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A CELEBRATION OF 2024

It was a wonderfully busy year and one that is carrying nicely into 2025. We haven't put out a Newsletter since 2021 as we have been concentrating on our Social Media pages but we have had quite a few clients, friends and followers wanting one to go out, so here it is. Below are some of our highlight moments from a great year.

January 2024

Official Launching of our Dibley/Houghton designed 750, 'Weapon of Choice' (2024) - New Zealand



Photo Credit: Suellen Hurling - #LiveSailDie

"Official launching and test sail for the Dibley/Houghton 750 'Weapon of Choice'. Dibley designed; Edlin/Houghton built. So far 14 knots, two sail reaching in 10 knots of wind speed. A weapon of choice for sure!"

February 2024

Catch up with New Zealand Boatbuilding legend, Roger Land - New Zealand

We had a wonderful time catching up with Roger Land and his wife Julie in Queenstown. Roger is a stalwart in the New Zealand marine industry, with his incredible contributions to the creation and build of the Young 88 and Young 11, among many other designs that he and his team were involved in over the decades.

March 2024

We spent a week in Tasmania, exploring the southern-most coastline onboard the Jack Hargrave's designed 'Carmac V' with her owner Michael Maxwell, while working through future plans and designs. Also, some time onboard Gretel 2 reminiscing the design work that was put into her a few years ago.

April 2024

Design of a new 6.7 metre RIB for Kiwi Yachting Consultants, to be called the SP670 (NZ).
Design of a single rowing scull for NZ Company 'SL Racing' for rowing great Emma Twigg (NZ).
Dibley modified Young 11 'Pacman' takes out the double, Line and IRC, in the 2-handed division of the Brisbane to Gladstone Race.

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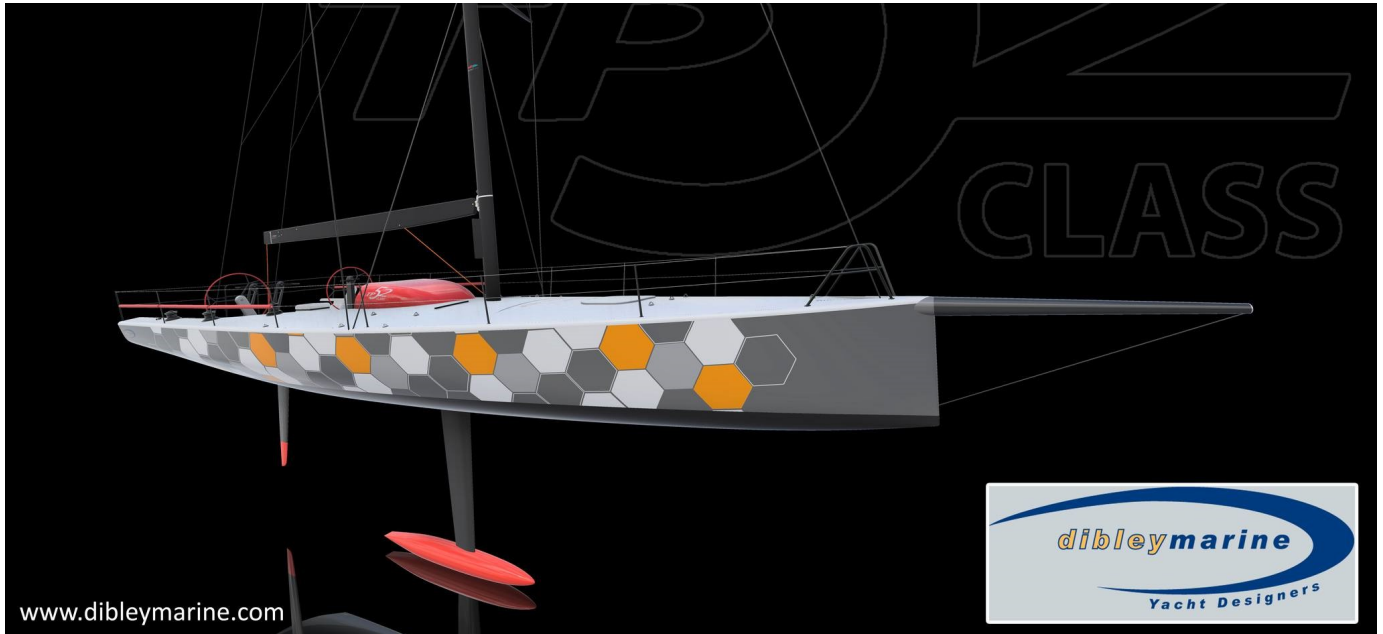
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May 2024

