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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



'Dee'

Photo © Aviva Racing

No one was happier during the New Year of 2008 than Dee Caffari. She had arrived in Wellington, New Zealand to sail her new Open 60 'Aviva' which had been built by Hakes Marine during 2007.

Dee had just experienced an unpleasant dismasting in the Bay of Biscay, racing her older 'Aviva One' and she arrived 'down-under' to find summer

temperatures and a brand new boat fully rigged and ready to sail. In fact, her hard working shore crew had already put quite a few miles under this latest Merfyn Owen design and when Dee took over the helm, she had a fully operational race machine waiting and ready to go.



Photo © Aviva Racing

With the 'boss' on board, the 'Aviva' team then put their new boat to the test in a variety of conditions and Wellington's famously ample breezes allowed them to go out into Cook Strait and put on a show for their photographer.



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'Aviva' became part of the scenery in Wellington's Chaffers Marina and was joined at various times by damage refugees from the Barcelona World Race.

First to 'pit' was 'Hugo Boss' with out board hung rudder problems. This of course carried with it a 48 hours restart penalty. Many locals enjoyed the chance to see these race boats up close.



'Hugo Boss'

Photo © Jim Bolland

Then followed a canting keel concern for the crew of 'Temenos' and they decided to come ashore and have this very vital part of their yacht expertly checked.



'Temenos'

Photo © Jim Bolland

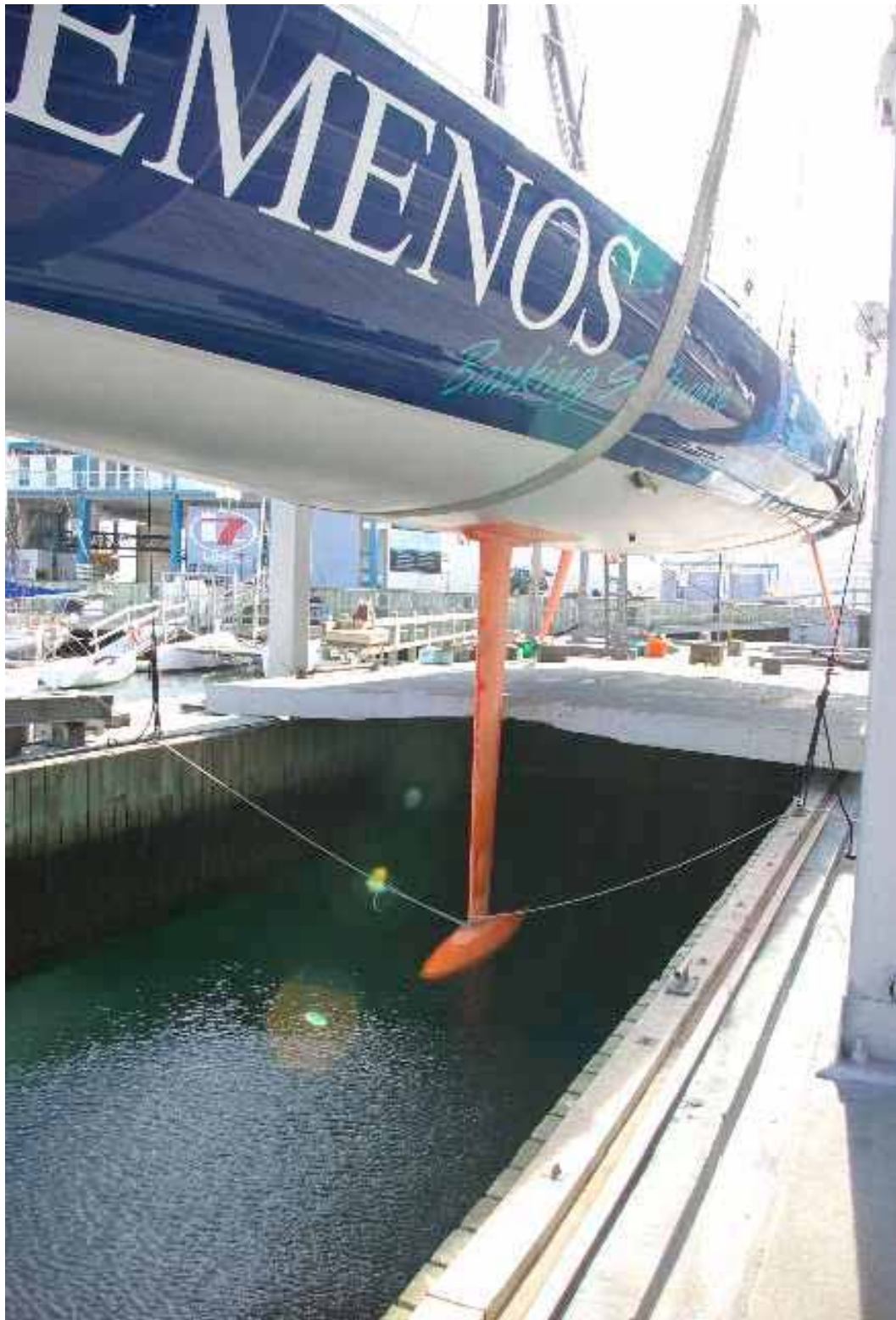


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Considering that two tonne plus hangs on the end of the canting foil, the crew of 'Temenos' were rightly concerned when they saw a rusty growth expanding on the foil by way of the pivot, just inside the hull. However, with the boat safely in the Chaffers Marina overhead lift, sanding of the affected area and x-ray of the foil completed, the problem was adjudged to be just that, rust.

