



In just 10 years, the Weta has gone from a one-off trimaran for family sailing and casual racing to being selected for the Masters Games.

When Roger Kitchen decided to build the first Weta sailing catamaran in 2004, he wanted a boat that did everything. As a family man, he wanted something that he could take his kids out in or go racing by himself, but it had to be easy to set up by one person, and still pack down small on a trailer. Ten years and 1000 boats later, big changes are happening at Weta Marine.

New Zealand is booked as the host country for the 2017 Masters' Games – essentially the Olympics for the over-35s and hosting more athletes than the Olympics. The Weta now joins the Laser in the competing classes – a significant development for the 4.4m trimaran.

“Being selected for the Masters Games is obviously big for us,” says Kitchen. “One of the exciting things is that we have

Weta Marine organises rallies for sailors to come together for sailing and coaching.



been given the freedom to decide on the format of the racing. At the moment, there isn't anything to say we have to do a set of windward-leeward. So we are experimenting a bit at the moment and trying out some courses for passage races that we might look to incorporate.”

Last year Weta popped its 1000th boat off the moulds in its factory in China and moved production to Indonesia.

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