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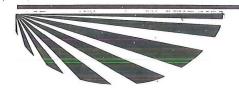
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Cover: One of almost 100 locally built high speed monohulls that are now in service on the rivers and coast of Sarawak (Photograph: Peter Sherrard)

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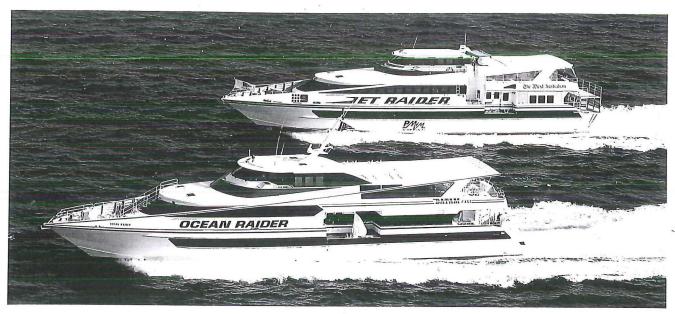
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Cover: A typical scene in Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour as an HKF Hovermarine 218 arrives from Tsuen Wan, a Discovery Bay FBM Marinteknik 35m monohull arrives from Discovery Bay and a Far East Hydrofoil Boeing Jetfoil leaves for Macau

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This ninth annual Fast Ferry Operators Directory lists details of 180 companies and 688 vessels, increases of almost 30 and over 50 respectively compared with the 1991 edition.

As usual we have erred on the side of caution and have not included those operators, in particular several in Asia, whose current operational status we could not confirm. As a number of these are undoubtedly operating, the worldwide figures, excluding the former Soviet Union countries, probably now total over 200 companies and 700 vessels.

Included on the following pages are those companies that were operating fast ferries at the end of September 1992, or had operated seasonal services earlier in the year, or were awaiting the delivery of vessels. Eighteen detailed in the 1991 edition are not included here because they have closed down, carried out modifications that have reduced the service speeds of their craft or because we were unable to confirm that they are still operating.

Not all the new entries are entirely new companies, some have been reinstated after their continuing existence has been confirmed and several are newly formed subsidiaries of established operators.

We have also taken a small step towards detailing the huge fast ferry fleets within the former Soviet Union, which are almost certainly larger than the rest of the world put together, by including those companies that have imported fast ferries in recent

During 1990-1991 several operators suspended services due to armed conflicts and details of the resulting damage to their vessels is now emerging. It is believed that the entire fleet of the Kuwait Public Transport Company, three Hovermarine 218 surface effect ships and two Incat/NQEA 26m catamarans, was either seized or destroyed during the Gulf conflict.

In southern Croatia, at least three Kometa hydrofoils owned by Atlas Turisticka Plovidba, half the company's fleet, were damaged beyond repair during fighting in Split during September last year.

One of the other companies in the former Yugoslavia, Kompas, sold its three remaining Kometas and although its Westamaran 100 catamaran and Incat/NQEA 39m wavepiercing catamaran remain in Slovenia, both vessels are being offered for sale.

Kvarner Express, the operator based just along the Adriatic coast in the north of Croatia, resumed some services this year but has also sold one of its Kolkhida hydrofoils and placed its other three on the market.

As in previous years, for the purposes of this directory a fast ferry is considered to be a craft able to carry a minimum of 50 passengers and having a full load speed capability of at least 25 knots. The operators are listed alphabetically with details of their fleets in date acquisition order. Where two dates are given, the first is the year of construction and the second is the year in which the vessel was introduced by the current operator. Details of multi-stop fast ferry services are listed at the end of the directory.

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Pictured on the cover is Kyushu Yusen Kaisha's Kawasaki Heavy Industries Jetfoil 929-117 Venus. Above, Boat Torque Cruises's WaveMaster International 37m monohull Jet Raider running alongside Pelayaran Bintan Baruna Sakti's WaveMaster 39m monohull Ocean Raider during trials of the latter in Western Australia earlier this year. Below, Mount Rainier dominating the Port of Seattle as a Washington State Ferries's Equitable Shipyards's 34m monohull arrives from Bremerton and Clipper Navigation's Fjellstrand 38.8m catamaran Victoria Clipper departs on an afternoon service to Vancouver Island

