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CROSSING THE PACIFIC

- ever dreamt about it?

I am not sure if your partner has ever said "Hey darling, let's get out of here, sail across an ocean, see beautiful places and meet new people". I know mine has, and the feelings I have are so mixed. On one hand it excites me and my adventurous spirit rises to the point where I just want to find that right vessel, make it our home and set sail. On the other hand (damn that other hand) my sensible homely self kicks in and I start thinking of all the things that could prevent me from jumping onboard. You know what those things are.... Thoughts of the wind in the sails, sunsets on the horizon and endless possibilities outweigh by far so the hunt for that vessel to call home is on and it is so exciting! The journey begins by finding the right boat and then the bluewater is beckoning.

Here at DBY Boat Sales we have many blue water sailors arriving into our office after crossing the Pacific. Some prefer the company and reassurance of other sailors so have joined a Rally from San Francisco. This gives them peace of mind and the knowledge that some of the hard planning work is done for them and they are in good company. Others prefer the solitude oceans can offer and have sailed for years around and around the globe with only themselves for company and

their trusted vessel. One of the things they have in common is they are always smiling. Eager to share their stories and look forward to the next part of their journey, whether it is homeward bound or sailing on.

We have had many clients shed a tear the day they say goodbye to the boat that has been their home for so long. The boat becomes a part of you - a trusted, reliable, comfortable part of you.

This means that DBY currently have some incredible blue water yachts that are fully equipped with an extensive inventory. They vary in shape, length and price and after talking with us we can match you with the correct boat that will suit your requirements.

We just love to tell a story though and right now we are hearing so many from our international visitors. Of course my first question is always - were you scared? Every time they say Noooooo! Some had never done an overnight sail before they set off from their destination towards Australia. They always say that with the right equipment and after getting into the rhythm of life on board, the path ahead is relaxing and enjoyable.

Of course there can always be a hiccup somewhere in all that fun but who doesn't like a bit of good old problem solving. Recently we had a super lovely couple, Tim and Karen, who set sail from the North Channel Yacht Club, in northern lake Huron in Canada. Their sailing experience had been on Lake Huron, one of the Great Lakes, however Tim took to reading avidly about blue water sailing. He gathered knowledge like a sponge, ready for any unforeseen challenges they may encounter.



PHOTO - CS36 Traditional VATA anchored in Bay of Virgins, French Polynesia

All was going so well on their journey and once through the Panama Canal they set sail for the Marquesas which is a 30 day crossing. Tim would sleep in the cockpit while Karen did her 3 hour watch during the night so if she was in any doubt she could nudge him awake to ask him anything she found curious. After a brief stop in the Galapagos Islands, they set sail again, with the Marquesas 21 days away. With 7 days to go, at 2am (of course on Karen's watch) the rudder fell out of their boat leaving them with no steerage and heading for South America. Now clever Tim had joined a cruiser's net which is a bunch of boats all sailing in the same direction in the same ocean at the same time, and they would report positions, weather and sea conditions along with any relevant discussions. Of course these boats maybe up to 400 nm apart. After they lost the rudder, he let out a holler (possibly more than a polite holler) to the net asking for advice.

Now all that extensive research before they left became advantageous. He rigged up a drogue and made a makeshift rudder so now they were heading once again towards their destination but instead of 7 days to go the plotter now said 28 days as their progress was now so much slower. Human nature at its best was the saviour at the end of the day though. Fellow sailors on sv *Element* came to their rescue towing them for the remaining 700nm in 7 days, bringing them to anchor in Hiva Oa where they would be able to haul out and replace the rudder. Forever grateful and feeling so humble at such generosity this beautiful couple became even more in love with their new life on the sea. Now selling their beloved CS36 Traditional VATA only to go home to hug their adult children and grandchildren in Italy and Canada for a while before heading to California to do it all again. I feel so inspired by them that my sensible self concerns are diminishing into the distance.

Thanks very much Tim and Karen for sharing your story.



PHOTO - Living the dream...

DBY would like to thank you for reading our newsletters and we sincerely wish you and your family a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** wherever you are in the world.

The world is fast becoming a much smaller place and the opportunities that are on offer are so much more abundant these days.

Travel is easier, more affordable and the possibilities endless.

***"It is good to have an end to journey toward;
but it is the journey that matters, in the end."***

Ernest Hemingway or Ursula K. Le Guin

(debate online about who actually said it but I loved the quote)



Photo from Jonty - what is your definition of treasure.....

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DBY Boat Sales has an extensive list of boats, from Monohulls to Multihulls to Power Boats.

[Click here to view our latest listings.](#) This gorgeous [Lagoon 380 Owners Version](#) is for sale at \$429,000.

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The Cruising Dream

So you are thinking about one day cruising around the world. It has now become quite common, the idea of buying a second hand boat in Europe, the Caribbean or Pacific and sailing home to Australia.

The yacht in the first image is a [Beneteau Oceanis 40](#) and yes there are 2 of them for sale and identical in nearly every way. They have both just finished cruising the Pacific - 2 Norwegian families sailing together from start to finish. If considering this pathway, DBY Boat Sales are leaders and specialists in the logistics, from beginning to end, of putting your international cruising dream together.

Featured Boat



[Lagoon 440 "RAFTKIN"](#)

\$569,000

Lagoon 440 "RAFTKIN"

2010 Lagoon 440 now for sale with DBY Boat Sales.

The 440 Lagoon has been the most successful distance cruiser of all the Lagoon range over the years and for very good reasons.

This 3 cabin owner version is has recently arrived in Australia after a 12 month cruise from Europe. Australian registered and full imported she is ready to sail away into the Pacific or Cruise Australian waters.

Complete electronic package updated in 2017 with Radar and AIS. Fully Air conditioned with 9 KVA generator. She has a big capacity Watermaker plus ample solar.

The 440 is well known for her effortless performance and comfortable ride. It is very common for this design to arrive in Australia sailed by only a couple. Well set up for shorthanding.

See below for a few of our current listings.



[Corsair 51](#), world performer \$750,000 USD



[Amel Mango 52](#), fully equipped and ready to go \$209,000



[Jeanneau Sunrise 34](#), ideal cruiser/racer \$75,000



[Hylas 54](#), simply stunning \$995,000



[Bruce Roberts 53 BEAR](#), a serious bluewater cruiser \$249,000



[Zeston 40](#) Pilothouse Motor Sailor \$179,000



[Tayana 42](#) \$145,000 - now in Pittwater, Sydney



[Taswell 44CC](#) Center Cockpit, \$265,000



[CS36 Traditional](#) VATA, \$79,000

Sold in just a few days after arriving into Pittwater, Sydney



[Wauquiez Gladiateur](#) \$55,000



[Dufour 525](#) Grand Large, premier model \$425,000



[Bavaria 46](#), strong and reliable \$199,000



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