

RC 44' CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR SERIES TEAM "PENINSULA PETROLEUM" / PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME:

No strangers to the world of Grand Prix sailing, the team at Barracuda Yacht Design have, for the past four months, been involved in an intensive and ongoing Performance Programme designed to explore, evaluate and optimize every opportunity for team *'Peninsula Petroleum'* to maximize their own race-day performance amongst competing yachts in the 2014 RC44 Championship Tour.

Having finished in a close run 2nd place during the first round of the 2014 Tour series, held between 12th and 16th February in Virgin Gorda in the Caribbean, it's clear that *'Peninsula Petroleum'* owner/driver John Bassadone (GBR) has



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put together a talented and competitive team of sailors including, Vasco Vascotto (ITA) as Race Tactician and Barracuda's own Senior Naval Architect, **Robin Imaz** (ESP) as Genoa Trimmer in charge of tuning and technical assistance.

Being of a competitive nature himself, owner/driver John Bassadone was only too pleased when the crew recommended a Performance Programme be put in place, under the guidance of Robin, whereby the team could benefit from Barracuda's wide-ranging skills and past Americas Cup experience in areas such as:

- o Sails analysis – Data Collection and Improvement Programme for new sails design
- o On board analysis - integrating strengths and weakness video feedback from the crew working as a team
- o All round Performance Data Collection - analysis of mast, sail and boat trim settings
- o Electronics Calibration and post-race analysis

Robin says *"the essential work we are doing in the office adds some much needed technical back-up and data analysis to aid the decision making process. The RC44 Tour is so highly competitive; that whatever we can do off the water to gain a competitive edge is absolutely vital when racing!"*



Robin Imaz

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If your next yacht project requires the technical skills and back-up support necessary to compete at the highest level, then get in touch with Barracuda Yacht Design.