



Kiwi sailing legacy to live on through production on both sides of the world

New Zealand trimaran company Farrier Marine Group, famous for cutting edge design and speed, is about to expand through its sale to American company Daedalus Composites.

The original Farrier design changed the sailing world and is a member of the US Sailboat Hall of Fame. Farrier Marine is best known for its F-22, a folding trimaran designed by company founder Ian Farrier.

The new generation F-22 is crafted in Christchurch and shipped all over the world. Discussions of a production partnership began three years ago between Ian Farrier and Michael Reardon, CEO of Daedalus Yachts, based in Edenton, North Carolina, USA.

"Ian and I reached a deal in principle just before his sudden and untimely death in December 2017," says Michael. "Those talks then evolved into an outright purchase of the brand and assets, which will continue to be managed from Christchurch by Rob Densem, General Manager of Farrier Marine.

"I have huge respect for Farrier yachts, for Ian Farrier and his 40 year history of designing multihulls. Early designs such as the Trailer Tris of the late 1970s were revolutionary. His 18-foot design was put into production in the USA and Australia, where it won Australian Boat of the Year in 1981. Through his design collaborations with production builders, custom builders and his own companies, Ian was responsible for more than 3000 sailing multihulls afloat today. His designs were continually evolving game changers in the world of multihulls, and are safe, affordable and beautifully engineered performance trimarans.

"We have an incredibly talented and technically advanced staff in both Christchurch and our Edenton superyacht building campus," continues Michael. "We are dedicated to producing F-22s to Ian's extremely high standards, as well as new models from his drawing board. This will ensure the Farrier Marine reputation lives on and thrives into the future."

Rob Densem says the opportunity for Farrier Marine to work with Daedalus Yachts is very good news for Farrier fans the world over.

"Working with Daedalus will give us a secondary production facility to complement the Christchurch one, and so increase production of the F-22," he says. "There is international high demand for F-22s so we have an order backlog. We will reduce this much more quickly with help from our team in North Carolina, together using the latest design and technology programs to further enhance production methods, and the environmental sustainability of the product."

About Farrier Marine

Farrier Marine is a trimaran manufacturer based in Christchurch, New Zealand. The sailing boats produced by this shipyard are designed by Ian Farrier, and have a unique patented folding system without hinges in the beams or the critical beam to float join, allowing overall beam to be varied in seconds by just one person.

About Daedalus Yachts

Daedalus Yachts is a design, engineering, and yacht manufacturing company born out of 35 years of yachting excellence. The Daedalus 80 catamaran is the world's first production hydrogen powered yacht.

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