

# LONG STEAM HOME FOR NEW SHETLAND CAT



The new Coral, all photos Ivan Reid



Audacious Marine have just completed an 8 metre Cougar Displacement Catamaran for James Shearer from Whalsay in Shetland

James and his sons visited the Audacious yard in Ramsgate when we was at the Skipper show in Bournemouth last year and after a tour of the the yard they placed the order for the vessel. The "Coral" LK696 is a replacement for Mr James's current 26ft displacement vessel of the same name.

Speaking to The Skipper Paul Cannon, Audacious Marine described the new build:

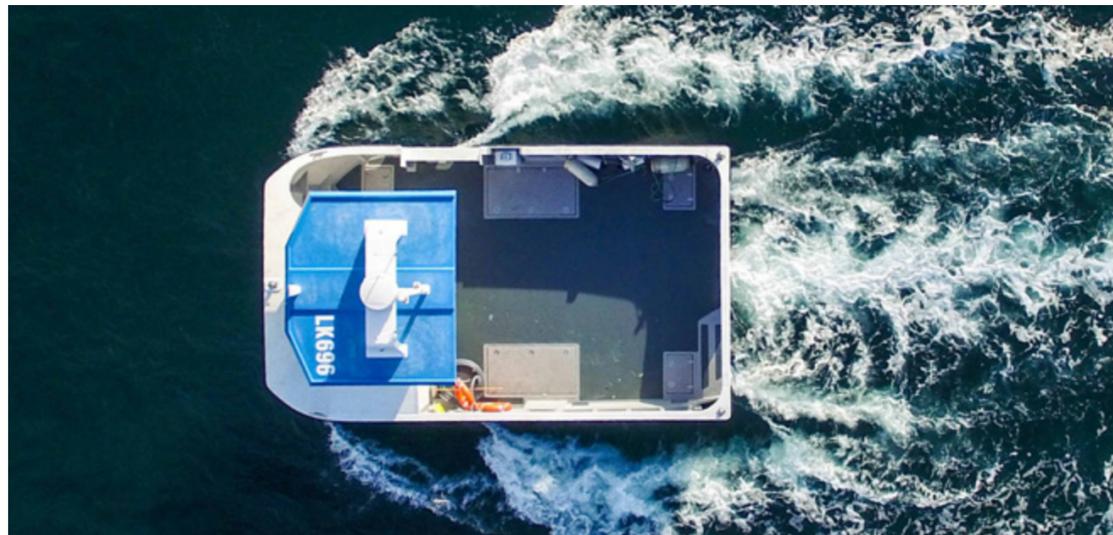
"The vessel has twin Iveco 4 cylinder 100 HP per side with twin disc 2:1 gearboxes supplied by Marlin Marine of Southampton supplied as usual with the great service Alan provides. This is the

1st Displacement Cat to swing a bigger 22 inch diameter prop with slightly bigger stern gear"

"The hydraulic pump, clutch , tanks and 1 tonne pot slave were supplied by Spencer Carter and the gunwale roller will be fitted by Mr Shearers son who is a fabricator."

"On the deck we fitted a shooting door on the port side and filled in the frames so the pots run smoothly down the port side. We also added extra longitudinal frames for extra strength. The keels have full length keel bands to half way up the bulbous bows.

"We fitted a accommodation unit on the port side ( which now seems popular after we did this on our first displacement) this has a bunk in making it possible to sleep up to three people on extended trips."



Robert Shearer at the wheel of the Coral



"This was a important boat for us for two reasons as this is the first 8m x 5m we have produced (although there are over thirty built by Dave Sutton of Sutton work boats) to our new standards, also it is the first vessel to be produced by our sister yard in Brightlingsea, Essex . This yard has been set up by Audacious Marine to exclusively produce the Cougar displacement 8 mtr and 10 mtr and by doing this we hope to stream line and speed up and improve production of these class of vessels."

The extensive wheelhouse equipment was supplied by H Williamson in Shetland and shipped to south for the yard to fitting. The electronics package included Furuno FCV-588 Sounder , Furuno GP-32 GPS, 2x Icom M323G VHF's, Furuno 1835, 10.4" LCD Radar , 4Kw Plotter Olex plotter ,2x 12v Neovo X-17 LCD Screens, Raymarine ES Series 12.1" plotter , UK navionics + chart (sonar charts), Simrad AP60 A/P Autopilot, 24v 1.5lpm reversing pump, Radio Fusion RA50 marine radio and a Bluetooth module & 2x slimline 6" speaker

The vessel left Brightlingsea on her homeward bound voyage with a easterly blow of 35-40 knots for Ramsgate where she proved her fine sea keeping. After a few finishing jobs and the final Seafish inspection, the "Coral" with Mr Shearer and his two sons left Ramsgate on with full fuel tanks (350 lts per side) and a 650 litre IBC on the deck plus the boat full of food for the long steam home to the Shetlands arriving 2 days later with a half hour stop in Eyemouth for fuel . The long delivery trip with continual running of the engines proved all was good with the vessel.

James and his four sons will be targetting Lobster, Brown and Velvet Crabs with the new "Coral" and landing their catch to IMEX, Shetland.

Paul Cannon concluded by saying: "I like to thank the Shearer family for choosing us and wish them safe and prosperous fishing I would especially like to thank our team on a great job especially Phil for commuting to and from our new yard and getting the boat finished on time and on spec."





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H. Williamson & Sons Ltd are delighted to have been chosen for the supply of the electronics package to the Coral. We wish James & family successful fishing in the years to come.



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