



TRINITY 500 UPDATE

To date 276 boats have been ordered and it's expected these will be delivered over the next 4 months. The money donated to pay half the cost of District and Unit boats has now been spent. All Areas have their initial load of 6 boats, and the factory is producing 15 a week. The boats have been used successfully in Eastern Area Regatta and Juniors Regatta. They will be used in the National Combined Regatta this year.

Districts or Units wanting to buy additional boats should place orders with SOO at MSSCHQ by the end of September, this is when the initial batch order will be completed. Orders received after this date will be processed in batches of 20 or more only.

Teething problems with the early boats are to be expected with a new class and enable us to make improvements for future orders. The metal rowlocks issue is temporarily solved by supplying plastic rowlocks. The manufacturer of the metal rowlocks is working hard to provide a reliable product. Metal rowlocks will be provided for all boats, including those initially supplied with plastic rowlocks, as soon as they are available.

Trinity 500 accessories:

A cover is available from Rain and Sun (www.rainandsun.co.uk. Tel 023 8034 8854) at £92.50 inc delivery, ex VAT.

A road base to take the boat on its launching trolley is available from Mersea Trailers (<http://freespace.virgin.net/trailer.sales/>, tel: 0870 90 99 88 7. Fax: 0870 90 99 88 6) Please contact the company for current prices.

Feed Back Wanted!;

We are keen to hear your feedback on using the boat, either material improvements needed, or user tips, particularly where it requires different technique from an ASC. Improvements can be made to the design and equipment of the boat where needed, and it is planned to produce an Instructors' Guide booklet for the boat, to amplify the content of the Owners' Manual. Please email any feedback to SOO (pbalfour@ms-sc.org)"

SAFETY NOTE

The Trinity 500 Owners Manual is an important safety document, and must be read before instructing cadets in the Trinity 500.

A copy will have been distributed with each boat. A number of safety points raised by Units who have received their Trinity 500s indicate that the instructors have not read the boat's Owners Manual. The latest version of the Manual, including safety advice, is in the Guides & Manuals section of the Training & Admin website. Please make sure you have read and are familiar with the Trinity 500 Owners manual before commencing any use of the boat.

Hard copies of the manual may be obtained from MSSCHQ, email: pbalfour@ms-sc.org.