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Green Machine



A brand new new Botín & Carkeek GP 42 Iberdrola and Quebarmar, sailing with the crew of Desafío Español. The boat looks good, but we wonder about these things. Mini TP 52's in nature and surely very fast, but they look a bit brutal [going upwind here](#), and they aren't going to win many beauty contests. Expensive as hell and somewhat limited in their intentions, with a number of them now on the market, we think this class may have a fairly short life. What do you think? Thanks to Nico Martinez for the shot and www.felo-tombeur.blogspot.com for the



heads up.

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Legalese

Don't Mess With Novis?

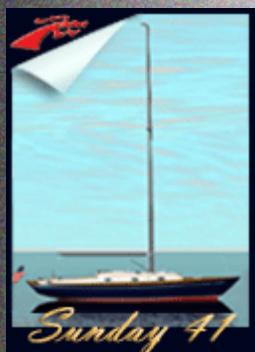
Novis composites is an advertiser here at SA, but there have been a number of complaints about issues with the integrity of some of their products (C&C, Tartan). Stories of cracks, fractures, lack of action from the builder, etc., have resulted in a fair bit of unhappiness from a few customers. We are taking a look into it, and will have our take on it shortly.

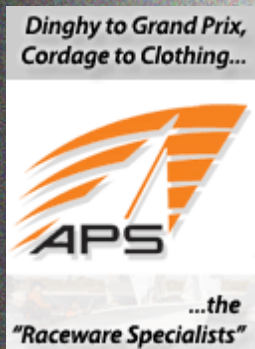
Meanwhile, Novis actually sued one of the more vociferous complainers, Gavin Stener, for libel and tortious interference with business relations. Here's [an example](#) from his blog. And they lost. Here's [the suit](#).

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A Little Late?





A very crowded start line at the ends with the classic mid line sag at the 4th day of racing at French Olympic Week sailed in Hyères France. That's all fine, but look at the poor bastard way off the line. Can you imagine the sinking feeling in his stomach as he realizes just how wrong he got this one? Ouch. Thanks to Franck Socha for the shot.

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Community

Well Spent

SailFast Apparel has launched a fundraising program to promote junior sailing around the country. It's a pretty simple – SailFast will give 25% of any product purchases from participating clubs/schools back to their junior program as a cash donation. And the junior program that raises the most \$ will win a free one-day sailing clinic for their club with Gary Jobson.

More than 20 programs have already signed on. If you are interested in learning more about how to participate, [click here](#) or e-mail info@isailfast.com. As always, SailFast donates 10% of its profits to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help support the fight against Leukemia and other blood cancers.



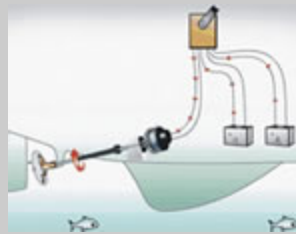


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The Planet

Eco Drive

We know nothing of this technology and surely there have to be a number of draw backs, but conceptually, we like it. Besides any rendering that has little fishies in it must be good, right?



*An electric motor for your yacht which recharges batteries via the propeller
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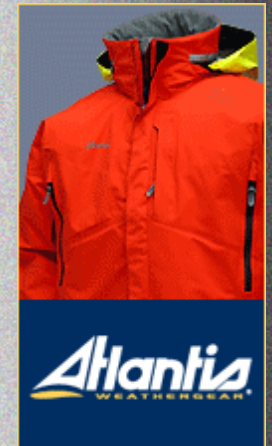
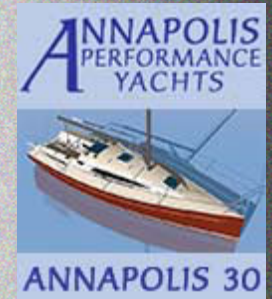
The Biz

Doom or Boom?

Frankly, we're going with Doom. We think the economy is in pretty bad shape, and perhaps the worst is still to come. The dollar is sinking, oil prices out of site, a mortgage industry in crisis, record deficits, etc. And all of it spells big trouble for the marine industry. Yet there are a couple of different takes on the state of the industry.

Two economists and a technology "futurist" outlined very different scenarios for the downturn that is plaguing the US economy. One economist sees a recovery in six months, while the other doesn't see a return to normal levels of boat sales until 2010.

The speakers were part of the annual Marine Design Resource Alliance (MDRA) conference, held in Sea Island, Georgia. About 25 executives from US boatbuilders, as well as two dozen others from marine accessories manufacturers and financial institutions, attended the conference. Thanks to IBI news - [read on.](#)



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Race Report

J Daze

Tango's Cabo Trip 2008

This was the first race for Tango the J/133 under it's new owner Roy Jones, the boat recently sailed Transpac double handed winning the "Ancient Mariner" Trophy for the oldest average crew. The boat was launched in 2006 specifically setup for double handed sailing.

