

POWER

The activity at the yards of "Brisbane Power Cats" is amazing as scores of Tradesmen are putting the final touches to their 1st Fusion 40 Power Cat. We are assured the Cat will be on display at the Sanctuary Cove Boat show 22 to 26th May. The picture right shows the Turbo Yanmars installed, but we are not allowed any sneak previews prior to Launch. For more details, contact us.



AUSTRALIAN BOAT SHOWS 2008

Well it's the Australian Boat Show Circuit again and 2008 will see Fusion displaying Boats in the water for the 1st time, The sail boats will be the La Passion Kit Models, which will allow show attendees to see how a fabulous vessel can be produced from a kit of moulded components.

The 1st Show will be Sanctuary Cove in May, followed by Sydney, Melbourne, the Whitsundays and finally the Mandurah Boat Show in Western Australia.

Overseas Agents from New Caledonia, the United States, Germany, France, England are dropping in to "The Cove" as are Australian Agents from Queensland, NSW, and Western Australia. It's a great place for the owners and future owners to meet the suppliers. We really look forward to meeting with you on the stand.



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In April Jason Gard, CEO of Fusion Marketing was in Thailand to visit CMI and Cobra International (component manufacturers), and also to meet with representatives from Asian Yachting Brokerages.

Whilst at CMI's facility in Chonburi, (South of Bangkok) he was able to see the kit components being manufactured along with the components being readied to ship. It was great to visit and inspect the facility and witness the high standards employed by CMI in their manufacturing facility.



Cobra, Thailand

THAILAND - Yachting Siam

Whilst in Thailand, Jason was able to visit with Peter Plant and KT and inspect the three Fusion kits that had arrived at Yachting Siam's facility and are currently under build for Australian clients. Jason had nothing but praise for the workmanship, cleanliness and material handling systems that were in place.



Moulded steps are now available from Yachting Siam

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Fusion Med. La Ciotat

Brice Daunay from Fusion Med. (based in La-Ciotat), is going to extraordinary lengths to help his clients, especially with the design of custom interiors and 3D walkthroughs. Brice has the advantage of CAD file manufacture and design and also has the backup of a 5 axis router.

When Brice's containers arrive in the next few weeks, he will hit the ground running. The Jigs have been erected, all materials are ready, he has the Fusion accredited assembly personnel in place and dozens of clients waiting in the sidelines. Brice also tells me that he has very good "relations" with the Charter industry so it won't be long before we Southern HEMISPHERE dwellers can jump on the internet and choose one of our favourite areas in the World and book a familiar Fusion 40 to go sailing in.

Atlantic: La Rochelle

Muriel and Herve, have announced a launch date around the end of May, for their Fusion 40 and we know of dozens of potential "Fusioners" from the Paris Boat Show that are desperately awaiting this event.

Pictured is their new facility being built in La Rochelle.



SUBIC BAY - ACS

A visit to the North wouldn't be complete without dropping in on Duncan and Angelo at Advanced Composite Services in Subic Bay. The new electric propelled Fusion 40 being built for display purposes is really taking shape with a launch date of June. If you would like additional information on Electric propulsion . . . email us..



PAUL WHELLAN AT FLEXITEAK HAS TEMPLATES FOR FUSIONS

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USA - Brian Bennett

Born Auckland, New Zealand 1960

Brian has always been passionate about performance yachting. From an early age growing up in the hub of New Zealand's small boat scene, then progressing through national, interdominion, and world championships in classes like the Contender, Soling, and Etchells, and J-24, and more recently the Tornado class.

He has spent some time at the top of the sport competing in Round the World races, and the 1983 Americas Cup, where he was a sail trimmer and sailmaker for the British Americas Cup team.

He has since been involved in running his own US



based boatbuilding business, and has project managed race boat programs, and designed and manufactured the 1997 Sailing world Magazine Performance Boat of the year "Viper 640", which is currently in production in the UK. He has also spent time cruising New England, the Caribbean, and New Zealand.

Brian brings a unique skill - set to the Fusion program. While still enjoying his racing career, he is on board with every project, and ready to help Fusion buyers, and boatbuilders get the most from their Fusion experience.

"I believe the Fusion is the most amazing combination of performance, and comfort afloat, in an affordable package. The concept is absolutely brilliant, and brings performance cruising cats to a new level. I look forward to being of service to North American Fusion buyers in the years to come"

To contact Brian: brian.bennett@fusioncats.com

BOAT No. 1, Shellac, still kick'n a##

We just love getting pictures at the "News" office, especially when they show the oldest (first) Fusion out of the moulds still out their every week, come hell or high water, mixing it with the best. For those that aren't familiar with "Shellac", she is raced by her owner-builder Bruce Allen, who really pushes her hard. (gusts to 40kts)



A report on the journey experienced in the above pic can be obtained by emailing us. An earlier magazine article on 'Shellac' can be downloaded from the LaPassion website.

