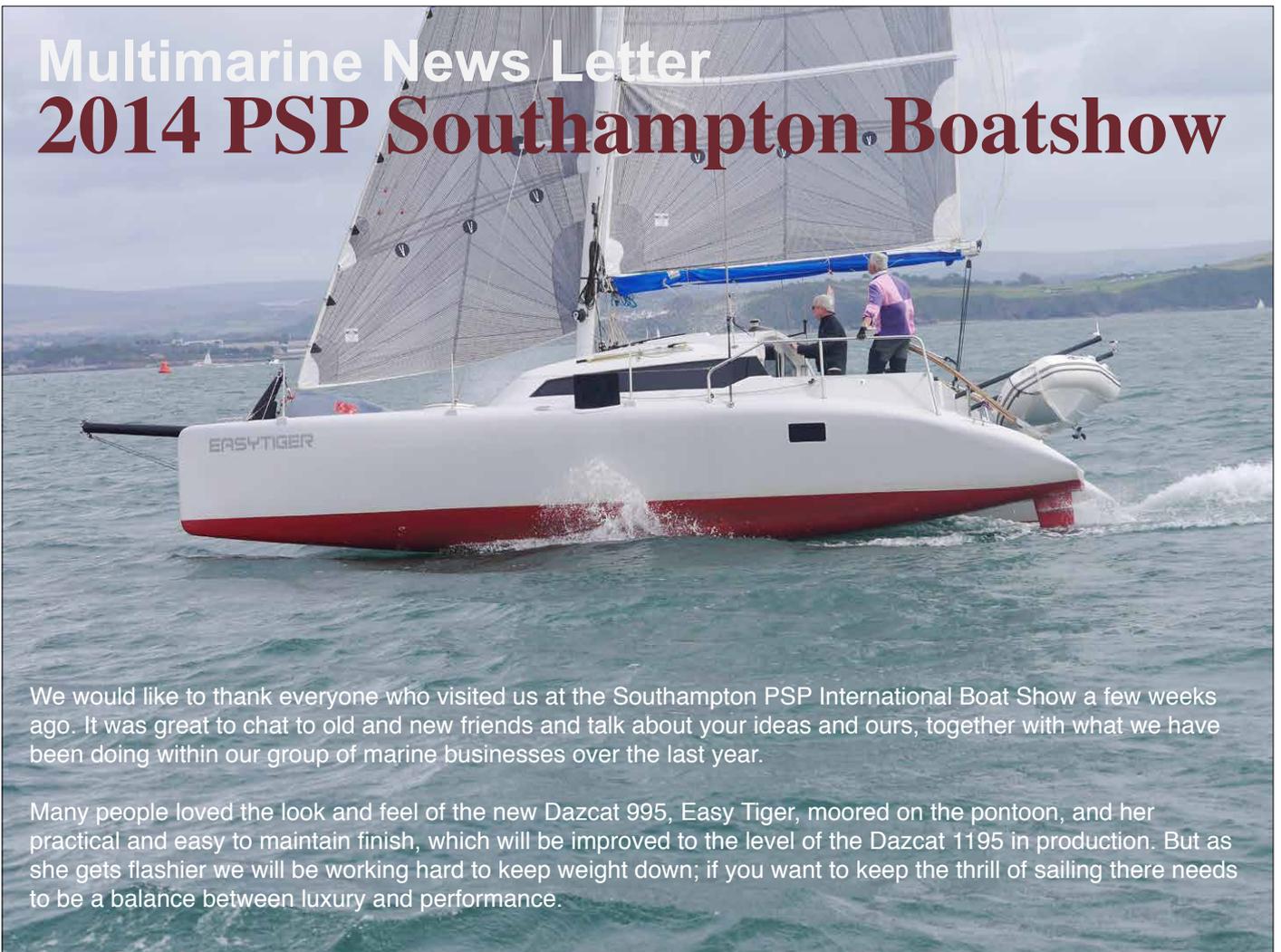


Multimarine News Letter

2014 PSP Southampton Boatshow



We would like to thank everyone who visited us at the Southampton PSP International Boat Show a few weeks ago. It was great to chat to old and new friends and talk about your ideas and ours, together with what we have been doing within our group of marine businesses over the last year.

Many people loved the look and feel of the new Dazcat 995, Easy Tiger, moored on the pontoon, and her practical and easy to maintain finish, which will be improved to the level of the Dazcat 1195 in production. But as she gets flashier we will be working hard to keep weight down; if you want to keep the thrill of sailing there needs to be a balance between luxury and performance.