Start 12:00pm 3/28/2008

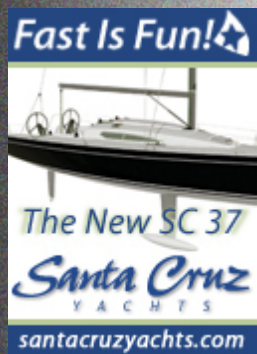


We had a very nice start, leading our fleet down the coast in a drag race with the j/145 "bad pak". After several minutes on starboard we tacked on to port and got headed behind the rest of the fleet. We made the call to tack on to starboard and head down the course opposed to following the fleet straight west. This move proved to be VERY successful, we were ahead of the j/125, several santa cruz 50s and leading the majority of our fleet at midnight. During the evening hours we put up our 3A spinnaker and staysail getting the boat moving consistently above 9 knots, the correct sail for the conditions. Very early in the morning we switched to the 4A as the wind moved aft, we were sailing rhumb line down the course ahead of our fleet boat for boat.

[Read on.](#)

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Government

Well Spent

We're highly suspect of anything the government wants to do, but this one seems pretty good, no? Can't quite imagine a Republican introducing this - too busy voting to piss money away in Iraq...

On Monday, April 28, U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) will visit the International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS) to announce new federal funding he secured to strengthen Rhode Island's marine heritage and revitalize Newport's working waterfront. This money will help increase the pool of skilled workers for the state's marine industry and provide greater access to vocational training and sustainable careers.

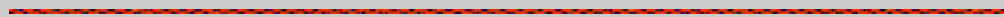
Reed, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured over half a million dollars in the fiscal year 2008 appropriations spending bill, along with Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), to support the restoration of the school's 1831 Aquidneck Mill Building, a previously derelict landmark on the National Register of Historic Places.

The restoration will enable IYRS to expand its facilities for vocational training for the marine industry, an important business in the state that accounts for \$1.6 billion in sales. This statewide industry currently provides over 6,600 jobs, but there is a 10% job vacancy rate. The marine workforce will need to grow by some 36% over the next five to ten years to meet the current and anticipated demand for skilled workers.

Speakers will discuss the revitalization of this waterfront area on Lower Thames Street, which will also attract new businesses to the neighborhood.

The meeting to be held Monday, April 28 / 10:30 AM at International Yacht Restoration School in 449 Thames Street, Newport, RI.

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Come to the Light...



The brand new [Goetz](#) built VO 70 Puma [hits the road](#), leaving Goetz Custom Boats facility Tuesday morning in Bristol, Rhode Island on its way toward Newport Shipyard where it will be launched next week. So far, so good. Obviously, this is one the (if not *the*) most anticipated VOR programs in a long time. Given Ken Read's abilities and methodical approach, (ala John Kosteki with illbruck), might we be seeing similar results? We don't know the odds, but we'd bet they make a good bet! Thanks to Goetz and [Sally Collison](#) for the photos.

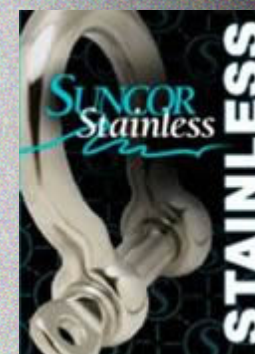
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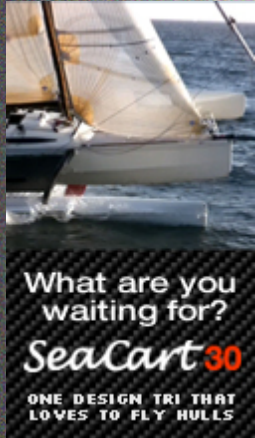
Ask

Mitre Cut?

Wonder how many of you have been around long enough to remember those?
[Quantum San Diego's Keith Lorence](#) tackles this one.

Q: When I look at sail lofts and their offerings they split between cruising and racing and some times performance cruising. When it comes to cruising the options seems to be Dacron and crosscut. Only one sail loft advertises mitre cut. Question: Is there an advantage to mitre cut genoas as one of the lofts claim? Can Dacron be used to make tri-radial sails or is the only option fro tri-radial some kind of composite?





Cheers,

Peter
S/V Tangerine
C&C 35 MK II

A: Most all sail lofts offer both racing and cruising sails. There are some lofts that offer only cruising sails largely due to the highly specialized nature and complex construction of racing sails. Those lofts prefer to stick with the tried and true Dacron sails and often build them using conventional (cross cut) construction. This fits with many traditionalists, and there is a niche for these sails for those sailors.

