



**LANDED:** The fourth level of what will be the world's largest aluminium private yacht is taken to a hangar south of Perth yesterday.

Picture: ERNIE McLINTOCK

# Shark almost in the water

By **JOANNE McCULLOCH**

THE construction of golf star Greg Norman's \$100 million luxury yacht entered its final stages yesterday.

The fourth level of the world's largest aluminium private yacht was lifted by cranes onto a semi-trailer and transported to a hangar at Henderson, south of Perth, containing the 70m hull.

While the precarious shift was happening, Norman was — according to his website — relaxing at his Colorado ranch after enjoying a round of golf with actor Jack Nicholson and Saks chairman Brad Martin.

The top deck, which is 16m long and 8m high, includes a cinema, observation lounge, bar, jacuzzi and swimming pool.

Perth shipbuilding company Oceanfast said the top level would be hoisted onto the hull in about two months' time.

Oceanfast spokesman Richard Williams said the ship was a long-time dream of the Aussie golfing legend.

"Greg's an absolutely passionate fisherman and is considered a world-class scuba diver, so this is a dream for him," Mr Williams said.

"It will be like a small city, with electricity, water and sewerage — a

place he can get away from golf. It has all the features of a top-class luxury yacht, but it is also an exploration vessel."

The yacht, due for completion early next year, will be the first of a fleet for Norman, one of the world's highest paid sportsmen.

He chose Oceanfast to construct Aussie Rules because he was impressed by a sports fishing vessel made for him by the company in 1996.

Oceanfast "virtually" designed the vessel, made from lightweight materials including composite fibre-glass and aluminium, using 3D computer technology.