



Australia's fastest offshore sailboat to compete at XXXX Sail Paradise on the Gold Coast

The yacht considered to be the fastest offshore racer in Australia, Sean Langman's ORMA 60 class trimaran, Team Australia, will be a star attraction at this month's XXXX Sail Paradise series off the Gold Coast.

The incredible looking yacht, which when named Banque Populaire was one of the most competitive multihulls in Europe, was bought by Langman and shipped to Australia nine months ago. Now named Team Australia, the amazing yacht is already no newcomer to the Gold Coast. She was part of a two-yacht showdown with a similarly proportioned kiwi trimaran, Team Vodafone, in a race between Sydney and Southport last August.

In full racing trim and when pushed to the limit, Team Australia has no trouble topping 30 knots in ideal conditions. She is capable of sailing upwind at 20 knots, which is one third as fast again as the fastest supermaxi monohulls.

In recent weeks Langman has been preparing his yacht at his boatyard on Sydney Harbour for XXXX Sail Paradise, will be staged by Southport Yacht Club from March 21 to 25.

Langman is looking forward to racing over the specially designed XXXX Sail Paradise courses that will be established just off the Gold Coast beaches between Main Beach and the NSW/Queensland border.

XXXX Sail Paradise is open to a wide range of classes: IRC, PHS racing and cruising monohulls, sportboats, trailables and multihulls. Entries are still open.

The regatta has many special attributes: it is an event where sailors experience outstanding racing along the Gold Coast's impressive shoreline while their families and friends can enjoy all the exceptional holiday features the Coast has to offer – like the famous beaches, the Broadwater and hinterland, plus the numerous world-class theme parks.

XXXX Sail Paradise has as associate sponsors Gold Coast Tourism, Gold Coast City Council and Club Marine.

For more information on XXXX Sail Paradise go to the regatta website, www.sailparadise.com.au or contact Bronwen Ince at Southport Yacht Club: (07) 5591 3500.

Image caption:

Sean Langman's exceptionally fast ORMA 60 trimaran, Team Australia, will be in full flight at Southport Yacht Club's XXXX Sail Paradise regatta off the Gold Coast this month. (Image – KOS Pictures)

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