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2013 - NEW DESIGNS AND COLLABORATIONS:

As professional designers we are often brought in to assist with projects from other designers and builders who can only take it so far before assistance is required. Whether it is straight design support, styling, or complete commissioning, it is always enjoyable working alongside others who have the same passion that we have.

This year we have had a few collaborations which we will briefly describe over the next couple of pages.

YAZYKOV 7-METRE



A few years ago we worked alongside famed Russian sailor and builder, Viktor Yazykov, on his 30-foot single-handed cruising yacht 'Daughter of the Wind'. Viktor launched her in the Black Sea, and sailed all the way down to New Zealand to talk about his next project, the Yazykov-7.

Viktor is setting up a school that will teach clients not only how to build their own yacht, but how to sail them offshore, single-handed, as he has done over a lifetime of sailing. If I was describing this venture in one sentence, it would be "Zen and the Art of shorthanded offshore sailing". We worked alongside Viktor to get the right design for what he wanted to achieve, and the result can be seen here.

Viktor left NZ in July, and is now sailing back to Russia so that he can begin the next stage of this adventure with the opening of his 'Ocean School'.

ENDEAVOUR 57 "MATAI"

One of the best partnerships we've had over the years, has been with our rendering man, Brad Heald, who has a real passion for boats and boating.

We've used Brad exclusively for our renderings of late and have also used his skills in styling and detailing when we need that extra bit of magic.



"Matai" will be Brad's personal vessel one day. He has done the styling and we worked on the hull shape and hydrostatics to achieve a slippery and efficient hull form that would be able to handle the best and worse of conditions.

Brad and his wife Sapi are planning on building this one in their backyard, and we look forward to seeing this fantastic design materialise for them.

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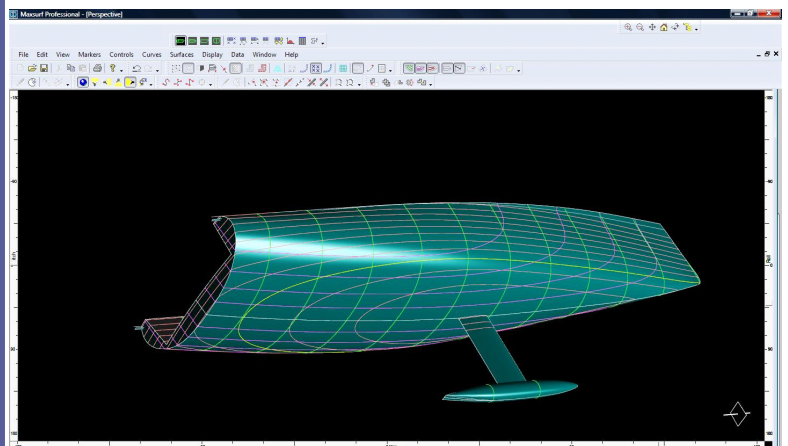
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DB 30 DAY SAILOR



We have talked about this design in previous Newsletters, but to re-cap, we were approached by professional sailor Scott Beavis to put his ideas of a performance Day Sailor into a realistic and workable design. The results are quite stunning with a retro look that will be timeless in it's styling.

Scott had very clear ideas on what he wanted to achieve with this design, and we knew exactly how to go about getting it done. It makes the process so much easier when the client is focused and knows what he wants. Even more importantly, he has the experience to achieve it.



20-foot ROBINSON TRIMARAN

John Robinson approached us last year about an idea he had on a new design. He worked alongside a fellow design colleague, David Wilkie, with the early sketches, and David recommended John get together with us to make the design workable. It was an enjoyable project from the outset with the carbon mast and Ama's that fold into the sides when trailering, the design was state of art and simple. Simple can sometimes be hard to achieve, but it was a mantra from the beginning of the project, and one that was returned to time and again.

Nina Heatley of Clever Fox Ltd, did the structural engineering, and John Robinson built it from his garage.

First sea-trials were performed a few months ago and the results were outstanding with a very happy client already talking about a bigger version. Proper sailing photos will be published in our future newsletter.



