

It's a small world...

USA

Over 100 fishing boats, skiffs and kayaks came together in Alaska to raise awareness of the rising levels of ocean acidification. The boats stayed on the water until the tidal situation was perfect so they could spell out their 'SOS' message.

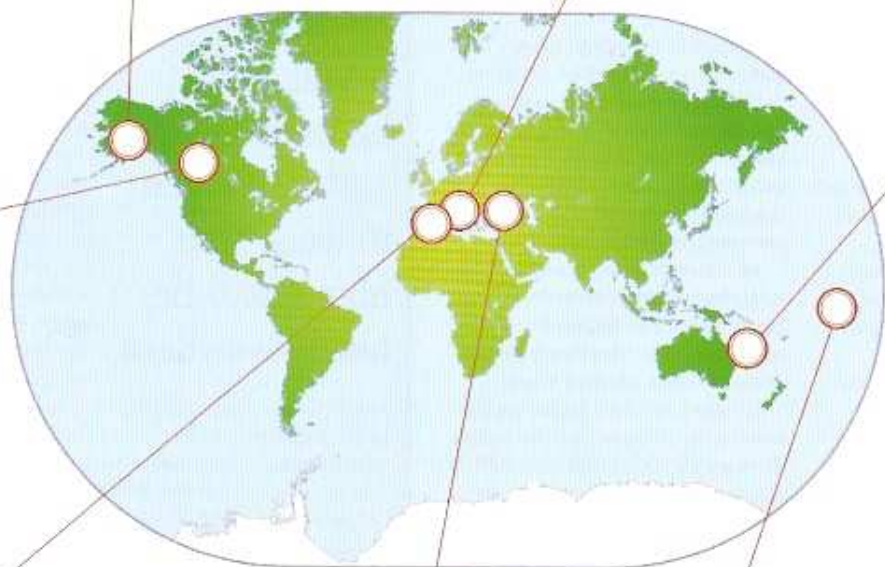


Italy

Legendary Italian car tuning firm, Abarth, have joined forces with Sacs Marine to build a RIB. The iconic Abarth colouring is splashed all over the boat. The mouth matches the trousers too; triple 350hp Yamaha outboards should be good for a 62-knot top speed.

Canada

Boat operator cards are now compulsory in Canada but could the scheme head to the UK? In Canada there is a 36-question online examination for which the pass rate is 75%. People who use their boat without a card could face a fine of up to \$250 from the authorities.



Australia

A wreck hunter captures a photo of the Red Cross symbol on the sunken hospital ship *Centaur*. This is the first footage of the ship since it was torpedoed off the Queensland coast in 1943, killing 268 people.

Mediterranean

Pearl Motor Yachts are expanding their Med-based dealerships. RnB Marine Sales are the new broker at their base in Puerto Banus Marina on the Costa Del Sol. From here they can serve Andalucía, Gibraltar and Morocco. Pearl MD Iain Smalridge says: "I'm delighted to announce our partnership with RnB. They are firmly established and have an outstanding reputation."



Pacific Ocean

A modified Sunreef 70 power catamaran located on the island of Raiatea in Polynesia is now available for charter. The owner has been featured in the *MBY* before (June 2009) thanks to his plans to cruise the world with his family on board the cat, which has a 20,000nm range. But the family have now settled on the island for the foreseeable future and are offering their incredible boat, *Jambo*, as a charter vessel. You can follow the story of their cruise so far at www.sunreef-yachts.com.

Black Sea

The Turkish bulk carrier *MAG-1* is seen half sunk after being blown ashore by a storm. The ship finally grounded near Sukhumi, capital of the breakaway Georgian region of Abkhazia.



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