#### The Electric Launch Reimagined

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Introducing the all new eCraft 20



Clean

Quiet

Electric

#### History



Electric launch, circa 1897





Electric propulsion at Chicago World's Fair, 1893

Electric launch by Duffy Boats, 1970

#### **Modern Classics**



Current models from Elco Motor Yachts

## The Tesla Example



Tesla Motors: changing the public's attitude to electric vehicles

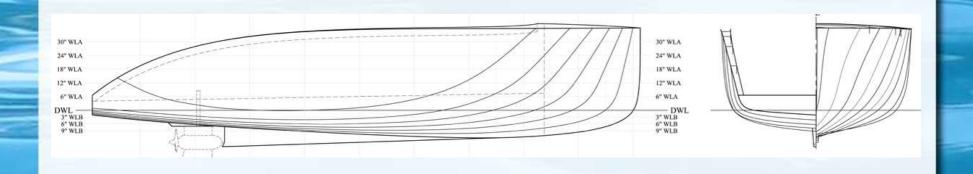
#### Design Objectives

- To develop a recreational launch
  - sightseeing
  - fishing
  - swimming
  - picnicking, cocktail cruise
- Easy and fun to operate
- Sufficient range for day's boating
- Comfortable interior
- Showcase current technology



#### Opportunities for Design Improvements

- Hull Shape
- Storage Batteries
- Electric Motor
- Speed Control
- Steering
- Recharging



