





SAILING TO A WORLD OF BIG FISH ADVENTURES

PART 1: THE CREATION OF *OFFSHORE HUNTER*

Many of us dream of travelling the world, chasing the biggest marlin at the world's best hotspots. Norwegian businessman Morten Ruud made that dream a reality, designing and building a unique sailing gameboat to enable it. Having now completed stage one of his round-the-world odyssey, Morten shares the creation of his dream and the first wave of his remarkable big fish successes.

Weft-long, left-long ... it's a nice blue!" Moments later, a Shimano 80W Tiagra roars in a rodholder as the blue feels the sting and takes off, hellbent on making it to the horizon.

This might be a common scenario on marlin boats around the world, but this time there is something quite different about the scene. This marlin has been hooked by a sailing boat!

Offshore Hunter is unique. In fact, it may be the only purpose-built game fishing sailing boat in the world. It has been specifically designed for tracking down and catching big marlin and tuna anywhere in the world the owner desires to chase them.

As the captain of the US-based ocean-roaming gameboat *Dreamin On* said to the owner of *Offshore Hunter* at the dock in Cape Verde, "You are doing pretty damn well with that ... thing ... although I'm not really sure what kind of boat it is."

Offshore Hunter is the brainchild of Norwegian businessman Morten Ruud, who shared the following story about how it all came about:

FOLLOWING A DREAM

"For the past 15 years I have been an avid big-game fisherman and have enjoyed part ownership of two marlin charterboats: *Smoker* in Cape Verde and

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