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New Zealand Dragon Class Nationals

The newly launched Classic Dragon, 'Alla' (NZL-15), that was featured in our last Newsletter, finished a credible 3rd in the 2009 New Zealand Dragon National Championships. Owner / Skipper, Alex Kirichuk, received the 'Brown and Stone Trophy' for best performing "Classic Dragon" for this result.

NZL-15, an all wooden Dragon, was skippered by Alex, and crewed by Simon Kidd of Doyle Sailmakers, and Kevin Dibley. This was the first time NZL-15 sailed and the crew were still tuning her up to the last race.

The Regatta was won by Scott Palmer and his crew of Fraser Beer and Phil Allen in their GRP Dragon 'Yankee Doodle Dandee'. Past National Champion, John Webber and his crew of Frans & Sam de Court teamed up on 'Matuku' to take a hard fought for 2nd place.



Alex Samorukov, Simon Kidd, Kevin Dibley, Alex Kirichuk

With the World Championships in Melbourne in 2011, the New Zealand International Dragon Association has seen this Regatta as a platform to build up the local Dragon fleet. Alex Kirichuk, who brought in NZL-15 from the Ukrainian yard of 'Lagoon Royal', has a further two dragons underway and hopes to have them sent to NZ to be finished off, in the very near future.

Dibley Marine managed the refitting of NZL-15 with a team which included Phil Bish Boatbuilders, Simon Kidd of Doyle Sailmakers, John Bennett of Sparloft and Grant Blewitt of Harken.

NZL-15 and the Nationals, was sponsored by John St Clair Brown of 'Waiwera Water', and Alex Kirichuk of 'Corinthian Vodka'. John also kindly put up the crew of NZL-15 on his 16 metre Power Cat for the duration of the Regatta.



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TEAM PROFILE



Dibley Marine uses a number of Sub-contractors in their Design and Management projects. Experts in their trade include Boatbuilders, Electrical Design Engineers, Structural Engineers etc....

In up coming Issues we will focus on some of the Team we use. This Issue concentrates on Phil Bish Boatbuilders. Phil consults for our clients and though we don't use any particular boatbuilder for our projects, Phil is an integral part of the Team, when it comes to liaising between the boatbuilder, the Owner and the Designer.

Over the past 25 years, Phil Bish Boatbuilders have been actively involved in the Marine Industry both in New Zealand, Australia and the USA.

The companies approach is "no job is too big or too small". Vessels ranging from a 42 metre composite high speed motor yacht to the above 8 metre Classic Wooden Dragon show the broad range of his expertise and knowledge. Whether it is in the high-end Composite Construction, Wooden Construction, or Refits and Restorations, their standards are of the highest quality.

Their team is made up of highly trained, experienced and qualified Boatbuilders. The Company offers the following services to us and our clients.

Project Management, New Builds, Refits, Restoration Work, Insurance Work, Survey, Pre-purchase checks and Consultancy.



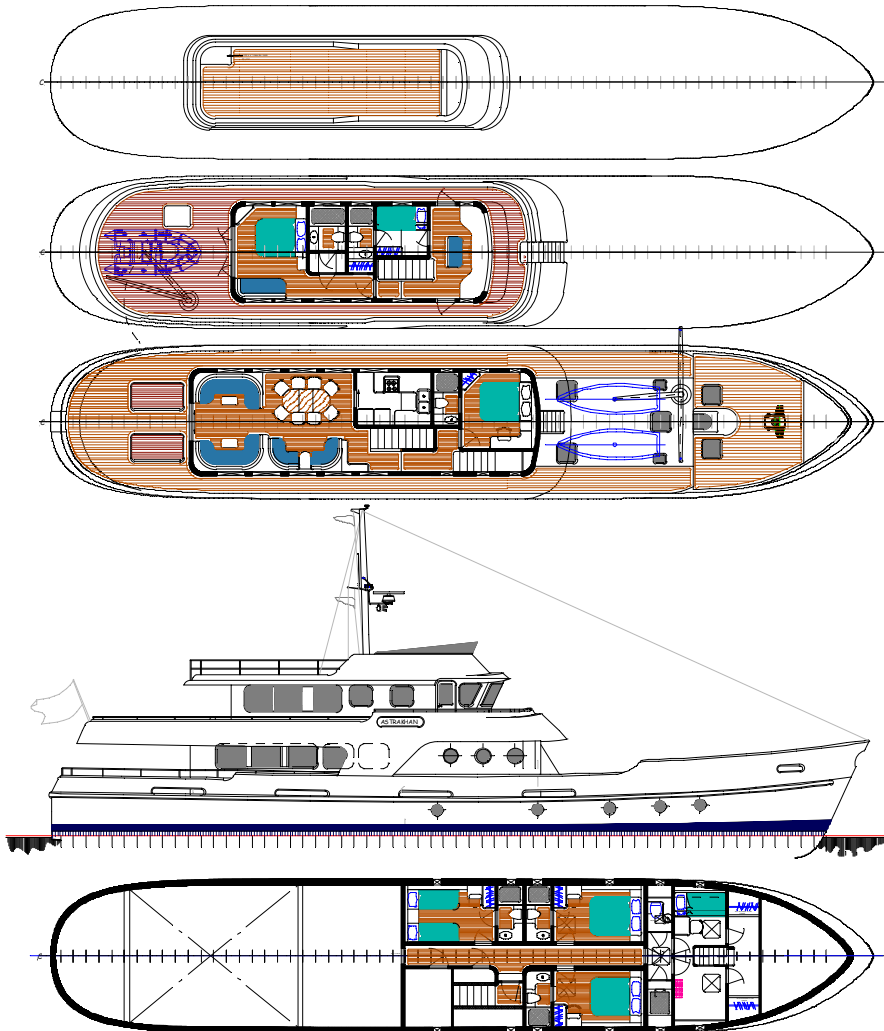
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ON THE DRAWING BOARD



