

My Boat *Renegade*

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Renegade was one of five yachts built by Peter Lauridsen and myself to a 1981 Ron Holland design. Her sandwich hull construction is unusual being an outer skin of unidirection rovings, Kevlar and GRP, an inner skin of unidirection rovings and GRP separated by numerous airex foam panels approx 1 metre square. The deck is also unidirection rovings GRP with an airex core. This form of construction results in a much stiffer hull than the conventional moulded variety. Indeed, *Renegade* is believed to be the only boat in SA built to the American Bureau Standards (ABS) racing in Adelaide.

The internal fit out is not as Ron originally designed. I wanted the boat to have some cruising comforts. After discussion with Ron we removed the aluminium tubes from the main bulk going aft, and fitted her out with eight



Bob Francis and Jasper Bowering, *Renegade*, after a good result in the Port Lincoln Race.

SPECIFICATIONS:

- LOA: 12.2m
- LWL: 10.32m
- Beam: 3.79m
- Rig: Mast Head Sloop
- J: 4.89m (Bow to Mast)
- E: 4.11m (Mainsail foot)
- P 14.25m (Mainsail height)

Glenn Kerr, Brett McPeake, Bob Francis, Allan Swinstead, Paul Craig, of *Renegade*.



Going ... Going ... Gone!

When you combine 30 knot winds, an old worn spinnaker, and close racing something has to give. Bob confirmed the sail was beyond repair. Photos: Greg Pratt

bunks. Her motor is a 40hp Mercedes for drive and for the eutectic refrigeration unit.

All the internal layout is in teak with the galley area providing ample storage for long races and gas cooking. The saloon is capable of seating ten around the table at a single sitting. The navigation area displays all the usual requirements for offshore racing in the way of instrumentation and communication and includes a full size chart table. The interior fitout was completed on my front lawn, prior to her hitting the water.

Over the years *Renegade* has won many inshore and offshore series, and has competed in 7 Sydney to Hobarts and 2 Southern Cross series. Indeed, some of the most enjoyable and competitive racing was during the Southern Cross Cup series (the Australian equivalent to the Admirals Cup), when she raced against the best in the world.



Three Old Salts: Bob Francis Renegade, Chappy Charlesworth, Tiriki, Jimmy Howell, Sunburst.

