

Cruising

Moving Miss Money Penny A delivery from Sydney to Perth



The Reichel Pugh-designed 69-foot race yacht Money Penny was sold at the end of 2024 by Jason Rowed of Race Yachts from well-known Noakes Boatyard operator Sean Langman to a Perth-based business identity, Rob Appleyard. Rob's previous boat, Secret Weapon, a Ker 40, had been campaigned on both the east and west coast regattas and he was looking for a bigger challenge.

Jason recommended experienced delivery skipper, Larry Jamieson, to take on the project of preparing the boat for the 2,500 nautical mile journey from Sydney Harbour to Fremantle Sailing Club.

With the assistance of Simone Hill, owner of My Crew Travel, a team of eight crew members with relevant offshore skills was gathered for the trip. The youngest member, Keanu, was 19 years old with his first Sydney-Hobart race recently under his belt and the oldest, our leader Captain Larry in his 60s.



Two crew members, Damien and Alexandre, who are usually based in France, were involved in the delivery from French Polynesia to Australia of the Sydney-Hobart division winner, Cocody. Another Australian-based French captain of the Swan 60 Eve, Benjamin, currently based in Tunisia, was able to join us.

Experienced round-the-world racer, Morgan and another delivery skipper, Marcus, gave us our two other watch captains.

The yacht had been kept in a cradle on the hard stand as it has no antifoul on her hull. First step was the delivery of a shipping container, the dismantling of the cradle, packing all the race equipment which was not required for the delivery and sending it across the Nullarbor via truck and train.

The boat was moved to a pen at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia during January and the conversion from a grand prix/day racer to a passage maker commenced. The decision to base ourselves at our home yacht club meant that we were surrounded by a wealth of experience from friends and suppliers.

As there was no running water on the boat, a manual pump and jerry cans of water were sourced. 140 meals were batch cooked, vacuum-sealed and frozen before being stored in two 12v camping fridges onboard. Diesel was stored in 20 litre jerry cans across the stern.

During sea trials off Sydney Harbour, we set up the mainsail for three reefs and had a number 4 genoa and staysail set up on a furler for the bow. The water ballast system was tested and the engines serviced.

The timing of all deliveries is always weather dependant and the 45-knot severe wind warnings on Sydney Harbour had us waiting on the CYCA's A-arm for several days before our meteorologist, Dr Roger 'Clouds' Badham gave us the all-clear to depart for Eden on the NSW South Coast.

A beautiful spot known for its whaling past, where we were docked on the main jetty in Twofold Bay. The whole crew were hosted for lunch by CYCA Member and owner of Farr 40 Outlaw, Alan Quick. Our French crew met their first kangaroos nearby.



From there, we made our way around Wilson's Promontory and along the Victorian coastline known as the Shipwreck Coast. Our next stop was Portland, the first European settlement in the state.

Once the next front had passed, we then sailed around Kangaroo Island and into Port Lincoln in South Australia. We received a very warm welcome from the members of the Port Lincoln Yacht Club and an invitation for some of our crew members to participate in their weekend racing on a Sharpie.

The town was gearing up for the annual Adelaide - Port Lincoln race and Regatta Week. Definitely one for the bucket list! Home of excellent seafood and the Melbourne Cup-winning racehorse Makybe Diva.

The draft of the yacht is 4.8 metres limiting our access to marinas, so once again we berthed at one of the jetties in town.

The next leg across the Great Australian Bight was the longest and required a clear window to arrive in Albany before forecasted gale-force conditions.

Arriving in Western Australia we docked at the Albany Marina and rode out the 45-50 knot gusts with ten lines securing the boat. Known as the departure point for ANZAC troops heading out to war and home of the National ANZAC Museum.



Our final leg took us around Cape Leeuwin and Cape Naturaliste, past Geographe Bay and Rottnest Island before an early morning arrival with an escort from the new owner into Fremantle's North Harbour.

The My Crew Travel team of Larry and Simone have now moved on to their next delivery, bringing a brand new Seawind 1370 catamaran built in the factory in Vietnam. This journey will cover 5,000 nautical miles from Ocean Marina in Pattaya, Thailand to Sydney Harbour, Australia.



About Simone Hill

Simone Hill is the owner of My Crew Travel, which specialises in coordinating the logistics for race yachts travelling to regattas and rallies. She is an AMSA-qualified Master <24m and has completed over 60,000 nautical miles in deliveries over the past three years. Her experience as an event and project manager has proven invaluable. ⚓