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# New Polish builder to launch first power catamaran

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## **Dracan Marine plans to launch exports to a number of foreign markets**

Polish builder Dracan Marine is finalising work on its first model, Dracan 42, a motor catamaran fitted with an outboard engine. The company aims to complete the boat in late June, and is already working on further models, according to a senior company representative.

Mikołaj Chłopek, the builder's management board member and PR manager, told *IBI* that the company is a newcomer to the Polish boat industry, as it was established last year, but its founders have tens of years of experience in the sector.



**The new Dracan 42**

“My father, Jarosław Chłopek, was the founder and long-time leader of one of the largest

distribution companies in the yachting industry in Poland which sells boats made by numerous international brands,” he said. “One day, he came up with an idea to develop a small, compact motor catamaran which would host an outboard engine. He teamed up with Piotr Jasionowski, who is now our company’s president, and prior to this, he was the president of established Polish builder Ostróda Yacht.”

Dracan Marine’s first craft is to be rolled out this June. Its Polish premiere is to take place during the Polboat Yachting Festival, which is scheduled to take place this year between 18 and 21 July in Gdynia, on the country’s Baltic Sea Shore. Following this event, the builder intends to present the motor catamaran to a large international audience at this year’s Cannes Yachting Festival, between 10 and 15 September.

“Our concept relies on fitting this boat with an outboard engine, as an inboard engine would consume more space. Outboard engines are also easier to service, and by covering the engines with loungers, we will limit noise emission, and also enhance the craft’s esthetics,” according to Chłopek.

Under the plan, Dracan 42 will be offered to seafarers with a capacity ranging from 2 x 300 hp to 2 x 400 hp. The company has a partnership with Model Art shipyard in Ostróda, in Poland’s lake-rich region of Warmia-Masuria, where its boats will be built.

### **New variants, models to be rolled out**

“We will first introduce Dracan 42 in a Sport Top version. We are also planning a second variant, Hard Top, and the third version will be a Fly Top,” the company’s management board member said. “At the same time, we also intend to develop our range in the long-term with a further two models, one smaller boat, and one larger one.”

Asked about the builder’s potential interest in foreign markets, Chłopek replied that, similarly to numerous other Polish industry players, Dracan Marine will focus its efforts on securing customers abroad.

“We are mostly interested in exporting our boats to Europe’s Mediterranean markets, as well as the U.S., and also destinations such as the Bahamas,” the company’s management board member said. “We are currently holding talks with a number of dealers from various European countries and the U.S. In addition to these markets, we will sell our boats in Poland.”

Foreign sales are the main driver behind the expansion of Poland’s boat industry, as local builders rely on exports for an estimated 90 to 95 percent of their annual output, as shown by figures from local industry association Polboat. The Polish industry specialises in motor boats fitted with lengths ranging between 6m and 11m (20ft and 36ft).

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1 - Polish builder Dracan Marine is readying to roll out its first model, a motor catamaran fitted with an outboard engine. Image by Dracan Marine.