Kraken Yachts expand their operation into Poland and Gibraltar

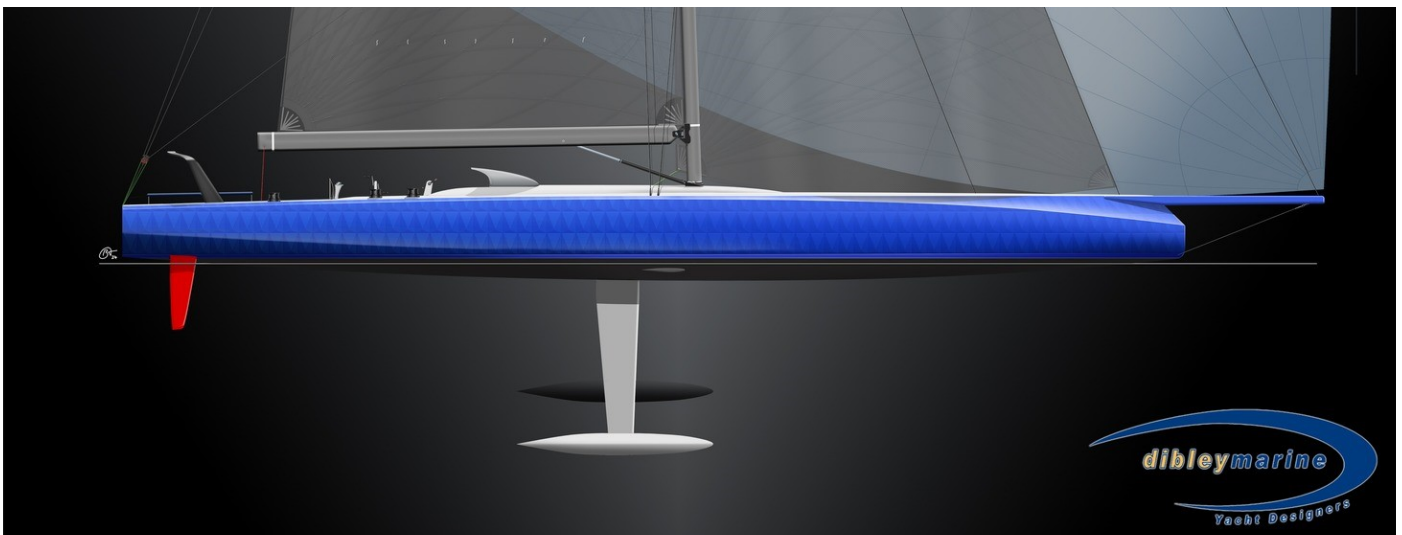
Kraken Yachts have announced their international expansion for the Kraken production, customer support and after sales service. The Bodrum facility in Turkey will concentrate on our Kraken 58 design. The new yard in Poland will focus on the Kraken 50 production, and also allow the start of the Kraken 44 build, of which there has been a strong response. Their sales and customer support center will be in Gibraltar.

Working Drawings for the new TP/IRC 52 (Philippines)



Earlier this year we were commissioned to do some Preliminary design and costing on a new offshore orientated TP52 for an overseas client. We were lucky to be in Newport, Rhode Island at the time of the Rolex TP52 World Championships in June, where I met some great contacts including TP52 Class Manager Rob Weiland, and was able to observe these race machines in action. We put together a great Team which included John Little of PURE Engineering, Nick Bice of Southern Spars, Neil (Coxy) Cox for Project Management, North Sails, Harken, McConaghy's (Australia and China) and Magellan Design's Simon Daly who would manage the 3D modelling of the design as the plans were produced. The result was a package that was par excellence. The Team remain in place and the package is ready to go.

Preliminary design work on a new 100-foot semi-scow bow racing yacht (Hong Kong)



Designed for passage races in the Chinese racing circuit as well as a corporate billboard for the company that instigated the Preliminary study. This project is in the early stages, but we are in standby mode so watch this space.

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June 2024

Our Dibley 40 'Fulcrum' design is in the June issue of Boating New Zealand Magazine



Photo Credit: Roger Mills

Our 40-foot Canting Keeler gets launched after many years of home-building. Derek and Janine Grul finally got her over the line and in the water. Writer and sailor, Sarah Ell along with photographer Roger Mills, took her out for a boat test and photo shoot.

Competed in my first Bluewater Race in 12 years, aboard our LM46 'Arcadia'



2024 Bermuda Race was exciting and challenging with a series of fronts causing tricky conditions near the start and a characteristically choppy crossing of the Gulf Stream. Of the 162 boats that started in Newport, 147 crossed the finish line; 15 boats retired, including two boats that abandoned ship on the course. All crew of each of the participating boats arrived safely back on land. Our navigator Haven Ladd and skipper Eliot Merrill did a brilliant job putting the team together and getting us across the finish line. A big thank you to the skipper and crew of Eliot Merrill, Haven Ladd, Nick DuBois, Lilly Ladd, Emily Babbitt, Matt Knowles and Ben Diamond. And the support crew of family and friends of course.

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July 2024

Dibley modified Young 11 'Pacman' takes out 2nd Line and 3rd IRC in the 2-handed division of the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race.

