



MAKING TIME

JIGS IN THE YEAR 2001

What if you could *make* time...? Better yet if someone else would *make* it for you. Well a wise choice to start *making* time is to stop *wasting* it. The average custom sportfishing boat between 50' and 70' takes a year or two to complete, so saving a couple of hours isn't what I'm talking about here. No, I'm talking about big time... a couple of weeks maybe months. Multiply that by a few people and that's a lot of time to be saved. (cha-ching!)

There's a new way of doing an old thing that can save time on almost every part of a custom sportfish's construction. Boats have been built on some sort of frames or jig since the beginning of biblical history, but with modern computer horsepower and some practical inventing a super accurate jig that improves the overall boat is not much harder to acquire than a rental car. Since this technology has been proven with builders like Briggs, Spencer and Garlington it could be said that anything less efficient would be *wasting* time.

Given the basic perimeters for a hull or other parts, 3D-computer models are being built for many custom builders to check and improve every detail in the design. The parts are viewed by the owner, builder and designer either as a blueprint, e-mail file or animation on VHS-tape. When the hull or part design is approved, a jig is designed to work the way the builder is accustomed with a few major improvements... it only takes a couple of days to set it up and be ready for molding materials. Every detail is included. And last, but not least... these modern jigs are incredibly accurate so they cut the time to fare and finish parts when they're done.

This type of technology, used practically, is sure to continually improve custom boats and the time it takes to build them. You might want to ask your builder if they're familiar with this technology.

You could use some of that saved time to go fishing.