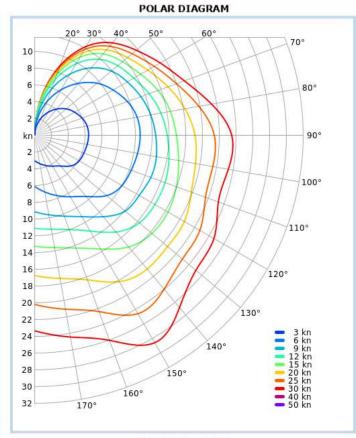


Reichel/Pugh 66



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SOL RACE RECORD

John Reichel and Jim Pugh of San Diego design yachts, fast yachts, mostly very large ones, but also a whole range of Melges one-designs. In 2004, the late Australian wine and coffee baron Bob Oatley commissioned RP to design a state-of-the-art offshore race machine. Wild Oats X, successor to WO IX, features a canting keel, various underwater appendages, and water ballast. A year later X was in in turn succeeded by XI (WOXI), a 100 footer later lengthened, but Bob held onto X and she remains to this day owned by his son Sandy who often lends her to the likes of Frederick of Denmark and the all-women crew who sailed her in the 2019 Sydney Hobart, and often gives her bigger sister a fright.

So successful has X been, that RP have marketed the design as a Class and several full sisters (i.a. Alive, Aurora, Zaraffa and Exile) also compete on the offshore circuit. With polar lines carefully lofted by late SOLer psail, SOL's R/P 66 can match them all.

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