



Sailing away with Jackson innovation

The Sydney Sailmakers crew of Nick Press and Andrew Stevenson sailed to victory in the 2015 12ft Skiff Interdominion battle between Australia and New Zealand – with a little help from Jackson Electrical Industries along the way.

Nick and Andrew led from race one through to the end of race ten on the Sydney Harbour courses. In the final race, sailed in patchy and light winds, they were able to race without constraint and won by nearly four minutes.

No other crew could match the unrelenting pace and faultless performance of the Sydney Sailmakers crew – a testament not just to their exceptional sailing skill but also to the meticulous construction of the skiff.

Jackson Electrical Industries were approached by Nick in July 2014 to produce tooling for the centreboard and rudder foils which were key assets to the standout performance of the skiff.

“Our foil package developed with the support of Jackson Electrical

definitely provided our sailing programme with a competitive advantage on the race track,” said Nick.

Jackson manufactured ‘CaroC’ master tooling for the centreboard and rudder foils which provided a highly accurate tool that required no post-finishing. By using CaroC, Jackson was able to significantly reduce the materials and labour cost by 75 percent. This meant a fast turnaround for the Sydney Sailmakers team and got them out on the water trialling their foils far earlier than their competitors.

Jackson has been working closely with the sailing community in the wake of their support of Emirates Team New Zealand. It was through the relationship with Emirates Team New Zealand that Jackson created CaroC, and worked closely with the team in developing their foils for the 2014 Americas Cup campaign.

“The Jackson Electrical team provides personalised services from inception to completion. The wealth of experience and knowledge they brought to the table made the process not only a success but stress-free, we look forward to working with them in the future.”



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