

My Boat: *Kaesler*, The Old Bastard

Col Fraser



When new member Ed Peter, went looking for a fast club racer-cruiser he chose the Sydney CR39 which is the cruising version of the One Design Sydney 38. Col Fraser (Spoonbill), Ed's father-in law, tells the story.

ABOVE: Col Fraser inspects Kaesler nearing completion before trucking from Nowra to RSAYS for commissioning.

Built by Sydney Yachts yard at Nowra, *Kaesler* sports a retractable bow pole to carry an asymmetrical spinnaker, which is the latest trend for club racing.

Her hull, rig, keel and sail areas are the same as the 38's with some changes to the cockpit and coach house to give more user friendly accommodation space below. Sydney Yachts have done a great job with both the layout and finish. Electric anchor and main sheet winches, auto helm, fridge, pressurized hot and cold water and other soft bits add up to approx 1 ton more than the Sydney 38.

The name *Kaesler* comes from the Ed's winery, Kaesler Wines at Nuriootpa, which grows an incredible Shiraz called *Old Bastard*. The old guy is on the bottle label and is (not) very subtly blasted across the gennakers. Ed's wit is also evident in that whilst he and his family are still living in Singapore he has father-in-law at the helm! This of course has not gone unnoticed at the bar!

Kaesler has a very enthusiastic crew, both young and barnaced. They had a great regatta at Lincoln and are really looking forward to next season including Geelong Week, Lincoln Week regattas and offshore racing.

Her vital statistics are –

L.O.A. 11.73m
Beam 3.75m.
Draft 2.65m
Displacement 6500kg.
Sail area 87sqm.
Engine sail drive Yanmar 30hp.
Water & Diesel 200lt
IRC rating is yet to be confirmed at 1.109

BELOW: *Kaesler's* huge gennaker cannot be missed.



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