



Expressions of interest for crewing positions on Venom

Introduction

Expressions of interest are being sought for crew on Venom a 12.8m custom built Grainger blue water racing trimaran. It will be based at the CYCSA and will be a really fun boat to sail on.

The boat

Venom is currently under construction on the Gold Coast and is designed and being built to the ISO standard appropriate for ISAF/AS Category 0 transoceanic yacht racing. She is of full carbon construction using the highest quality materials and components. When completed she will be the most advanced offshore racing multihull in Australia and will be equipped to AS Cat 2 safety standard.



It is expected that Venom will be a line honours contender in most races she enters – but it is unlikely she will beat the supermaxis or off the beach type cats in flat water unless conditions are just right. Despite her expected speed, she will have a protected cockpit and a comfortable cabin that sleeps up to 6 people. She is also designed to be able to be sailed short-handed. Given reasonable conditions it is expected she will cover 300nm each day at sea.



More information about 'Venom' is available from our Facebook page [venomsailing](#) and our website [venomsailing.com](#).

Our philosophy

Our philosophy is that we want to enjoy our sailing whether it is racing, delivering, or cruising. We want to win the races we enter, but not if by doing so we lose the respect of our fellow competitors. We don't cry over spilt milk and we recognise that we will all make mistakes. We want to build a supportive and



inclusive team where everyone can develop their skills and share their experiences. We believe in gender equality so encourage female sailors to apply.

We want to be excellent representatives of the CYCSA and South Australian sailors wherever we go.

The sailing plan

The plan for the next few years is outlined below.

Sept – October 2019

Delivery from Gold Coast to CYCSA with possible stops in Sydney and Melbourne.

October 19

Training and familiarisation with the boat - shorter CYCSA weekend races and coaster / offshore races if appropriate.

Social sailing in and around Gulf St Vincent

Summer 2019 – 20

CYCSA weekend races with focus on the longer races (coaster / offshore series)

February 2020 – King of the Gulf Regatta and Adelaide Lincoln race

Winter 2020

CYCSA/RSAYS winter series

Summer 2020-21

CYCSA weekend races with focus on the longer races (coaster / offshore series)

February 2021 – King of the Gulf Regatta and Adelaide Lincoln race

2021

June – July – delivery to Brisbane.

July – Sydney to Gold Coast (subject to eligibility)

August – Brisbane to Keppel Race, Airlie Beach Race Week, Hamilton Island Race Week

September – Magnetic Island Race Week

September – October – return to Adelaide.

Crew configuration

Due to the extensive sailing program it is likely we will need a significant number of crew that may need to change depending on the event, crew preferences, capabilities and availability.

We will also usually have at least one sailor with local knowledge for Interstate competitions - we are happy for expressions of interest to come from sailors based outside South Australia.

The owner/skipper

Is Bob Dunn who has 20,000 +ocean miles of experience in a wide variety of monohull and multihull classes. Winner of 2 Australian Offshore Multihull Championships, one Australian Short Handed Sailing Championship and runner up in the multihull division of the Australian Sailing Championships. Two overall second placings in the multihull division of the Hamilton Island Race Week Regatta.

Bob will usually be helming Venom.

Other crew roles

The normal inshore racing crew consists of the following roles:

- Navigator / tactician
- Main trimmer
- Headsail trimmer
- Mast
- Bow



The offshore racing crew will have at least one additional member, with one of the crew being a designated watch captain. Additional crew may also be carried for training purposes. Having a relatively small crew means that each crew member plays an important part on the boat and will usually need to be able to perform multiple roles (including helming on longer voyages).

Crew selection

Essential criteria

Enthusiasm for sailing
Good interpersonal and communication skills
Ability to learn
Willingness to participate in crew training and safety drills

Desirable criteria

Sailing experience

Preference will be given to people with significant sailing experience – particularly offshore experience and/or experience in the regattas outlined in the sailing program. Extensive experience will be required for crew wishing to fill the role of watch captain or navigator/tactician.

No multihull sailing experience is necessary as the relatively small differences between sailing Venom and a similar sized modern racing monohull are easily learned. Experience in high performance racing boats of any type is desirable, but not essential.

Crew with little sailing experience will also be considered if they are keen, get on well with people and are willing to learn.

Commitment

Preference will be given to crew who are able to commit to a substantial part of the sailing program.

Qualifications and certificates

The crew will need to comprise of a suitable number of people with appropriate offshore experience and qualifications (e.g. SA/RYA Sea Safety Certificate (or equivalent), first aid certificate, marine radio operator's licence etc), or those who are willing to gain appropriate experience/qualifications for offshore racing and deliveries.

Other things you need to know

Crew weight and strength are not particularly important considerations for crew selection, except for crew weight for the Bow position. Winches are appropriately geared and the benefits of crew agility on Venom will be considerable.

Our team is an amateur team - however crew expenses for regattas may be covered in certain circumstances. We are happy to have rock stars on board – but, sorry, we don't do rock star treatment. Venom is a smoke free environment – at sea and at dock.

How to apply

So if you think you might be interested in sailing on Venom, please get in touch with us by emailing venomsailing@outlook.com with:

- a brief summary of how you meet/might meet the selection criteria listed above
- your preferred roles on the boat
- your likely availability

The confidentiality of your expression of interest is assured and will not be taken as any form of commitment.

We will get in touch with you as soon as possible after receiving your expression of interest to have a chat.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Bob Dunn

Owner/skipper Venom