Design new Daggerboard for the Zephyr Class

We designed a new Daggerboard for a client who races the very popular Zephyr Class in New Zealand. The Zephyr was designed by Kiwi Yacht Designer Des Townson in 1956 and is one of the most popular Classes in NZ to this day, attracting the best of the best of sailors including Rod Dawson, Mark Orams, Mike Drummond and many others. Design – Kevin Dibley (Dibley Yacht Design); CAD Modelling – Simon Daly (Magellan Design); Build – Riaan Alers (Marine Plus Boatbuilding)

August 2024

Olympic Silver Medal for Emma Twigg!

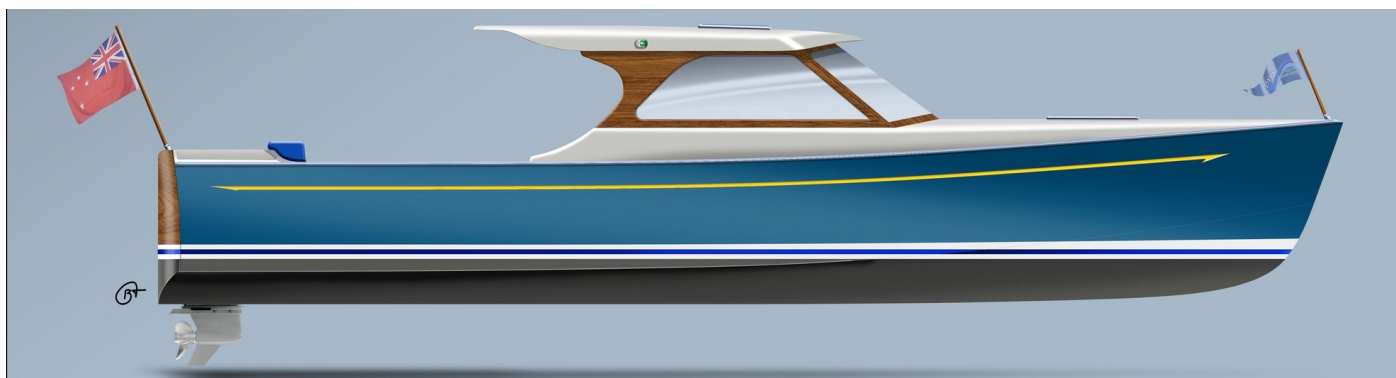


*Woman's Single Scull: Emma Twigg does it for NZ, bringing home an Olympic Silver in one of the most edge of the seat performances to date. Racing her Dibley designed hull in collaboration with builders SL Racing, Emma chased Dutch sculler Karolien Florijn all the way down the course, just missing Gold by a mere 1.84 seconds. Emma was the fastest hull in all the heats in the Quarter Finals and the same in the Semi Finals. An incredible performance. SL Racing' should be proud of what they have achieved. **The only NZ designed and built boat at the Olympics.** We designed Emma's hull specifically for her weight and style while SL Racing concentrated on all the details above the waterline.*

September 2024

Design work on the 79-foot Commercial Charter Boat 'Tasman Explorer' for SEA Fiordland (NZ)

Design of a new 28-foot Picnic style Powerboat (NZ)



A repeat client and long-time friend approached us to design for him and his family a 28-foot Picnic style boat powered by an outboard that was visually hidden. Designed for day trips or short weekends away around Auckland's Waitemata Harbour and the Hauraki Gulf our client, a builder for Team New Zealand and Southern Spars, wanted the simplicity of ply and glass for the build. Ideally a kitset set up. A skilled and experienced sailor, his request was for a powerboat that had the style and grace of a classic but with the performance and simplicity of a modern build.

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October—November 2024

- Yacht Delivery of a Davidson 52 from Fiji to New Zealand
- Design of a new rudder for a J/122e production race yacht (UK)
- IRC optimisation for a B-32 production yacht (HK)
- Performance optimisation analysis of a Young 11 (NZ)
- Performance optimisation of the Ron Holland designed IMP (Ireland)
- Modifications and finetuning of the Dibley designed Kraken 44 (Poland)

December 2024

Launching of the Dibley/Russell 52 Powerboat (NZ)



The official launching of our 52-foot design 'Legacy' after a 3+ year build by father and son team of Stuart and Brent Russell. Beautifully built and launched to her designed weight and trim. Perfection!

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www.ssanz.co.nz

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

From the Design Office:

A great year of diverse projects and successful launchings.

Again we have to thank those in the background who helped carry these projects over the line. Peter Lawson and Nina Heatley who separately looked after the structural engineering side; Simon Daly whose 3D modelling is nothing short of perfection; Neil Spencer who's quiet voice in the background smoothed the day to day accounts and workings; and of course our clients who have been awesome in their enthusiasm and belief.

We are well into 2025 and look forward to sharing some of the exciting projects through our Social Media and eventual end of year Newsletter. Keep safe, healthy and happy, and of course.....

Safe boating....

Kevin Dibley (Design Director)



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