

# Ron Given's infused with



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**W**EIGHING IN AT A spritely five tonne in the West Australian corner is the first of New Zealand naval architect Ron Given's 11m resin infused and outboard powered production catamarans. With 40kt + performance the new GT11 is going to turn a lot of heads in its wake.

Australian agent, Chris Higham, has teamed up with New Zealander and former America's Cup sailor Mark Price to build the cats at Seafest Marine in Henderson south of Fremantle. Western Australia boasts some pretty unforgiving ocean conditions and the GT11 is no light and fluffy cat. Ron Given's

renowned attention to the safety of his designs saw the already successful T11 design get re-engineered for full resin infusion production capacity. The work has shaved over 25% off the vessel's weight whilst adding considerable strength and rigidity to the end product. Seafest has used Nupol for composites and EMP for the laminate engineering, ensuring the technical specifications required for the construction match Ron Given's core expectations for safe boating.

Construction is by the vacuum infusion method which delivers a far superior fibre to resin ratio and results in a stronger, lighter and more durable product compared to traditional fibreglass production techniques. What's

more, they are far more environmentally clean and with the soaring cost of fuel they're ideal for the new-age large economic and efficient outboard engines.

Ever asked yourself why you don't seem to see any big outboard powered pleasure boats, well the reason is because they only work when on highly efficient planing catamaran hulls and then only if the vessel is not too heavy. Try finding an 11m three cabin flybridge pleasure boat doing 40kts and weighing only five tonne and you will soon see why Ron Given's GT11 is so unique. Getting up on the plane at 12kts and cruising at 22kts while using only two litres per nautical mile is not normally the kind of statistics linked to a vessel of this

size. Chris has run the calculator over the vessels running costs and can demonstrate that the outboard powered option is approximately 25% cheaper to run than the inboard version, whilst also being considerably faster at wide open throttle.

With stylish lines and a luxury finish the GT11 has managed to tick off all the boating boxes in one design. With lots of accommodation and party room, mixed in with great fishing and cruising space, together with uncompromising safety and economy of performance, the GT11 leaves little for the family to contemplate but the holidays.

Coming in at \$600,000-\$800,000 depending on layouts and options there is a lot of boat packed into a very reasonable price.

The first GT11 was unveiled at the Mandurah Boat Show in October is now completing sea trials.

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*Elegant. Efficient. Innovation.*

- Lightweight resin infusion technology
- 40kn+ performance
- World class open ocean capability
- Economical cruising at 22 Kt's for only 2 Litres/NM
- Outboard or inboard power option

- Optional 3 cabin layout and dual station
- Flybridge and sedan options
- Fits into a standard 12m marina berth
- Production built in Western Australia
- Roomy 4.6m beam
- 700mm draft

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