



NEWSLETTER

BY DAY 14 IT'S NO LONGER A QUESTION,
BUT MERELY A STATEMENT;
WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO BUILD A BOAT
ANY OTHER WAY





FUSION NEWSLETTER

NEW WEB SITE

www.LaPassionByFusion.com

You may have noticed some changes happening at the web site, fusioncats.com over the past couple of weeks, well these changes are an ongoing process that will certainly help in gaining information on the Fusion "La Passion" Kits, and it will be of even more benefit to owners and builders. If you haven't checked it this week go back again, as every second day, something new is added.

PARIS BOAT SHOW

La Rochelle Agents, Herve and Muriel Favre, said the Boat Show was an amazing success with genuine kit and production Boat enquiries keeping them very busy.

Muriel said they were very surprised by the number of people that came up to the booth that already

knew of the Fusion Catamarans from down under.

Their Demonstration boat is under construction in LaRochelle and some of the early build pics can be seen on the LaPassion web site gallery.



We felt the roadside sign, beware of the kangaroos was a nice touch, I hope this was purchased from a store and not from a road

OWNERS

The new web site is as much for the owners as it is for people looking for information, so what a great way to show off your build photos and also your Cruising and Sailing shots. Some owners have supplied pics of their vessel and they can be seen in the Gallery, so come on, we don't want to hear anyone say, "why isn't my boat up there". It doesn't have to be finished, everyone is interested in the variety of build locations and also the different layouts and ideas.

NAME PLATES

As Fusion interest crosses many vocations, I am hoping that someone may be able to help with the name of a company that can produce Stainless Steel Name Plates, similar to our logo.



They must be high quality, moulded or laser cut, so if you can help us find a reliable company please contact us.

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Featured Products:

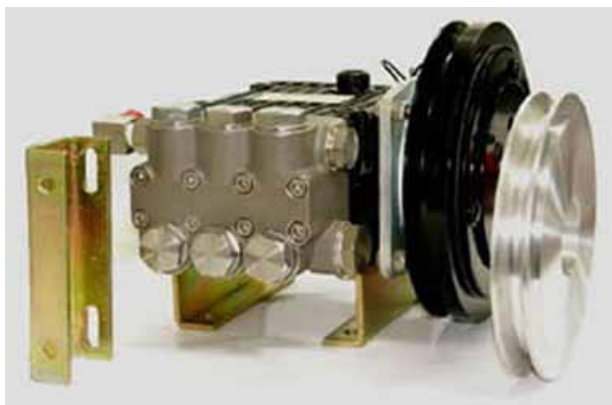
WATERMAKERS

A Watermaker today is almost essential on a cruising cat, and this one may be the answer for you. It produces large volumes of fresh water and won't break the bank.



The Belt Driven Systems are ideally suited where the main engine runs more than once a week. They produce 8 - 60 gallons per hour of fresh water even on a small yacht without a generator.

Instead of draining your batteries you will charge them every time you run the engine and make tons of water at the same time.



An additional pulley and space for the quite small high pressure pump on the motor is required.

The supplied U-brackets help to install the pump on the engine like a second alternator.



ECHO Tec. belt driven watermakers are equipped with a 316Ti automatic pressure regulating valve, that ensures constant pressure on changing engine RPM. All wetted components including the high pressure pump head and all high pressure fittings are made from 316 Ti stainless steel. For economical maintenance they do not use proprietary components that bind you to purchase expensive consumables only available from the original manufacturer.

Standard filters, chemicals and membranes can be obtained anywhere.

Water production ranges from 76 litres an hour @ \$4,150 US to 230 litres an hour for \$6,820 US.

For more information www.watermakers.net

FURNITURE KIT:
 A new flat panel pre-cut furniture kit has been designed on the lines of the current interior GA. The components are Diab core cell Foam with woven glass bonded either side. The major benefit of this kit is the price of 15,000 Euro and if ordered at the time of the kit, freight is included.

FOR SALE



Fusion 40 motoraway with extras.

A wonderful opportunity for the person who doesn't want to assemble their own.

Plumbing, crossover fuel systems, stainless appliances, all ready for your preferred interior call 0414 246 535 for appt.

In Queensland. Price \$325,000 neg.



FOR SALE



Owner going overseas.

An excellent example of fine craftsmanship, detailed planning and a production moulded, performance cruising craft. Just completed its shakedown cruise, this vessel is brand new in every way, and available for immediate purchase. Ph 0414 246 535

Large Inventory available on request.

In NSW Price: \$695,000



With all the news on the Jules Verne around the world races at the moment we thought we'd do an update for all our readers that didn't know too much about it. So for those that don't know the Jules Verne is a non-stop around the world record. It has two classes that are being competed against at the moment, fully crewed and solo.

The course departs Brest on the Western Atlantic Coast in France from there you must pass south of the three great capes. Cap de Bonne-Esperance or Cape of Good Hope in South Africa, Cape Leeuwin, Western Australia's most Southern point and the famous Cape Horn of South America.

On the 23rd of November Francis Joyon departed Brest on the Atlantic West coast of France for his attempt at the solo around the world record and he was the first of this year's season to depart.

Your probably wondering why they depart this time of year and the main reason for this is due to the weather in the Southern latitudes being a little nicer than normal. It gives them a blast out of the Atlantic and down South as well as it's middle of winter there and strong winds are the norm for the Northern Latitudes this time of year.



Francis in the South making miles.

From what I have been able to find on the web Francis Joyon the older of the single handers is the hard one. Not to say either of them isn't hard! He sails on the simpler boat, which is a little shorter (2m) and has no rotating wing mast, no heater for the low latitudes! And due to it's simplicity it is a ton lighter. It's even got the simple red paint to match.

On the other hand Thomas Coville and Sodebo are the newer and more high-tech. He has the most up to date boat from BoatSpeed in Australia, where one of the latest Fusions is being built! It's a little longer, heavier and more high tech than Idec and it has the fancier paint job!

The bad news is that Thomas has just had to retire due to hitting an iceberg or something else hard. 5 mins after breaking the 24hr speed record he noticed his starboard crash box had been damaged and he

Another New World Record

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It's Multis like these that lead to the new technologies we will enjoy in the future!



then made the only decision he could and retired. He is now on his way back to Cape Town another 1,300 nm to the North West from his current position.



Francis Joyon has had his lead reduced to 2,600 nm ahead of Ellen MacArther who holds the record at present.

He should be around another 10-14 days out and will be beating her record (should nothing go

wrong) by about 10 days.

Francis Joyon rounding Cape Horn

We will be sure to update you in the next issue and please follow the links below for more precise information.



www.trimaran-idec.com

<http://www.sodebo-voile.com/actu/news-eng.html>