



ROLEX SIDNEY-HOBART 26 December - 1st January 2014



Rolex Sydney Hobart is considered to be one of the most difficult races in the world. Needless to say, most of the yachts participating in this famous blue water regatta are dedicated and fully equipped ocean racing vessels. It therefore comes as no surprise that, out of the 94 competitors who entered this year's regatta, 10 were forced to retire, making the result of Southern Wind's luxury performance cruiser - the 100' Zefiro - so much more remarkable. Zefiro finished the race in 13th overall position - showing her excellent build qualities and performance ability - the soul of what every Southern Wind yacht stands for.

Zefiro's arrival time was three days, six minutes and nineteen seconds - an excellent result for the 100' cruising yacht build by the Southern Wind Shipyard, beating by more than 11 hours the time set in 2009 by SW 100 Rapture.

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The owner of Zefiro - Gerhard Ruether - was extremely satisfied with the result and said after the race:

"The Sydney Hobart race is my lifetime dream, which has now become reality. As you know, our competitors are of extremely light displacement and built for races, and it was clear that we would only have a chance to win the race if we had strong headwinds and high seas, which a relatively heavy yacht would be able to handle better than the much lighter competition. These conditions only manifested towards the end of the race. During the last 8 hours before the finish we had the weather for which the Sydney Hobart Race is so well known. In Stormy Bay we had 45 knots, with gusts over 50 knots and very high seas - which Zefiro took well. Obviously, my ultimate goal was to arrive safely without injuries to the crew or damage to the yacht and materials. This was achieved. The crew was excellent, the camaraderie great and we can now turn to new adventures."

During the Sydney Hobart race, Zefiro's owner not only experienced the benefits of speed and performance, but also the comfort and safety for which Southern Wind yachts are known.

