



Ferretti 731 arrives for Malaysian owner

The Malaysian owner of a new Ferretti 731 has welcomed his new yacht to its new home in Asia. After arriving in Singapore in late December, the yacht was launched directly from the container ship and immediately started up, sailing on its

own bottom to Raffles Marina. The owner then took the boat from Singapore to Phuket, via Port Dickson and Penang.

In January, the owner cruised extensively throughout Phuket, and in

early February the yacht was sent back to Penang for a check, with any alterations or repairs being made at the Pen shipyard. The boat had already covered 1,000nm last year when sailing from the east to west coast of Italy, where it had been commissioned.

A dark-blue bimini for the yacht was fabricated in Phuket, as the owner wanted a custom unit that covered the whole flybridge. The owner has commented that the Ferretti 731 rides smoothly through rough weather, has a high level of comfort and the ARG stabilising system works very well. He particularly appreciated this when the ship is at anchor or in a harbour with swells, when the boat would usually roll from side to side.

The owner expects to do a lot of cruising on this boat in 2006, specifically around the waters between Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. **APB**

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Positive Impression for Singapore couple



Singapore-based couple John Ramsden and Sharon Ee (pictured) competed in the Royal Langkawi International Regatta in February, their first major racing since taking delivery of their new Elan Impression 434. In fact, *Sofa So Good's* maiden voyage was from the ONE* 15 Marina Club in Singapore to the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club in Malaysia.

The new owners had been looking for a high-performance cruising yacht with a large open cockpit for working crew during



racing and spacious accommodation for pleasure cruising. They decided on the Impression 434 after viewing every cruising yacht at this year's London Boat Show.

The new Impression 434, designed by Rob Humphreys and launched in August 2004, is the first of a dedicated cruising range by Elan. The boat captures the look and feel of the Oysters (which Humphreys also designs), and the attractive blister coach-roof offers abundant natural light.

There's good deck space, a spacious cockpit with twin helm positions and easy stern access. Essential for Asia are air-conditioning and a bimini, which functions under sail as well as power. The Elan has a 1.9m draft, displaces 10.9 tonnes, and is offered with a choice of 56hp or 75hp diesel, sail-drive engines. Howison Marine is Elan's regional distributor. **APB**

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