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Moonraker wins Lloyds's quality award

Moonraker, the Brundall boat-building firm, yesterday became the first boatyard in the country to hold the Lloyd's Register of Shipping quality control certificate.

Lloyd's chairman, Mr. Robert Huskisson, presented the certificate to the Moonraker group finance director, Mr. F.R. Bushell, at the firm's Brundall yard.

The certificate is the Lloyd's seal of approval on all stages of the Moonraker boat building process and immediately after yesterday's presentation of the 467th, and now Lloyd's approved, Moonraker was launched ready for the Southampton boat show.

LESSON

Handing over the framed certificate Mr. Huskisson said: "The underlying principle which Moonraker appears to have as its motto is that quality must take precedence over everything and certainly quality every time takes precedence over quantity".

"I feel there is perhaps a lesson here for manufacturing industry throughout the country and Moonraker is much to be congratulated on having set this outstanding example".

The certificate completes something of a hat trick for Moonraker chairman Mr. Colin Chapman of Lotus.

Moonraker was recently awarded the Lloyd's L.R.C.B certificate, which puts the boats in the equivalent category to the 100 A1 class of the QE 2, and the Hethel built Lotus Elite won the coveted Don Safety Award.

Postscript 2006 March:

There was never made more than just under 400 Moonrakers. The real number instead of 467 is 335.

The yard operated with two sets of numbers, the above mentioned 467, and a hull number 335, the reason why is at this date unknown.

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