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2007 Hatteras 60 GT



Hatterascal's 2007 Debut

The cargo net was spun up into the new, untested, vacuum-bagged infrastructure with its massive, counter-rotating Caterpillar engines. It filled one of the specially designed tunnel chamber and brought Hatterascal to a loud and stunning stop. But there were two important things the cargo net did not do.

When speed matters, Mother Ocean interferes. These are the kinds of things you can never anticipate, like hitting an iceberg on your maiden voyage, or shearing off a stabilizer fin on an unseen submerged cable.

Sport yachts built to exceed the threshold of 40 knots are special in many ways. Some are straked to enhance their lift out of the water, and impossible to enjoy at rest in any quirky sea. Still others trade deadrise for beam shape and small factors of weight and trim. Those are usually the sport-fishing sport yachts. The best are from the Carolinas.

This boat was built to carry the mail at 40-plus—and she would have done it had she not encountered an underwater obstacle in the form of a large, drifting cargo net. With counter-rotating props, the net challenged all the dynamics of boat-building by catching one of the spinning props. What happened—the obvious? Not on this Hat. Read on.

