

Time Lord



Time Lord – Wilderness 1030.

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**Move over Dr Who,
there's another Time Lord in town.**

Well, this all started way back in the year 2000 when some bright spark suggested we build a boat, "it's easy", "won't take long" were a few comments and like mugs my mate Kerry and myself were drawn to the challenge, so on a sunny Wednesday a whole bunch of stuff

arrived at Hobart docks. 11 years, two months and 19 days later *Time Lord* was born, weighing in a tad under three tonne on the hook.

It's amazing how time gets away and while it's been a long time it's been an enjoyable experience. It doesn't take long before you realise that you can't work on the boat every spare minute as the growing families and running a business take precedence over everything else. Add to that the Hobart winters where the maximum temperature barely reaches double figures for three or four months of the year. In that time though a bunch of kids have grown up, two from each family, learnt to drive and all have cars and are at Uni or in the work force. Our wives are still talking to us too which is very important and

they are proud to show off our work.

For the design, we chose Jeff and Lorraine Schionning as they were very proud of their designs and we couldn't stop them talking. We liked the very European look of their designs which were different to the square, boxy shapes from the others. We also like the concept of balsa and the new (it was back then) Duflex product as it suited our outdoor building program and we are still convinced it's the best product for the amateur builder.

The perfectionist in us caused many delays as we often repeated a task to get it right but in the end we're happy with the result. All the deck gear is Harken and the hatches are Weaver. We've laid Odyssey flooring

launchings



throughout which looks a million dollars. We haven't fitted much in the way of electronics yet as we don't really know what we want but we do have two fridges for the beer and we have three 30W solar panels hidden on the targa bar which looks after the two 120AH batteries. The galley is all Smev, sink, stove and oven. The motor is a single, pod mount Yamaha

9.9hp four stroke outboard and while steering isn't as great as dual motors she sure has some grunt, very impressed. The sails aren't on it yet but it's only a week or so before we go sailing.

She sat on her lines perfectly on launch day so credit must go to the designers to get it so right. We have had so many positive comments and Jeff and Lorraine have to be congratulated as 11 years after we started she still looks so fantastic, very modern, up there with any of the production cats.

Now to the serious part ... to go sailing ...



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