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***With the 2010 FIFA World Cup a mere month away, soccer fever is running high in the Mother City. Leisure Boating is offering lucky subscribers the chance to experience the arrival of the World Cup in true footy fashion!***

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As the FIFA World Cup approaches, 500 000 visitors from far and wide will arrive on our shores to support their football teams, marvel at our natural beauty, taste our cuisine and experience our vast array of cultures.

Cape Town's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront will also be a popular tourist hub, as the fabulous new Cape Town Soccer Stadium in Greenpoint (built on the water's edge!) will be hosting numerous matches.

The atmosphere in and around the city will be electrifying and not to mention, contagious. Locals will flock to the Waterfront to familiarise themselves with the tourists, experience the hype or even show their international friends

around the world-renowned Cape of Good Hope.

While thousands will roam the streets, you have the opportunity to sit back with a glass of wine and admire the sights of the stadium, waterfront, seals, birds and the breathtaking millionaire's mile, thanks to a brand-new innovation from the Whisper Boat Building Academy (WBBA).

Made especially for the World Cup, the WBBA's 2010 Floating Soccer Ball is a half-floating, half-closable soccer ball that seats six to eight people and powered by the latest in German electric motor technology, the Torqeedo outboard.

This ball was built by deaf students from the WBBA – a section 21 non-profit organisation. The academy aims to enhance the opportunities for deaf disadvantaged students by facilitating boat-building skills and knowledge.

The Floating Ball – the first of its kind in Africa – got heads turning and cameras flashing during its recent maiden voyage through the bay. The first ball was christened by Ajax Cape Town coach Foppe de Haan on behalf of the Dutch consulate.

This fibreglass constructed ball (represented by Holland) is the first of sixteen rumoured to be built before the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2010. Each ball will feature a mini-bar (beer tap or wine cooler), plasma television screen and comfortable seats.

Not only can visitors enjoy a soccer match with mates from inside the ball, but it'll also treat passengers to splendid views of the Millionaire's Mile (canal that runs from CTICC to Waterfront), the famous One and Only Hotel, the Seals' Resting Place and many more.

Belgian concept developer Peter Jacops said the Torqeedo motors will be charged on-site. "Their batteries will be charged by solar energy on a shore station making these boats the most eco-friendly powered boats in South Africa."

According to Jacops, soccer fans would be able to book a Floating Soccer



## ***"FOUR lucky subscribers (and five of their friends!) can win harbour cruises during the World Cup!"***

Ball for a cruise or for the night, while each ball will cater for eight adults. Interestingly, the cost to build each boat is an estimated R300 000.

At the moment, the balls are used as water taxis and Jacobs has secured a contract with the V&A Waterfront to operate in the bay for at least five years. Safety conscious passengers will also be pleased to know that the Floating Soccer Balls are SAMSA approved.

### **Fancy a trip?**

However, here's where it becomes interesting! *Leisure Boating* magazine, in conjunction with WBBA, will be

hosting a competition where FOUR lucky subscribers (and five of their friends!) can win a two-hour harbour cruise in the Soccer Ball for any day during the World Cup!

So, turn to page???, fill in your subscription details and you and your friends stand a chance of experiencing the World Cup spirit in absolute style. Don't miss out on what's bound to be a memorable trip! Time is ticking...

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