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News release

Composites One Uses LRTM to Build 16-Foot Sailboat at IBEX 2005

*Live Demonstration to be held at IBEX,
October 19-20*

Arlington Heights, IL... During IBEX 2005, to be held October 19-21 at the Miami Beach Convention Center, Composites One will conduct the largest live demonstrations of Closed Mold Technologies held at this year's event. On October 19-20, Composites One's team of technical experts will use the Light Resin Transfer Molding (Light RTM) process to demonstrate how to build the hulls and decks for a 16-foot sailboat. It is the first time that Composites One has built an entire boat using Light RTM before a live audience at IBEX.

"Many marine manufacturers are using closed mold processes like LRTM to make small parts such as hatch covers and dashboards and not fully taking advantage of this process to produce high-quality hulls and decks," said Composites One President and Chief Operating Officer Leon Garoufalis. "Closed mold is well suited to make larger parts in less time, with less waste and emissions over using traditional open mold processes," he added.

These advantages will be displayed on October 19-20, when Composites One conducts a large-scale LRTM demonstration outdoors at IBEX. Attendees will watch as the Composites One Closed Mold Team uses Light RTM to build a 16-foot boat hull and deck twice a day on October 19 and 20. During the demonstrations, industry experts will be on hand to answer questions, explain aspects of the process, discuss equipment and materials, and display a finished 16-foot sailboat built using the same Light RTM process, which will later be given away to one lucky winner of a drawing to be held at the conclusion of IBEX. "Manufacturers

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with any doubts about building an entire boat using Light RTM will see for themselves that it can be accomplished,” said Garoufalis

The Light RTM demonstration is the culmination of a joint effort between Composites One and major suppliers, industry experts and organizations, including Alcan Baltek, Arkema, Cook Composites & Polymers, ChemTrend, Chomarat, Glas-Craft, Owens Corning, ITW Plexus, Progress Plastics, RTM North, and Vectorply. *Composites Manufacturing* magazine, published by the American Composites Manufacturing Association, is the official media sponsor of the event. “Without the support of these organizations and industry experts, a live demonstration of this magnitude at IBEX would be very difficult to accomplish,” added Garoufalis. “Beyond those who supported this project, Composites One represents many more quality suppliers who have participated with us at Closed Mold Boot Camps and in other ways to support our customers’ closed mold efforts.”

For more information, please visit Composites One Booth #1725 during IBEX 2005 in Miami, October 19-21, or call Composites One at 800-621-8003.

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