## "TRI-STAR", THE NAME.

TRI-STAR TRIMARANS/CATAMARANS and the word "TRI-STAR" had their beginning in 1961 with Ed Horstman's first design, TRI-STAR 40. The word "TRI-STAR" was conceived shortly after the start of construction and I named my first design TRI-STAR 40 and, because of the designs outstanding performance, I found myself in multihull design. After selling a number of plans, I decided to have the name "TRI-STAR" registered as my trademark. I was having difficultly proving to the Trademark office that I was engaged in international trade and had asked for and gotten a time extension. At this time, Lockheed Aircraft Company had a contest among it's employees to name their new L1011, commercial jet, which just happened to have three engines. And wouldn't you know, the name they picked was "TRI-STAR". Their legal department had checked into getting the name trademarked and found that I had applied ahead of them, so they contacted me and we agreed because of my difficultly with the trademark office and because I was designing sailboats and they were in aircraft that we could both use the name. Now it seems every one likes and uses the name "TRI-STAR". The name "TRI-STAR" to myself and the many Tri-Star owners is something special as the name grew up with today's multihull movement. The Tri-Star name (now, they're some times called Horstman Tri's) is now on over 50 of my designs that are being built on every continent and sailed around the world.



TRI-STAR 42, I count 21 on deck,?.



TRI-STAR 31 shown was built and launched in the Solom Is. Steve James my roving "Ambassador", first built a Tri-Star 48. Steve sailed the 31 around the Pacific, South Africa and up to Greece, where was asked to build a Tri-Star 27-9. Sailed 31 to Caribbean, in hurricane Hugo, said " glad his Tri was a Horstman". Now sailing to Philippines to build Tri-Star 36, says has collected to much for the 31.





CAT 34 "Spacious interior".