

The long, sharp bow of the J Class yacht *Endeavour* JK4 comes out of a wave like a breaching whale.

# NOBLE ENDEAVOUR

THE HISTORIC 130-FOOT J CLASS SLOOP *ENDEAVOUR* MADE A MEMORABLE RETURN TO THE WATER AT ST BARTHS BUCKET REGATTA 2012 IN THE CARIBBEAN, HER FIRST EVENT SINCE HER 18-MONTH REFIT AT YACHTING DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW ZEALAND.



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*Endeavour* JK4 leads a fleet of J Class yachts, with *Velsheda* JK7 following behind. *Endeavour's* refit was completed in 2011, 77 years after her first launch in England and 22 years after her historic restoration. While she maintains her original beauty inside and out, *Endeavour* is now powered by a high-tech carbon mast capped with a gold leaf top and fibre riggings, complying with the new J Class regulations.







### YOICHI YABE

Tokyo-born Yoichi began his career as a yacht photographer at leading Japanese marine publisher Kazi. His keen eye and good sea legs have successfully served him for 27 years as he has shot yachts at sea around the world. *Endeavour* became his passion when he first had the chance to sail on her in 1992. Her current owner offered him the opportunity to photograph the big refit in 2010, and ever since he has been striving to capture the yacht's beauty in all its glory.

**ALL HANDS ON DECK**  
*Endeavour* enjoyed the services of some of the world's best yachtsmen during the regatta, with five-time Olympic medallist Torben Grael steering the grand old yacht for the first time.

