

# MEET THE SKIPPERS



INTRODUCING RACE COMPETITOR

## MIKE CARTER



Mike grew up in the midlands of England, about as far from the sea as it is possible to be in the United Kingdom.

He came to sailing as an adult more by accident than design, a chance conversation with a colleague led to learning to sail and then crewing and skippering boats in south coast regattas and the RORC offshore series including the 1998 Fastnet Race.

Moving to Melbourne in the early 2000's saw Mike take up inshore racing with his own 8m boat and inshore and offshore racing with others including various Bass Strait and east coast races and a S2H in 2005.

In 2007 Mike and his wife Tracey left Melbourne to take a 12,000Nm cruise to Tasmania, New Zealand, French Polynesia and the western Pacific before settling in Wellington.

A few years went by with no boat until Allégresse was purchased in 2012. Bringing her back to life has been a labour of love and she has cruised 2-handed to Fiji, Vanuatu and New Caledonia.

Sailing single handed has been a yearning for Mike for many years but has only been realised in coastal cruising so far.

The Solo Trans-Tasman is Mike's first adventure in an offshore single-handed yacht race, and is something that he is really looking forward to.

**BOAT:** Allegresse  
**TYPE:** Bruce Clarke 42  
**HOME PORT:** Wellington  
**PREVIOUS COMPETITOR:** No



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