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# MEAD GROUP

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### Mead Floats

#### ***Successful Move to Sebring Airport***

Mead Floats has now completed the move to the Sebring Airport (SEF), now located at 442 Hendricks Field Way, Sebring, FL 33870. The new facility is a 5000sqft hanger with a 60' wide door. Construction of new office and rest room space is currently underway.

#### ***1430 Amphib Meets LSA Weight Requirement***

After many months of designing, testing and prototyping the new 1430 Amphib meets the LSA weight requirement of 235lbs. Credit goes to Skirko Oleg and his team who suggested a complete change in direction to achieve the current results. The new 1430 Amphib features an oleo-gas shock on both the main and forward gear and an over-lock design with cable retraction for light weight and simplicity. "There has been no compromise is the composite structure, just smarter engineering and design with regards to the landing gear" said Nina Healy, composite engineer for Mead Floats and Mead Yachts. Production of the new 1430A is starting immediately.

#### ***New 1600 Amphib Available***

To meet the demands and requirements of those pilots and manufactures who do not have to comply with the LSA rule Mead Floats will offer a 1600 Amphib version which will feature the addition of hydraulics for gear deployment and retraction. The new 1600 will have a true displacement of 1440lbs (653kgs) and will be rated for aircraft with a total gross weight of up to 1600lbs (725kgs). The 1600 will feature the same oleo-gas shock and gear design and will weigh 260lbs (118kgs).

#### ***2700 Tooling Near Completion***

The new 2700 tooling which is being CNC cut is near completion. Once the plugs arrive in Sebring new molds will be made and production will start shortly thereafter. The 2700 features hydraulic gear and a dual wheel setup and follows the same design principles as the 1430 and 1600 models.

### Mead Yachts

#### ***Mead Yachts Moves to Sebring***

Mead Yachts has moved next door to Mead Floats, located at the Sebring Airport.

Mead Yachts is now the primary contractor for Magnum Marine and is currently starting a new production run of the re-introduced Magnum GT-27 as well as two 80' performance yachts. "The new construction features a move towards high end composites and vacuum infusion technology; this was the reason why we choose Mead Yachts to provide all of the advanced composites for us" said David Powys, general manager for Magnum Marine. Check out [www.magnummarine.com](http://www.magnummarine.com) for some truly amazing yachts.

#### ***Mead Financial adds New Boat Manufactures***

Mead Financial has been working with several boat manufactures in the last few months to provide competitive marine financing for customers. "We have added Egret Boats, Hells Bay Boats, East Cape Canoes and Lake and Bay to our current list of manufactures who we now offer financing to" said Bill Sturtz, the new CFO for the Mead Group.

#### ***New CFO***

The Mead Group welcomes Bill Sturtz on board as the new CFO. Bill brings many years of financial experience gained through a successful career in the IT and software industries. Bill worked with Phil Mead at CSI, a Marine Group who owns Sonic, Dakota and Mares boats. Bill's primary role will be to control the cash flows through Mead Yachts, Mead Floats and Mead Financial. He will also help in the development and expansion of Mead Financials customer and manufacture base.

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