

MEET THE SKIPPERS

INTRODUCING RACE COMPETITOR

JIM O'KEEFFE

Jim discovered sailing at 21 years of age while working on a charter Yacht in Sydney Harbour. Following that he helped deliver yachts as far as San Francisco and to the East Coast of the USA.

Sick of being penniless he returned home to Australia after 18 months and worked as a carpenter, but it wasn't long before he had the hull of a Swanson 32 to fit out and was back out on the open seas.

In 1978 Jim first entered the Solo Trans Tasman race. He set off from New Plymouth, and the race turned into a real wild ride through Cyclone Hal, a true adventure!

Following an eight year build, Jim launched Hullabaloo (an Adams 13 centreboard) in 1994, and after mainly coastal sailing and a trip to New Zealand, Jim along with son Joe, entered the Osaka race in 2007. This was a huge commitment all round, but was a fantastic experience.

In 2018 Jim again entered the Solo Tasman race, only to lose his mast just short of New Plymouth due to a faulty fitting. Re-rigged, he sailed the Tasman single handed in July of that Year.

After an almost complete refit, he is looking forward to his next great adventure in his third attempt at the Solo Trans Tasman Race.

See you at the start line!



BOAT: Hullabaloo

TYPE: Adams 13

HOME PORT: Yamba Australia

PREVIOUS COMPETITOR: Yes



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