

PLEASURE KETCH IS SMART VISITOR

A trim, 66ft. pleasure ketch brought a splash of colour to the Tamar when she berthed at King's Wharf on Monday after a stormy, 12-hour strait crossing.

She is the 80-ton Watgania, a former naval rescue boat, now owned by Victorian station-owner, Mr. R. Barr-Smith.

When old hands of the Launceston waterfront saw the spick and span Watgania yesterday they said she was the smartest ketch seen on the Tamar for many years.

Bright Contrast

Painted white with red trimmings, the Watgania with her white Oregon decking, is a welcome contrast to the smoke-covered trading vessels lining Launceston wharves.

She carries eight passengers, five men and three women, including the skipper (Mr. R. Anderson), who claims the Watgania is one of the best vessels he has handled in rough weather.

The Watgania carries a six cylinder 120 h.p. Gardner diesel engine which gives her a cruising speed of eight and a half knots.

She has her own refrigeration and power supply, three cabins, built-in double bunks, large toilet room, storage

space, forward navigation cabin and a spacious saloon and dining room in specially treated Tasmanian blue gum.

Mr. Kekwick, M.H.R., has been advised by the Acting District Postal Inspector Mr. H. C. Cunnings) that a mail delivery will begin at St. Leonards on January 2. Letters will be delivered once a day.