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FRANK PONG WINS THE 2012/2013 'AYGP SKIPPER AND YACHT OF THE YEAR' AWARDS



Over the past couple of years, Frank Pong and Kevin Dibley have been working together improving the performance of Frank's Jelik fleet of 52 and 72-footers. In the 2012/13 season, Frank's 72-foot R/P designed Jelik 1 (ex Pyewacket) was the main focus. Working through trim, balance, weights, and drag, significant improvements were made. A new Dibley designed keel, built by Neil Howe, and engineered by Nina Heatley from New Zealand, was put on just before the 2012 Kings Cup in Thailand. The rest of the season was theirs' for the taking. A summary of their successes are mentioned below:

* 2012 Kings Cup, Phuket, Thailand

Frank Pong ended 2012 in grand fashion by being the overall winner of the Kings Cup, in Phuket, Thailand. Racing in IRC Division Zero, she managed 10 Line honour wins in 10 races, with 6 of them IRC wins as well. Frank, racing his Dibley modified 'Jelik 1', worked hard in variable conditions, but good boat speed and great crew work prevailed.

* 2013 Royal Langkawi International Regatta, Malaysia.

'Jelik 1' then went on to take out 2nd overall in the Royal Langkawi Regatta. Drifting conditions suited the smaller yachts, but Frank and his crew managed to hang in there just behind Neil Pryde's 'Hi-Fi'.

* 2013 Subic to Boracay Passage Race, Philippines

To make sure they started the year right, 'Jelik 1' went on to smash the 200 nm Subic to Boracay Race Record by taking off just under 3-hours from their previous 2011 record. Starting with 20-25 knot Easterlies and gusting up to 30-35 knots, Frank Pong and crew managed a fantastic downwind slide all the way to Boracay, with speeds in excess of 20 knots.

2013 Samui Regatta, Koh Samui, Thailand

Frank Pong's final race of the season was the 2013 Samui Regatta where the final result would decide whether Frank becomes 'AYGP Sailor of the Year' and Jelik the 'AYGP Yacht of the Year'. Racing in IRC Division Zero, she managed 7 Line and IRC wins in 9 races. A clear sweep, and a well deserved overall Seasonal win.



Frank is now working towards the 2013/ 2014 racing season with further modifications being done to ensure another winning performance.

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Dibley Marine Design Studio, Westhaven Marina, Auckland, NZ , July, 2013

From the Design Office:

There is a word called Synergism which is when two or more people create a situation such that the total effect is greater than the sum of the individual effects. We will look back on 2012 / 2013 as a time of synergism, as we worked alongside our clients to achieve what can only be described as magic at the end of each process.

Frank Pong with his racing fleet; Viktor Yazykov with his 7-metre offshore single handed yacht; Brad Heald with his gorgeous 58-foot Trawler style cruising launch; Mark Beauchamp with his new 7.7 metre Racing Keeler; and further partnerships that make this game of yacht design so interesting and exciting. Thanks to all for the enjoyable journey.

Kevin Dibley (Auckland, NZ)

NEWS AND UPDATES:

Earlier this year the 180-foot 'M/V Alucia' came into Auckland for a refit at Orams Marine Service who specialize in the Super-yacht Refit side of the Industry. We were brought in as design and drawing support as well as working alongside engineer Nina Heatley who ran the Incline at the end of the project.

M/V Alucia was an ex submarine support ship built in France, 40-years ago. She then had a major conversion in 2007 to include two levels of luxury accommodation as well as working crew decks below. She's the only ship in the world to carry three deep-diving manned submersibles and this, in conjunction with her decompression chamber, mixed-gas dive support, powerful sonar and tenders, make her one of the most sophisticated sub-sea exploration platforms ever built. She has been used to dive on the Titanic as well as numerous other adventures .

Diverse Projects Ltd. ran the management for this latest refit, with great support by the M/V Alucia crew onboard. Plans are for the crew to take her up to Somoa for a dive expedition later this month.



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