

Final Chapter of Preparation for Donna Lange

Donna Lange arrived at Opuia in the Bay of Islands late last Saturday night after her shakedown sail, north up the coast from Tutukaka with Chris Bone of Pacific Yacht Deliveries. (www.pacificyachtdeliveries.co.nz).



Inspired Insanity entering Tutukaka
by Chris Bone

Inspired Insanity took this opportunity to expose a leak under the bowsprit, which Donna is now working on. It's not structural and will be repaired in a matter of days.



Donna enters the Bay of Islands round Cape Brett
by Chris Bone

Quite a number of friends met up with her in Opuia and some are helping with the final preparations. Their generosity has been overwhelming - gifts for Donna, gifts for the boat, offers of help and encouragement. She's definitely in the right place for the lead up to her departure.

Opuia is the hub of yachting in the Bay of Islands and is a really beautiful spot. It's the first port of entry for boats arriving in New Zealand from the north and is totally geared towards 'yachties' with plenty of marine facilities and services.

Donna now has a final list of priorities and won't be leaving until they are done. Don't forget to check her website www.donnalange.com for updates and also to keep an eye on the 'orange dot' - courtesy of Global Marine Networks Vessel Tracking (www.globalmarinenet.net) and Xaxero (www.xaxero.com), which will move as soon as the boat does!



Inspired Insanity safely tied up in Opuia and undergoing her final preparations
by Jane Pares

You'll be able to track her progress across the Southern Pacific Ocean, round Cape Horn, up the East Coast of South America and on to Rhode Island on the Eastern seaboard of the US, where her incredible solo circumnavigation will end almost 18 months after she left in Nov 2005.

Jane Pares
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