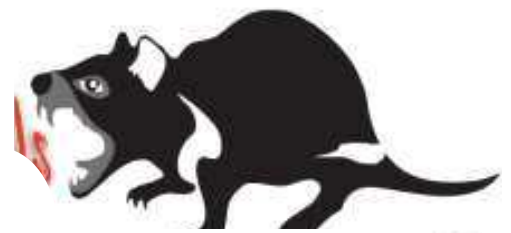


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Devil Day a Step Closer

Two passionate sailors, Josh Phillips and Adrian Beswick, are a step closer to conquering a challenge of a lifetime.

Their vessel, a B14 is almost ready.

The 14-foot, lightweight skiff has received a lot of work in the past few weeks including sponsorship signage, a full re-fit of running gear, new wings and a workout in the B14 world championships.

All that needs to complete the boat is a massive devil face that will to be painted onto the spinnaker.

The two young sailors have decided to take on a daring challenge. "To make the trip a success, picking the right gap in the weather is now what it's all going to boil down too." Mr Phillips said. "We're really looking forward to making some trial runs next week up in Bass Strait to see how the boat handles in the open ocean."

They will attempt a record-breaking crossing of the Bass Strait in order to raise the profile and money the endangered Tasmanian devil.

The crossing will take place early March, depending on weather conditions, and is hoped to be completed in around eight hours.

An advertising campaign sponsored by major sponsors Budget Car and Truck Rental and Hutch TV encouraging Tasmania's to get behind the cause.

With just over a month to go before the crossing the Strait4Devils team still has a lot of work ahead, but things are now well and truly on track for success.

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Please note: Photos are available of Josh and Adrian with the Strait4Devils boat.

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