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The New Year

WOW, what a year, what a Christmas and don't even want to think about the New Year's celebrations, and definitely will not be placing any pictures here that I have taken.

I was in the Supermarket this morning and they had Easter Eggs on display, I had to check the date on my iPhone to make sure I hadn't been in a coma.

But I guess that's the way the big companies market product, unlike Fusion Catamarans, where we say "when you decide you want your dream-boat, contact us".

In this issue No 30 we have some great pics of the two US built boats which have been launched and cruising.



Also some pics of new builds that are taking place in various new countries around the world.



Also the Latest edition of the English and French versions of Multicoque Magazine which features the French lightweight, "Kangaroo".

Plus much more information and pictures of the evergrowing World of Fusion.

The new companionway door height

The Fusion 40 design brief was for a performance cruising vessel of such strength to allow it to sail safely on any oceans of the World.

It was felt at that time to accomplish this, it would be necessary to have the height of the door frame approximately 300mm. from the floor. After rigorous testing and many clients input, this new companionway moulding has been produced.

We at Fusion hope you enjoy the small modification.



Cover Story . . .

Somewhere between the canary Islands and the Carribean are the French sailing couple, Muriel and Herve Favre and their two children.

After 4 years of Chartering and searching for their ideal catamaran, they visited Australia and went sailing with Bruce Allen on his Fusion 40, "Shellac". That one sail was enough to convince them that this was the cruising catamaran they had been looking for.

Muriel and Herve, returned to LaRochele in France where they established the company Fusion Atlantic, and set about building their Fusion 40 "Kangaroo".

The vessel was finished in time for the laRochele boatshow, where it made a great impact on the show goers.

Following the Show, several journalists had test sails and were extremely impressed with the complete Fusion system.

Whilst the Favre family are now enjoying the warmer climate of the Carribean aboard their catamaran, the Multicoque magazine has a 4 page test report and also dedicated the cover to their lightweight home on the water.



New Builds . . .

It is so exciting watching the Fusion Kits being assembled in towns and countries we hadn't previously heard of. The picture at **right** is taken from Carmelo, looking across towards Argentina.



The picture to the **left** shows the build team under the guidance of Roger Gale (Blue shirt, Front row).

Roger travels the World now Instructing and Certifying new Agent/Builders on the correct procedures to assemble the Fusion 40 Sail and Power cats.

A new tradition is for the assembly team to all sign the forward bulkhead, as can be seen far left.



The benefits are obvious for not only Agents, but also private individuals to contact Fusion, regarding Roger's Involvement in the Assembly. The picture below was taken on the 15th day of the Kit assembly, and it is obvious now that the Fusion system when implemented into a boatbuilders shed, can reduce the build times and enhance profits considerably.

The owner is Pablo Constantinidi, of Montevideo, Uruguay



New Builds . . .

This Fusion 40 is being assembled in the Phillipines for an Australian client, and I must point out the great care that is taken with covering the non slip. This saves days of cleaning and detailing at launch time



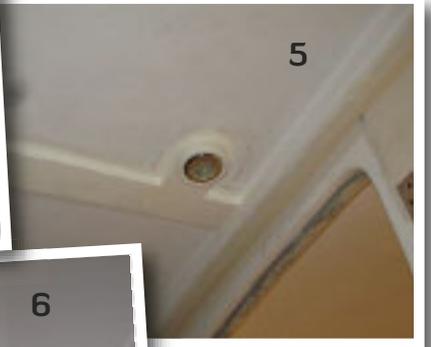
Tasmania . . .

In issue 29 of the newsletter we showed pictures of Tom Davison's misfortune while building a catamaran. Since then Tom has ordered his Fusion Kit, rebuilt his assembly shed and is well on the way to seeing his hull and deck completed. The pic. opposite shows the containers being delivered via a difficult terrain. . . congratulations Tom.



Nice Bits . . .

I have put together a little collection of nice ideas that have been incorporated in the "Fusion Show Boat" If you have items you would like to share on your Fusion, please send them to us.



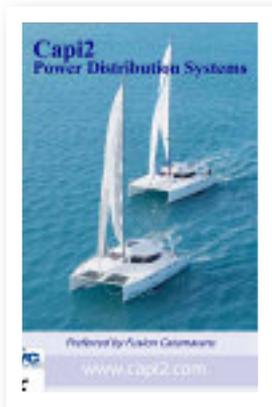
1. Carbon Chainplates are neat and waterproof. 2 Custom slip on Stanchion bases add a nice touch. 3/8. Recesses in ceiling allow slip in Fabtex or similar panels. 4. Hidden wiring behind ceiling panels. 5/6 Recessed Lights add a clean look. 7/10 recessed air vents for engine room are clean and simple. 9. Crossover, pressure fuel filters are essential on the Electric Fusion. 11. What better than a 22" plasma screen (recess) at the foot of the bed when it is linked to a complete Foruno electronics package. 12. The 240v Power Inlet is also recessed 13. a Custom built Centrek water/exhaust seperator on the Electric Fusion for totally silent running on generator.



