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Sleepyhead Victory



Photo courtesy of Greg Olsen

For the second consecutive year The New Zealand Offshore Powerboat title has been won by Peter Turner and Craig Archer in a hull built by CT Marine and designed by Brett Bakewell-White. Following the most closely fought racing season for many years it came down to the last race of the season with two boats still able to take the title - both from the board of Bakewell-White Yacht Design and built by CT Marine .

Turner, the defending champion, was fighting for a record breaking sixth title in a new 'Sleepyhead' boat for this season, whilst the other contender was the Valder brothers racing last years champion 'Sleepyhead', now renamed 'Pro Floors', were gunning for their first National title.

In the end Turner and Archer walked to the title after the 'Pro Floors' team, perhaps showing pre-race nerves, whilst completing a practice lap went into a turn too hot and hooked a chine on a spectator boat wake and barrel-rolled the boat at close to 100mph ending their day being towed back to shore upside down.

Congratulations to Peter Turner, Craig Archer, and the Sleepyhead Team on another National Title win.

New production Ski boat to be released

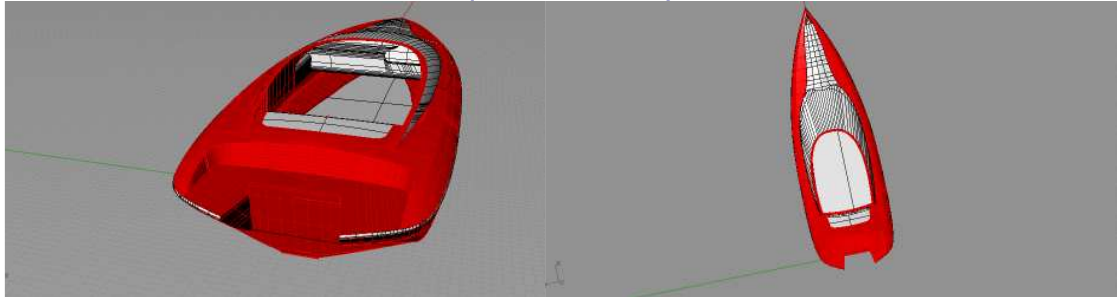


Finally after a year of development and testing we have finally settled on our new 19ft production ski boat design which is to be branded Dominator19. Designed totally in-house using Rhino design software we have settled on a hull that is 6.1 meters long x 1.9 meters wide with a 21 degree vee. The new hull has an interior better suited to social skiing than our last production hull with built in storage systems as standard features as well as a fully upholstered interior.

Construction is to be resin infused Kevlar Foam sandwich construction as opposed to the usual single skin style construction usually seen in production boats.

With our last ten years experience building this style of hull for the NZ market we are confident that our latest creation will be the most advanced ski boat yet both in construction and performance.

Molds are now under way and the first hull pre sold and due for delivery in the last quarter of this year



Diana Refit

Diana is slowly starting to take shape this is a project that is completely the opposite as to what we specialize in but the owner being a customer who we have done a lot of work for would not take no for an answer and to be honest it's a refreshing break from staring at carbon fibre all day! .

Built in 1937 we rescued her from a near watery grave with the main wish of the client to have an original classic NZ built motor yacht without the upkeep usually associated with such a vessel to achieve this we have had to strip the vessel completely leaving the bare hull shell to then rebuild from the ground up.

We are very confident with the materials available today that when she is relaunched she will look like a brand new boat and still look like one in ten years time.



Profloors repair and upgrade.



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Having suffered reasonable damage from its Barrel roll in the last race of the 2007 Armacup series it was decided that a new cock pit layout was needed in Profloors to bring it line with the development of latest Sleepyhead Phantom. This involves improved visibility, revised dash layout and different air intakes to improve aerodynamics.

With the Profloors team committed to next season this is a job that needs to be completed quickly so testing and development can once again resume.



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