In the meantime we are on track with the build of two Dazcat 1495s, and the new deck mould has begun. The fourth hull is out and parts are being assembled. Both boats will be launched for next summer's season, which will open up some build slots. So plan ahead and talk to us about your project time frames, as we hate to disappoint.

It was great to have the new Rapier 550 next door to us at the show, showing what Multimarine's design and development service can do for others. Her visitors were blown away with her innovative construction, glamorous looks and swish technology.

She was certainly the star of the show, representing the best of British design and engineering expertise.



After the show Simon had the joy of sailing Easy Tiger back to Plymouth, reaching speeds of 14 knots, and I drove back to Cornwall only to jump back into the car and head off to demonstrate the R550 in France. Simon's delivery crew, all die-hard monomaran sailors, were amazed by the level of comfort and performance.



Impact Testing:

While sailing to La Rochelle in France for the judging of the Offshore European Boat of the Year Awards the R550 unfortunately hit something rather solid at night, impacting the rudder and damaging the top rudder bearing. The beauty of a catamaran is we had another rudder, so completed the remaining 150 miles to our destination.

Arriving only an hour later than planned, we slipped her as soon as we arrived and fixed it, thanks to some help from Uchimata Sailing Services (who I would highly recommend if you need some help with your boat in La Rochelle, which is an amazing place with 4,800 boats in the marina, great facilities and a lovely city centre with wonderful food)

Nominated European Boat of The Year:

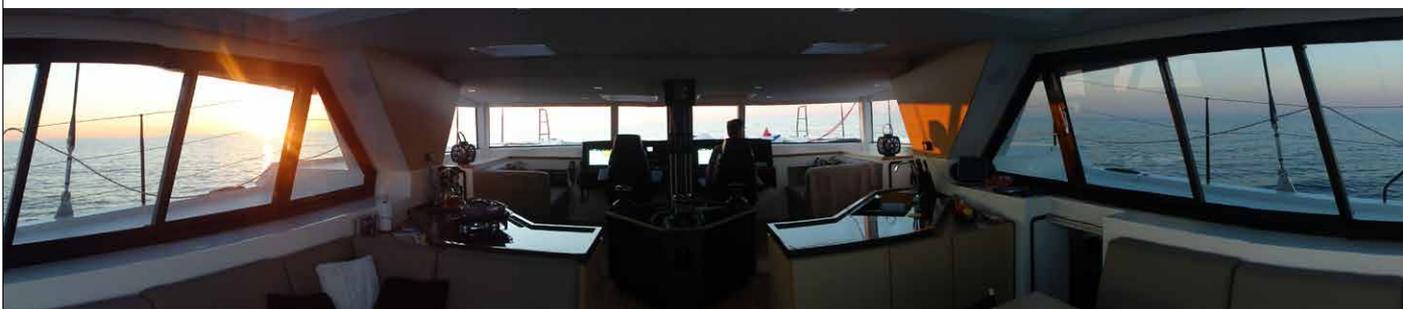
For the next few days we took journalists from every European country sailing on the R550. She got a lot of "Wows" from the visitors as they came on board and experienced the amazing space and super yacht style bridge for the first time. Although the journalists were not giving anything away we hope to do well. Every aspect of this new and innovative boat has been designed for single-handed blue water cruising with friends and family on board. Really you have to experience the ease of sailing and the level of comfort to understand how revolutionary she is, which we did on the way back to Plymouth.

