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## The Web Site . . . .

Unlike other web sites, Fusion Catamarans are continually adding new items, sections and features, the latest being "The Factory" and "Partners". The Factory pages help explain the enormous resources and quality behind the Fusion product. Unfortunately many people still believe that anything produced in Asia is produced in a 3rd world environment. I am sure that once you have glanced at the images and text on these pages, you will agree, the facility is among the best in the world.



"Partners" is where we will over the next weeks and months, add the companies, people and products that Fusion are working with, to provide you the best opportunity of creating your cruising masterpiece.. Companies like CMI, Capi2, PrimeFusion etc. these companies will still feature with their full product lists, fusion component kits, contact details etc, on the Fusion OWNER/BUILDER'S WEBSITE,

Another feature to help with the growing European, Spanish, French, Canadian, Pacific markets is the addition of the Translation Buttons. The 1st to go live is the French translation and this will be followed in time with others.

I never realised the difficulties in language translation, until I asked 4 different French speaking people to check the translation.. Yes . . . it may be a little time before the next is "Live".



## Kits to . . .

I guess I'm in a wonderful position, where I talk to the new buyers, attend launchings answer questions, hear the stories of the great sail or even major journies as the Fusion brand and philosophy continues to grow and impact around the world.

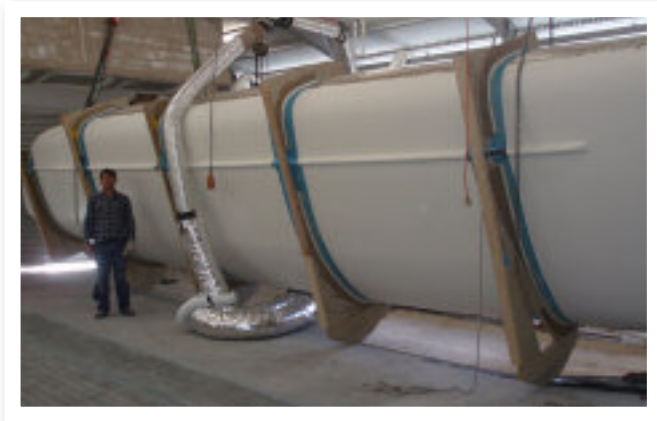
One such story is that of Pablo Constantinidi from Montevideo in Uruguay, the 1st tentative emails, the questions, and now Pablo has sent me the pictures of his Kit as it was unpacked in the assembly shed, where the Fusion is to be built. We look forward to showing you the assembly pictures.



**Another story I would like to share with you is that of Tom Davison from Tasmania.**

Tom spent three years building a more conventional, strip plank type kit, and really did a beautiful job. He completed the hulls, turned them over and was working on the Bridgedeck when fire turned 3 years work to ashes . . . . .

Following Tom's visit with Andrew Pounder, owner of Fusion "Intrigue" he ordered his Fusion.



## Transom step . . .

Often we are asked why do we have such a large transom step? The Fusion 40 was designed to be an outstanding cruising catamaran, catering for all types and all ages, and one of the things we noticed is how user "unfriendly" most were when it came to boarding from a dinghy, or after swimming, or where do you fish from. These pics only confirm the "USER" friendliness of the Fusion.



## Fusion Catamarans offer an alternative . . .

I am 65 years of age, and like many others of similar sunsets, wonder what is happening in this fabulous world. Turn the radio on, the TV, or open a paper and it's all doom and gloom.



So what do we do about it?, Well let me tell you what I suggest. Stop looking at the stock markets in shock and start building your Noah's Ark for your retirement it can be relaxing, fun and rewarding.



Also for the long term traveller or retiree, this form of accommodation and travel is the most cost effective available. During the eighties and nineties we lived and cruised for 15 years, it was the best years of our lives..



No worries about booking into caravan parks, hotels or motels, no road rage, no barking dogs and you can't get fresher fish anywhere. There's always extra accommodation for friends and family, and you have access to beaches where there are no foot prints in the sand.



Just imagine heading off to that warmer climate, distant shore or maybe even a circumnavigation. Watching the sunset. trolling for fish, or drifting quietly along under spinnaker with the dolphins at the bows.



There is no better time than right now to put your dreams into action, and remember, you won't be left on your own, Fusion is with you every step of the way.



# Fusion Catamarans WA

On a recent trip to Western Australia, I dropped in on Kate Tarrant and Lloyd Powell who have established Fusion Catamarans WA, Fusion's Western Horizon. This young couple have now assembled several 40s, to an extremely high standard, and through these few pics I would like to show some ingenious solutions to age old problems.



**Above:** The Factory in Henderson and the latest Fusion assembly taking shape



**Right:** The Raymarine display is permanently mounted in the cockpit and it is repeated in the saloon on the TV.



**Left:** This helm seat can be locked in several positions to suit the skipper.



**Right:** Well designed escape hatch in Fayze II



**Right:** A nice clean method of extending the saloon roof if required



Unfortunately some builders choose to fit certain components when assembling that can have a detrimental effect right up until the day they sell. We will show some of these in this and future issues of the Newsletter. If you are an owner and are unsure what to do, please contact us and we will supply pics and details of successful features.

DO



Fusion was designed to have large opening windows, allowing great ventilation and more important **Visibility**. The Fusion on the left shows the small fixed quarter window and the large drop (slide) down section, while the vessel on the right's windows will be extremely difficult to see through.

DON'T



DO



DON'T



The companionway **door** is another area which can be totally functional, or can cause years of annoyance. We have found the three section (Tri-fold) works the best, it can have 1 section open in inclement weather, or two sections or three. With all three open it still sits back against the bulkhead without interfering with the helmsman, or his visibility.