Again, the vast majority of lofts will make both. There are many fine fabrics to choose from, beginning with Dacron, (very durable and a standard of the industry) to Spectra laminates, and a whole bunch in between. Some cruising laminates use Vectran as the primary fiber and, like Spectra laminates, are tri-radial in construction. Laminated sails are generally a slight bit lighter and because of the higher modulus of the fiber, they stretch less. They generally do not last as long as a Dacron sail, but have longer performance life span. They are however prone to Mildew and should be taken down when not in use for long periods.

As for Mitre cut sails, that was a fashion prior to the 70's as Dacron, and it's predecessors Rayon and Nylon, were very stretchy and aligning the panels along the stronger fill angle reduced stretch by taking advantage of the fill yarns. These days, fabrics are far more stable, (through calendaring and finishing), and the need for the mitre cut has gone away. Dacron as a radial cut sail is generally inefficient due to the inherent weaving issues. It is simply not possible to achieve a strong warp in a Dacron sail. We tried it in the 80's with a little success, but not enough to overcome the added labor

At the end of the day, a crosscut Dacron sail made of quality fabric is a great option for cruising, next in line is a radial sail made from one of the laminates. Many choices, and you are best advised to talk to one of the quality sailmakers in your area for some advise. Let us know what you come up with!

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Too Late



Damn! Just when you were about to get one of these suckers, you find out they're all gone! Remember the Global Challenge round the world yacht race, which went belly up a couple years ago? Somehow, they managed to sell all the big old brutes it had made for the races - something like 18 total. Sure, they're likely built like brick shit houses, but we would have thought they would have sold like two of them. Musta been cheap!

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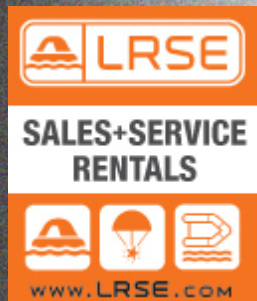


Caption Contest:



We just couldn't let this one go by, could we? Of course not! This shot, from the very





[WindPath Sailing](#)

[Fractional Sailing](#)

[Timeshare Sailing](#)

talented [Gilles Martin-Raget](#) is actually of Team Oracle sailing their new RC 44. Geez, could Coutts get a bigger slice of this pie?? Anyway, we figured you clever bastards would have something good for this one, so have at it! Your friends at [Camet](#) will be provided some of their great gear to the best three captions - [have fun](#).

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Other Media

Sail of the Century?

Who the hell are we to argue with this one? From the Telegraph.co.uk:

Any amateur would be rightly proud of sailing a boat solo across the Channel, with just a map pinned to the mast. But for Hilary Lister the achievement is all the more remarkable because she can't move her arms or legs and puffs into straws to steer her vessel. She talks to Lucy Cavendish. [Read on.](#)

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Free Speech

Know Your Rights

SA has flourished, in a large way, due to the legal protections and rights afforded posters and other content here. If the more facist elements in our legal system have their way, it might not always be that way, as there are some troubling recent rulings by federal district judges that have chipped away at the legal shield that has protected websites.

The legal shield comes from a portion of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, which generally says Web sites aren't liable for their users' posts or other content they provide. That has immunized the dot-com industry from a wide range of civil lawsuits spanning everything from defamation to--in a case decided last year involving MySpace--lawsuits alleging that better child safety and age verification measures should have been put into place. (Individual "content providers" who post defamatory comments, upload inflammatory videos of their own creation, and the like, are still vulnerable to lawsuits.)

In early test cases such as Zeran v. AOL, courts have interpreted Section 230 of the



Telecommunications Act to supply fairly broad immunity for Web hosts. That trend has largely continued in recent years, with judges finding, for example, that dating site Matchmaker.com was immune from a lawsuit involving an unknown prankster's phony profile impersonating actress Christianne Carafano, and that Craigslist wasn't responsible for allegedly discriminatory housing ads posted by users of the online classifieds site. Full story [here](#).

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Deal of the Week

Tilton Hilton?



What kind of dork would name their boat that? The same guy who would buy a Hunter and then let it smack it up against some pilings in a storm? Right. Anyway, this beauty can be yours! We found it on [Yacht Salvage](#) and thought it would be perfect one of you. Not sure which one of you that would be, however....

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Bird is the Word



We'd bet most of you don't know about Bird Boats. From photographer [Peter Lyons](#):

They compete in some of the "woodies" races here on the bay, and unlike the other classic wooden fleets which have some newer boats with fiberglass hulls, these are all wood... and were all built about 80 years ago. I believe the entire SF fleet was built in 1929 and 1930. But when well-cared-for, they can take just about any abuse the Bay can deliver. I never saw that demonstrated like this past Saturday, when we had sustained winds in the high 20s, and gusts well over that.

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Counterpoint

Another Lesson?

