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Into battle – Newscorp's Ross Field and Jez Fanstone

One-time policeman Ross Field has won the Whitbread twice, as watchleader on Steinlager 2 and as skipper of Yamaha. He's also been a Melbourne-Osaka regular, Admiral's Cup competitor and ran the NZL entry on the 1999 Adecco Maxi One Design Circuit. Now he is masterminding Newscorp's Volvo Ocean Race entry.

SH: Why have you chosen not to sail?

RF: I've not raced round the world 10 times, or five times, like some people, but I've done it twice successfully – once with Blake and once as skipper. You have to question why you'd want to go back.

SH: So you won't come on for a leg or two?

RF: The possibility exists but the plans are that I won't sail. I've definitely retired from yachting and I'm now finding the management of things very interesting.

SH: How closely will you be involved in the day-to-day running of Newscorp once she's launched?

RF: Well, I want to investigate other events, but my main focus will be on Newscorp and I will be going to all the stopovers. Newscorp own the raceboat but I will be there to help run the show.

SH: Rupert Murdoch is a yacht owner of long standing, and Lachlan has competed in the Hobart with Larry Ellison, so they must have been approached many times for sponsorship?

RF: Jez and I made a presentation in New York and within six weeks we got a decision. Obviously we were in the right place at the right time and, yes, they had been approached by a number of syndicates, but we had tailored our package to their requirements and it fitted very well. It was a very, very tidy deal.

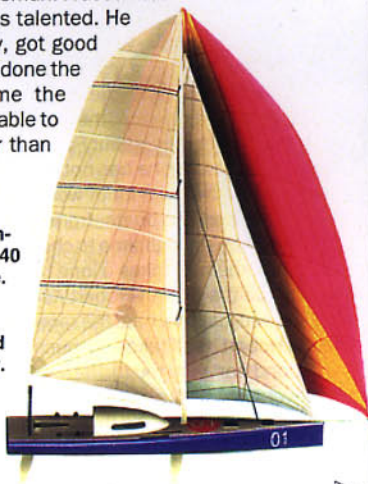
SH: And Lachlan will sail?

RF: Yes, it is a possibility and we have made plans for that. The sponsorship is primarily for internal communication. News Corporation is a very large company and they want to tie in their diverse groups, some 70 properties, together. It is very interesting because five other VOR entries are doing the same thing.

SH: And you, Ross, a Kiwi, have appointed Jez, a Pom, as skipper?

RF: I've never held against Poms for being Poms! But, well, Jez is a very well-rounded yachtsman. I raced with him in the maxis and he's talented. He is a highly intelligent guy, got good leadership qualities, has done the race before and, for me the biggest thing is that he is able to attract yachtsmen better than himself aboard.

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