



KELSALL CATAMARANS

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Our offer of free DVDs on resin infusion was very well received. Our hope is that more and more builders and particularly home builders will get to try and appreciate working with resins in a neat, clean and relatively smell free way. After 8 years of resin infusion, it is still the magic when I think back to the bucket and roller days on the table, and when I think back much further to the days when laminating was 100% applying the glass and resin to boat shapes. In 1973, the later became a minor part of the laminating. In 2001, KSS laminating became fun. We are still finding additional refinements. It is OK with us that the techniques we have refined over the years gets used by other than Kelsall builders. We do, however, like to be credited with being the source.

Big Discounts

In light of the recession, we are offering substantial discounts on our plans prices. This is a major saving on the most popular designs. Let us know your choice and we will give you the discount figure.

Kits

Kits are the in word for many designers and builders today. I have no doubt that this is a reaction to the situation which existed for 30 years where 9 out of 10 designers were selling strip as the state of the art and telling how efficient it was. Pre strip, we already had a much better system so never bought into the idea or was ever tempted to follow the fashion. The designers are finally realizing that strip is the ultimate in inefficiency – how could it be otherwise when we were looking for larger sheets of foam to work with and the rest were cutting it into narrow strips. Fashion and marketing sure gets in the way of efficiency at times.

So, where do we stand now? KSS is a kit method. Each project starts by making a set of flat panels on the KSS table. Most builders choose to make their own. We have had kits made professionally, with excellent results. However, we have another very practical suggestion for consideration. Buy the basic materials at the least cost – drums of resin, rolls of glass and boxes of sheet foam. Saves at least half the cost of any kit. Use the money saved to pay a helper or two. This will pay dividends. The investment in a table and the gear needed to make the KSS kit is relatively low and the technique is quickly learnt. When you finish a catamaran this way, you will have the satisfaction of taking the raw materials and creating a vessel of style and beauty. You will have a lot more designs to choose from and you can make changes to suit your particular needs.

KSS Workshop, USA 2009

Paula and I expect to be in the US for two months, from mid July. Most of the time will be in Colorado, so anyone in that area or visiting Colorado would be welcome to meet up by arrangement.

We do have a couple of options for a workshop location, but before making a commitment we would like to get an indication of interest. Anyone reading this, please contact us with an indication of your interest. Pensacola is one potential location. Some time in September is the most likely date.

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