I refer to the recent the article (*Lessons Learned*) in SA by the skipper of Audacious, Rick Day, about his man overboard experience – The publication of this article prompted me to e-mail Scott the SA editor and ask him to issue a correction. He comments that it is up to people to make up their own minds but I think it is important enough to take issue and issue a counterpoint.

You never put another person in the water to try to rescue a man overboard. I am most concerned about Rick's advice. It is one of the worst and most contradictory pieces of advice I have seen.

You never put another person in the water. It means you have two rescues to complete and the mounting problem of dealing with two people with exposure once you have finished trying to get them back on board without damaging them, which isn't easy, especially in a swell.

Then looking further into the article...

All boats must have sufficient PFDs (life jackets) for the number of people the vessel is carrying and these should be fitted and identified to the user as their jacket for the duration of the trip before you let them onboard. This is also the point where a safety briefing is given by the skipper before you leave the dock.

You should have a lifebuoy and some kind of recovery system mounted on or around the stern that you can throw over without delay.

In the UK when the kind of conditions Rick describes occur (which is quite frequent) a flag is flown from the committee boat or race box that makes the wearing of PFDs mandatory for that race. Even without the race committee interjecting and even if you are on a cruise it is the skippers responsibility to start or not to start a race or passage. Audacious should not have even left the dock without sufficient safety equipment and a briefing let alone set off on a race in tricky conditions...

It is not the responsibility of the crew to turn up with a PFD. PFDs are not personal kit - they are an essential and integral part of the vessel. If in doubt make the crew wear PFDs. At night in any conditions in an off shore race it is stipulated by the Royal Ocean Racing Club that all crew on deck wear PFDs and clip on when leaving the cockpit to go forward of the mast. RORC are a hairy assed bunch not known for overweening or unnecessary rules.

So please if you are ever in that nasty situation of having a man overboard do not put another person in the water. When you do a sea survival course it is the first thing that the instructors tell you not to do.

As well as complicating the rescue you have about half an hour in English summer time (gulf stream) before the onset of exposure will occur. When you add in possible secondary drowning, injury, shorthanded boat manouevring and the problems of recovery it all comes up as something very very difficult even for the most experienced of sailors.

And also as a footnote. If you have you ever tried swimming in a life jacket you will know that it is difficult to make it up and down a swimming pool on a training exercise. Try doing it in a swell or waves and trying to get to someone who is hundreds on metres away you will find that it is virtually impossible. You are on your back, you cant see where you are going and you get turned into the wind by default and start gulping water as the swell and waves break into your face. Not a great start to being of any use as a rescuer! _
[Comments?](#)

Derek Blancké

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Midget Ocean Racing



Gives that title a new meaning, doesn't it? Maybe for the kids? Actually no, these are 5 meter boats that go racing. Really! Pretty funky, no?

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Other Media

AC Games

ANACORTES — You can smell the new America's Cup yacht coming together at BMW Oracle's Anacortes shop. But despite the thick odor of carbon-fiber resin, security guards are on strict orders not to say what is inside.

Secrecy is part of the game, and construction manager Tim Smyth can play it. There is much at stake. The BMW Oracle boat may be the most advanced and fastest America's Cup vessel ever built. The cost — widely reported as \$200 million for the last cup — is expected to soar.

Smyth, a New Zealander with a quick smile and thick accent, will not say where team BMW Oracle is in the construction process, how many boats it plans to build or where it will launch them — though he is willing to give sometimes misleading hints. "The first boat we built might be in there," Smyth said, pointing at the mammoth white tent outside the 100-foot by 200-foot, three-story construction shed. But a peek in the tent proves it almost empty. [Read on.](#)

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"Set Sail For Sodomy"



No with a record title like that, you know we have to share. The band is called Brine + Bastards and is a strange mix of punk/rock and pirate swagger. We don't know much about them, but thought you might like to give it a listen. Go to their [MySpace page](#) and check 'em out - we like Song of the Siren and The Pilot - noisy, semi melodic and annoying - perfect!

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Community

Victimized

While we were writing about Antigua Classic week yesterday, we thought you should know about Mike Rose. He has been the voice of the Antigua Classic Week RC on the VHF for many years. He was attacked in his home about 2 weeks ago, stabbed 4 times and spent nearly a week in the hospital. He is now recovering at home, but isn't able to carry on his RC duties this year. The Royal Naval Tot Club of Antigua and Barbuda, of which Mike is President, has raised a reward of \$120,000EC for the capture and conviction of the attacker. All the racers and the Tot Club, which coordinates many of the Classic Week events including the Parade of Classics, wish Mike a speedy recovery and look forward to hearing him again on the VHF at next years Classic Week.

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Gear Queer

The New Gray



We had a slight redesign to our bitchin' long sleeve gray T-shirt and now have a bunch of medium, large, extra large and double extra large in stock and ready to go. 28 bucks delivered to your door. 38 for international people. [Get one.](#) What the hell are you waiting for?

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