**Norfolk fishermen takes delivery of 2nd Cheetah after 15 years.**

After 15 years of fishing 9m ‘Laura Ann’ from the beach at Cromer, John Davies decided to upgrade to a 10m. The Davies family have been fishing commercially from Cromer for over 8 generations. After fishing two boats for both inshore and offshore fisheries John decided to try and find a boat which would cater for both fisheries.

In 1995, 9m ‘Laura Ann’ was delivered. She was a larger, faster boat designed to work from the beach whilst still achieving greater distances in rougher conditions. In 2010, the boys were back. This time after an upgrade which would see them through the next 15 years. John and Steve collected the new 10m in March, setting off at 4am and arriving in Lowestoft 12 hours later. “We met some heavy seas off Dungeness which had no effect on the boat at all. She is just superb and we look forward to working her from Cromer”

**Goldfish arrives in Brixham**

A similar 10m Cheetah was also delivered to Brixham earlier this year. Again for commercial rod and lining, ‘Goldfish’ is an upgrade from ‘Dartangler’ a 9.95m Cheetah built some five years ago and is operated by a group of commercial anglers. As well as being a substantial dayboat, ‘Goldfish’ can be used for extended trips to the Channel Islands and French Coast.

The new owner is German hotelier and fisherman Eddy Stoll. Like all Cheetah customers Eddy’s criteria was very specific whilst multipurpose. In this case not only was the boat to be the ideal fishing boat to work in the Baltic Sea but also to take hotel guests out to catch their own dinners. After initial contact with Cheetah Marine, Eddy visited Cheetah’s workshops and spoke to existing Cheetah owners. He was very much impressed by Geoff Blake’s 9.95m Cheetah which Geoff had worked from the surf beach at Ventnor for many years before the harbour was built. For the full delivery story visit the recent news section on the Cheetah website www.cheetahmarine.co.uk

**Epic 800 mile delivery: 5 countries in 5 days**

This year saw the longest Cheetah delivery by sea. The journey to the Polish - German border took five days covering 800 miles. To stave off the onset of scurvy and dehydration, Sean, Eddy and crew were obliged to make four overnight stops to savour the delicacies of four different countries along the way.

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**Cheetah embraces social media**

Following the fine examples set by our friends Geoff Holt and IT Consultant Carl Crawley, Cheetah Marine is ‘attempting’ to tweet, facebook, poke, basically all things ‘techie’

Also remember we regularly update our website with News, Deliveries and Events so keep checking our ever changing homepage. We have also added a video section which features the infamous ‘Drop Test’ and other old favs alongside clips of new launches and seatrials. Remember we love your photos and we love your feedback so send all to me at lucy@cheetahmarine.co.uk

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Scaling the Cheetah Range: Three Cheetah’s for Scottish fishermen Robert Wallace.

Robert Wallace is based at Macduff on Scotland’s north east coast. He has been fishing for 35 years and started creeling in 2002 fishing up to 5 miles offshore. Since 2005, he has worked his way through three Cheetahs, buying, fitting them out himself and selling them on.

Robert comments:

On fuel consumption
- Fuel consumption is very good, burning about 15 litres per engine at 3800 rpm achieving 16 knots on a 16/17 mile round trip hauling 140 creels along the Moray Firth on the NE coast of Scotland. The fuel consumption is one of the big pluses owning a Cheetah, the hulls really are fuel efficient.

On resale:
- I didn’t buy the boats with the view of upgrading but on seeing the good resale value of the Cheetahs I was tempted to try and sell the first 6.9m. I had no problem selling and could have sold it a few times over. I also had the same experience with the 7.9m one.

On the next project:
- As far as the future, who knows! I would certainly have no hesitation on buying another Cheetah as they are great boats built by a good company with an excellent reputation for producing first class vessels.