



FUN ON THE HIGH SEAS

Gae Bristow

February 2024 General Meeting



FIRST SAILING LESSON FOR THE KIDS





TRUE BLUE – A BEN LEXAN DESIGN



Ben Lexan also designed Alan Bond's Americas Cup winner with the famous winged keel.





A.J. BRISTOW MARINE



Oz design impresses in Japan

AN Australian-designed, Sydney-built yacht is making quite an impact on the booming Japanese market. The Cape 31, designed by Andrew Cape, now based in Britain, and built in Sydney by BAC Yachts, has shown itself to be a stunning performer, notching up 25 line honours victories in 12 months of racing.

A syndicate based at the Moroiso Yacht Club, about 40 kilometres from Yokohama, is behind the Japanese interest. The original contact was initiated by Sydney sailmaker Ian Macdiarmid, who has a branch of his loft in Yokohama. Clients of the loft heard about the Cape 31's performance and two club members flew to Sydney, liked what they saw, and placed orders. The first boat has already arrived in Yokohama.

For further information, contact Andrew Bristow, of BAC Yachts on (02) 651 1061.

A total of 5 boats were built in a shed on the property in Dural.

Cape Fear was retained

Restless went to Queensland and two boats went to Japan as per this story



CONSTRUCTION OF S/CAPE





RESTLESS



Restless, was one of the first Andrew Cape designs, a Cape 35'. The hull and deck were built in Sydney at A.J. Bristow Marine, in 1992, with owner Ray Hobbs working for the builder and living in his Landcruiser for a period of 3 months. He then transported the joined hull and deck home to Gladstone where the yacht was faired, painted, and fitted out with rig and a basic racing interior. Bristow went on to build another 4 Cape design yachts during the period of the early Nineties.

Restless was launched in October 1992, in time for the annual Round the Bay Race, hosted by Capricorn Cruising Yacht Club, Rosslyn Bay, Yeppoon.

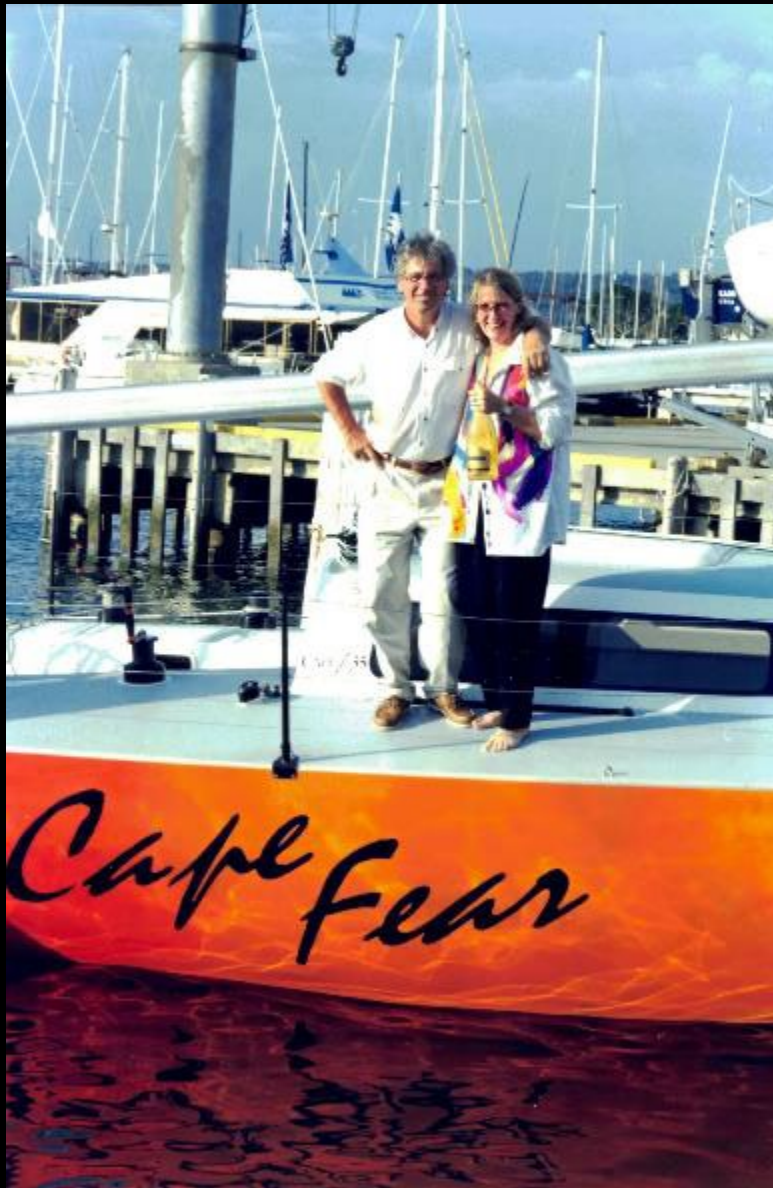
The first attempt at competing in the Brisbane to Gladstone Race, in 1993, was halted by a disastrous delivery trip; Restless snapping its mast at the lower spreaders as she went over the treacherous Wide Bay Bar. Instead of continuing South, Ray Hobbs and Ken Watson pointed north and motored home with the broken rig.

