

A white sailboat with a black sail is shown sailing on the water. The boat is moving from left to right, creating a white wake. Several crew members are visible on deck, wearing various jackets and hats. The background shows a hilly coastline under an overcast sky. The text 'Snapshot' is overlaid in the center of the image.

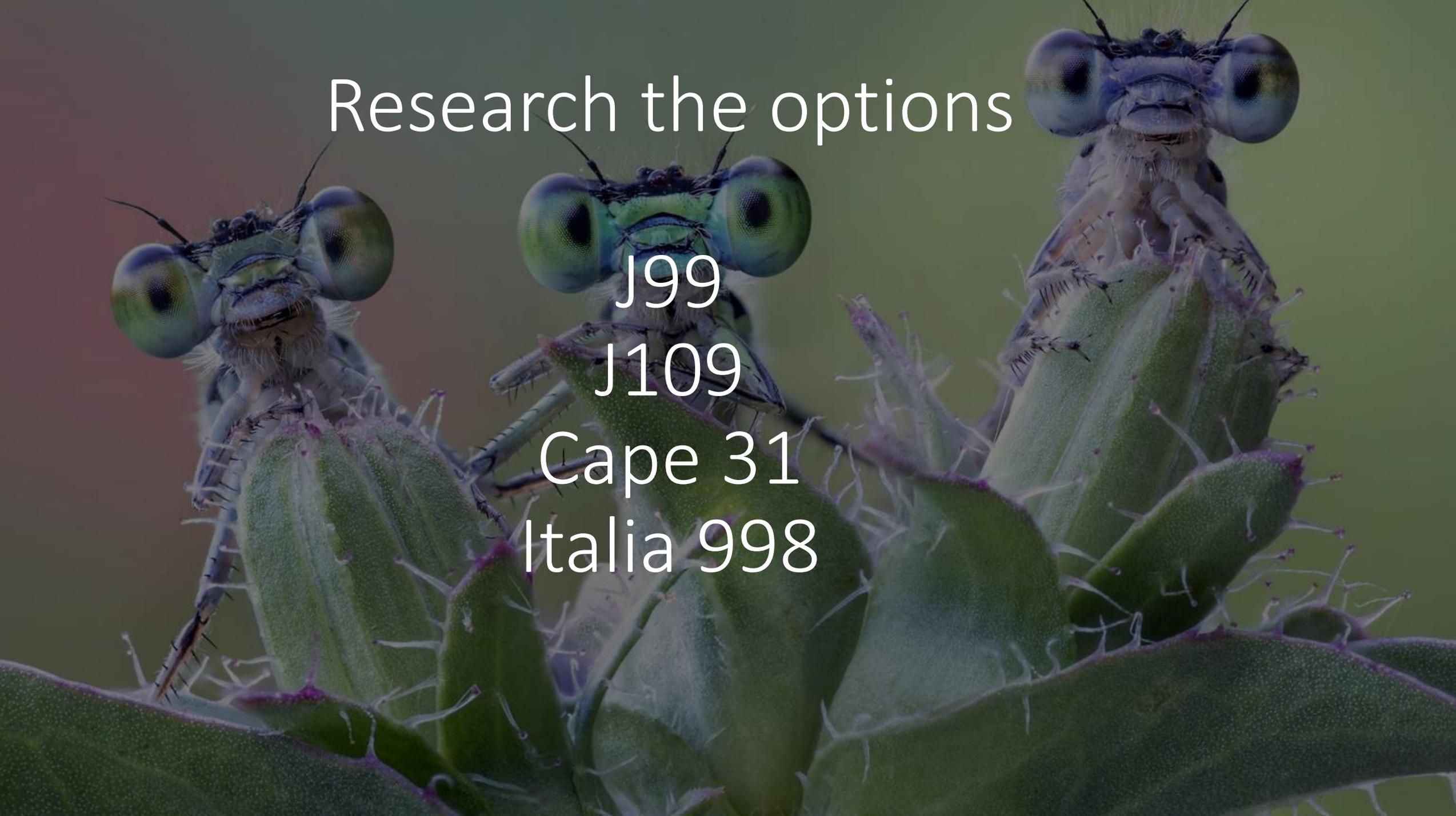
Snapshot

J99 Launched April 2021
Home Club Howth Yacht Club
Dublin

Our Story

- Michael and Richard Evans
- Howth Yacht Club
- Previous yacht – Half tonner – the Big Picture
- Years of modifying....
- 8 years – 4th in Half ton cup twice, winner of HYC Autumn League
- Wanted something bigger
- Offshore capability



A close-up photograph of three praying mantids perched on a green, spiky plant. The mantids are arranged in a row, with the one on the right being the largest and most prominent. They have large, bulging eyes and a raptorial front leg. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. Overlaid on the image is white text.

Research the options

J99

J109

Cape 31

Italia 998



J Yachts – J99

Competitive Inshore racing

Offshore capability

Opportunity to cruise

Sturdy, safe, versatile and fun to sail

Sail Displacement ratio

Sail area to waterline length ratio

Compared well than other IRC

performers

Boat lighter

Price



Ordering a new Boat

- Attention to detail
- Correct set up
- Involve a professional
- Sail wardrobe
- Finding fit for purpose hardware
- IRC – trial certification



Sail Configuration

- Higher rating
- Higher aspect sails for performance
- Addition of ballast
- Worked hard on configuration

- New boat – higher rating – team had to sail well
- Strong upwind performance as wind builds
- Higher performance off wind – sail area / displacement ratio



The right crew!

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- Skillset
 - Balance
 - Fun aspect
 - Commitment
 - Organisation



Early Season Training

- Practice starting
- Crew work and positioning
- Roll tacks & Gybes
- Mark rounding
- Boat check



Our First Big Outing – The Soverigns Cup – Kinsale 2021

- So many J109 s
- How can we compete
- Light winds to start...





1st in Class and
Winner of Sovereigns
Cup

The Round Ireland Yacht Race

- Preparation
- Crew Selection
- 6 people
- Food - nutrition
- Watch system
- Last Day in good shape





The Start

- 2nd smallest boat in the fleet
- Two first timers on board
- They said it would take 4 and bit days

- With six of us onboard, we ran shifts of 4 hours on and 2 hours off. The hardest part was getting in and out of wet gear while the boat was heeling at 20 degrees and pitching, sometimes slamming, as we nosed through the swell. Nausea set in for a few of the crew and, with a night of sailing to get through, there was not much time and only limited interest in taking in the views of the scenic Skelligs.
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- A new weather system coming in from the Atlantic offered an advantage in sailing out to the west on starboard for a few hours to meet the new wind and then tacking and coming back into the coast on a port hand lift. Given the conditions, some of us found that a little daunting but we were reassured when our navigator Nick Cherry advised that we were leading after this incredibly tough section of the race.



The final stretch

Once the West Coast was done we had a pleasant sail down East coast, until Dundalk.....

Races are won and lost here

Nearly did it

- Overall –2nd (5 minutes)
- 1st in Class
- 1st Irish Yacht





Still Talking

- Challenged but happy

Calves week

- What a venue
- Adventure
- Relaxed and social
- 1st in Class



Autumn League

- Needed to win for Boat of the Year
- Contenders Rockabill JPK 10.40 and Samaton Grand Soleil 44
- Variety of conditions
- Round the cans and windward leeward races



ICRA Boat of the Year 2022



What's Next

- Scotland
- Howth
- Soverigns week
- DunLaoire
- ICRA
- J Cup
- Autumn League