

After 24,000 nm Yanmar Brings Jessica Home

Jessica Watson sailed around the globe to international acclaim. And after passing through Sydney Heads, she dropped the sails and turned the key switch on Ella's Pink Lady's Yanmar 3YM30 to motor up Sydney Harbour to a welcome from some 75,000 supporters at the Opera House.



With Jessica's homecoming being televised live by three Australian free to air networks and the signal being fed throughout the world to countless millions of homes, it made a



spectacular sight as the Yanmar powered Ella's Pink Lady navigated amongst the hundreds of spectator craft towards the landing point at the Sydney Opera House.

Throughout her 24,000 nm journey spanning seven months, Jessica Watson at the age of just 16, achieved her goal to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world non-stop, unassisted.

During her journey Jessica Watson encountered the full gamut of sailing conditions that Mother Nature could muster. From being becalmed for days at a time through to raging storms and mountainous seas, Jessica took it all in her stride and proved that with proper preparation, commitment and courage, anything is possible.

Comforting factors all along the journey were the Yanmar 3YM30 and the Gori propeller installed in the Sparkman and Stephens 34 for the voyage.

With a full fuel tank of 200 litres of fuel, Jessica regularly resorted to the Yanmar diesel to start up and charge her on board power systems. Her yacht Ella's Pink Lady had a high power demand with a host of navigation and communication equipment being used constantly over the seven months.

But with the focus of the world upon Jessica Watson and Ella's Pink Lady as she sailed through Sydney Heads and across the designated finish line, the Yanmar kicked into life and brought Jessica the final 5 nm to her point of landfall. Ella's Pink Lady is fitted with a 2 blade Gori folding propeller which operated faultlessly when pressed into action.

"Having the Yanmar engine and Gori propeller fitted to Ella's Pink Lady really was a great peace of mind during the voyage and proved to be a great choice", Jessica Watson said.

As one of the sponsors of Jessica Watson's voyage, Power Equipment, the Australian distributor for Yanmar diesel engines and Gori Propellers, is delighted with the project.

"While there was controversy surrounding various aspects of Jessica's voyage, we always maintained confidence in her ability and commitment. We were very happy to help Jessica achieve her goal and see her safely home," Jeff Fraser of Power Equipment said.

"Just as Jessica put her faith in our products on board her boat, we stuck by her throughout and never once wavered in our confidence nor support."

For further information on Jessica's journey visit www.jessicawatson.com.au

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