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Andrew McDonald-Smith Marine designed **TELOS 40**

The new Telos 40 by McDonald-Smith Marine Designers not only looks the part but performs well on her delivery trip to the Tropical North Queensland waters of Townsville.

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Sea Trials

The first composite build from McDonald-Smith Marine designers was recently built by Streamline Catamarans in Hervey Bay, the whale watch capital of Australia. With numerous composite builds under their belt including three of the whale watching fleet Streamline was pleased to be asked to build the first Telos 40. This exciting new project came with a great design and owners who knew what they wanted in comfort and performance from their new boat.

Sea trials in the waters of Platypus Bay with the crew from Yanmar on board had the owners with huge grins on their faces. The boat was doing 24kts into a 25-30kt wind from the north with 1.5m

plus seas and not slamming the underwing deck of the boat. This was the first test passed as their previous boat would not have stood up to the conditions and it was a pleasure to see all on board found it quite comfortable. As the boatbuilders we were also impressed with her sea-ability in those seas running at that speed. The hulls just sliced the water and gained enough buoyancy to keep her level and not pitch as some boats tend in this sea state. Sea trials by the builders were completed two weeks later with the propellers being repitched to get better economy from the twin 240hp Yanmar motors. The owners arrived later in the month with crew in tow to have a leisurely trip north.

Heading Home

After an electronic chart problem was fixed by a quick trip to BCF the owners and crew left Urangan boat harbour in the early hours of the morning and headed into not so calm water off Fraser Island.

The forecast was slightly incorrect or had not been updated and the new Telos 40 had started her long journey into large northerly swells and squally weather. The skipper on board had just previously delivered a Riviera 50 to Townsville and was reported to have said that the Telos 40 handled the conditions with ease. The boat maintained a speed of 18kts even in the worst of a storm that lashed the boat for hours with well over 40kts of wind and large seas.