

THE SNAPSHOT

The Monthly Newsletter of Project Torpedalo

“Only by setting distant and difficult goals do we truly succeed.”

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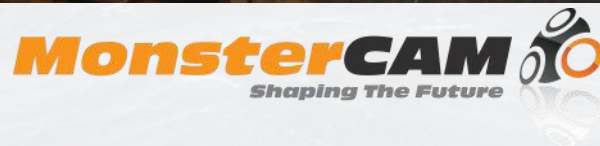
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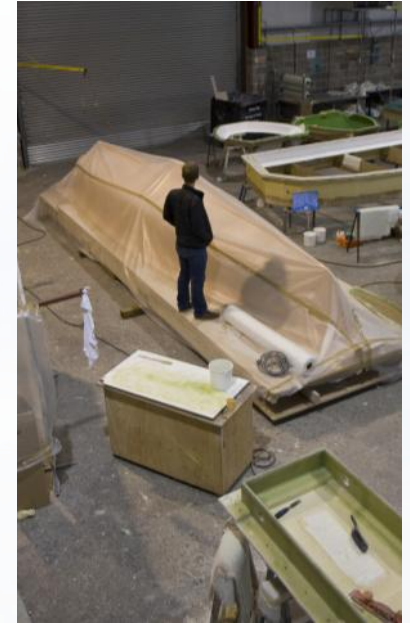
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BOAT MANUFACTURING GATHERS PACE

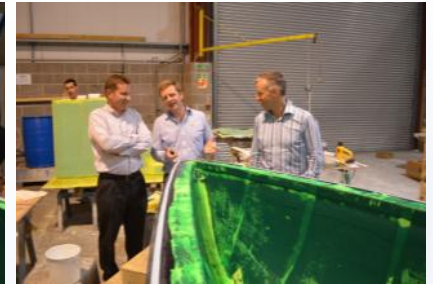
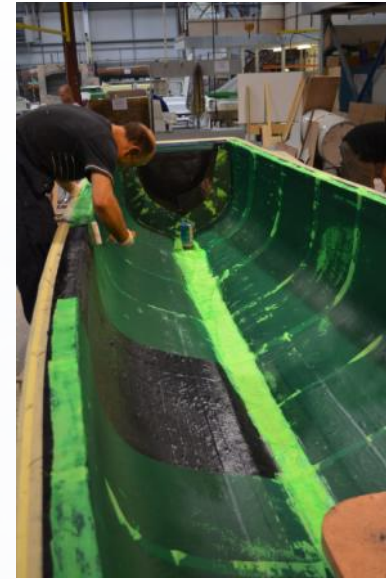
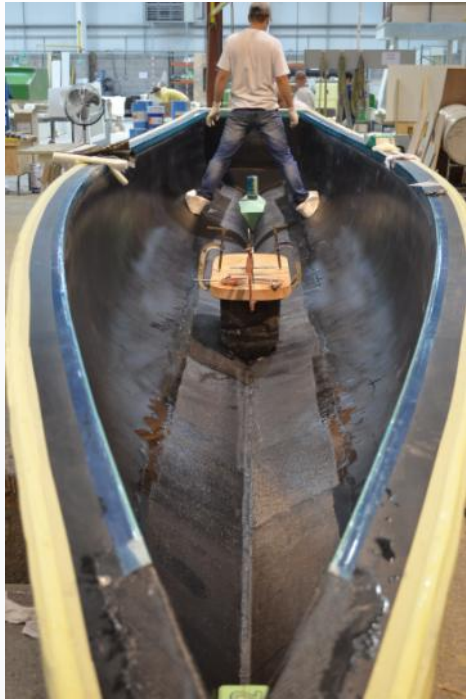
They say a picture speaks a thousand words...so this month's Snapshot is almost entirely pictorial! Assembled here is a montage of photos from the last few weeks that tell the story of the boat build so far. Firstly, the six images below show the development of the boat mould tools at Curvature Group and MonsterCAM, supported by John Burn and Latham's.





Once the mould tools had been delivered to Norco GRP in Poole, the team there set about using the tools to create the female moulds, in which the boat itself would be shaped. Norco had already begun to make the internal bulkheads and solar panel trays (one of which Mark is holding in the photo above). Once cured, the fibreglass female moulds were removed from the moulds tools and prepared for the start of carbon layup. In the lower right-hand photo, the mould for the drive-leg mount tube is being positioned in the hull mould.

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As soon as the moulds were finished, the team at Norco started layup of the hull straight away. Hexcel, Sika and Gurit are supporting this stage of the build through the supply of significant quantities of carbon fibre, epoxy resins and core foam respectively. We're told that the technicians at Norco are so excited about building the boat that they've been voluntarily working during their lunch breaks - how's that for commitment! At the time of writing this newsletter, the outer skin of the hull of the boat is complete and cured!



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Live Events Update

Cholmondeley Pageant of Power a huge success

Over the three days of 15th-17th July, Project Torpedalo joined forces with our new friends at C6(n) to exhibit both the project and their incredible new carbon fibre exhibition and hospitality structure at the Cholmondeley Pageant of Power. The "Goodwood of the North" attracted over 50,000 visitors this year, with thousands coming to see the "Torpedalo Tower" and to learn about Torpedalo, buy champagne and donate money to our charities. C6(n) gave us complete use of their phenomenal two-storey structure, built entirely from carbon fibre and made by Norco GRP, our boat-builder. C6(n) ran champagne bars on both floors, which combined with the unique perspective granted by the second storey drew the crowds in from the notoriously difficult British weather. Cholmondeley was the first time that C6(n)'s revolutionary new structure was used in public, and the reaction was understandably fantastic.

The ground floor featured our recumbent pedalling rig, so visitors could experience what our shifts will be like, along with sponsor materials, video montages, a large model of the boat we'd converted in to a donation box and two display tables full of sponsor kit. Upstairs, we displayed the beautiful scale model made for us by Curvature Group, which proved to be a central talking point to visitors of all ages. We also ran a raffle for an extensive tool kit provided to us by Buck & Hickman, which itself raised several hundred pounds for the charities. Despite miserable weather on the Sunday, the Tower was vibrantly busy on all three days and the whole event was hugely enjoyable for the team. We were even joined by Olympic Individual Pursuit gold medallist Rebecca Romero! Summary photos and a short video are available on the Torpedalo website, Flickr, Facebook and YouTube.

Mark, Mike and rest of the Torpedalo team would like to extend their sincerest thanks and gratitude to Charlie, Michael and Tori Hall for being such fantastic supporters of the project and for letting us enjoy their incredible structure. We'd also like to thank James Kelly from Corps Security for providing three fine commissionaires; our three beautiful barmaids - India Srih, Kirstie Lane and Alice Wilmott, and the tireless C6(n) build team. What a weekend we had together!



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First and foremost, Project Torpedalo is fundraising project for two amazing charities - the Motor Neurone Disease Association and Make-A-Wish Foundation® UK. Please help us raise as much money as possible by clicking on the button to the right and donating. The donation system is provided by Barclaycard and is 100% secure, so you can give with confidence. Thanks to our amazing corporate sponsors, every single penny donated by the public will go to our charities. Please help!



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We'd love to hear from you

If you'd like to know more about the project, think you might be able to help or know someone that can, please do get in touch!

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