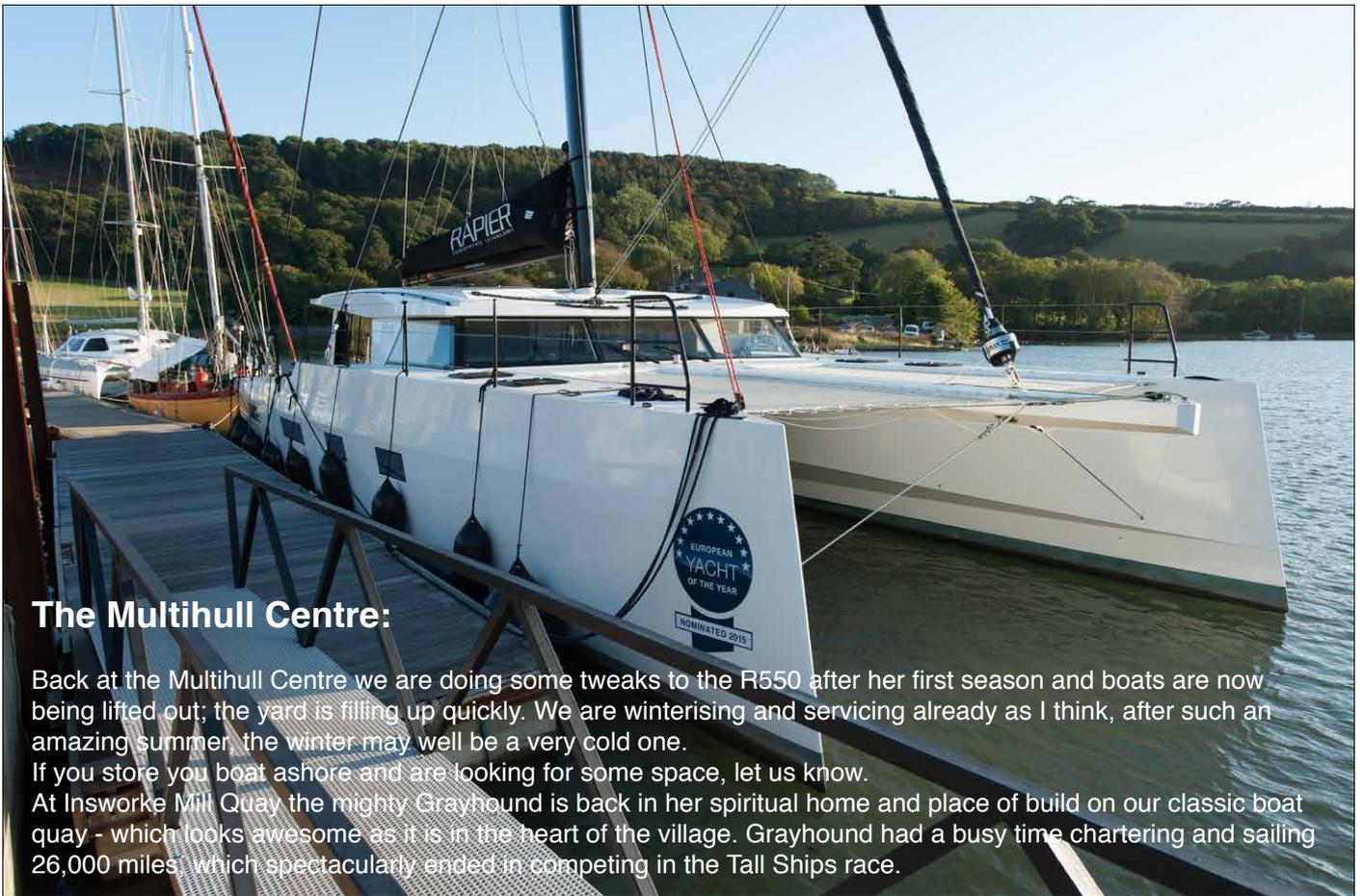


Unfortunately we had next to no wind the whole way so motored the 450 miles on 350 litres of diesel, while sitting on the comfy leather chairs in the warm and dry with the stereo pumping out tunes, cooking three course meals and chatting away. My friend Steve, along for the ride, said it was the most comfortable sailing experience



he had ever had, and wondered why you would make yourself suffer in the wet and cold or hot sun when you don't need to. Loic Madeline, chief editor of Voile magazine said: "I think this boat should be the winner for best offshore sailing boat in twenty years time", which was a nice compliment. I just wished we could have had a good 20 knots of wind to show them how she really goes.





The Multihull Centre:

Back at the Multihull Centre we are doing some tweaks to the R550 after her first season and boats are now being lifted out; the yard is filling up quickly. We are winterising and servicing already as I think, after such an amazing summer, the winter may well be a very cold one.

If you store your boat ashore and are looking for some space, let us know.

At Insworke Mill Quay the mighty Grayhound is back in her spiritual home and place of build on our classic boat quay - which looks awesome as it is in the heart of the village. Grayhound had a busy time chartering and sailing 26,000 miles, which spectacularly ended in competing in the Tall Ships race.

Insworke Mill Quay:

Next year Marcus, Freya and young Malachi plan to haul cargo under sail, creating a new hands on sailing experience for their clients, and opportunities for companies to transport their goods around the country. Trips will also include cross Channel and coastal experiences, landing in a variety of different ports and participating in a range of events.

So if you fancy shipping some cargo and having a very traditional sailing, hands on and unique experience get in touch with them via www.grayhoundluggersailing.com.

Please contact us if you need any of our services - we are the one stop shop for everything multihull. Or if you need more information or require a test sail please call me, Darren, on 01752 823129. I am arranging a few test dates so you can see for yourself why Dazcats are the quickest and coolest cats around.



Picture: Insworke Mill & Quay