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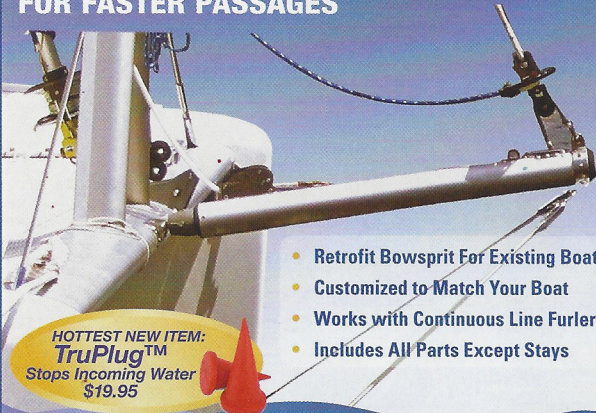


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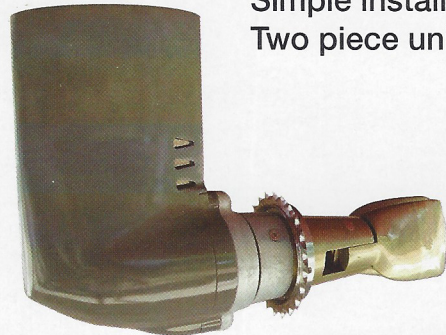
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Aquidneck Custom Composites in Bristol, RI has earned a reputation for building high-quality custom yachts that perform admirably under sail and power. Included in the company's list of boats are several Chris White-designed Atlantic cruising cats, which are high-end performance cruising machines with exotic hull laminations and finely finished interiors.

So, when a customer came to ACC's president Bill (Billzo) Koffler looking for a new cruising trimaran, he knew he would be getting a unique custom creation that would also be extremely light and very fast. Koffler turned to yacht designer David Walworth for the design, and the eggs for what would become *Three Little Birds* were laid, so to speak.

Last fall, the 33-foot trimaran



was launched. Branded the PT-11 and christened *Three Little Birds* after the Bob Marley song ("Don't worry about a thing, 'cause every little thing gonna be all right"), the snappy-looking tri cut a fine figure on her lines and the owner and ACC crew got to see just what they had created.

Twenty knots is a lot of speed in

any sailboat—in a 33-foot cruising boat, 20 knots is downright rare. But *Three Little Birds* can do that and more when the breeze is up and her skipper is game enough to let 'er rip. And she can do it at about 5 degrees of heel, max.

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compartment with a shower and an inboard diesel engine. But that's what the PT-11 offers her crew. You're not camping—you're cruising in comfort...albeit at 20 knots.

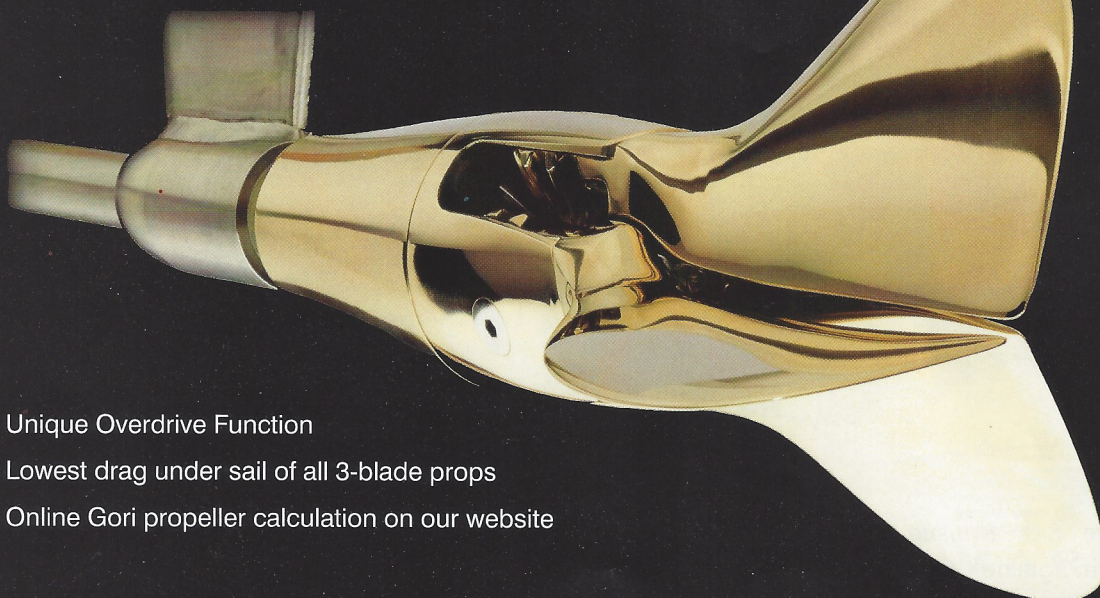
The boat Koffler and Walworth

created is exotic in all ways. Her hulls are extremely light, her daggerboard is deep, her rig is huge and her composite construction is state-of-the-art. A PT-11 is not a cookie-cutter boat; it is a floating Ferrari for

the sailor who knows what he wants and has the ability to get it.

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