

# Things are looking good for this innovative company

Since Aeronaut Automation started life as Aeronaut Sails, it's natural the company should have many customers in the marine industry. Many early plotter-cutters were bought by sail makers including what was for that time, the enormous 5 metre wide machine used to make the first D4 membrane sails. Aeronaut has become a dominant player in the sail making industry and has supplied almost all the machines being used around the world for this type of membrane sail production many of which span 10.5 metres and work on tables up to 45 metres long.

Aeronaut's presence in boating is not just limited to sails... Aeronaut customers manufacture everything from masts and spars and ferry seating to inflatable white water rafts and giant offshore RIBs. One of Aeronaut's more unusual customers, RMB in the UK manufactures racing skiffs. RMB have a particularly large vacuum table. At one end they cut sail cloth. In the middle they cut carbon fibre pre-preg and at the far end they cut and rout ply panels for the boat hulls.

Most industrial textiles are cut with rotary blades, but Aeronaut offers several other cutting



technologies from simple drag blade knives and oscillating blade tools to ultrasonic and laser cutters... Aeronaut even manufactures a combined laser and rotary blade cutter.

Aeronaut will be exhibiting at METS again this year. Last year they were lucky enough to share a stand with BSG - Sail Pack Sail Design Software, which is used by many sail lofts in conjunction with Aeronaut plotter cutters. This year they will be amongst the Australian contingent on stand 04.505

Automated cutting is used in many industries and Aeronaut are now focusing on the composite industries using carbon fibre and fibre glass. This will be good news for



fabricators using resin infusion based systems, where accurate cutting can save on materials, time and money. A number of systems have been supplied to the marine and aerospace industries, and these machines are used for production of yachting spars, hulls, rods and structural components world wide.

Things are looking good for this innovative company who specialise in tailoring their product to each customers requirements, while keeping up with constantly changing technology and challenges. More details Ph 612 9450 0800