

## SUMMARY OF REPORT

THE FAST ATTACK CRAFT TORPEDO BOATS LISTED ON YOUR FAX HAVE BEEN LOCATED AND A SUCCESSFUL INQUIRY MADE.

Manufacturer: . . . . . Batservice shipyard in mandal  
Owner: . . . . . The Norwegian Navy  
Seller: . . . . . Halden Marine A/S  
Method of sale: . . . . . Submission of closed bids

Condition: . . . . . All Military Equipments in the  
boats for sale are removed.  
(guns, canons, torpedos etc. but tubes remain)

Information about the sale of the boats will be published in a Norwegian marketing journal. Call for closed bids will be announced shortly. Display of boats to potential bidders will be made. Bidding for many boats gives the advantage of winning and getting the massive spare parts. For example if one bids only for one boat at 100.000 kr and another one bids for 2 boats at 90.000 each there is a better chance for the later to win the bid and get the spare parts.

I was lucky to obtain all information I needed about the boats because the man in charge of the bid is a brother of my colleague at work and another colleague who was earlier in the navy has sailed in most of the boats that are listed for sale and knows them very well.

These colleagues who have inside information have advised me about how expensive it is to run these boats and to maintain them in operative condition. The problem is the type of motor they have. It is compact Italian mode - napier deltic diesel motors operated by interconnection of four drive shafts and pistones. The system is complicated and require experts on permanent maintenance work. I was further tipped of the problems encountered by buyers of such motors and had to deliver them back. The structure or body is made of mahogany wood.

These boats require dry docking at least once a year. That is moving them away from sea to land to dry and be painted for a couple of days .

It has been suggested to replace the motors by other ordinary diesel motors that can enable the boats to have the speed of 40 knots. But it has been discovered no other disel motor has the compactability to fit in the motor compartment. Other motors are big in weight and volume that it will require massive structural work on the design of the boats.

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