

The Marine Society & Sea Cadets

TRINITY 500 PROJECT- UPDATE

This is an update to CSC's SITREP on the T&A website in March.

The total number of boats ordered by Units etc to date, is now 208. Of these, 192 have been ordered from the factory, and the others will be ordered later this week.

Of the boats already ordered by Units, 114 are being sold at half price, with the other half of the cost funded from Sir Donald Gosling's generous donation. There remain therefore, another 46 boats which can be offered at half price. 2 of the Area allocations of half price boats mentioned in the last SITREP have not yet been fully taken up. At the time of writing, N, and NW Areas have not taken up their full allocations, which, if not taken up by the end of April, will be made available to any Unit from any Area. Even when all the Area allocations have been fully taken up, there are still another 40 boats available at half price which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. So keep your orders coming in as there are savings to be had.

The factory has ordered the fittings for the first 192 boats. Delays in meeting this order are causing a delay in the start of production. At present the factory estimate that they will be able to begin the production run in mid April. They think they will produce about 10 boats in the first week, a number which they expect to rise quite rapidly to about 35 boats a week.

When the factory can give a better forecast of actual delivery dates, MSSCHQ will pass this information on to those of you who have ordered boats.

We still await a decision from the Ministry of Defence about the specific use of the Trinity 500 in some areas based on its operating constraints, but this delay is understood to be due to pressure of other business rather than to any reluctance to agree to the proposal. The deadline of the offer to allow coastal Units to cancel their orders without losing their deposits is extended until the end of April.

New orders from Units continue to come in steadily. If you are thinking of ordering a boat, and want to get it at only £1,250, get your order and cheque in to MSSCHQ as soon as you can.

