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# NEW DESIGN—2016 KRAKEN 66 CENTRE-COCKPIT CRUISING YACHT







# NEW DESIGN 2016 KRAKEN 66

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As mentioned in our last newsletter, a new company, Kraken Yachts Ltd. led by Dick Beaumont and Roger Goldsmith of Hong Kong, had commissioned us to design their blue-water cruising fleet which comprised the K50, K58 and the K66. Both Dick and Roger have thousands of sea miles behind them and they knew what they wanted. This made the designing quite easy and enjoyable as the process and detailing was shared between both parties. The largest in the fleet is the Kraken 66 which was designed as a true performance blue-water cruising yacht. She had to have enough volume and displacement to cater for comfortable long term cruising and storage. She also had to be stiff with a high angle of vanishing stability (AVS) and have a good turn of speed which is a requirement for today's yachtsperson.

During the preliminary discussions we all sat down and worked out the most important factors that make up a true blue-water cruising yacht. These were simplified down to safety, comfort and performance and it was a requirement in the brief that no compromises be made on any of these three points.

The yacht had to be handled by one from the cockpit, but also be ergonomically efficient with a crew, so the deck plan was well thought out in a sailing and anchoring/berthing point of view. Details on life-raft storage, ventilation, anchoring and aft boarding platforms have all been catered to. Customised helm pedestals allow full use of instru-

mentation all within reach of the helm.

The Sail Plan is easily controlled from the cockpit. The furling boom allows effortless reefing and the cutter rig allows plenty of sail set options. Swept Spreaders and a clean deck follows the mantra of 'keeping is simple' with all halyards and control lines leading aft under the deck and out of sight.







### NEW DESIGN 2016 KRAKEN 66



The accommodation needed to cater for different configurations so we designed the interior to be modular, allowing multiple layout options that wouldn't be possible in a standard production yacht. The first impressions, as one goes down below, needed to be open and airy with sightlines that went on forever. But she also needed plenty of handholds and areas where one can safely move through the interior in storm conditions. A four or five cabin layout is available and inside steering is achievable within the raised saloon area.

Kraken Yachts have put together a great website that further defines the specifications and philosophy of their range. We invite you to visit the site shown below and explore the options available. We will be introducing the other designs in the Kraken fleet in future newsletters.

### **SPECIFICATIONS:**

LOA	20.120 m	66' - 0"
LWL	18.110 m	59' - 5"
BEAM	5.500 m	18' - 9"
DRAFT	2.650 m	8' - 8"
DISP (1/2 load)	37,750 kg's	83,224 lb's
SAIL AREA (Working)	215.8 sq.m	2,323 sq.ft
D/L ratio	177	



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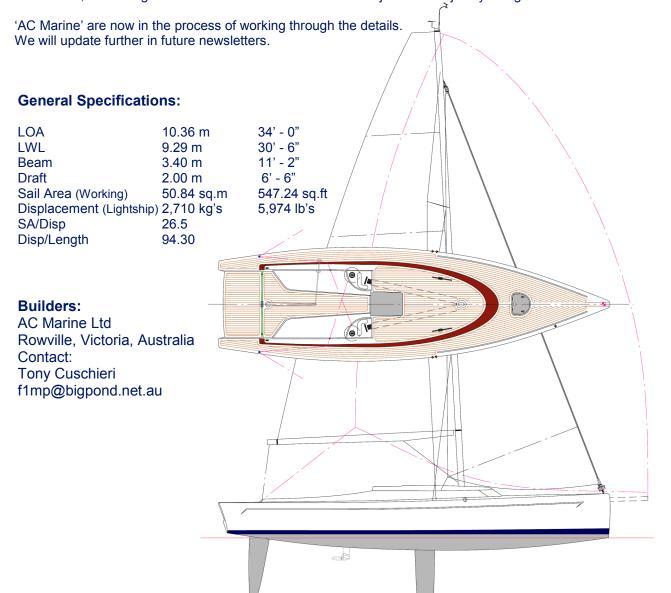
### New Designs - 2016

### **AC34 DAY YACHT**

'AC Marine' recently commissioned us to design a new Deck, Sail Plan and Appendage package to fit their current production AC33 hull mould. Based in Melbourne, Australia, 'AC Marine' produces the AC33 as a full on racing yacht, but they saw the value in maximizing the costs put into plugs and moulds and offering a 'classic' day yacht option which has become very popular in Australia and overseas.

