

MEET THE SKIPPERS

INTRODUCING RACE COMPETITOR

ALISTER DICKSON



Alister Dickson was born in Nelson, and has been sailing around the Tasman Bay area most of his life firstly in small boats, and later in keel boats.

He spent most of his career as a boat builder, where he mainly built wooden and fibreglass yachts.

Alister has previously competed in two Pacific Island races, and done several overseas yacht deliveries.

He competed in the 1998 Solo Trans Tasman race, in 'Solo' which he had designed and built at home. He had a good race, and was in sight of the eventual winner until near Lord Howe Island when his auto pilot stopped working for a day, so in the end, he finished second.

This time around, he has a 40 foot steel centre board cutter, 'Frontier' which he again designed and built from home.

"She is not as fast, being a heavy weight comfortable liveboard, and is very new and untried, but should be a comfortable, if slow, ride." says Alister.

Following the race, Alister plans to live on board permanently with his partner.

Alister has been a competitive road runner all his adult life, so is in pretty good physical shape. At age 74, he is one of the oldest competitors along with his older brother Malcom.

BOAT: Frontier

TYPE: Dickson

HOME PORT: Nelson

PREVIOUS COMPETITOR: 1998

TIME: 8d 18h 48m



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