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# McCONAGHY

## McCONAGHY 36 ONE DESIGN



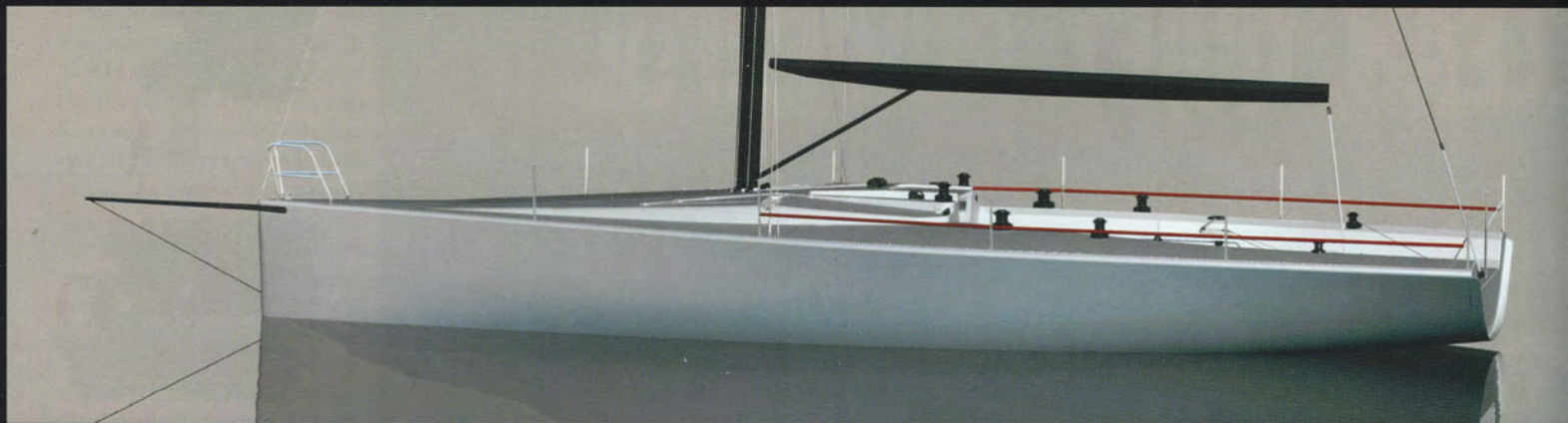
Technically advanced design and construction

Cost controlled through strict one design class rules

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Grand Prix performance without the cost



**KER 40**

Highly competitive **Simple and reliable deck layout**  
McConaghy & Ker - unbeatable team **IRC - ORC Race yacht**

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## THE NEW BREED OF SPEED

A CHANGE IS BLOWING THROUGH THE FLEETS OF FAST 40'S RACING AROUND THE WORLD, AND IT'S COMING QUICKLY, WRITES ANTHONY TWIBILL.

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**T**he venerable Farr 40 has proven one of the most popular and successful international racing yacht classes of all time. But this aging design, together with local race fleets of Sydney 38s, 36s and many fast European cruiser racers, are under assault from a new wave of dedicated racers, redefining mid size IRC and One Design performance. These new yachts draw upon the best design expertise and sailing technologies developed over the last decade for America's Cup campaigns and the challenges of global ocean racing. To tempt your desire for sailing excitement in fast fleet racing, we have profiled a selection of these new game-changing "fast 40's".

Whatever your choice of yachting weapon, whether for close racing around the cans or long offshore passage racing, it's only a matter of time before this arsenal of exciting and affordable new racing designs make their mark at the top of the results boards at clubs and regattas throughout our region.



## McCONAGHY M36

Builders of the fastest GP racing yachts in the world, such as *Wild Oats XI*, *Alfa Romeo* and *Leopard*, McConaghy Boats have recently focused on developing their production yacht line.

MODEL	McConaghy 36 One Design Grand Prix
LENGTH OVERALL	11.28m
BEAM ON DECK	3.50m
DRAFT	2.80m
DISPLACEMENT	2,900 kg
DESIGNER	Harry Dunning
BUILDER	McConaghy One

The McConaghy One business unit focuses on performance production racers – everything from entry-level international Optimists and ultra-light Mach 2 foiling Moths up to all-new production racers. Manufactured at McConaghy Boats' Zhuhai, China yard, these racers blend efficient

production with industry leading techniques to deliver serious bang for your buck.

McConaghy recently released drawings of two new production racing yachts – the McConaghy 36 One Design and the Ker 40. The M36 is designed by America's Cup yacht designer Harry Dunning and crafted by McConaghy Boats to be a light displacement, high performance racer. With top level racing in local and international regattas in mind, the M26 is designed to strictly controlled One Design standards but should also perform mixed fleets.

The objective of the M36 Class is to develop a high level and entertaining racing program while maintaining the integrity of the One Design concept by ensuring that all boats are as identical as possible in terms of construction, hull shape and appendages, weight, deck layout, sail plan and performance.

The boat is built to the highest standards utilising the latest hi-tech materials and building techniques comparable with that used in America's Cup yacht construction and fit out. The product is the ultimate high-performance boat at an affordable racing price tag.

Kiwi businessman Neville Crichton, a long term McConaghy Boats customer and former Farr 40 owner, has reportedly expressed interest in the new M36 class and has put his name down for one of the first boats to be based on Sydney Harbour. In a visually stunning McConaghy touch, hull #1 is to be finished with a high gloss clear coat over the carbon topsides.

The M36 is lining up with many other fast 40 designs as an affordable successor to the Farr 40, and perhaps even the premier One Design class. With a quoted price of USD\$226,000 (ex factory China) and an indicative price for a competitive sail wardrobe of around USD\$50,000, the pricing appears very competitive indeed, and not what weekend warrior racers would expect for a McConaghy boat.

The optimised hull form is e-glass based instead of carbon to keep costs down. The rig and sail plan have also been toned down to make this boat less extreme to sail, which will not only reduce the overall cost but also broaden the appeal of the M36 One Design without sacrificing the overall performance of the yacht.

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