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Getting behind the challenge



On Thursday evening, September 8, a cargo of fabricated steel on board the “Dominica” began the five week voyage from the port of Tauranga to Valencia in Spain. Its destination is the 65 x 35 x 15 metre boatshed allocated to Emirates Team New Zealand for the 2007 America’s Cup Challenge.

Some of the smaller steel sections travelled in containers; some 40 longer sections of 20 metres were exposed to the elements and had been given a protective zinc silicate coating, courtesy of CSP – part of Fletcher Building.

On arrival this structural steel will be erected as three floors inside the building and right beside the boats. Craig Stokes, the Project Manager, describes the plans:

“On the ground floor will be workshops and two boat sheds, a sail rig area and sail washroom; there will, of course, also be a reception and the hospitality area and a Line7 shop.

“On the first floor will be offices, the gym, shower and toilet facilities, a changing and locker room, and the kitchen and breakfast area. The second floor will have the sail loft and more offices. The third floor will be the plotting floor.”

Craig is employed by Hawkins Construction who, in addition to the project management, will also provide the carpentry labour. But many other New Zealand companies are getting behind the Emirates Team New Zealand challenge with outright donations or generous discounts.

The Design is by Architectus; Structural Engineering is by Beca Carter; the structural steel is from New Zealand Steel and Fletcher Easysteel with fittings through Placemakers; the fabrication – Grayson Engineering.

The purlins are by Dimond, and the electricals are by Bishmans; the paint is by Dulux and the carpeting is supplied through Feltex.

Others coming to the party include Ban Trans for structural stairs, Ullrich Aluminium for engineering treads, Carters for ply flooring and ceilings, Bondor New Zealand, and Portacom for shower and toilet facilities.

There are too many to mention all of the New Zealand companies involved. The word is that the team appreciates the support and will be endeavouring to show this in the best possible way, come 2007!

Craig Stokes is no stranger to Spain, having worked on the New Zealand Pavillion for the Exposition in Seville in 1992. His wife, Maria, is from Spain and they have two sons, Carlos (four) and Dylan (one). The bilingual family will be visiting relatives while Craig completes a project he holds dearly to heart.

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