

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Taken onboard 'Blonde Moment' while at anchor off Stonehaven in the Whitsunday Islands.

Hi Everyone and welcome to the new Fusion Hot Goss Newsletter. Firstly we'd like to wish a happy new year to everyone. Welcome back to Peter & Marissa from Fusion International whom had a nice holiday overseas during the Christmas break and also good luck to Tony & Trish from Blonde Moment who have headed down to Gladstone for a few months. Jim and Judy Gard from Fusion Australia are back from a three week trip down to Melbourne where Jim had a chance to catch up with a few of the Fusion owners and builders along the way.

Fusion International & Marketing are making great efforts to streamline communications and visual identity, now Fusion is expanding rapidly...

The new Fusion newsletter is an example. We hope you enjoy it: we now have a cruising & racing section available, so send in your Fusion racing & cruising stories & don't miss the Fusion Public Announcements, where we will list anything for you: looking for crew, boat-builders, selling a boat, boat exchange...etc.! Email your stories, announcements and advertising to: jason@fusioncats.com.

. . . . The Fusion Team.

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With many comments from owners and guests aboard the Fusions over the last few years. We have learnt that a lot of people have found the saloon access to high. This was originally done to stop water from coming into the interior of the saloon. We have found that this has never happened so they are redesigning the height to reduce it by 50%. So in the near future owners will find the new height with their kits for 2008.

The port light recess has also been removed allowing people to place port lights where ever they like. It also gives people the option to have more port lights for better ventilation through out the boat. See the photos to the left of Peter Kennedy's boat and the new hull mouldings, this assembly is underway at Boat Speed in Gosford, NSW.

With the new kit price being released to the world market in December, the enquiries have been flooding in to the sales office in Airlie Beach.

If your not aware there is now a worldwide kit price of 82,000 Euro. The main reducer with the kit price was that we were able to switch to Euro and with the strong Australian dollar this has helped us reduce the price. As an example a Kit in Australia is now \$32,000 cheaper than September last year. Fusion Australia now has agents in NSW, Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland. Please contact Jim Gard at fusion Australia's headquarters in Airlie Beach for contact information regarding the agents.

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FUSION MED AGENT NEWS

Fusion Mediterranean are busy readying for their new kit. Fusion Med as they will be known are located in La Ciotat on the South Coast of France about 2 hours West of St Tropez for anyone wanting to drop by while they are holidaying on the Cote d'Zure.

Brice and Alain are both very experienced yachtsman and have found the construction method of the boats very appealing and will be fitting out their own and also supplying the support for anyone wanting to build a Fusion on their own.

Please contact Fusion Meditearranean direct for any enquiries.

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FUSION ATLANTIQUE AGENT NEWS

Fusion Atlantique are the Fusion Agents for the North of France and the Atlantic Coast. They have had their Fusion underway since June 2007 and are hoping to launch around May 2008. Muriel and Harve are doing a great job with their own boat and have opted for the sport version. They will have the larger rig and dagger boards installed.

During January Fusion Atlantique had their first baby onboard and as you can see in their photo to the left they are busy doing their interior. Please contact Herve and Muriel direct on the details below for enquires and information.

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FUSION CANADA AGENT NEWS

In January Bruce Maxwell headed out to Australia to view the Fusion 40 under construction and the ones that we have locally in Airlie Beach that are in the charter market.

Bruce was very impressed and has since signed with Fusion to become our agent for Canada. Fusion Canada's first kit will arrive this month and they have another two on order for March and April. Bruce plans to do as many boat shows as possible later on in the year but for the moment they are concentrating on getting their first boat together.

From emails with Bruce it sounds as though things are very cold in Vancouver at present

with snow and cold winds lashing the city over the last week. Please contact Fusion Canada direct for any further enquiries.

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FUSION ASIA AGENT NEWS

Yachting Siam in Thailand, Fusion's Asian Agent are moving ahead in leaps and bounds.

They have their second kit constructed and are making plans for their third.

With the extensions done to the facility and the new offices and workshops things are moving fast.

They are hoping to be at the Phuket Boat Show this year in December, we have our fingers crossed that we can get there this year also.

As you can see in the photo to the left they are making up their own trolleys to move the boats around the shed. Contact Fusion Asia at email: peter.plant@fusioncats.com



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FUSION MACKAY AGENT NEWS

Fusion Mackay have their fourth boat underway with their fifth on order. They have started extensions to their facility to allow for up to 5 boats to be manufactured at once side by side. The whole facility will be undercover and will allow for them to produce boats at a better price range while maintaining a high level of finish. A hardstand area will also be available for owner builders who would like to build in this boat park atmosphere. This pic shows the new concrete and the gantry crane waiting erection. Please contact Jim to get further information on Fusion Mackay.
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FREAK STORM

Many would have heard of the helicopter rescue of 39 backpackers from the Charter Yacht "Romance" in the Whitsundays this week. The decimation of 30 odd yachts that were torn from their moorings and dashed on rocks didn't get the same coverage, so I thought I would do my bit for the media circus. When we arrived at the office we noticed 2 yachts washed up on the beach opposite, (this is inside the marina) then a short walk really opened our eyes, 11 boats on the outside of the marina and another 18 sunk on their moorings or scattered over the beaches and rocks of our little tropical paradise called Airlie Beach.



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Tim Hughes and "Cruis'n Hues" is coming along very well at the moment. It's been underway now since April 2007 and he is doing a really great job onboard.

Tim and Colleen are hoping to have their boat launched by April/May this year and will be seen this cruising season around the Islands where they will become accustomed to life onboard before heading out to the blue yonder and beyond.

Tim has been working with Jason on his deck layout and they are both happy with the design making it more practical and simple to use and hopefully making cruising and sailing easier and more enjoyable.

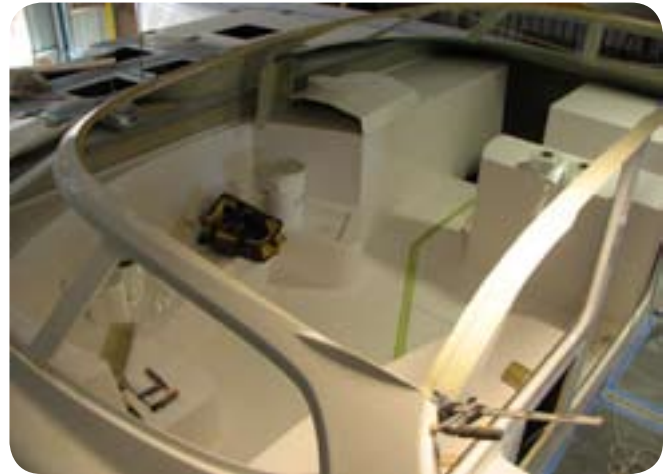


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FUSION POWER

Gary Small is building his Fusion Power Cat down in Victoria and it is really moving along well. He has a great set up there next to his Air-Conditioning factory and this gives him good support with the large shed and plenty of people around to throw in a hand. he is looking to have his boat in the water later this year and should be then heading up the coast to the Whitsundays and beyond. Gary plans on doing some major cruising in the Power Cat and with the 280 hp Yanmars fitted it looks like he'll be able to get there fast.



Pictures: Left, Jim Gard from Fusion Catamarans, congratulating Gary on a really good example of the assembly pro-cedures

Above: Prior to the Bridge-deck moldings being placed in position a good view of the furniture mouldings can be seen, and Below: preparation is being made for the deck join fairing.

