

"Not only must a boat sail well, it must also be a joy to gaze upon"

Telltales (U.S) August 1991 (referring to a Corsair trimaran)

John Walton

1984 - Corsair Marine was established through a partnership between John Walton (son of Sam Walton, Founder of Wal Mart) who offered to finance the production of the uniquely designed F boat and Ian Farrier, the designer who patented and built the original prototype in Australia back in 1974. With the production facility located in San Diego, California together they produced and marketed the world's first trailerable and very fast, trimarans. This initial partnership thus set the stage for a boat, then little known, to take the 'monohull' and multihull' world by storm!

1985 - The prototype production F-27 SUPER FOX is launched and it sets a new race record in the Two Man around Catalina Race, her first official event and in choppy 20-25 knot conditions.

1986 - SUPER FOX wins the Two Man around Catalina Race but this time in very light conditions, catching and passing such boats as a McGregor 65, S & S51, Frers 46 and C & C 42.

1987 - Mark Robson's F-27 KILLER FROG sails in the TransPac Race from Long Beach to Hawaii averaging just on 8 knots for a quick 12-day passage, including 250 miles a day.

1988 - Adrien Went's F-27 OLIJFE crosses the Atlantic in an impressive passage of 23 days.

1989 - The F-27 Corsair is the first production trimaran to win the multihull division of the Newport-Ensenada Race. Rodney Pattison's F-27 wins its class in the Plymouth Multihull Grand Prix in England.

1990 - The F-27 AQUA TEC easily wins the Australian Multihull Offshore Championships in a series of 7 races.

Two F-27's cross the Pacific to Hawaii; Bob Dixon sailed single-handedly in the TransPac on his Super Fox, the proto-type F-27 and was second to finish overall behind Peter Hogg on his Antrim 40 trimaran - making the crossing in 13 1/2 days. The second F-27 was sailed double handedly.

Twelve F-27 owners trailered their boats to Baja, Mexico for an amazing sailing adventure.

1991 - Introduction of the 24' MKI. Introduction of the 31' (aft cabin initially and followed by the aft cockpit 1 or two years later). "This is the most exciting and innovative boat I've seen in quite some time..it's fast, safe, attractive, well built and cleverly engineered." Telltales (U.S) F-27 Test Aug 1991

The first Corsair F-31 was designed and built in Brisbane, Australia at the OSTAC (Off Shore Trimarans & Catamarans) factory. Dr. Werner Stolz (current Dealer for S. Germany, Austria & Switzerland) and Roswitha Schadt's F-27 becomes the second F-27 to cross the Atlantic.

1992 - The first F-31 #1 (later called the C31) was sold to Nigel Bucknell and #2 'Triumph' was bought new by Fred Gans of Brisbane. In fact #2 was the first one launched in 1992 and it did the Australian Premier Ocean Classic - Brisbane to Gladstone. 'Triumph' then went on to do many B2G's and won major events over the years. 'Triumph' was sailed nearly every week for 20 years by Fred and he went through 4 trailers over this time as they rusted out from overuse. Judged Australian Sailboat of the Year. "It's difficult to describe the sensation of sailing a modern, cleverly contrived trimaran such as this. Everything is so fluent that your senses become overloaded with the excitement and enticement of it all."

1993 - Sailing upwind towards Tiri, I was interested to compare speed with a similar size keelboat. A victim was soon found, but it didn't prove to be much of a challenge as we cruised past at twice their speed, and the same pointing, receiving a few disgruntled looks in the process.... The speed, comfort, and ease of the day's sailing had left me, a previously diehard monohull sailor, very impressed." Boating World (New Zealand) F-31 test, April 93'

1994 - OSTAC owner Paul Koch purchases Corsair Marine from John Walton. Paul continues to pioneer the success of the 31.

The company expands to offer a full range of folding trimarans from 24ft through to 36ft. Dealers are appointed worldwide. The first Corsair F-24 MKII was developed and built at the OSTAC factory. Twenty F-24 MKII's were produced and sold in Australia over a 2 year period. F24 MKII MASTER BLASTER wins the Australian Trailerable Multihull Championships. "With regard to sailing characteristics, the F-31 is a solid if not spectacular performer when compared to other multihulls. When compared to monohulls of comparable length and price it is superior on all points of sail." Peter Hogg, Cruising World (US) Nov 94' OSTAC introduces the 24 MKII

1995 - A global dealer network begins to take shape. A dedicated team represent and service Corsair Marine's trimarans in the 6 regions of the USA and 20 further locations around the world including Europe, Australia and the Asia-Pacific. Introduction of the Corsair built 31' (aft cabin and aft cockpit). A few Corsair built kit boats were sold. The first US Nationals take place in Pensacola Beach, FL and take place annually since. Yann Vincent's F-31 SALE GOSSE sails from France, across the Atlantic, through Panama canal, and on to Tahiti winning the Multihull division of the 1996 Heineken Regatta in St. Maarten on the way. In the last race of this series SALE GOSSE overhauled a 70' maxi that started 20 minutes ahead of him. Corsair Marine builds the first 24 MKII in CA, Corsair Marine builds the first 31 in CA.

1996 - F24 MKII wins Sailing World's Boat of the Year award for performance multihulls.

First F31 TransPac crossing completed single-handedly by Gary Helms (current Northern California dealer) in BAD BOY.