A clean deck plan and comfortable cockpit allows easy short handed sailing with the high performance expected from the low drag hull. The sail plan is easy to handle with a square-top main and furling headsail. The low drag, high lift keel with lead bulb is designed and positioned to maximise both performance and helm balance. She will be easy to sail short-handed whether in 5 or 25 knots.

Though considered a Dayboat, the AC34 has enough accommodation and comfort to cater for overnight adventures, sail storage and entertainment when the weather just doesn't justify being outside.







### **RACE RESULTS AND NEWS**



### March 2016 - 2016 BORACAY CUP REGATTA

After taking out second place IRC in the Subic to Boracay Passage Race, Ernesto Echauze and crew took out overall IRC in the 2016 Boracay Cup in the Dibley modified Davidson 52 'Standard Insurance Centennial 3'. A hard fought result from a very competitive fleet.

[photo credits to www.asianyachting.com]

# Feb 2016 - 2016 SUBIC TO BORACAY PASSAGE RACE

Frank Pong in his Dibley modified 75-foot 'Jelik' claimed overall IRC stakes in this years tricky conditions, coming in over 2-hours ahead on corrected IRC. In second position was the defending champion from last year, the Dibley modified Davidson TP52 'Standard Insurance Centennial 3' skippered by Ernesto Echauze.





Dibley 55 'Marnico' Sailing across the finish line

### Feb 2016 - 2016 ADELAIDE TO PORT LINCOLN RACE

Racing their Dibley 55 'Marnico', Graeme and Gay Footer took out Division 1 PHS and 2nd Overall PHS in this years Adelaide to Port Lincoln Race.

Since 'Marnico' was launched in 2000, she has logged thousands of sea miles around the Pacific. A lifting keel, seaworthy, pilothouse cruising yacht with speed to burn. Doesn't get better than that. More info can be found on:

www.dibleymarine.com/sail/sail/marnico55.html







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### Sailing Links and News

Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology www.westlawn.edu

Sailing Anarchy www.sailinganarchy.com

New Zealand Marine www namarine com

Asian Yachting www.asianyachting.com

History of IOR Blog www.rbsailing.blogspot.co.nz/

Shorthanded Sailing Association of NZ www.ssanz.co.nz

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron www.rnzys.org.nz

Kit Carlier Design www.kitcarlierdesign.com

### From the Design Office:

Where has the year gone? As we approach mid-year, we can look back at a great 6 months of commissions, race results and very happy owners.

We can't get all the news and updates into the newsletters, so please get on our Facebook page to be fully

updated. Go to page one of this newsletter to find out how to find us.



It's been great having Neil Spencer handle the business side so as to free up the design studio which has been at its busiest ever. We've got a clear plan moving ahead and we look forward to sharing some of the current projects on the board, and in action, over the next few months.

Bring on winter for those in the south, and enjoy your summer racing and cruising in the north.

Neil Spencer (NZ, Australia) Kevin Dibley (Queenstown, NZ)

# SUPERGROVE Dibley 8: Supergroove approaching the start line. JTPHOTOGRAPHNE

### 2016 Racing Results and News

### Ireland:

Our Dibley 8-metre 'Supergroove' is now racing in Ireland with her new owner, Ronan Stack after an extensive refit. Designed back in 1994, she (and her sistership 'Springloaded') continue to win races. 'Supergroove' was re-launched last month and in her first three races she has managed a 3rd, 2nd and a 1st while everyone still gets used to sailing her for the first time.

