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Offshore *in an Offshore*

Crossing the Tasman is acknowledged as one of the longest non stop crossings in the world, after the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and Sydney based Offshore Technologies reckons it found the perfect way – by driving the boat from New Zealand to Australia. Once you have left New Zealand, you don't stop until you reach Lord Howe Island or if further south, until you meet up with the Australian mainland – some 1300 nautical miles away.

Tasmanian skipper, Mike Percy, and his crew (Gavin Markey and Dave Gray) left Auckland in an 18.9m Offshore 62 and with 4500 litres of fuel aboard, set off for Lord Howe Island 779 nautical miles away. The first leg of the journey was spent at an average speed of 9.7kts, and from Lord Howe to Southport Bar the crew averaged a speed of 7.3kts, to cover the last 521 nautical miles in 149 hours. "The Offshore 62' was a pleasure to deliver," skipper Mike Percy noted. "I rarely have the luxury of sailing a boat that performs as well as Alaska III. It had all the right equipment to make our lives safe and easy during the crossing – delivering this boat was not an onerous task at all."

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Alaska III, with skipper Mike Percy and crew Gavin Markey, at Lord Howe Island.

Nordhavn *Debuts in Australia*

Over the past two decades, Pacific Asian Enterprises, Inc. (PAE) has counted many Australians among its list of buyers. Recently a 23m Nordhavn 76 was delivered to its new owner, an Australian who plans to bring the yacht back to his home country on its own bottom next year.

Sanctuary Cove will be the company's first official public foray when a Nordhavn 47 will be on display in the Sanctuary Cove Boat Show.

It's the latest step in the manufacturer's plan to expand Nordhavn's presence in the Pacific Rim. "We're really excited to be participating in this show," said PAE Vice-President, Jim Leishman. "Nordhavns have been travelling the waters around Australia and New Zealand for years, but this is the first opportunity we've had to acquaint the public with our boats."

Established three decades ago, the Dana Point, California-based PAE builds approximately 50 boats annually from its line of models which ranges from 12.2m (40ft) 26.2m (86ft).

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