



## WELCOME

To NORTH eNews... MAY 2008

North eNews brings you sailing and North Sails news.

It has been another bumper summer season for sailors. As always North Sails was in the thick of the action, with our sails and sailors featuring prominently in the results. As winter closes in, our team are busy helping clients to prepare for the new season and looking forward to the racing ahead.



## INSIDE NORTH SAILS

Top to Top – Pachamama50



Pachamama sports her new Spectra Gatorback sails (Photographer: Susan Veal) North Sails

The TOP to TOP global climate expedition is a unique expedition to cross seven seas and climb seven of the world's highest mountains using only human strength and power and the sun, rain and wind.



The Schworer family with their new sails and sponsor on Pachamama (Photographer - Julian Plante) North Sails

Dario Schworer and his young family are currently in Australia on route to New Zealand spreading the word of global climate change and the risks that all will ultimately face one day.

Since the summer of 2003, Pachamama has been the home to Dario, his wife Sabine and their two young children, Salina and Andri who have called their 50 foot aluminium yacht Pachamama home sweet home. With her they have sailed to some of the most remote places around the world all in aid of their TOP to TOP campaign to dedicate their lives to fight against climate change and the affect on both mother nature and their sporting activities.

Dario's story has now crossed paths with North Sails Australia, where the Sydney loft have outfitted Pachamama with a new set of Spectra Gatorback cruising sails for their next journey south from Sydney. These sails are built using Gatorback to ensure a combination of inherent high stability while delivering a long term service life, rarely seen in other fabrics.

The Spectra Gatorback provides other great benefits to Dario as it is a fabric that is easy to handle, and its radial construction ensures load bearing and shape retention even when it is reefed.

Pachamama will be equipped with sponsor Victorinox logos splashed across their full batten mainsail of 68m<sup>2</sup>, a furling Genoa of 85m<sup>2</sup>, and staysail of 39m<sup>2</sup>, which North Sails Australia are confident will travel further across the great oceans without any concerns or worries.

For further information on Dario's journey with TOP to TOP see [www.toptotop.org](http://www.toptotop.org)



Alby Pratt and Dario discussing sail set up during commissioning of new sails on Pachamama (Photographer - Julian Plante) North Sails



**INSIDE NORTH SAILS**  
*Quest returns to success*



Bob Steel's Quest at Skandia Geelong Race Week 2008 - North eNews Andrea Francolini ©

After a short break, a name synonymous with the sport returned last summer. Successful long time campaigner, Bob Steel, launched the latest Quest last winter. North Sails were selected by Bob and Sailing Master Jamie McPhail to power the new boat, a Transpac 52 from the USA, and North Sails Julian Plante came onboard as Tactician.

After a promising start to the new season while sorting out the new boat in full TP52 configuration, North Sails advised on an IRC optimising program including conversion to the popular bow prod configuration, and new resized Asymmetric spinnakers designed in the Sydney loft.

Quest reached her potential at the Savills regatta to win the IRC division against Yendys and Wild Joe. At the Rolex regatta, Quest sailed a frustrating regatta after being holed and retiring from the first day. Skandia Geelong Week brought greater success, as Quest scored a dominant regatta win in the IRC class with 3 race wins and 3 second places ahead of TP52's Cougar and Wot Yacht.

Bob is now looking forward to a fast ride up the coast to Southport in July and Hamilton Island Race Week in August to complete the Audi IRC championship. The TP 52 has proved to be well suited to IRC racing, as well as fast and furious to sail in a breeze.

 **INSIDE NORTH SAILS**  
**Sanctuary Cove Boat show**

North Sails will be exhibiting at the Sanctuary Cove Boat show. The North team will be on hand to provide information, advice and quotes on any sail requirements. We look forward to seeing you at the show. You can find us at: Pavilion B; Stand 234

[www.sanctuarycoveboatshow.com.au](http://www.sanctuarycoveboatshow.com.au)

 **INSIDE NORTH SAILS**  
**North Flags**



North Sails Battle Flag applique style - North eNews Andrea Francolini ©

North Sails Australia are proud to introduce North Flags; producing a range of products including custom flags, nautical flags, regatta/battle flags, golf flags and custom banners.

North Flags is a division of North Sails; the world leader in sail making.

As a producer of its own premium high performance fabrics, North Flags Australia is able to deliver to its customers, control over every single aspect of its design, materials development and manufacturing. The benefit is a unique combination of state of the art technology, superior craftsmanship, unmatched choice and unmatched value.

2 unique style designs are available for all flags including appliqué and screen printing. Appliqué method is applied by laser cutting an image out of material and then sewing that image onto the flag. This process allows North Flags Australia to produce intricate detailing to the flag.

Screen printing allows an image to be printed directly onto the flag using surface ink. This process is best suited to less complicated images.

For further information on North Flags see our website.

[www.northflags.com.au](http://www.northflags.com.au)







Etchells light up at the Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta. Pictured above is 2008 NSW State title holder John Dunn in "Bald Eagle" - North eNews Andrea Francolini ©

**Savills (MHYC) 2007**

IRC Racer Class Div 1 1, 2, 3 & 5  
 IRC Racer Class Div 2 1, 3 & 5  
 Farr 40 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
 Sydney 38 1, 2, 3\*, 4, 5\*  
 Sydney 32 1, 2  
 IRC Cruiser 3 & 5

**Rolex Trophy – One Design & Rating Series (CYCA) 2007**

Farr 40 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
 Sydney 38 1, 2\*, 3 & 4  
 M30 1\* & 2\*  
 Rating Series Div 0/1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
 Rating Series Div 2 1, 3

**Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race (CYCA) 2007**

Line Honours 1, 2, 3 & 4  
 IRC Div Overall 1, 2\* & 5

**Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta (MHYC) 2008**

Etchells 1, 2, 4 & 5  
 J24 1 & 3  
 Sydney 32 1, 2 & 3  
 S30 Div 1 1, 2\*, 4, 5  
 Sydney 38 1, 3, 4, 5  
 IRC Div 1 1, 2, 3

IRC Div 2 1 & 2

**One Design Australian Champions 2007/08**

18' Skiff 1, 2, 3

Etchells 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

J24 1, 4, 5

M30 1, \*2, \*4, 5

Sydney 38 1, 2, 3

Farr 40 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

\*Partial inventory



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***Employment opportunities***

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