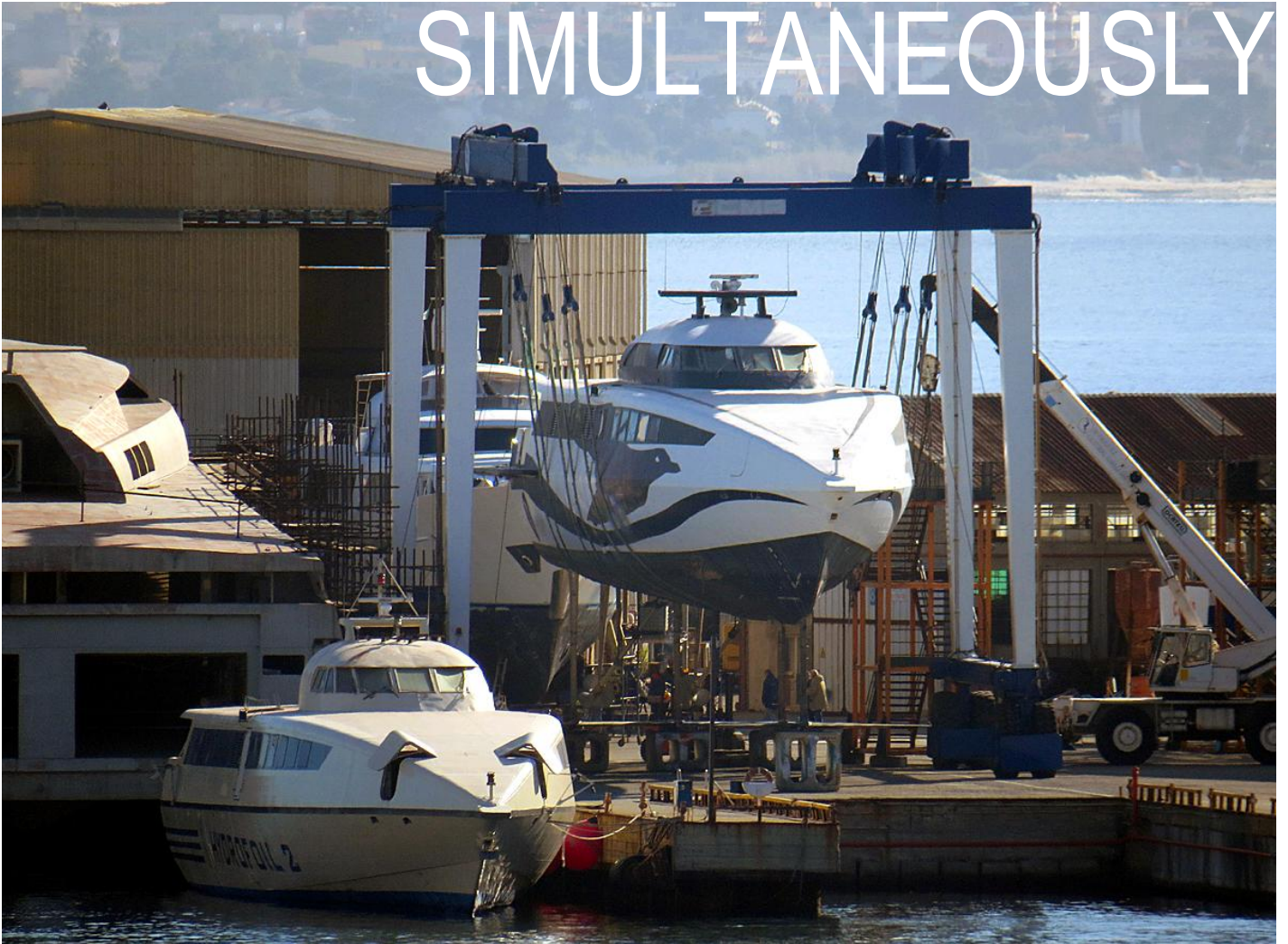


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Above : *The two experimental FSWH 37 hydrofoils sitting in the Rodriquez shipyard in Messina on February 25, 2016*
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IN OUR PREVIOUS news report (*pages 1 – 3*) on the first Admiral 350 hydrofoil soon to be launched at the HSC Shipyard at Trapani is mentioned the pair of experimental fully submerged FSWH 37 hydrofoils built by Rodriquez Cantieri Navali some years back. This interesting project was outlined in the December 2012 *CLASSIC FAST FERRIES*. As it happened, this coincided with the long-time shipyard being incorporated into Intermarine SpA.

It has been fairly quiet from the Messina yard in recent years regarding both the FSWH 37 and whether any new order for the Foilmaster hydrofoil has been received or is close at hand to materialize. The last Foilmaster to date was delivered in 2007 to Ustica Lines, which is the owner of the HSC Shipyard. The design continues to be in the Rodriquez production catalogue.

The only other operator of the Foilmaster is Siremar, of which the company owns seven, delivered between 1994 and 2006, and so it seems safe to assume that if more are to be built it will be for this company, presumably to replace its three aging RHS 160Fs.

The photo shows the current status of the two FSWH 37s at the Rodriquez premises in February. Sitting in the water is *Hydrofoil 2* and hanging from the mobile crane is *Hydrofoil 1*, although this name does no longer appear on the vessel.

Reportedly *Hydrofoil 2* was lowered onto the water only recently. However, it has not been confirmed by Rodriquez/Intermarine whether this indicates a renewed activity as far as the FSWH 37 project is concerned or if the craft were shifted for other reasons. **cff**