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New Marketing Manger

Noelle Iles recently joined the Corsair Team at our headquarters in Ho Chi Minh in the position of Marketing Manager. Coming from an extensive sailing background in California, Hawaii, Mexico and the South Pacific, she has sailed across the Pacific four times and delivered all kinds of boats throughout Australia, Papua New Guinea and South East Asia. Finding a deficit of sailing and a water sport community in Vietnam she became a founding member of the Saigon Yacht Club in 2005 which established the first sailing and racing activities in the country. She went on to help develop another venture 'High Tide Sailing' into a successful weekend sailing activity for experienced expats as well as beginner sailors in the VN community of all ages. Born and raised in N. California she has travelled throughout North, Central, South America, Africa, Asia and Europe. She is also fluent in both Spanish & Japanese.

Photo of the Month Competition

- WHO?** Your name, Boat name, Model, Location and Time of day
- WHAT?** A hi-res image of your boat (with you & friends on it optional) in a unique wonderful place you care to share with the world
- WHEN?** Submit any time to niles@corsairmarine.com
- WHERE:** For special mention posting on the website and newsletter
- WHY:** Why not!?

Good luck!
 * please do not put text across your images but provide us with a separate caption



New Website Launch

After months of carefully considered and creative work we are delighted to announce the launch of the new Corsair Marine website.

January 2014 Dusseldorf Boat Show

Attended by Corsair Marine reps Mike Rees (GM) and Zam Bevan (Production Manager), this show was a great success. With the European launch of the Cruze 970, which was on display next to a Dash MKII, the seemingly more buoyant European market feedback was positive with the first boat sold and a number of test sails organised for March / April in Italy through our Southern Germany dealer, Werner Stolz. The number one comment from visiting Corsair owners at the show was just how far the quality has come on this new product.



Congratulations to Corsair dealer Bob Gleason and Ira Heller who exhibited at the NEBS (New England Boat Show) winning best stand display for 2014. The show proved to be a success producing sales for the popular 750 series DashMKII and a C37. Bob will receive the Cruze 970 to show case for the North Americans this summer!



2014 Corsair US Nationals & Rendezvous
 July 31 to August 3

Lake Erie at Put-In-Bay Yacht Club, Ohio.

The event is held during the Inter-Lake Yachting Association's Bayweek Regatta

Put-in-Bay is a major tourist and vacation destination located on South Bass Island in the western end of Lake Erie.

Click here to visit the [2014 Corsair US Nationals & Rendezvous Facebook Event Page.](#)

Hosted by the [Inter-Lake Yachting Association](#) at the [Put-in-Bay Yacht Club](#)

For further information and registration details contact Corsair coordinator Bob Gleason at bob@themultihullsource.com or Event Liaison Deb Schaefer at summer.storm@cros.net

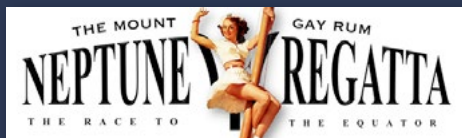
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Neptune Regatta 2014



Corsair Trimarans in an equator adventure!
2 Feb to 8 Feb 2014

By: Jean-Philippe, Damien and Patrice (Manao Express team)

The 4th annual Neptune Regatta took place in Indonesian waters with 30 boats in different classes. Starting and returning to Nongsa Point Marina located on Batam Island, and organized by John Tudor.

Combining a series of windward/leeward and passage races, depending on class and with approximately 85 nautical miles "Race to Zero" being a race through the Riau Islands in Indonesia to the equator this race takes participants on a voyage through virgin sailing waters of Indonesia's wild and beauty Riau Islands with volcanic peaks rising in the distance on the larger islands of Temiang, Singkep and Lingga; which rest behind a multitude of tropical islands smaller in size and shapes leading to the jump off point for the equator at Pulau Buaya (N 0 10'5" & E 104 13'5") finally arriving at the protected anchorage and stunning white coral beach of the Island re-named "Neptune Island" by the race organization.

The Neptune Regatta is unique in Asia.

Primarily it is a sailing regatta...but is open for motor rally and secondly, it is the world's only equator regatta. The Neptune Regatta welcomes all types of sailors and encourages all types of sailing vessels from trimarans, catamarans to monohulls and cruisers to all-out carbon racing machines and motor vessels for leisure salty ballade.

