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First production FastCat 435 Vector-K beats speed prognosis!

New launched FastCat 435 Vector-K was test sailed in Durban S.A.

African Cats BV announces today that her recently launched sailing production catamaran FastCat 435 Vector-K has been tested with amazing results on performance. Last week CEO Gideon Goudsmit was in Durban South Africa to do the first sailing tests.

The first production FastCat 435 has beaten the speed prognoses made by the well-known catamaran designer Angelo Lavranos. The results of **'African Love'** production FastCat 435 Vector-K were above expectations. Although she sailed only with main and jib while the prognosis was made with main, genoa or asymmetrical.



| App. Wind In degrees | True wind In knots | Boat speed In knots Main and jib | Prognosis boat speed in knots on flat water Main and genoa | Conditions |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|-----------------|
| 50° | 10 | 7.4 | 6.84 | Flat water |
| 120° | 10 | 8.1 | 7.6 | Flat water |
| 120° | 15 | 12 | 10.625 | 1.5 metre waves |
| 120° | 20 | 14 | 14.66 | 1.5 metre waves |

During the maiden voyage (while the FastCat 435 prototype was loaded to the maximum weight) 9.100 nautical miles were sailed to reach Miami in 41 days. The top speed hit was 22.9 knots with 33 knots wind speed, reef 1 and a half opened Genoa on almost flat water.

On this trip the fastest day was good for 371 nm in 24 hours and the slowest day was still a respectable 140 nm. The average speed for the whole trip was almost 10 knots (9.85). And this was only our prototype.

If you have become curious about the sailing performance of the FastCat 435 Vector-K, please feel free to contact African Cats for a test sail arrangement in European waters (North Sea) or near Durban in South African waters. African Cats will be pleased to welcome you aboard **'African Innovation'** or **'African Love'**!



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HR pictures available:
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