1997 - Introduction of the Corsair 28. "The F28 proved a stunningly exhilarating boat to sail, upwind and down. Blessed with a stiff breeze rising at times to near on 25 knots we were able to make a distance crunching progress in any direction with ease." Peter Bentley, Yachts and Yachting (UK) Oct 17, 97'

1998 - Corsair 3600 (OSTAC Parrelax 1100). First R version and rotating mast on a 31.

1999 - Introduction of the 28CC. Pat

Linn initiates the first Corsair Owner's Community forum.

"I have been meeting people that have these types of boats (Corsair triis) online, and everyone have been so nice and excited!"

- John (sonofasailor)

2000 - Corsair purchases the F-24, F-28 and F-31 designs from Ian Farrier along with the new F-35 design that had just been started. All products are renamed as the Corsair 24, 28 and 31 (C24, C28, and C31) as Ian Farrier's involvement with Corsair ends.

Mike Horn completes his LATITUDE 0° quest to circumnavigate the world at the Equator. His epic voyage begins by crossing the Atlantic single-handedly in his F-28 trimaran. The voyage from Libreville (Gabon) to the banks of the Amazon at Macapa, Brazil took a record 19 days, with speeds reaching over 20 knts at times. Upon arrival Mike said, "I'm more than satisfied - the boat and all the technical equipment ran very well even during the most difficult moments."

Mike then walked across South America, rejoined his F-28 in Ecuador, and completed the long 8,685 mile Pacific leg in 67 days without problems. The Indian Ocean crossing was the most difficult ocean segment. Mike then walked across Africa to Gabon to complete the circumnavigation at the equator without any motorized transport - the first person to ever do this. www.mikehorn.com

2002 - The largest gathering for a Nationals ever takes place with 75 boats at Fort Walton Beach, FL. Introduction of the Corsair 2200 (Power Cat)

2003 - Introduction of the C36

2005 - The first Corsair Sprint 750 was sold into Thailand to Henry Kaye.

2006 - The company relocates headquarters and production facilities from San Diego, California to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Phil Day was given the first Sprint 750 to skipper in Phuket and ended up winning the Performance Multihull Division. There was a huge amount of press coverage from Thailand and Australia as the smallest boat in the fleet with the only other multihull being the 50 racing catamaran 'Atmosphere' from Hong Kong.

2007 - A full circumnavigation of the Arctic Circle and North West Passage is completed aboard a C31. Two transatlantic F27 passages and a few 31s take place. Several Corsairs (27s, 31s, 36s, and 37s) sail to Bermuda from the North American east coast.

2008 - Introduction of the Dash 750.

Introduction of the C37 with the build of 'Zuka'.

Carbon C37 'Silver Chiller' is the most expensive and high tech boat to date in the Corsair range and well campaigned during events such as the Middle Sea Race.

2010 - Introduction of the Sprint MKII with a completely new deck arrangement, new floats and a new bow shape from her predecessor. Caters to the weekend racer.

Corsair Marine is purchased by Richard Ward, owner of Seawind Catamarans, Australia's most prolific and successful designer and builder of performance cruising sail catamarans. Production of Australia's most successful multihull, the Seawind 1000, moves to the Corsair factory bringing with it a new team of experienced shipwrights and tradesmen.

2012 - Introduction of the Dash MKII making her debut in Dusseldorf with overwhelming success featuring a new interior layout incorporating a liner and more ergonomic living area, a new deck shape and redesigned pop-top. Sailing enjoyment evolves to the next level. "20 year old Corsair designs were competing on the same course with brand new designs, Corsairs were invited to Sailing World NOODS in 2010, 2011 and 2012 preceding the America's Cup racing in 2013." - Richard Allen <http://www.sailingworld.com/racing/corsair-24-multiplying-bay>

2013 - Introduction of the Corsair Cruze 970.

The Corsair Owner's Community ramps up digital communication to an even larger global audience <http://sail.corsairmarine.com/> and take advantage of social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Pinterest.

Successful transition of Seawind catamaran production from Australia to Vietnam with the Seawind 1000XL2, Seawind 1160 and Seawind 1250 development now fully established at the Corsair Marine factory. Building the 35' to 41' catamarans strengthens production capabilities of Corsair Marine, sharing technologies, management and resources across the two brands.

2014 - More than 2,000 trimarans have been built worldwide. Corsair Marine is continuously innovating new designs and construction methods. Our trimarans are manufactured by hand using high tech composite construction techniques including resin infusion and vacuum bagging. The Corsair brand continues its policy of constant improvement to further strengthen the high standards of quality and design for which our trimarans have always been associated. Celebrating 30 years of fun, superior quality and performance combined with its uniquely designed versatility. With great partners along the way..DIAB, North Sails, Harken, Midway Metals, Allyacht Spars we look forward to the next 30 years.

The next 30 years - The combined entities of Corsair Marine International and Seawind Catamarans employ more than 220 incredibly skilled and dedicated staff with both yacht brands manufacturing in the continuously growing facility headquarters of Southern Vietnam.

The continuous work of the dealer network is that the products are simply better than they have ever been. Following eight years of Vietnamese training and successful production, the Corsair manufacturing team is very well developed and ready to embrace the next 30 years with exciting projects for release in 2015.

"Transit of Venus" - C37

'Silver Chiller' C37 Carbon