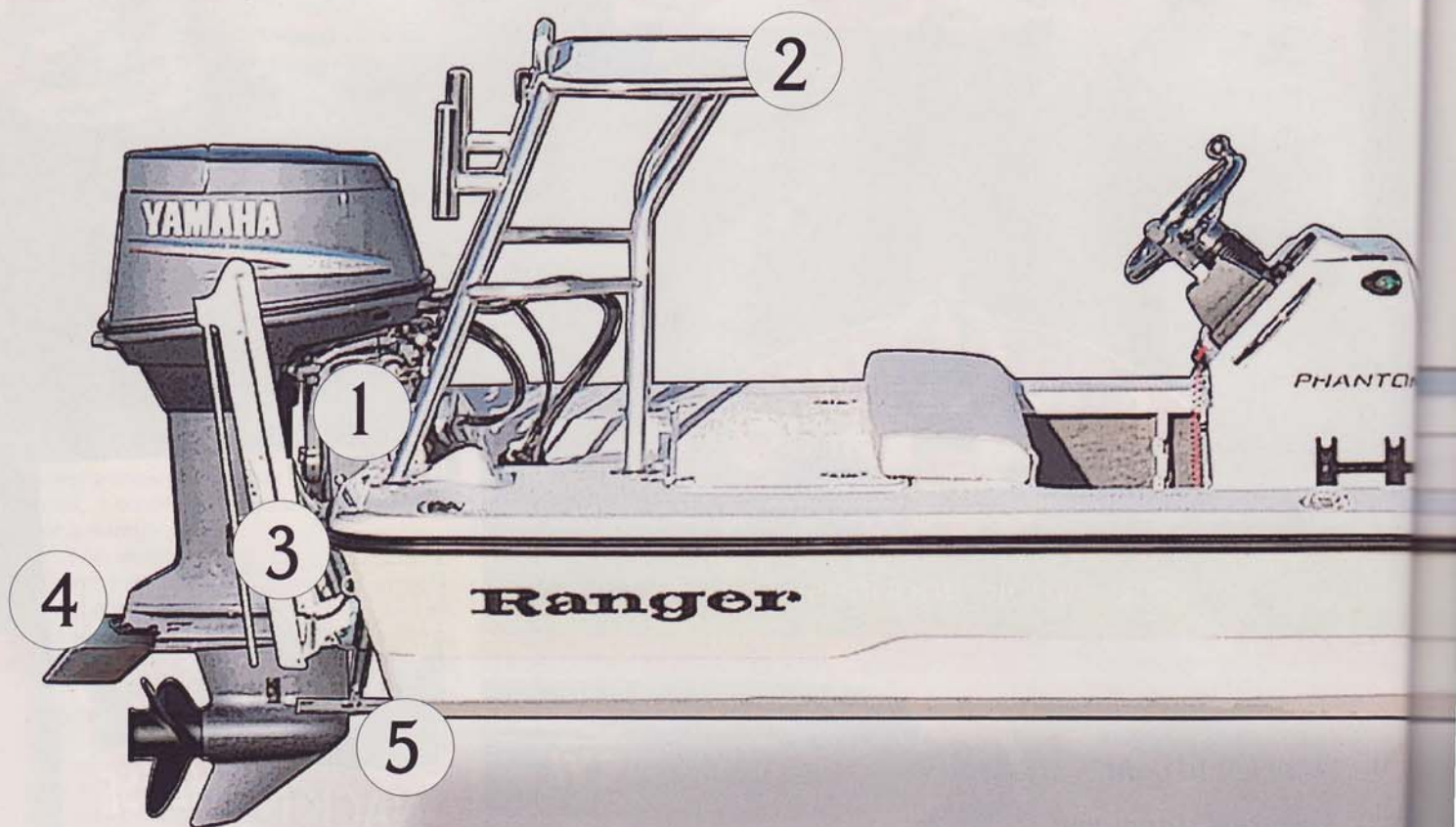


1. HYDRAULIC JACK PLATE
2. POLING PLATFORM
3. POWER-POLE • 4. WHALE TAIL
5. TRIM TABS
6. TROLLING MOTOR
7. CASTING PLATFORM



Saltwater is big water. All sorts of things can go wrong out there, even in water skinny enough to walk in. Few things are more disappointing for a redfish pro than slipping almost within casting range of a happy school of 26-inchers, only to watch them go from tail up to tail down and into a stampede mode, seemingly for no apparent reason. Every bay master knows the drill. Fishing the flats can be just as daunting as it can be rewarding, especially when a spottail goes grubbing in

shallow water so clear you can almost count its scales. Few tools are more essential for commandeering the shallows effectively than a boat built for the task.

Try as you may, it's tough to penetrate shin-deep water in a conventional center console. A specially-designed flats rig will go places where its big brother can't, often with incomparable stealth and maneuverability. Flats boats or "skiffs" have been around for years. But the growing popularity of chasing reds and other

sport fish in shallow water has forced many boat manufacturers to push the innovative envelope and raise the standards by which flats boats are judged. Super shallow. Extra quiet. Ultra light. Those are just a few attributes redfish junkies like David Nesloney Jr. of Rockport, Texas, and Warren Girdle of Longboat Key, Fla., demand in a scooter hull.

"The main purpose of a flats boat is to get you into locations where other boats can't go, and to help you remain