



# Voyager Newsletter

Welcome to the latest **Voyager** Newsletter. The information and detail below has been compiled from the input of Multimarine Composites, Multihull World and Timeless Yachts (the builder in China) and we hope you find it interesting and informative.

## PRODUCTION

Darren Newton has recently spent two 4 week periods with Timeless Yachts in China helping with the progress on production and tooling. His assessment is below.

### Mould Tool Build

The tooling phase of the build programme is now nearly complete and the mould tools produced look excellent. The quality of the surface finish and the translation of the designed shape into the moulds leads us to believe that the Voyager will enjoy all the benefits of style, functionality, performance and sea-kindliness that we have spent so long trying to achieve!

The remaining moulds are mostly for small areas of trim and will be completed as the build progresses.

### Materials and Parts

Much of the sourcing work has been completed during the Spring and a consignment of parts from Europe arrived in Late July. Components and materials sourced in China are now on order and some of these have now begun to arrive at the factory. Key component decisions taken are that the internal finishes will use sustainably produced American Oak finish for wood panels and toughened glass for the windows, rather than acrylic. European sourced items include the cooker, refrigerator and engines. The general look and feel of the boat is of high quality and we are sure you will be impressed with her style when she is launched.

### First Boat Build

Major mouldings (hull, deck, cabin sole etc) for the first production Voyager have been completed and are now being stabilised within the mould tool by the addition of bulkheads



and other mouldings prior to removal. Once the hull and deck have been released they will be “trial fitted” together to ensure that the tooling has allowed the appropriate overlap before being fully finished inside. The Timeless Yachts factory has now been re-organised to permit simultaneous manufacture of up to 3 Voyagers, in sequential stages of build. The design of the shipping cradle has been finalised and is now being built. This will allow a completed Voyager to be easily handled by the deck equipment on board container ships and therefore help to overcome one of the concerns of building the boat so far away from its natural market.

Sails and spars have now also been ordered for the first 3 Voyagers and these will be delivered and fitted when each one arrives.

The quality and finish of the first Voyager is important to all concerned with this project and so, despite our enthusiasm to see it here in the UK, we are trying not to rush the production team!!!

### Subsequent Boats

The second Voyager will begin hull and deck moulding as soon as the first has left the mould tool. This one is to be built as a Diesel-Electric drive version and the owners recently visited Fischer-Panda in Germany to see and test their demonstrator. The third boat is destined for a client in Wales and moulding of this Voyager will begin during October.

### SALES

The marine market has generally had a poor summer, mostly as a result of the adverse weather and interest rate concerns but the Voyager has continued to attract plenty of attention and remains a major source of interest for clients visiting Multihull World – both at Emsworth and on the internet. The product specification and the options list are now receiving considerable attention, ahead of the Southampton Boat Show, so if you haven’t seen the latest one yet please ask and we will send you one. The major changes (apart from the inevitable price increase!) is the addition of more detail around which options will be available for factory fitting on the Voyager. The detail of the specification has also improved and the high quality of the final product is clear.

During October, Mark Jarvis, Managing Director of Multihull World, will be travelling to China to observe the final stages of the fit-out and build of Voyager No 1 and, in particular, to ensure that the main features and benefits inherent in the original design are still incorporated. Clients for the next two Voyagers, Mr & Mrs Garner and Mr & Mrs Milne, will also be visiting the factory during October. At the end of this period the first boat should be very near to despatch for the UK!!

Multihull World has appointed Ken Walker as Senior Sales Manager, with a focus on the Voyager product range. Southampton Boat Show will be the next opportunity to see the latest images and progress so please take the opportunity to stop by and talk to Ken about any of the details above. If you would like tickets for the show then please email [audrey@multihullworld.co.uk](mailto:audrey@multihullworld.co.uk) and we will sort them out for you.



