

## Whitsundays to South Island New Zealand

Ian Morgan had a dream and that was to own a performance based, cruising catamaran. It wasn't until he read about the Garry Lidgard designed, Fusion 40 that he knew that was the boat for him.

Ian had his Fusion Kit assembled in Mackay, Queensland, and then fitted deckgear, mast, sails etc and headed for home which is New Zealand.



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**TOP:** Ian Morgan (owner), attends to some last minute chores, while he awaits the tide in Mackay.

**Bottom Pics:** "Ma-tori" reaches her destination in the South Island of New Zealand.



# Builder's News

When asked to put something down to stop the boat hitting the wall, this lady came up with this novel solution. Name withheld!!!

## NEW KITS

New Kits into production since the last Newsletter are:

1. Bill McWhirter, WA
2. Wayne Seiler, WA
3. Brent Woods, NT
4. Ross Hinton, NSW
5. Jim Cann, WA

This brings the number of Kit Boats under construction or Sailing in Australia to 32.



## FLEXI TEEK

This is another great solution for the builder requiring timber look laid decks, with out all the problems associated with timber.

Paul Whelan of Flexi Teek has gone to the trouble of creating a special quotation for Fusion builders, and Paul's contact details are:

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Email: [info@flexiteek.com.au](mailto:info@flexiteek.com.au)

Web: [flexiteek.com](http://flexiteek.com)

Fusion will be using this product on it's factory finished Power Cat Range, to be released soon.

## CARBON MAST, BOOM and FOREBEAM

Andrew Jensen is producing the above components at a really good price for the Fusion 40.

Following a long chat on the phone, Andrew is one of the very few builders that is willing to spend time with you, in an endeavour to get your products just the way you want them. We will have pictures in the next issue of some of the other things Andrew produces.

Contact: [mrboats@three.com.au](mailto:mrboats@three.com.au)

## MOULDED GLASS WINDOWS

The preferred solution to the large tinted windows on the Fusion 40 is laminated, tinted glass, this is suitable for both the private boat and also the Fusions built in Survey.

Whilst glass is definitely heavier, it will not scratch as readily as Lexan and it will not craze like perspex.

A Company called Curved Glass Solutions has manufactured moulds for the Fusion windows, and will manufacture, pack and ship these anywhere in Australia.

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## Josephine Russo of MULTIPanel

Is one person that Fusion builders must talk to, this company has some amazing products, as I saw on my recent visit to their showrooms in Victoria.

Plus they are not sitting on their hands, they are out looking to see what else they can do to make boat building, lighter, quicker, and more cost effective.

MULTIPanel will be present at the Sanctuary Cove Boat Show, as well as any other worth while show in Aus.

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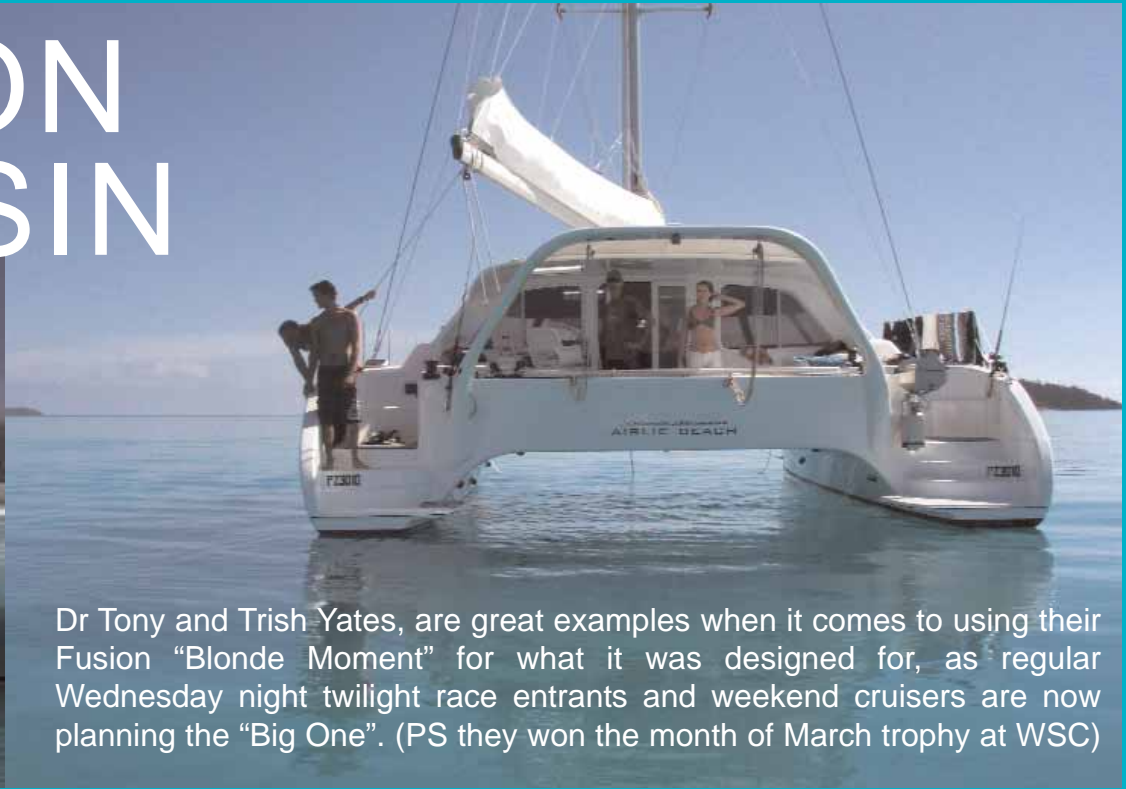
# LAUNCHING