GREAT DEALS FROM FUSION ELECTRONICS

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CANADA - Bruce Maxwell

Bruce visited Australia in January, fell in love with the Fusion Business Plan and in particular it's product. Went home to Vancouver registered his new business and ordered his Kit. Bruce's other business interests include Helicopters and Planes, so as you can see there is a synergy. Roger Gale flew out of Australia last Sunday to ensure the staff training is carried out correctly, and to Certify Fusion North West as an accredited Fusion Assembly facility.

The manufacturing plant is a little different in that it is situated at the airport in Pitt Meadows, Vancouver, but once you realise the major river runs alongside, and the boats can simply be wheeled down the strip and into the water It's Simple!

Bruce is moving ahead fast and as his kit has just arrived in Vancouver and he is already heading to the Strictly Sail Show that is described on their website as:

“Strictly Sail Pacific is all sail, all the time. Whether you're a veteran cruiser, championship-level racer, or simply getting started in the sport, set your waypoint for the Bay Area's Jack London Square, Oakland, CA, April 16-20, 2008. The West Coast's only “all-sail” boat show has become a must do event for all sailors.” and for the ticket price of \$12-\$15 it's going to be a must for anyone in the area. You'll find Bruce and the team at booth 3023. You can contact Bruce and the team on +1 604 465 1662.

SEE YOU THERE!

WEBSITE NEWS

The Website is continually being added to, so don't forget to check in from time to time. Many changes will go live over the next few weeks and both on the visitors and the owners sections. One of the most noticeable will be the translation of the webpage from English to

“TRANSLATIONS”

French. At a later date we will also be adding Spanish and German.

There will also be photos recently received from Shallac racing (see above) that will be added to her gallery. Some more pages with upcoming Boat Shows and other important information.

There will be a new Agent's section where we will be displaying each Agent's build as we do on the live build section but the new section will allow all the Agents to display their own builds

so the public can monitor their progress and can read a little more information on the Agent, kind of like a small bio of them all.

Another suggestion was to place some download pictures that can be used by Fusion Fans as “Screen Savers”.

We welcome ideas from our readers and Fusion owners so if you have comments on how we can better our site please let us know by writing to: info@lapassionbyfusion.com

USED FUSIONS

If you are in the market for a pre-loved Fusion, check out the website of our preferred Australian brokers, Emultihulls.

www.Emultihulls.com

Check out the Lewmar continuous line winches!!

Magazine Articles

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This month will see two articles appearing in the Australian Multihull World Magazine, the 1st is by Jo Djubal and is the story of Andrew Lawson's dream to own his own Cruising Cat, and the second is an article by the journalist, Andrew Crawford, it is on the Fusion Family and the build and Cruise of the Fusion 40 "Intrigue owned by the Pounder Family of Brisbane.

If you are in the unfortunate position of not being able to get a copy of the magazines, the stories will be placed on our website as downloads after their publishing date.

If you have a story to do with your Fusion and would like to see it in print, just contact us at "the office". We are always looking for good photographic images of the boats also.



This picture of "Intrigue" is from the latest Multihull World article, due in the stores 5th April

NEW PRODUCTS

GENERATORS:

I came across this neat little unit on the web, it is a EN-ERGO-MARINE AC/DC -generator

This model is intended for fishing boats, yachts and pleasure cruisers as a main power supply or auxilliary to use in lieu of genset.

POWER: AC 220V/18A For all kinds of lights, tools, electric motors, compressors, air-conditioning, televisions, mobile laboratories etc etc

BATTERY CHARGING: 12v up to 24v external charging in a few minutes.

I have spoken with the importer and they have offered 15% off the list price to any owner of a Fusion Catamaran.

More details can be obtained from the Australian web site of www.pixie.com.au



The kit includes:-

- * Special alternator with pulley
- * Electronic Box
- * Junction cables from alternator to box
- * Battery quick charge clamps
- * Hand throttle
- * Operating and installation instructions

The Energo-Tec range of alternators and electric boxes provide power for multiple purposes on vehicles, boats, plant and equipment. From Standard Kits that provide DC 220V/18A to combination kits with AC/DC 220V/18A, 110V/36A and 220 amp Welding Power at 71V. Power supply at 220V 50Hz across the rev range with synthesised square sine curve.

HAVE YOU CHECKED LAPASSION WEBSITE LATELY?