Ray then purchased a Dodge truck, followed a few years later by a Mack truck, and after some alterations to the keel, Restless was trucked in style to regattas as far south as Sydney and north to Hamilton Island.





LAUNCH OF CAPE FEAR





TRANSPORTING CAPE FEAR





50TH ANNIVERSARY SYDNEY HOBART



KODAK GOLD III
SYDNEY - HOBART
1944 - 1994



THE 1994 START





EVERYDAY LIFE!





SAILING DOWN THE TASMANIAN COAST





FINISHED!





THE ALL GIRL CREW 1995



Mortgage Choice Crew photo - standing - Angie Crafer, Simone Hill, Caroline Paterson, Judy Micklewright, Val, Rachael Crompton. Seated - Gai Bristow and Amanda Wilmot (skipper)

THE YACHTS

The Yachts • 1995 • Mortgage Choice



Mortgage Choice

All female crew headed by Amanda Wilmot, from the famous Wilmot sailing family. Amanda has steered in seven Sydney to Hobarts amongst other races. They've picked a boat boat (Autodesk Cape Fear) with top results including 2nd in division, '94 Sydney to Southport race, 1st in division '95 Sydney to Mooloolaba race.

Previous name and name on program is Autodesk Cape Fear

Competitor Details

Yacht Name	Mortgage Choice
Sail Number	5406
Skipper	Amanda Wilmot (7)
Crew	Angie Crafer, Simone Hill, Caroline Paterson (1), Judy Micklewright (3), Valery Nullet, Rachael Crompton, Gai Bristow (1)
State	NSW
Club	Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
Type	Cape 35
Designer	Andrew Cape (Aus)
LOA	10.7



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THE RACE - EXTRACTS FROM THE ABC