#### **Battery Options**



#### **Propulsion Motor**



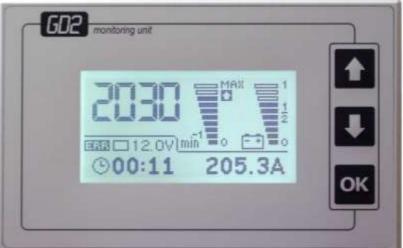
Vintage motor



Pod drive with 48V, 6.5kW, permanent magnet synchronous motor

#### **Motor Controller**





Battery management display

Solid state motor controller

## Steering control



Steering processor

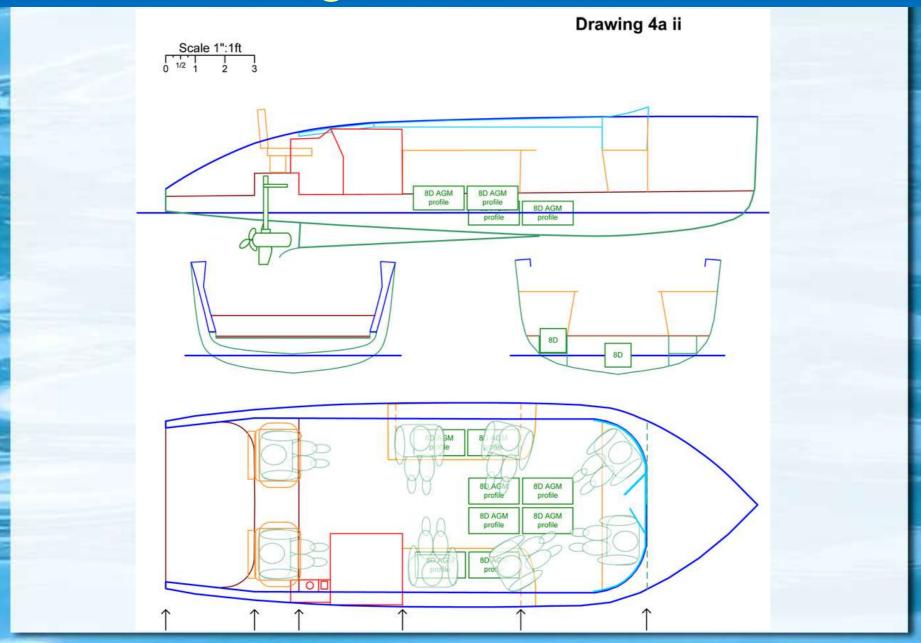


Rotating pod and skeg

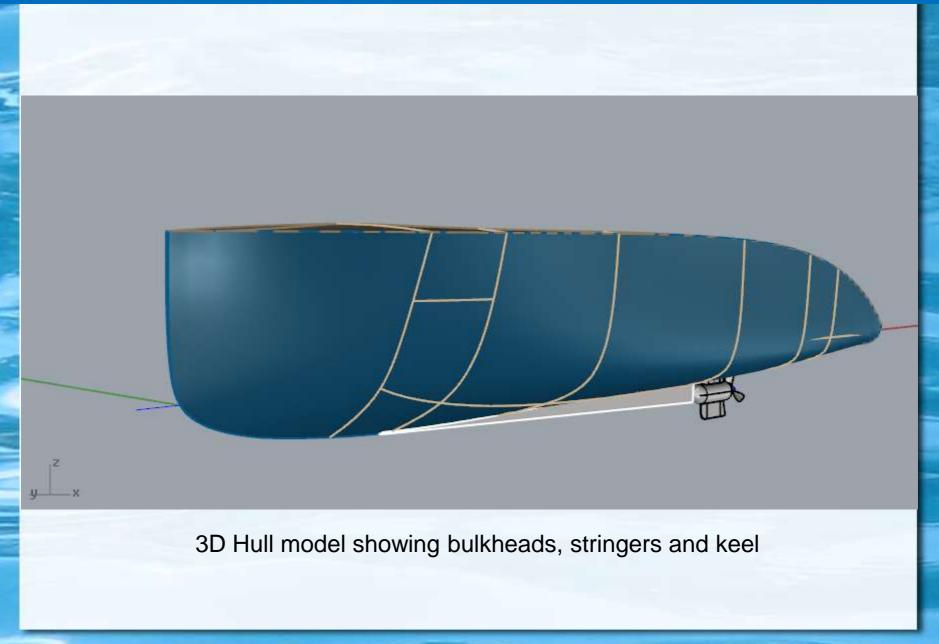


Joystick for throttle and steering

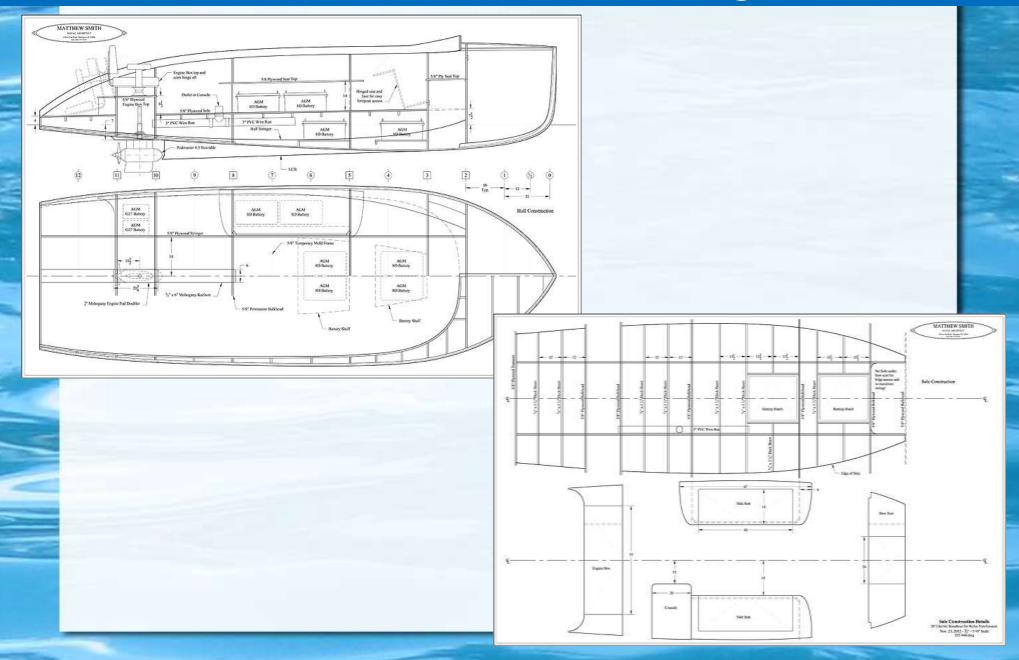
## Design - First Sketch



# Design – Hull Forming



#### **Construction Drawings**



#### Construction

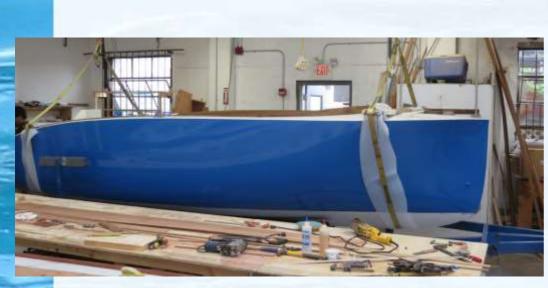