Shortly after 'Temenos' had cleared their 48 hours penalty and Wellington Harbour, the Spanish entry 'Matua Madrileña' arrived in pit lane to check a rudder problem.



Photo © Jim Bolland

All this was a nuisance for the racers, but great for local sailing enthusiasts as the summer break had turned into a 'Parade of Open 60's'.

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'BARNEY'S BUGEYE'



Oil on Canvas. 53 X 89cm. (20 7/8" X 35")

©Jim Bolland. 2008.

RS:X WORLDS, WOW!



On a team count of 48 countries competing, the RS:X boardsailing World Championships that concluded on Saturday 20 January 2008 was, to date, the biggest sporting event held in New Zealand.

Auckland's Takapuna Beach was literally taken over by the world's best board sailors and they turned on an unforgettable demonstration of skill in a variety of wind conditions and under sunny summer skies.



Alessandra Sensini is Sensational!

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RS:X WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. TOP TEN RESULTS;

- 1ST ALESSANDRA SENSINI ITA – 23 POINTS
- 2ND BARBARA KENDALL NZL – 25 POINTS
- 3RD MARINA ALABAU ESP – 41 POINTS
- 4TH FAUSTINE MERRET FRA – 45 POINTS
- 5TH BLANCA MANCHON ESP – 54 POINTS
- 6TH CHARLINE PICCON FRA – 55 POINTS
- 7TH PEINA CHEN CHN - 63 POINTS
- 8TH BRYONY SHAW GBR – 67 POINTS
- 9TH MINGLI DUAN CHN – 68 POINTS
- 10TH PAULINE PERRIN FRA – 77 POINTS

RS:X MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. TOP TEN RESULTS;

- 1st Tom Ashley NZL – 44 points
- 2nd Joao Rodrigues POR – 55 points
- 3rd Shahar Zubari ISR – 56 points
- 4th Przemyslaw Miarczyński POL – 61 points
- 5th Ivan Pastor Lafuente ESP – 74 points
- 6th Nick Dempsey GBR – 75 points
- 7th Samuel Launay FRA – 75 points
- 8th Jon Paul Tobin NZL – 77 points
- 9th Piotr Myszka POL – 87 points
- 10th Nicholas Le Gal FRA – 91 points



Tom Ashley. Victory grin!

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Tom Ashley (NZL), RS:X Mens World Champion, flanked by Joao Rodrigues (POR) and Shaha Zubari (ISR).



Photo © Richard Gladwell/Sail World

Alessandra Sensini (ITA), RS:X Womens World Champion, with runner-up Barbara Kendall (NZL) and third placegetter Marina Alabau (ESP).

A Not So 'Merry Christmas'.

'Skipjack Nautical Wares & Gallery' in 'Olde Towne' Portsmouth VA, which has represented me in the US for two years, was destroyed in the early hours of the 20th of December 2007, as a result of a fire and subsequent gas explosion in an adjacent historical church.

The explosion caused a section of the church building to fall and seriously damage two double storied commercial buildings on High Street, one of these being the 'Skipjack' building.

Joe and Alison Elder who owned 'Skipjack Nautical Wares', lived in the apartment above their gallery and had fortunately evacuated the building during the early stages of the church fire, but stood and looked on in horror as the gas explosion caused the destruction of the top floor, their home!



Fire crews battle the blaze.

Photo © Steve Earley. Virginian Pilot

The Portsmouth City Council rapidly declared the lower retail floor unsafe and forbid entry to rescue the tens of thousands of dollars worth of nautical antiques and marine paintings. They then ordered the demolition of the entire building. There has been much on-going discussion about that decision!

My losses in the building collapse were relatively minor compared with some other artists and certainly none of us who lost art in the demolition can compare their situations to the absolute devastation of home and business that has happened to Joe and Alison.



No Caption Required!

Photo© Steve Earley. Virginian Pilot

May 'Skipjack Nautical Wares & Gallery' rise again from the ashes!

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Has anyone in NZ seen 'COROMANDA'?

In late December 2007, I received an interesting email from Colin Twyford of Kent in England, who is the Commodore and acting secretary of the ATALANTA OWNERS ASSOCIATION. Colin sails with the Erith Yacht Club on the Lower Thames and my newsletter 'A Brush with Sail' has caught up with him there.

The 'Atlanta' Class is a 26 foot trailer yacht designed by Uffa Fox and produced by Fairey Marine, using their then (1950's / 60's) state of the art, hot moulded timber production process. Colin very kindly sent me the class owners association 2006 / 2007 bulletin. In it is a registration list of what appears to be all the hulls produced by Fairey Marine.

Of the Atalanta 26 footer class, there are 186 although over time some have been destroyed by fire or lost at sea. There are smaller numbers of what appear to be developments of the original plan with the Atalanta 31, the Titania and the Fulmar.

Among the registration list of 26 footers are two in New Zealand. One is shown as being owned by Murray Reid who lives in the Bay of Islands, in the

far north. The second boat is 'COROMANDA' shown as being owned by Bruce Davidson of Auckland, but Colin is unable to contact boat or owner. If you know of the whereabouts of 'COROMANDA', could you please let Colin know at colin@twyfordonline.org.uk or pass the information on to "A Brush with Sail" jim@jimbolland.co.nz.



Colin supplied this photo of 'COROMANDA'. Uffa Fox managed to pack an amazing amount of accommodation into this 26 footer without losing the basic aesthetics due to a sail boat, but as a trailer yacht I think you'd need considerably more than two litres of engine to tow it!

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