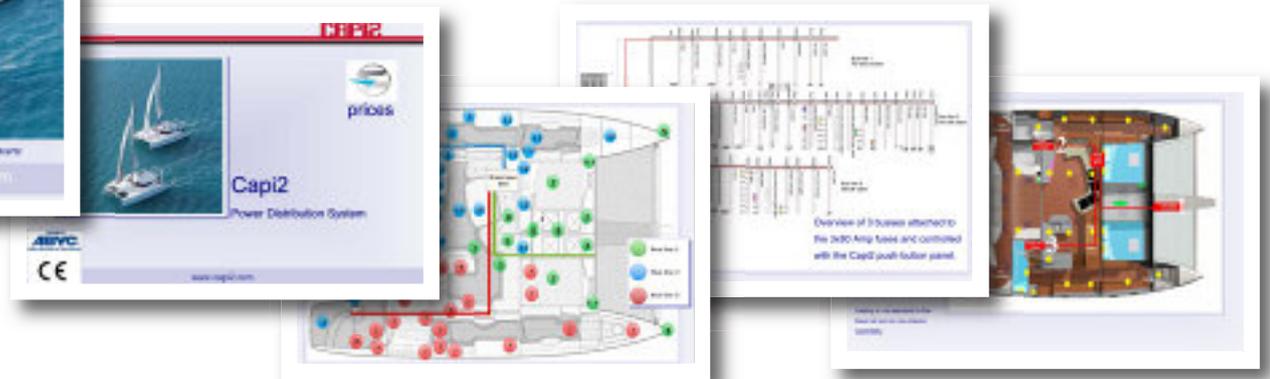
Suppliers . . .



The great company of Hyde UK that are now supplying the Fusion Kits of Sails have sent us a new “even better” 2009 quotation. So if you are an owner builder, please contact me for a copy of their quote and also the order form.



Capi2, the Company that make the Electrical BUS system Kits for Fusion 40s, have supplied two special Brochures 1 technical and one 13 page brochure giving plans and prices. The are available on the Owner/Builder website as Downloads. This is a great product.



Increasing Fuel capacity . .

When the Fusion 40 kit is unpacked you will note the Hull liner is a moulded internal section that is divided into separate compartments.

The moulding acts as a reinforcing, for the hull and a base for the floors. It is also commonly used for the grey, black, freshwater and fuel tanks.

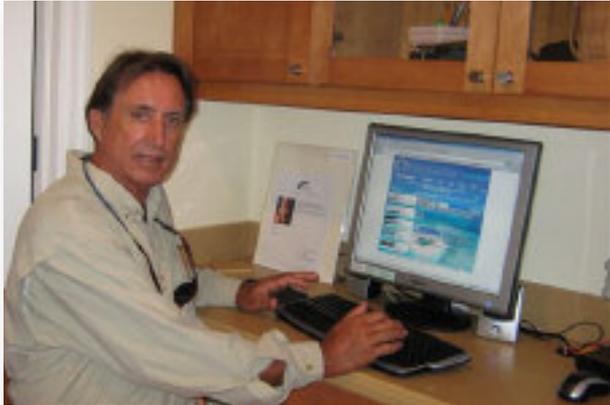
The picture shows the liner upside down, with joining tubes glassed in to extend fuel capacity.



New USA Agent, located in South Florida.

'The yachting & sailing capital of US'

Jay Waters, Agent for Fusion catamarans a long and local professional shipwright, looks forward to assisting new Fusion Owners with Motor away/sail away/ completed custom/ versions or will assist Kit owners with everything they need to build their own custom Fusion with the Builder of their choice.



The location of Fusion USA is perfect for close access to all available marine distributors and Shipwrights and Ship yards. The marine Industry and all components from Hardware /engines/Rigging/ Sails are all within a 50 mile Radius.

We look forward to getting you on the water in the Fusion 40, Sail or Power models

... Jay Waters

Cruisin' ...

Flying the Canadian Flag as it wanders the Bahamas is "Boomerang", a Fusion 40 owned by Don Walton.

Don had "Boomerang" custom built in Florida, and has nothing but good tales to tell of it's cruising ability.



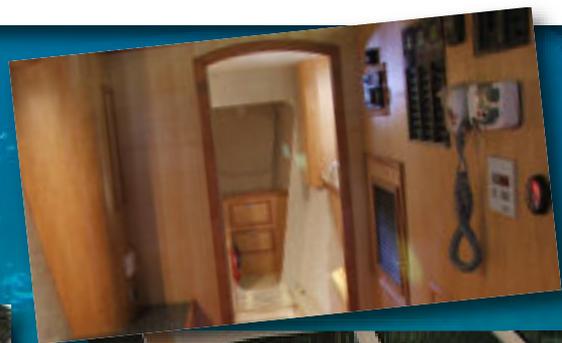
New Launchings . . .

Why is it that we spend all this money on building our dream, and the Police won't let us have daylight "Bragging Rights". They make us travel at night time when everyone is in bed?

This beautiful example of a Fusion 40 is proudly owned by Mal Upham, Queensland, Australia.

It was launched at Noosa prior to Christmas and Mal tells me she's everything he wished for.

Congratulations Mal, she looks great.



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New Launchings . . .



"Restless" a new American Fusion 40, owned by Jim and Carolyn Nolan, was launched just prior to Christmas in Florida. We wish them both well and hope many years of successful cruising lays before them.



I feel as though I should point out to Jim, that he will have to add dropboards on his easy access steps, otherwise he may have some uninvited U.S. guests.



If you are planning to produce your own Fusion within the next 12 months, please contact us now, we do not want you to be disappointed with delivery schedules.