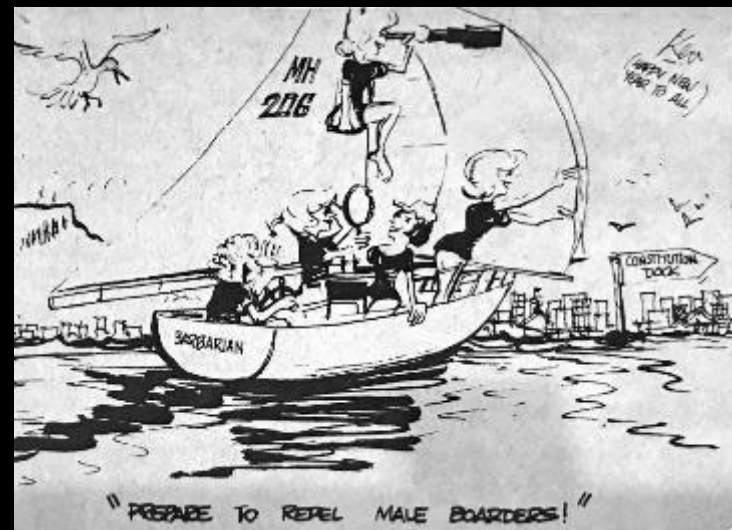


1995 Sydney Hobart Yacht Race start





SYDNEY TO HOBART ALL FEMALE CREWS



1975 Barbarian



1992 Nadia IV



1993 WOW



1994 WOW



1995 MORTGAGE CHOICE



1994 NZ



ALL FEMALE CREWS



No.	Year	Boat	Other Name	Club	Sail No.	Skipper	Navigator	Crew/Notes
1	1975	Barbarian	Barbarian	MHYC	MH260	Vicky Willman	Sheila Beach	Helen Neville, Ruth Reinhardt, Narelle Cox, Nancy Shaw and Lesley Brydon.
2	1989	Belles Long Ranger	Otago	CYCA	1170	Christine Evans (WoW)	Beth Higgs (2)	Women on Water Syndicate - Kathy Veel (1), Kate Holz, Donna Sykes, Ros Lewis (2), Jenny Gillott, Kerry Goudge (2), Linley Eagle, Maria Hudson, Karen Naylor
3	1992	Ella Bache	Beyond Thunderdome	MHYC	5500	Adrienne Cahalan (2)		Vanessa Dudley (3), Amanda Wilmot (2), Cathy Hawkins, Lindsay Marwood(3), Lindy Hardcastle, Teresa Michelle, Sue Crafer, Amanda Swan, Amanda Alyard, Suzie Allsop (Jones), Amanda Unknown,
3	1992	Nadia IV	Nadia IV	RSYS	4040	Kerry Goudge (4) (WoW)		Kathy Veel (2), Donna Sykes (1), Cecilia Caffery, Linley Eagle (1), Wendy O'Neill, Gayle Melrose, Ros Lewis (3), Beth Higgs (3), Karen Ewels, Ruth Jones, Anne Carr.
5	1993	Telecom MobileNet	Nadia IV	CYCA	4040	Kerry Goudge (5) (WoW)		Janet Torney, Cecilia Caffery (1), Anne Carr (1), Cathy Josling (2), Karen Ewels (1), Magda Kotecki (2), Julie Gribble, Bev Ryrie, Bridget Canhan, Wendy O'Neill (1), Anne Sherry, Gayle Melrose (1)
6	1994	Telecom MobileNet	Nadia IV	CYCA	4040	Kerry Goudge (6) (WoW)		Janet Torney (1), Bridget Canhan (1), Cecilia Caffery (2), Wendy O'Neill (2), Julie Gribble (1), Anne Carr (2), Karen Ewels (2), Cathy Josling (3), Magda Kotecki (3), Jenni Neary (1), Miranda Merron, Nicole Claringbold
6	1994	Brightstone, NZL		RNZYS	NZL 83	Teresa Borrell		Catherine Ormrod, Janet Thompson, Carla Bennett, Barbara Tupp, Leith Mossman, Kelly Johnson, Gail Scoffin, Annie Taylor, Sheryl Smith
6	1994	Qantas NZ	Outward Bound	BBYC	NZL 4525	Gayle Melrose (2)		Kym Melrose (Daughter 18), Heather Lidgard (5), Leah Newbold (now Fanstone), Barbara Milton, Keryn McMaster, Anne Gamble, Judy Van Prehn, Nicky Hansen, Joy Adams, Natalie Hunter
9	1995	WOW Nortel	Nadia IV	CYCA	4040	Kerry Goudge (7) (WoW)		Beth Higgs (4), Veronica Strachan (1), Melanie Scott, Sophie Hunt, Megan Taylor, Maureen Dobson (1), Keir Loughan, Trish Hancock, Abby Parkes, Georgina Dewar.
10	1995	Mortgage Choice	Cape Fear	CYCA	5406	Amanda Wilmot (7)		Angie Crafer, Simone Hill, Caroline Paterson (1), Judy Micklewright (3), Valery Nullet, Rachael Crompton, Gai Bristow (1)
11	2001	Amer Sports Too		Costa Smeralda		Lisa McDonald (USA/GBR)	Genevieve White (AUS)	Katie Pettibone (USA), Emma Westmacott (GBR/AUS), Anna Drougge (SWE), Sharon Ferris (NZL), Keryn Henderson (NZL), Abigail Seager (GBR), Bridget Suckling (NZL), Klaartje Zuiderbaan (NED), Liz Wardley (AUS), Carolijn Brouwer (NED), Willemien Van Hoeve (NED/IRE)
12	2017	Climate Action Now		CYCA	N11	Lisa Blair	Libby Greenhalgh	Carina Becker, Allie Gray, Kas Young, Alexandra South, Alison Kent, E Draper
13	2018	Wild Oats X		HIYC	7001	Stacey Jackson (11)	Elizabeth Greenhalgh (1)	Bianca Cook, Carolijn Brouwer (1), Denise Caffari (1), Faraday Rosenberg, Jade Cole (7), Katie Pellew, Katie Pettibone (2), Keryn McMaster (3), Sarah Crawford, Sophie Cizek (5), Vanessa Dudley (22)



CAPE FEAR WINS 1995 MOOLOOLABA RACE



A RACE OF SURVIVAL



It was a really difficult race with yachts being dismantled and lots of broken gear



"HELLO TIGER"





BACK TO THEIR WINNING WAYS



Grrrrrrreat racing on the Flying Tigers at Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta

by Lisa Ratcliff on 8 Mar 2009



Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta 2009 - HELLO TIGER Andrea Francolini / Audi <http://www.afrancolini.com>

Andrew and Gae Bristow have made a spectacular return to racing following a 12 year break. At the Flying Tiger 10 metre state championships last month they placed second and today they finished their debut Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta with a perfect scorecard – six wins from six races.

Heavy campaigners with their previous boat Cape Fear, the pair took time out to rest and reorganise their life, and their five acre garden at Dural that had 'gone to rack and ruin' before launching Hello Tiger in December last year.

Hello Tiger's stunning pointscore win was a family affair with the Bristows joined by their two sons, son in law and thirteen year old grandson, plus one ring in, an old family friend.

'The courses were good and we had plenty of wind. It was a bit like ocean racing surfing down waves at Sydney Heads but without having to go offshore,' grinned Andrew Bristow, the winning skipper.



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