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### **RS Sailing unveils the RS CAT12: A dynamic multihull bringing simplicity back to CAT sailing**

Simple, fun and zippy, the RS CAT12 brings buoyancy and easy handling to the catamaran sailing world. This latest design from RS Sailing bursts onto the scene as the peppy younger sibling of the RS CAT16 and RS CAT14, filling a gap in the market for training centres, schools, hire operators and families who want a simpler induction to CAT sailing.

“We are excited to introduce the RS CAT12 in the RS Sailing range,” says RS Marine Group’s Co-CEO Jon Partridge. “Over the last few years, we’ve seen a steady growth in our catamaran sales and we believe the new RS CAT12 will support that growth even further.”

#### **What’s new?**

This little pocket rocket maintains many of its older siblings’ trademark characteristics, adds some innovative features, all the while stripping back to the basics – so beginners can start their sailing journey with confidence.

The simplified design includes a furling jib, reefing mainsail and mast head float, keeping safety at the forefront while learning to sail. Front grab handles and kick-up rudders make launching and returning to shore as easy as possible, and the whole boat can be lifted via the RS-patented hull gully.

Strong and durable, the hull itself is very robust, made from rotomolded PE1. For extra versatility, bow fenders safeguard against accidental bumps and scratches. “But these aren’t just your average bow fenders,” RS Marine Group Co-CEO Alex Newton Southon explains. “The built-in, detachable and replaceable design – which sees the fenders snap-in to the overall shape of the hull – is a unique innovation on the RS CAT12.”

As for comfort, the self-draining design has concave seating on the hull, as well as the trampoline seating area, which allows for up to three crew. “The RS CAT12 has been designed with joy and adventure in mind” says RS Marine Group’s Commercial Director, Michiel Geerling.



“Yes, this chipper CAT can be used for introductory training and taster sessions, but it’s also for those moments where kids can play, jump-off, swim and explore.”

Optional extras include a single trapeze – a great way for novices to get comfortable on the wire and push performance at a fun and exciting pace.

Nico Honor, Founder of RS Sailing France, took the RS CAT12 out on its inaugural product launch test sail in Port de Morgat, France last week. “It was a great first sailing session to test the waters. The RS CAT12 is a cheerful catamaran to sail. The hull shows nice buoyancy, the fittings and tuning feels right, and it's super easy to set-up and rig. Steering is smooth and responsive, the boat is both performing and forgiving, which will give sailors a nice first approach to the sport.”

Liam Willis, Technical Assistant at RS Marine Group, was part of the UK sea trials. “It certainly is zippy, super lightweight and fun. It was very quick to assemble too; easy to pop on the roof and drive down to the coast. Virtually maintenance free, I can see this being a great hit with training centres.”

Ideal for beginners or young families wanting to adventure on the water, the RS CAT12 completes the versatile RS CAT trilogy for all-performance catamarans, a bright-eyed addition to entry-level sailing. Want to see one in action? The RS CAT12 will be on display at La Rochelle Boat Show, from Tuesday 1st October to Sunday 6th October at Grand Pavois Beach, France. Alternatively get in touch with your local dealer to find out more.

For a full overview of all the boats in the RS Sailing range, visit [www.rssailing.com](http://www.rssailing.com).

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

- Within the RS Marine Group, RS Sailing is internationally renowned for producing durable, award winning, and fun sailing dinghies. RS Electric Boats works towards reducing emissions from chase boats. The Pulse 63 is 100% electric, uses emissions-free propulsion, and is made using sustainable materials. Cheetah Marine and RS Electric Boats joined forces in 2022 to develop a new generation of electric workboats. The companies are working together to accelerate the evolution of dependable electric boats for commercial, and leisure use. Ocean Play is a collaboration between RS Marine Group and Jo Richards to manufacture Picos, Bugs, Bahias and



Vagos. As well as manufacturing to Richards' original design, Ocean Play offers worldwide customer services for all four boats.

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- Cheetah Marine launched its first catamaran in 1990. Designed by founder Sean Strevens, who was then a commercial fisherman, it was made to handle rough seas and beach safely in surf. Since then, the company has built over 600 catamarans for commercial seamen, fisherman, divers, patrol personnel, hydrographic surveyors, expedition skippers and more.  
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- RS Electric Boats' parent brand, RS Sailing is internationally renowned for producing durable, award winning, and fun sailing dinghies. RS Electric Boats was born from the company's desire to reduce emission from chase boats. Production facilities for its Pulse 63 – a RIB with fully integrated electric hard drive – has recently moved to the Hamble. The Pulse 63 is 100% electric, uses emissions-free propulsion, and is made using sustainable materials.  
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