

## A day Sail training on board Artemis Ocean Racing

The Artemis 20 team at Vizual Marine were treated to a day's sail training on board AOR1 with elements of the RYA Volvo keelboat squad onboard.

A good breeze soon had the Open 60 heading down Southampton water at 18Knots with the AOR crew ensuring all the visitors were soon 'put to work'

The teams are concentrating on the match racing element for the Artemis 20 as there is an ever increasing demand for the boats to be used in the match racing circuit for universities, individual training as preparation for championships such as the Governors cup in July at Newport beach California. Sailing the Open 60 is not about brute force and ignorance but more finesse and awareness of what is happening around you, wind shifts, trying to work out what the opposition is about to do etc, a skill set that is not dissimilar to match racing.



David Rutter managing director of Vizual Marine said “when you see these boats under sail from a distance they look so effortless, its only when you get on board and start working that you realise how much hard work has to be done to get the boat working like that, to do this single handed for a any period of time is absolutely amazing and a true testament to the skippers who sail solo.”

Niall Myant and members from the Volvo Keelboat squad have been working with the Artemis 20 programme, introducing match racing, training and also racing the boats at various events, so it made sense that when an opportunity like this came along that they should come onboard and experience what it is like to sail the ultimate racing machine and gain some additional and valuable experience.



"Being able to sail onboard the Artemis Open 60 even for only one day left us all with a strong impression. One of the most interesting parts of the day was being able to explore below deck and see how much design and thought has gone into the boat right from day one. Everyone in the keelboat squad is used to sailing high performance yachts like the Farr45's and TP52's, but the jump up to an Open 60 was huge. The speed and acceleration was amazing, and although the boat was controllable with a strong crew and fitted with all the latest systems, I have a growing respect for anyone who takes this boat on single handed."

We would like to thank the team on AOR1 for the opportunity to gain some experience onboard the boat, the professionalism of the crew was so apparent ensuring that we got the most out of the day and a great insight to how an Open 60 works. The word of the day from all of us was 'Awesome'



For a full list of the years events for the Artemis 20 please contact Vizual Marine on +44 (0)1243 784321 or [info@vizmarine.com](mailto:info@vizmarine.com)

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**Notes to Editors**

- The *Artemis 20* is a 20ft (6m) carbon fibre performance racing keelboat, with America's Cup characteristics, specifically designed to be sailed by both able and disabled sailors alike.

- The concept behind Vizual Marine and subsequently the *Artemis 20* which the company designed and built in association with Simon Rogers, was to create an 'even keel' within the sailing fraternity that will allow both able and disabled sailors to race against each other with the same rules, the same boats and no unfair advantages.
- Vizual Marines philosophy stems from the importance of accessibility, the idea of breaking down barriers and creating fun, fast and functional ways for getting more people on the water and bringing them together to enjoy exhilarating sailing.
- After successfully sailing solo across the English Channel from Dover to Calais in 2005 in her adapted *Artemis 20* and making history, quadriplegic sailor Hilary Lister, 35, is has now set off on her solo circumnavigating of the British Isles. Hilary and her team are hoping to achieve this in the summer of 2008.
- Images are available on request.
- JPMorgan Asset Management Round the Island Race - 28th June 2008 Cowes  
 ACCBank Cork Week - 12th - 18th July (tbc)  
 Skandia Cowes Week - 2nd - 9th August 2008 Cowes including help for hero's and match racing and Skandia disabled sailing try a boat  
 Sailability Multi-Class Regatta Rutland SC - 8th - 10th August  
 Falmouth Week - 9th - 16th August 2008 tbc  
 PSP Southampton Boat Show - 12th - 21st September 2008  
 Whyte & Mackay Earls Court Boat Show - 28th November - 7th December 2008