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A Q&A with Lloyd Thornburg about his love of fast boats and racing

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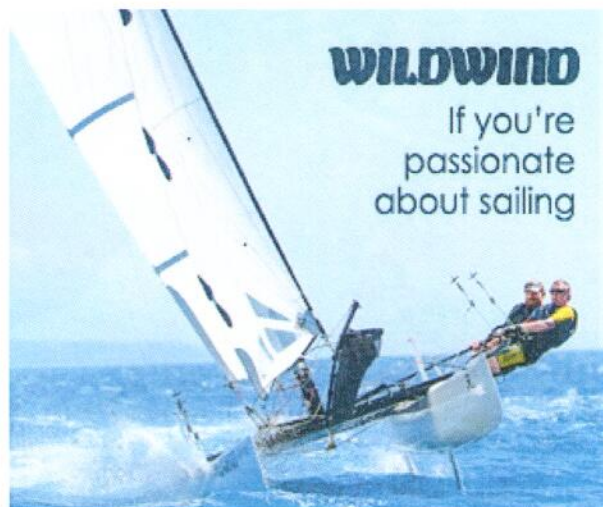


Lloyd Thornburg - Rolex Fastnet Race Rachel Jaspersen / Team Phaedo

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Not too many world-class sailors hail from the high deserts of Santa Fe, New Mexico, but Lloyd Thornburg isn't exactly your average sailor. The 37-year old investor, skydiver and racecar driver flies the New York Yacht Club's venerable burgee from his fleet of raceboats that have included a Gunboat 66 catamaran a MOD70 trimaran a Farr 280 and a



Carkeek 40 Mk II, the later of which Thornburg and his all-conquering team used to win an elusive double (line honors and overall handicap victory) in the recently concluded St. Petersburg to Havana Race (February 28, 2017).

Needless to say, Thornburg and company made darn sure to celebrate in style in Havana, and to experience everything that this once-forbidden (for us Yanks, at least) island nation has to offer.



Lloyd Thornburg's "Fomo" crew celebrating double win in the St Petersburg to Cuba Race © Rachel Fallon-Langdon / Team FOMO

While the recent win in Havana made sailing-news headlines, Thornburg and his MOD70 *Phaedo3* crew, including multi-hull master Brian Thompson (UK) who serves as co-skipper, are no strangers to the sailing press, as *Phaedo3* has been collecting an enviable trophy room full of racecourse-won silverware, including a course record in the 2015 Caribbean 600 (their first race with their MOD70), a line-honors win in the 2015 Fastnet Race, and a win in the multi-hull division of the RORC's Transatlantic Race.

I recently caught up with Thornburg via email to learn more about his racing program, and to gain more insight into the wild world of offshore multi-hull sailing.

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