



Throwing down the gauntlet!

It's been a busy year at Dazcat and Multimarine, with new projects underway in both design and construction.

The end of last year saw the start of our first charter build, a Dazcat 14CH.3 for export to Sardinia. Our sister company Multimarine completed the build in record time and Stella Marina (Starfish in Italian) was launched at the end of May. Some fine tuning en route to Porto Cervo and she was ready for her first customers.

Licensed as a Passenger Carrying Vessel, she can carry 29 passengers, a skipper and two crew. She has a solid bridgedeck canopy to protect passengers from the sun, and the saloon features built-in seating (complete with comfortable cushions and hard-wearing upholstery) around drop-leaf tables. The saloon also has a bar for serving drinks and food to guests, and poles (dancing optional). There is a full galley in the port hull for catering and basic crew accommodation forward in the port hull. Male/female passenger heads compartments are situated amidships in the starboard hull.

A raised steering position aft provides excellent visibility for the skipper for operating in marinas, and all sail controls can be reached from there so she is very easy to sail. A swim ladder drops down from the forward beam to give easy access to the water and a deck shower means passengers can rinse off before going into the saloon.

We hope she will be in business for many years to come.

Dazcat 10RT Paradox had a good racing season during the summer. Skipped by Matt Baker and crewed by his brother (and Multimarine Project Manager) Simon and multihull novice Ed Green, she competed in the JP Morgan Asset Management Round the Island Race and the Rolex Fastnet. She did very well in both, winning the Grand Prix class in the ROI (beating Ellen MacArthur and crew on B&Q), and coming third in the Multihull class in the Fastnet. Fellow Dazcat Dazzle, a 12m skippered by MOCRA Membership Secretary Mike Butterfield, came second in the Fastnet.

Paradox was due to be sold but the Baker boys have now decided to keep her. They will be making some top secret modifications and intend to campaign heavily next season.

This suits us very well as next year we want to get more Dazcats competing in the Plymouth-Falmouth-Fowey race so we can really see who's the Daddy of Dazcat sailors. This will be your chance to pit your boat and wits against a flotilla of Dazcats so we're throwing down the gauntlet to all MOCRA members.

As this year Paradox achieved two 1sts and a 2nd on the three legs of the race, she is definitely the one to beat. If you fancy your chances we'll see you on the start line. Last one to Falmouth gets the drinks in!



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