We registered our trimaran Manao Express in the multihulls racing class along with a total of 7 trimarans who were on the race: 5 Corsair trimarans C37 (Zhuka); C31 (Try to fly); C28 (Manao Express) and 2 Dash 750's

(Dash Boot and Kaze); one M23 (Phoenix) and the new RAW 30 (newly racing carbon trimaran). Singapore's Changi Sailing Club was well represented with the 3 Corsair trimarans : Phoenix, Dash Boot and Manao Express. A total of seven races were organized throughout the week with 4 classic competitions around cans; a good way to refresh the sailing rules, work our tactics and keep speed in handling sails and spinnakers...

The second day was the famous long distance sailing down to "Neptune Island"! A long day with partial night sailing (a leg of 80 miles in direct line from start to finish which represents around 120 miles in "real sail distance due to the numerous jibe downwind to go South".) This southern leg was a lot of fun, battling the strong anarchic streams between islands and a dark night arrival.

The third day was dedicated to the Equator

race: "Race to Zero" , a unique start with all the different fleets sailing as fast possible to cross the equator line defined by the race committee. Once latitude zero was crossed; captains, crew and passengers crossing for the first time, as per tradition, had to "pay respect" to King Neptune (the already initiated sailors are always very creative here) before re-starting the clock and racing back to Neptune Island.

The fourth day being a day off for any repairs, discovering the Island and socializing with the village fishermen in the neighboring island.

The fifth day is the longest day... back to Nongsa marina, 80 miles up wind against wind and streams, a long leg more than 14 hours struggling with an arrival again in the middle of the night.

The final day, with little time to recover from the late arrival in the night, was dedicated to races between cans to keep up pressure of the competition and racers.

The leading racing multihulls were tied on points coming into the final showdown. The expected battle between Scott 30 RAW and

Richard 's Corsair C37 Zhuka, fell by the wayside as Zhuka's centerboard was broken after hitting the reef on the Friday evening on the race back from Equator. This left the door open for Pro Sail Asia's RAW30 to capitalize, notching up two wins and race away with the title. Zhuka did the best but the three early victories were not enough to keep them in second place, she ended up 3rd!

Jean-Philippe's C28 Manao Express managed a solidly sustained performance all week to trade to second place (and first of the Corsair fleet). Alice's Dash 750 Kaze III finished very close at 4th place with great performance on race 5 on way back to Nongsa . Clive's Dash Boot is by far as last year champion of "last minute repair" (one float was not water proof the day before the race 3...the team worked hard to fix it in the night; Freddie's Phoenix battled like a lion with the smallest trimaran of the fleet, however with a broken rudder on the race back to Nongsa and could not participate in the final races. Try to Fly, despite a rocket first place in Race 1 had to stop the adventure on day 1 after losing her mast in a gust...

What an amazing week we had, good wind up to 18 knots, no rain and good team building among the participants!

Lessons learnt:

1. Nice to get at least a French or Italian on board or Alice coming back from Italy (Dash Boot, Kaze III and Manao Express were fully loaded with nice French gastro-nomic specialties and fine wine!)
2. With a C37 : more comfortable, faster ...and more place for wine storage in particular after a stop in Lankawi on way to Nongsa...
3. If you want speed, performance and "old marine school" U-boat style comfort apply for being a crew to Captain Scott and fasten your seat belt!

4. More seriously... resilience is key! Never give up on the long race, we can always come back with the right options and get a boat that is well maintained & prepared!

Pretty sure that many of us will be back!

Background

The Neptune Regatta is added the 2013/14 Asian Yachting Grand Prix Championship for the first time and is set to offer something different to yachts competition in Asia.

The Regatta has become known for its fun, yet exciting and challenging racing, as well as the stunning racing grounds which take in a archipelago of tropical islands south of Batam to the equator, making the Neptune Regatta a unique yachting event in the regional sailing calendar.

The Equator, - that imaginary line that separates the earth's northern from the southern hemisphere - divides and influences in many forms: romance, historical debate, sporting prowess, the navigational latitude of zero and even a country's name. Crossing the line has long been held as a seafarer's baptism to the Court of Neptune with ceremonies for the uninitiated going back hundreds of years. Even today whether on a cruise liner, naval vessel, yacht or ship, or even a plane, the attraction and excitement of crossing the equator and subsequent ceremony appeals to young and old.

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