



YANKEE DOODLE DANDEE
USA 304



LENGTH OVERALL 8.90 METRES
BEAM 1.95 METRES
DRAFT 1.20 METRES
WEIGHT 1,700 KGS

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NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL DRAGON ASSOCIATION

"IT'S DIFFICULT NOT TO BE MESMERISED BY THE DRAGON'S SLEEK, GRACEFUL LINES,
THEIR GENEROUS OVERHANGS AND THEIR POWERFUL RIG.
THE DRAGON IS A PURE RACING THOROUGHbred :
THE SAILING MAN'S BUGATTI,
AND IT IS THEIR GOOD LOOKS, COUPLED WITH THEIR SUPREME PERFORMANCE,
WHICH HAS SUSTAINED THEIR POPULARITY FOR EIGHTY YEARS."



2009 marks the 80th Anniversary of the Dragon Class designed by Norwegian, Johan Anker in 1929. Over 1400 Dragons are now sailed in 30 countries by an international class of sailors from Olympic medalists to America's Cup sailors (including Russell Coutts) and European Royalty, who enjoy the competitiveness of one class racing.

The New Zealand fleet originated in the 1960s when New Zealand sailing legends Don St Clair Brown, Bob Stewart, Bob Stone and Laurie Davidson targeted the 1968 Olympics and achieved 5th place in the 1972 Olympics. Today 14 Dragons are spread throughout the country from as far north as Whangarei and south to Queenstown. Interest in the Dragon Class is growing with two new Dragons recently imported to build the fleet for the 2011 World Championships in Melbourne.

Yankee Doodle Dandee (USA 304), owned by Scott Palmer, arrived from Sydney earlier this year. A Petticrow design, her previous owner was Australian legend, Gordon Ingate, several times Australian National Champion and still dominating a very competitive Australian fleet aged 83.

Alla (NZL15) was launched last month bringing together the craftsmanship of the Lagoon Royal Shipyard in the Ukraine with the technical expertise of the New Zealand rigging and sail making industries.