

# 150<sup>th</sup> Seawind 1000 an Aussie Modern Classic



*Seawind Catamarans soon to launch the 150<sup>th</sup> Seawind 1000 (33ft) cruising catamaran, marking a record achievement in boat production for an Australian Yacht or Catamaran manufacturer.*

Soon the 150<sup>th</sup> Seawind 1000 will be completed and then launched from the Seawind factory located in Bellambi, Wollongong only 3 and a half years following the launch of the 100<sup>th</sup> Seawind 1000 "Spirit of Australia".

Considering the increasing pressure on manufacturing in Australia from the uncompetitive Australian dollar and the related influx of yacht imports, launching this quantity of a production catamaran signals the strength of design that the Seawind 1000 enjoys with countless practical features that make this boat highly sought after new *and* preowned with most 2<sup>nd</sup> hand sales gaining good prices and avoiding the high rate of depreciation that many other boats suffer from.

Some of these features include the open 'Seawind Saloon' that combines the cockpit and saloon to create a huge living space, plus flared hulls for good offshore handling, efficient & inexpensive outboard auxiliaries, huge galley, good accommodation, in survey for up to 20 passengers, and lowering mast just to name a few. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> boat was launched there has been countless refinements plus a number of significant modifications including the addition of the FG Hardtop, addition of the aft stainless Targa with solar panels, use of the more durable Oak timber rather than the original Cherry, Screacher Sail & bowsprit for light air sailing or higher performance reaching, conversion to recessed glass from Lexan windows and more recently the addition of two large forward opening windows on gas struts, which work a treat!

Seawind currently employ around 55 people with the majority living in the Illawarra region which no doubt has an unmeasured multiplier effect on the local community and supporting industries, which has previously been recognized with Seawind winning the Illawarra "Business of the Year" and "Exporter of the Year" in 2001.

By the time of launching the 150th Seawind 1000, the factory production line will have used:

- Enough sail cloth to cover a football field
- Enough rope & line to lay over an Olympic Marathon
- Enough masts to reach higher than 7 Eiffel Towers on end, or about as high as Mt Kosciuszko

Plus...

- 12.6 kms of stay wire
- 337 Tonnes of Fiberglass and resins
- 300 engines

The Seawind 1000 has also been popular internationally, with over 50 exported to the America's (ie. USA, Mexico, the Caribbean and Brazil) while others have been shipped to South East Asia (Hong Kong, Thailand and Korea), Italy and New Zealand.

This model is Australia's most popular charter boat with dozens in the Whitsundays and many others scattered around Australia's coastline and in every State and Territory Capital (excluding ACT).

Adventurous owners have taken the boat through all conditions during some notable passages, including Australia to New Zealand, then to Fiji, New Caledonia, plus throughout the Caribbean and all around Australia.

Seawind have also recently launched the all new 38ft Seawind 1160, 20 of which have already sold. Also available are the Seawind 1200 (40ft), Seawind 1050 Resort (35ft) plus the Venturer 38 and Venturer 44 power boats.



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