This beautiful example of a Fusion 40, owned by Chrissie and Michael Williams (formerly of WA), was launched in Airlie Beach this month. Named "Ohmless", and sporting such goodies as Airconditioning, watermakers, generators, washing machine etc etc., it certainly is set up for some serious cruising.



Within hours of launching, the local company Marlin Marine were on hand to step the mast and secure the rigging. Because of the shallow draft, this is a simple task for a small crane.

# FUSION CRUISIN



Dr Tony and Trish Yates, are great examples when it comes to using their Fusion "Blonde Moment" for what it was designed for, as regular Wednesday night twilight race entrants and weekend cruisers are now planning the "Big One". (PS they won the month of March trophy at WSC)

# BOAT SHOWS

Fusion Catamarans will be attending the Auckland, NZ, Sanctuary Cove, Whitsunday, and Sydney Boat Shows during 2007. The company stands will have information on the new models, as well as information for the owner builder. Look forward to meeting you there.

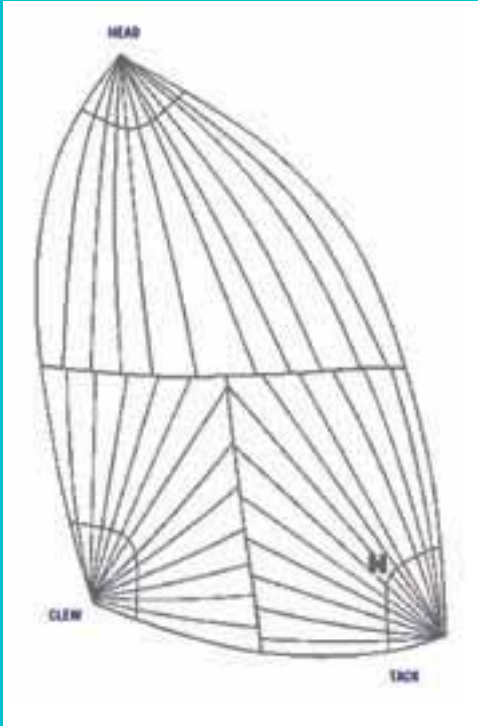


# NEWS

## SAILS:

Contact us for Sail Brochure and the prices on the new set of Fusion Cruise laminate and optional Carbon Sails now available.

These sails are manufactured especially for Fusion International by English company, Hyde Sails. All sails are manufactured from the best Dimension Polyant Fabrics. Contact us for a brochure jim@fusioncats.com



## EQUIPMENT:

New names to be added to the Fusion list of partners are:

- Tacktick (wireless electronics)
- Superdigi (mobile TV)
- Intellian (communications)
- NVTi (Thermal Imager Cameras)

## “MA-TORI” MACKAY TO NEW ZEALAND

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Following the launch, the Fusion was motored to the Mackay marina where the next few days waiting for the delivery crew, allowed some final chores to be done.

Don and Neil, Ian's brother arrived in from Canada and things were stowed and a 5pm departure was set. Ian states winds for the trip were mainly South South East and variable to 30 knots which is a typical Trade wind on the Queensland Coast.

The trip South was along the coast and down inside Fraser Island, and the typical track to Lord Howe was taken across the paddock. The best recorded speed open ocean was 17.9 knots.

Ian said, “as we entered the Bay into Nelson, the wind picked up with gusts 28-30 knots, so much to our delight we were able to give our welcoming committee a display of Fusion power, with her reaching in at 18.9 knots.

Since arriving home, Ian has entertained many of his sailing friends on “Ma-tori” (Maori for ‘White Cat’), and he assures me all are impressed with her. Congratulations Ian, on a dream come true.



## AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND BOAT SHOW

March 7th - 11th

The Fusion 40, which has been assembled by Fusion Catamarans NZ (Denis and Stuart Bettany) will be on display and I will fly over from Australia to help deal with questions on the new products for 2007 and 2008 and will be there 7th to 10th inclusive

Look forward to meeting you