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Super yacht makes waves:

As seen in the Sunday Star Times (August 15th 2011), Yachting Developments has been awarded the KiaOraMai Awesome Service Award. Ian Cook was presented the award for the fast build and excellent service provided whilst building super yacht Antares III. As president of the Marine Industry Association, Cook says the award shows that Kiwi boatbuilders can win big contracts against overseas competition, by having confidence in their planning, and "getting support from staff and sub-contractors".

The owner's agent Patrick Yeoward said the timeframe was a factor in the project being awarded to Yachting Developments, rather than a northern hemisphere yard.

"Ian Cook ensured construction went like clockwork. Antares III was launched within 14 months and the quality has exceeded expectations. The level of client service is an example of why we would strongly recommend New Zealand, Ian, and his company to overseas interests."



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Yachting Developments is proud to launch another 30m composite performance cruising sloop this week.

Yachting Developments has lived up to their reputation and produced a yacht that they can be proud of particularly considering the short build time of just over one year.

"YD69 has been a very enjoyable project, the team at Yachting Developments thrived on the challenge to build such a high quality custom superyacht in the timeframe requested by the client." says Ian Cook, Yachting Developments Managing Director.

From the design board of naval architects Dixon Yacht Design the vessel is referred to as build number YD69, or by its project name "Meteor 100" but is now proudly named 'Antares III'.

Built to comply with stringent Germanischer Lloyd and MCA classification requirements, the vessel is incredibly strong yet 25%-30% lighter than similar vessels built in Aluminum, this is achievable by the use of composites. The composite structure is post cure epoxy Eglass/Carbon/Kevlar incorporating high strength foam sandwich technology. The hull has a Kevlar outer skin giving increased impact resistance.

Blonde Teak interior as designed by Rhodes Young, was built in-house by Yachting Developments specialist

tradesmen with a horizontal grain and is contrasted with wide Walnut planked floors. The yacht's accommodation consists of an upper and lower saloon that are open to each other, two spacious guest cabins and a full beam Owners cabin with private access to the aft cockpit. Forward of the galley and crew mess is accommodation for four crew members.

Patrick Yeoward, owner representative and Project Manager describes the launch of Antares III: "They say that things run like a Swiss watch... Well that will have to be rephrased to a 'Yachting Developments launch'. One can expect things to run smoothly when following the 6P code, but when the weather turns and you can't see from one end of the boat to the other, you could be forgiven to think it is all going to go wrong. But no. With increasing wind and driving rain that yacht was launched, on time. The rig stepped, on time. The boom loaded, on time. And moored up, on time. The look of relief on the faces on board certainly said it all. All involved from the Owner's side would like to congratulate and thank Ian Cook and his team for a job that was most certainly well done."

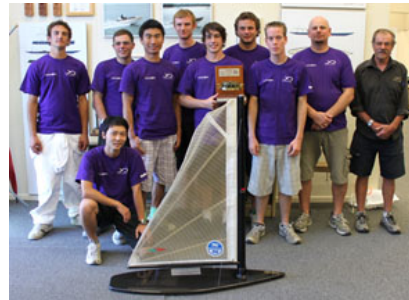
The vessel and owner will in the coming months take advantage of the South Pacific build location with planned cruises throughout New Zealand, Fiji and other Pacific islands before heading to the northern hemisphere.



NZ MARINE TRADE CHALLENGE 2011 - THE YEAR OF THE CAT

The 2011 Marine Trades Challenge was held Saturday 12 March, at the MIA headquarters in Westhaven Marina, Auckland.

This year each team's challenge was to build a 'CAT'. Our boys unfortunately didn't do so well on the water and walked away very wet. However both teams claimed trophies: Robert Hamilton, Bevan Newton, Chris Staub and Jordan Patching received the trophy for Best Built Boat and Andrew Goldfinch, Matthew Fan, Sean Shin and Brendan Driskel received the trophy for Innovation.



ENDEAVOUR PROJECT

Endeavour was lifted out of the water at Auckland Viaduct Harbour in preparation for an extensive 16 month refit.

The refit will be carried out by Auckland based boat builder Yachting Developments. The company established an international award winning reputation as a leading builder of state of the art composite Superyachts. The decision to go with Yachting Developments in the face of intense competition is testimony to the diversity of the yard and in particular the personal passion of the management and employees. Managing director, Ian Cook is a traditional boat enthusiast owning and competitively sailing the iconic Auckland based 60 foot sloop ranger.

Endeavour is perceived as being in the top 10 vessels of all time. The refit will include new: decks, main engine, generators, carbon fibre mast, sails, deck gear, sailing handling equipment and onboard systems upgrade and repaint. In addition the crew accommodation will be reconfigured.

The lift was 160tons, undertaken in Auckland's Viaduct.

