



## Great Barrier Express



AUCKLANDER Malcolm Tennant produced the prototype of the Great Barrier Express three years ago to evaluate its suitability for production. The boat is now being built in series, and plans and kits are available from Multihull Data.

The concept was for a very high-speed limited cruising catamaran. The 8.5m (27'9") hulls displace only 1077kg (2369lb) with 5m (16'5") beam and are powered by 34.4 sq m (370 sq ft) of sail. Hull sections are of the day-sailer semi-circular type and the boat is designed to be sailed extremely fast, hull flying on the wind. The boat was named after Great Barrier Island, one of the popular cruising objectives in Auckland's Hauraki Gulf, an extensive semi-protected cruising area.

GBE is easily demounted for trailing home for winter storage or maintenance work.

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