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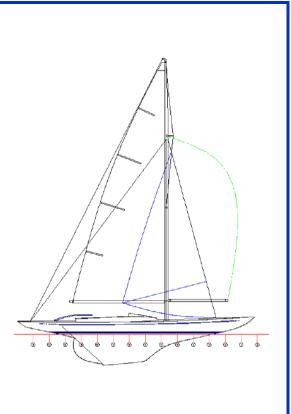
International Dragon Class Refit

Newly built by Langoon Royal Shipyard in the Ukraine, this Classic Dragon was shipped to New Zealand for finishing touches. Dibley Marine Project Managed a group of New Zealand Subcontracters which included Phil Bish Boatbuilders, Simon Kidd of Doyle Sails, Grant Blewett of Harken who put the Deck Systems together, John Bennett of Sparloft for the rig. "Dibley Marine found the process almost effortless with the quality of the people involved"

With her first launch in February, her New Zealand skipper, Alex Kirichuk will sail her in the New Zealand Dragon National Championships in March against a fleet of local yachts.

Designed by Johan Anker in 1929, the Dragon Class has grown to be one of the most prestigious Classes in the world of competitive yachting. Classes are split between the Modern GRP Dragons and the Wooden Classics.





2009 LAUNCHING UPDATES



Davidson 69- 'Pendragon VI'

Nearing completion in Christchurch, New Zealand is Laurie Davidson's latest racing yacht. To be based on the Westcoast of the USA, she will be sailed in the Transpac Race to Hawaii as well as the numerous Offshore Races and Inshore Regattas that fill up the American Racing Calendar. As with numerous previous projects, Dibley Marine assisted Davidson in the Design Management and details.

Dibley 40 Racing Yacht

Nearing completion in Tauranga, New Zealand, this home built Dibley 40 is down to the detailing and final touches by her owner Carl Smith. Further Reviews will be forth coming after launching but it looks like this yacht will be a winner on both the inshore and offshore race courses.

Dibley 28 Picnic Boat

Beginning construction in Melbourne, Australia is a little 28-footer being built by an old client, Karl Holmes, who built our 10 metre design 'Chikara' [ex 'Babe']. Launching due later in the year. Update and pictures will be put in future newsletters.



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Sailing Anarchy

www.sailinganarchy.com

Crew.org.nz- NZ Yacht forum

www.crew.org.nz

Marine Business Magazine [Australia].

www.marinebusinessmag.com.au

Yachting New Zealand

www.yachtingnz.org.nz

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron

www.rnzys.org.nz

Super Yachts Unlimited

www.superyachtunlimited.co.nz

Yacht Yakka

www.yachtyakka.co.nz



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FROM THE DESIGN OFFICE:

"2008 was a steady year and 2009 is shaping up to be the same. The Global Downturn that is starting to make in-roads into the Marine Industry both here and overseas will make this year interesting from a business point of view and may involve stepping outside of the design square at times. Looking outside of our office window and into Westhaven Marina and beyond to the Northshore, we see nothing but yachts. Yachting is a passion and when the stress takes over, sometimes the best course of action is to jump into the yacht and go. The everyday world drops away and it is only you and the sea. Happy Boating.

GRETEL II RE-LAUNCHES

Gretel II, the iconic Australian America's Cup 12-metre, was relaunched this month in NZ after an extensive refit.

Gretel II is the Alan Payne design that competed in the 1970 America's Cup in Newport against Intrepid. She was the last of the wooden 12-metres to race in the Cup and she walked away with a win in one out of the five races.

Having spent years in Australia as a charter yacht, her new owner decided that this old Cupper needed some tender loving care and a total makeover.

We were brought in to redesign the Interior for overnight accommodation and comfort as well as the Deck Layout and Rig. Overseeing the refit was Tom Warren with Phil Bish and his boatyard Team doing the work.

In the next month, after sea trials in Auckland, she will be sent back to her home port of Sydney, Australia.

Further details to follow in future newsletters.



