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Dubai, UAE: The anticipation always builds in the weeks and days leading up to the launch of a new design; the [Farr 400](#) was no exception. The teams at Farr Yacht Design and Premier Composite Technologies (along with Dee Smith consulting on this project) have been steadily working towards this day over the past 8 months. Farr Yacht Design was responsible for both the design and engineering on this project, working closely with Premier Composite Technologies to sort out all the details.

During this period the Farr 400 design has been scrutinized from every angle but only viewed on a computer screen or print-out as a CAD file, CFD model, 2D or 3D model or perhaps a rendering. In the back of your mind you can't help but have those nagging concerns; Are the freeboards right? Is the sheer-line to aggressive? Is the bow section too full? Is the cockpit layout functional? The team has designed hundreds of boats but still, getting the proportions perfect is as much art as it is science. Seeing and sailing the Farr 400 for the first time brings immediate answers to all concerns; that's anticipation!

It's an incredible process to witness, as a design concept transitions from an idea to reality and all the phases in between. My Name is Bill O'Malley and I am the proverbial "Fly on the wall". My desk at Farr Yacht Sales is in the front corner of the Farr Yacht Design office, adjacent to the conference table where most internal meetings happen; I hear all. I am not a designer, engineer, naval architect or CFD Guru; I'm a marketing guy, salesman but mostly I'm a sailor. Sitting within ear shot of the design team discussing and debating the Farr 400 design, construction and build decisions for the past 8 months has been truly fascinating. Now I get to go sail this new design and bring closure to the cycle. March 27, 2011 Luke Shingledecker (Farr Yacht Design-Naval Architect) and I traveled to Dubai to visit Premier Composite Technologies, sail the first Farr 400 and conduct a week of sea trials.

This was our first opportunity to see just how well FYD, PCT, Dee Smith and the partners had met the goals of the project. The schedule for the week was pretty full and busy including, in and out of water IRC and ORC measurement with Dobbs Davis, launching and stepping the rig, sailing, evening meetings to discuss class administration and rules and wrapping up with some local racing at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club. - Bill O' Malley.

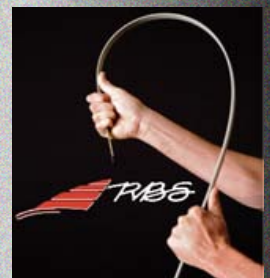
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