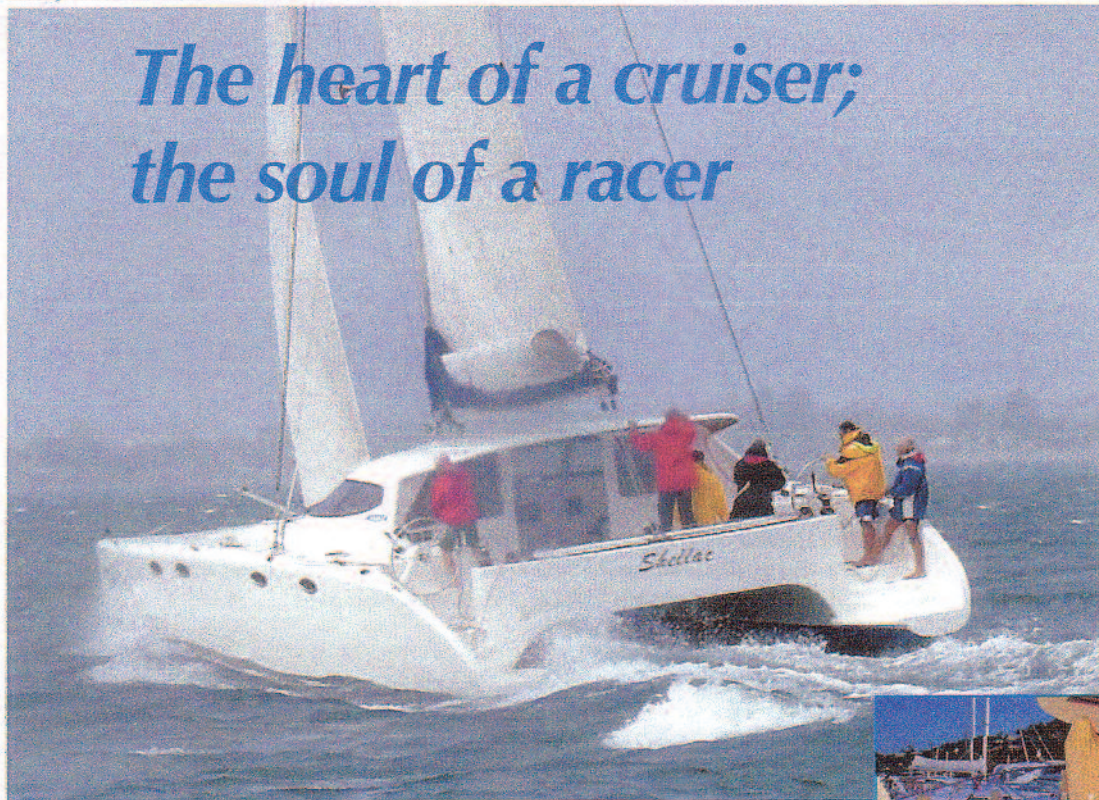


*The heart of a cruiser;
the soul of a racer*



Fusion 40

Webster's defines fusion as a merging of diverse, distinct or separate elements into a unified whole. From design to construction, Fusion is a very fitting name for this innovative 40-foot catamaran.

While still on the drawing board, serious multihull sailors and multihull yacht brokers were surveyed about what features they felt were important. The result? A serious cruising catamaran that looks great and can really move. Designed by New Zealander Gary Lidgard, this cat is just as comfortable on an offshore crossing as she is racing around the buoys.

To achieve this, Fusion developed an improved vinylester and vinylepoxy resin that is used in a vacuum infusion process with closed-cell foam cores. The foam core used in the Fusion 40 increases strength and stiffness without adding weight. All of the

molds were built using a state-of-the-art five-axis, computer-aided router, which assures that every component is extremely fair and precise. The technology involved in the construction of these yachts puts Fusion Catamarans on the leading edge in production boatbuilding.

The Fusion 40 is loaded with thoughtful details that long-distance cruisers will find appealing. On deck you will find clean and flat areas that make mast work easier and safer and comfortable trampolines for lounging and dolphin watching. Getting on and off the dinghy is a piece of cake with curved transom steps/swim platforms. The anchor windless is located below decks, which keeps the muck off the foredeck. And the dedicated engine room keeps the noise and heat out of the living areas.

Don't let the Fusion 40's performance-minded design fool you—down below, you will find



real liveaboard comfort. The standard layout features three staterooms and the galley up in the main saloon. While not huge, the main saloon offers panoramic views and enough space to seat six for dinner. Open up the doors to the spacious cockpit, however, and you can literally double your living and entertaining space.

Overall, you will find a very bright, low maintenance interior that features light wood trim and flooring and six feet, four inches of head clearance throughout. The cabin arrangements are spacious and comfortable—perfect for a family or for cruising with guests. The entire port hull is essentially for the comfort of the owners. Aft, there is a large, modern head with a separate, glass-enclosed shower. Up forward as part of the master stateroom, you will find a queen-



size bed and hanging locker that you could really call a walk-in closet. In the starboard hull, you will find another queen-size bed and head forward and a guest cabin aft.

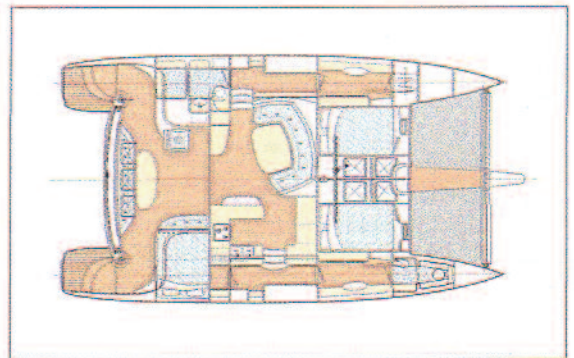
Fusion is an Australian company, and the boats that are built in the U.S. use parts that are shipped from Australia. This method of production has helped keep costs down while still offering the buyer options for a semi-custom boat. There is a long list of available options, and, as Scott Gerber of Fusion Catamarans U.S. says, "If you can dream it, we can build it."

Underneath, you have a choice of mini keels or carbon fiber daggerboards, which allow for easy beaching. If some racing is in your plans, you can even choose dual steering stations. For long distance cruising, you will appreciate the two headsails and high deck clearance. Down below, there are any number of options including galley up or down, and

two, three or four staterooms and heads.

The Fusion 40 is a true performance cruiser that can easily sail along at 10-plus knots and handles remarkably well upwind. This new boat has a lot to offer for blue-water cruisers who want to make good passage times while cruising in comfort, and we look forward to seeing more Fusion 40s out there.

For more information about the Fusion 40, contact Scott Gerber in Sarasota, Fla., at 941-650-5826.



FUSION 40 SPECIFICATIONS

L.O.A.	40'
B.O.A.	23'4"
Draft with mini keels	3'6"
Headroom in hulls	6'4"
Wingdeck clearance	30"
Headroom with bridgedeck	6'4"
Mast height	55'
Sail area	991 sq. ft.
Displacement	12,678 lbs.
Fuel capacity	212 gals.
Motors (diesel sail drives)	30-hp. (two)
Motoring speed-cruising	8 knots
Motoring speed-top	9.5 knots
Sailing speed	10+ knots
Sail away price	\$399,000