



Update

We Have Been So Busy...

Over the past couple of months we have been so busy that time ran away with our Newsletter. We have managed to harness it and here it is...

Basically, we refurbished the office, upgraded the phone and computers, commenced a couple of larger projects and certified our welding team to AS1665.

Our Workshop

In our workshop we have commenced the construction of *Nekton International's* 12.45m Big Cat for *Brisbane Big Cat Charters*. This vessel will be fitted with foils and 2 *Cummins* C430 engines to make it smooth and fast.



Other features include its spacious walk-around deck where the full compliment of 26 passengers will comfortably walk around without hindering those fishing.

Simultaneously, we are constructing more of the dibs vessels featured in our September 2007 update. These are destined for seismic research overseas. In the foreground below is the hydraulic winches used to haul out lengthy cables used to measure scientific data.



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Part of our Newsletter tardiness can be attributed too the updating of our webpage. This site features our current activities where you can see the development of our projects from jig to sea trials. Take a moment to check the current projects. The revised site should be running mid October.

Personnel

It is with pleasure that we welcome our school based trainee, Dom as full time and tradesmen, Chris and Marty.

A year 10 and a year 11 student have each spent a week with us for work experience. They now realise why boat builders don't own posh cars or wear copious gold jewellery.



Code Developments

There has been new developments with Australian Maritime Survey code laws which have been fast tracked to take effect some as soon as 1 October 2008.

At present it has thrown the boat building industry into the unknown posing the need to "relearn" requirements. Hopefully, it will help put Australia under the one umbrella dismissing the separate state laws that presently exist.

Marine Innovations

Winning Yachts have never been complacent in tackling innovations. Over the past couple of months there has been no exception.

Serious modifications have been made to our pod manufacture to cater for the newer weighty and bigger torque motors being fitted onto our Industry Partner, *Kevlacat's* vessels.

Old Police and a private individual have put foils on their crafts to achieve faster, smoother and efficient results. Both



innovations were designed and overseen by *Nekton International*.



Australia Zoo's Whale One now has a new upper deck for all to enjoy watching whales in comfort.

Diversions of a different kind

As accomplished aluminium fabricators *Wining Yachts* have been called upon to manufacture items not on the shelf. *Rockabouts* have a very functional box in the front of their caravan to house a washing machine, water tank, generator etc along with a dual bike rack on the back. All stored components are respectively linked to provide easy



access and practicality for the caravanners.



With the growing need to be independent or near self-sufficient of town supplied water we constructed a very sturdy dyna bolt-fastened stand for a 6,000L tank.

We made a fabulous pontoon with stairs on the Caboolture River. Easy access and ever so practical for the owner.



More caravanning?

Almost, but some would prefer to describe it as cruising instead of caravanning on the water. Our 2 Bay Cruiser vessels, *Salty 27* and *Rippa* are nearing being finished. *Salty 27* is in a workshop getting painted by *Ultra Marine*



Coatings while the already painted *Rippa* is getting her final touches, installation of appliances and fittings in our workshop. Her owner is taking a very active part in her fitout.

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