# Fitting Out









# Underway

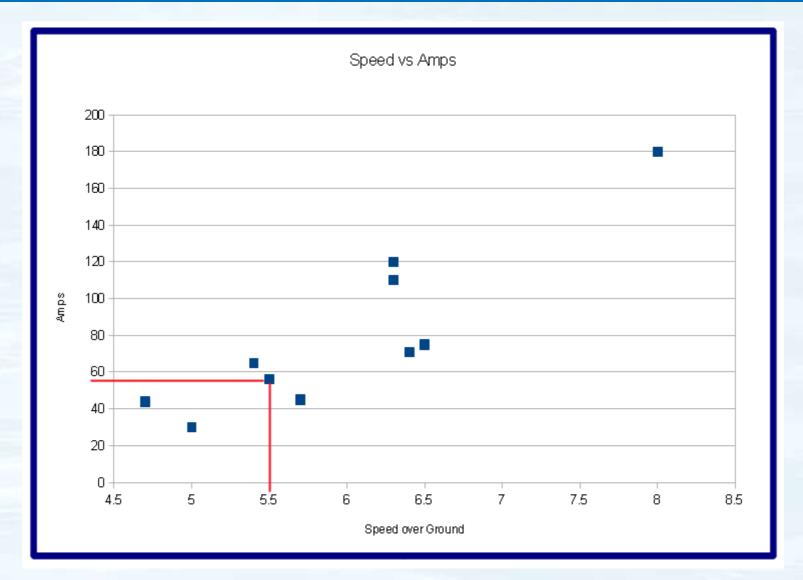






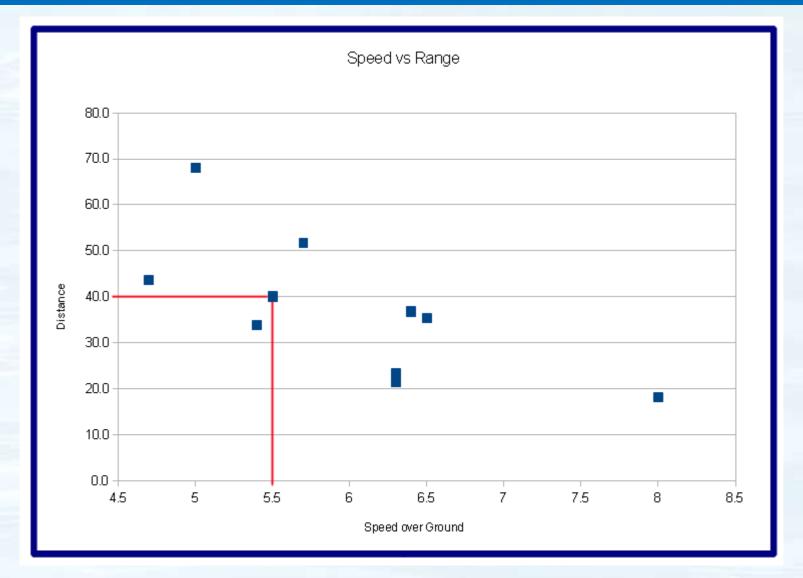


#### **Motor Power**



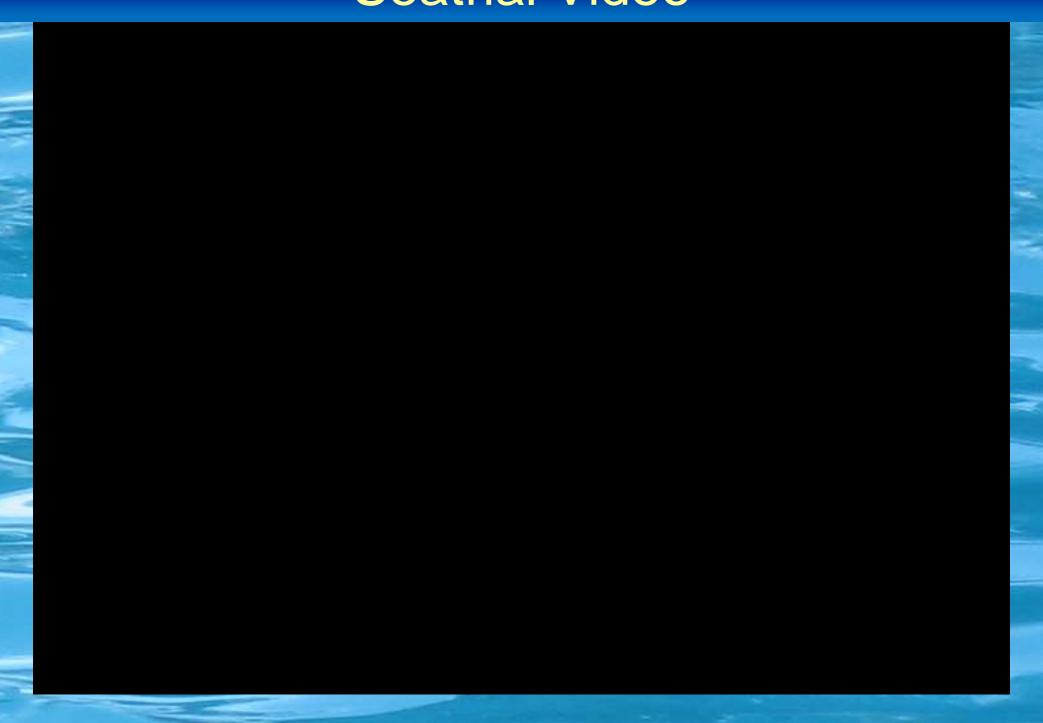
A speed of 5.5 knots requires approximately 55 Amps

#### **Battery Duration**



At 5.5 knots the batteries provide a range of 40 nautical miles

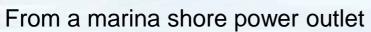
#### Seatrial Video



#### **Battery Recharging**



From any 115V, 15A receptacle





### Further Development Opportunities

#### Solar Charging

- On board
- Dockside
- ■Yacht Club launch, hotel ferry
- Dual pod drive with auto positioning
- Inductive charging dockside
- Hydrogen fuel cell





#### Conclusion



#### Questions?