32-METRE LUXURY LAUNCH

Currently on the drawing board is a 32 metre Expedition type Launch that is being worked on for a Russian client on the Caspian Sea. Designed to be run by a small crew and capable of entertaining 10 guests in comfort, this 30-metre will be cruising on the Volga River and the offshore strip of the Northern Caspian Sea. It is an area of mild temperatures with average wind speeds of 15–20 knots, but the depth of the Sea is never more than 4 metres which makes it a challenge on the design side.

Part of the Design Team we put together is Dave Potter of Top Logic who is assisting with the Systems Design and Electrical Specifications. Also in the Team is Alex Kirichuk of Aries Pacific who helps with the interpretation and will source a large part of the equipment from New Zealand which will be shipped up to Russia.

Specifications:

LOA	32.00 metres
LWL	30.00 metres
BEAM	6.00 metres
Displacement [1/2 load]	100 tonnes
Cruising Speed	12 knots

We will send more updates as the project progresses.

ON THE RACE COURSE



The 2009 Auckland to Tauranga Yacht Race saw sixty one starters begin the 126-nm journey down the eastern coast of North Island. Jive Talkin' skippered by Ray Haslar and crewed by Kevin Dibley, Garry Francis, Andrew Shields, Klaus Ohlendorf, Keith Andrews, Dennis Conway and Mike Cannon finished with a 10th place on PHRF but a solid win on IRC handicap.

The fleet was hit with strong gusty winds, the heaviest over 40 knots, with Jive' peaking at a speed of 20 knots and averaging 15 knots down the coast before the breeze died toward the end of the race. Dibley Marine assisted Laurie Davidson in this 35-foot design, and then went on to redesign her keel and rudder to suit the IRC Rules. Jive Talkin leaves in three weeks to cross the Tasman for her Australian adventure beginning in July with the Sydney-Southport Race and ending in the Hamilton Island Race Week where she will also race under the IRC handicap system.

Meanwhile, across the Tasman, The Dibley 10-metre 'Chikara' finished a credible 5th on Performance Handicap in the Port Lincoln Race Week, which is the largest offshore regatta held in South Australia. More details to follow.



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Fall, Auckland, 2009

FROM THE DESIGN OFFICE: The design office continues to churn out the work. This quarter seems to be Powerboat design orientated as opposed to Sailing Yacht, but that happens in this industry where a design office tries not to 'specialize' on any particular path. One of the projects on our design table is a 30-meter Luxury Launch for clients in the Caspian Sea. Draft is a big issue in this big expanse of water and the more saved below, can limit what goes on top. It's a 'design spiral' that is a constant in a yacht designers life, and we'll look at this aspect of the design process in future newsletters. I hope you enjoy the updates. Happy Boating.

DIBLEY 'DM1' DESIGN WINS 2009 NEW ZEALAND IOM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Under the deft hands of Graham Cross, NZ 64 took out the National Championships held in Manurewa, Auckland over the weekend of April 18th—20th. Designed under the 'International One Meter' class rules, Graham was lying 15th in the 28 strong fleet after the first day. In Grahams words: "After day one I thought it impossible to get back in touch with the leaders. I raked the mast back on Sat night and the boat started to smoke upwind". With the new configuration, Graham worked his way back up to #1 spot, beating some visiting Australian entrants in the process. Two other DM1's were sailed in the Championships including Paul Goddard who finished 5th overall, and Peter Fyfe sailing the prototype Dibley DM1 in his first attempt at 1.0 m sailing, finished a creditable 15th. All three boats were built by Brian Johns and have only had 6-8 weeks of sailing trials, so there is still a lot of untapped potential. With the apparent speed advantage upwind, further modifications are being made to improve the downwind performance more.

Top five finishers were as follows:

- 1st—Graham Cross (NZ) sailing a Dibley DM1
- 2nd—Nathan Williams (NZ) sailing a Vickers V6
- 3rd—Ralph White (Australia) sailing a Bantock Plantiko
- 4th—Allan Walker (Australia) sailing a Byerley Mad Max
- 5th—Paul Goddard (NZ) sailing a Dibley DM1

Though there are no NZ entries for the 2009 IOM World Championships being held at Barbados in June, the three DM1 designs are planning on competing in the Queensland State Championships in Australia at the same time.



Paul Goddard's NZ 82, Auckland, NZ



Graham Cross's NZ 64, Auckland, NZ



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