

INTRODUCING

Mike Rees – General Manager of Corsair Marine

Where are you from?

Originally from the UK, however I have spent many years in Sydney, Australia.

Brief professional history

I spent 8 Years at Seawind in Australia, 4 of which were as Production Manager. I was the

Prior to working as a Production Engineer at Princess Yachts International (Plymouth, UK), primarily working on the 21m Flybridge powerboat I worked as Assistant Production Manager for Seaquest Yachts (Falmouth, UK) building racer/cruiser monohulls.

When did you join the Seawind/Corsair team and in what capacity?

I was handed Richard Ward's (owner of Seawind) contact details by three separate people in one weekend back in 2005 when I was looking for a new challenge. At that time Seawind had 43 boats on order and production could not keep up with demand so I joined the company in the role of Production Engineer with a focus on streamlining production, especially on the Seawind 1160 line. Over the next two years we managed to double the cycle time on the Seawind 1160 to a launch every 2 weeks with a SW1000 launched every 3 weeks.

In August 2013 I accepted the role of General Manager at Corsair Marine, the manufacturing division of Seawind Catamarans and my family (my wife and two young children) accompanied me to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Tell us more about the production quality of the Corsair & Seawind boats?

Everyone says the same thing, from production staff to dealers & our customers, the feedback we have received across both the brands of Seawind & Corsair has been that the quality now is better than it has ever been. It has always been our goal to establish an offshore manufacturing facility with quality as our number one priority. "So what's it like? Better – because we have to be!" Boat manufacturing is very labor intensive and we go the extra little bit to raise the quality of our products.

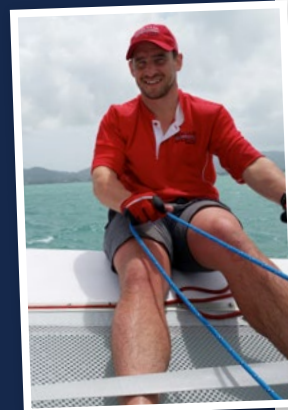
What are your thoughts on the company/ brands co-joining and Corsair becoming the manufacturing division of Seawind?

In 2013 the last of the Seawind production was moved to the Corsair factory in Vietnam along with our key management resources. This final piece of the jigsaw really signified the change to a new era for both Corsair & Seawind and of which I am very excited to be a part. Both brands have well over 30 years as industry leaders and with the merger we are able to bring skills and technologies from one to the other and really deliver a great product to our customers. I think it is really important to note for Corsair in Vietnam that the company was established in Ho Chi Minh City eight years ago and has roughly 200 employees of which a very large percentage have 5+ years of service. The loyalty and skill sets of our Vietnamese staff have developed over this period and continue to keep Seawind and Corsair on the map as a major established boat manufacturer.

Further comments about the company; dealer network and Corsair Nationals

The Corsair dealer network is well established with some fantastic figures within the multihull

community. There is a vast depth of trimaran knowledge with many dealers being Corsair owners themselves originally and certainly having had many Corsair sailing adventures onboard. With new products and new markets to explore, we are excited to expand out dealer network for 2014/15 and with this in mind, we continue to welcome interest from prospective dealers around the world.



Expectations for the future

The energy here at Corsair Marine is fantastic. The production teams are constantly innovating with new materials, more modern and technological components, better processes and product improvements. We see this flow through to the market place and the production is on the rise. There are some really exciting projects being worked on at present and the future for Corsair is very bright!!

Personal interests

I am a windsurfer, kite surfer, sailor, snowboarder... pretty much all the sports you can't do in Ho Chi Minh City...However, in the past 10 months I have really enjoyed getting to know the Vietnamese people, their culture and what this country has to offer. Ho Chi Minh City is in massive state of growth and it's exciting to see it in the flesh.

Corsair Community with a web link:
<http://sail.corsairmarine.com/>



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Corsair Nationals & Rendezvous 2014

2014 Corsair National Championship, Rendezvous And Offshore Multihulls

Inter-Lake Yachting Association

Put-In-Bay, OH, USA

July 31 – August 03, 2014

For Registration, NOR's and Accommodation click on: <http://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1093>

Bay Week is one of the largest freshwater events in the United States with boats hailing from all over the Great Lakes and Canada. This year the 2014 Corsair National Championships and Rendezvous are a part of this Annual Event.

A corner of the Big Top is specifically designated for Corsair owners to gather, meet and greet!

2014 Corsair Nationals and Rendezvous Schedule of Activities and Bay Week Social Package Thursday through Saturday July 31 – August 2 2014

The Corsair Boats will race a prescribed course from Port Clinton to a finish line at South Bass Island. If the wind is right, the Race Committee may call for more races back to back at the east end of the islands. Afterwards, sail into the harbor at Put-in-Bay where you will be assigned a Mooring Buoy. The Boardwalk will supply a Water Taxi for trips to and from your boat. This is included in your registration!

Join us on Thursday Night for the first night of our 3-day Social Package. For \$40 per person, your Wristband will be Your Ticket to all the Parties and Events:

Welcoming Party at PIBYC with Food by Tony Packos and Beer (All you can

drink) - after racing Thursday Night with Live Music by Apple Brown Betty until 10:00pm.

- DAILY Awards and Beer at PIBYC -after racing on Friday
- Corsair Marine sponsored Mount Gay Sail RUM Party at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club – after the Daily Awards on Friday Night. (All you can drink) and Dancing to the sound of Mr. Show. Your Crew will be fed with Disbrow's Signature OH Boy Sandwich, Mac and Cheese. Wear Your Wrist Band!!
- Ladies Cocktail Reception - after racing on Saturday... It's Tradition! Meet the Commodore and his Lady. (The site of the Ladies Cocktail Reception TBA.) Cocktails made to order and Hors d'ouvres. Register for the Ladies Party at PIBYC after 4pm Thursday and Friday.
- DAILY Awards and Beer at PIBYC – after racing on Saturday... Wear Your Wrist Band!!
- Lobster Bisque and Ruck Sandwiches by the Boardwalk and Beer(All you can drink) at PIBYC -after Daily Awards Saturday Night Wear Your Wrist Band!! More Music by the Mr. Show until 10:30pm. Dance, Dance, Dance!
- Sunday after the Races: Daily First Awards, Beer Bust and Final Awards at PIBYC.

Come for the regatta, stay for the week! South Bass Island has accommodation at all price points with 400-500 hotel rooms, B&B's, condos and cottages. Enjoy sunset from your lovely wooded State Park



campsite overlooking the lake or save some bucks and stay on your boat. August is peak season for this resort community so make your reservations early! MAKE RESERVATIONS

Here are other links you might find useful:

- PIB Visitors and Convention Bureau: ABOUT US
- Download the Visitor's Island Guide
- Ottawa County Visitor's Bureau Lodging Locator Service call 1-800-441-1271 1-800-441-1271 FREE
- State Park Camping: ONLINE RESERVATIONS

If you don't ever race any other regatta, this is the one for you!

I'll be there, will you? Your Bay Week Specialist and Corsair F-28 Owner, 'Big Storm'

Deb Schaefer

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