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Matt Allen's Ichi Ban makes her way to Tasmania - and victory, via the Iron Pot - in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Pic - Studio Borlenghi

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## CYCA COMMODORE PAUL BILLINGHAM

# Welcome to the 74<sup>th</sup> Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race!



It is with anticipation and excitement that we look forward to the 74th running of the iconic Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, which this year will feature an incredibly high quality fleet of yachts set to write their own chapter in the race story.

Whatever they are sailing - a cruiser-racer; a wooden classic; a carbon race boat; or a super maxi, each and every competitor is in line, come 1pm on 26 December 2018, to become the overall winner of the race.

It is, to my mind, this classic unpredictability that makes the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race compulsive viewing both on Boxing Day and all the way through to the New Year.

As ever, there will be races within races:

- We expect 10 TP52s to start the race this year, including 2017 overall race winner, conventionally ballasted race record holder and current Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore leader, Matt Allen's *Ichi Ban*;
- Five super maxis renewing old rivalries including overall race record holder Jim Cooney's *Comanche*;
- A host of overseas and interstate boats - some are annual visitors such as 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race winner Bruce Taylor on *Chutzpah*, others

of which are on "bucket list" trips of a lifetime; and

- The core of the fleet - a whole range of boats and crews who are there for the challenge and the hope that, this year, the weather gods will favour them for a coveted IRC, ORCi or PHS placing.

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**Wishing all of our competitors a safe and fast trip south - I look forward to welcoming every yacht into Hobart!**

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At this time of year our Club comes into its own - the buzz around the new Clubhouse is building; the Sydney Race Village is coming alive and the army of CYCA staff and volunteers, without whom the race wouldn't function, prepare to make the 74th running of the race a memory that will last forever in the minds of competitors.

But this race is not something we can hope to run alone. We are once again fortunate to be supported by Rolex as our main sponsor - a relationship which has lasted since 2002 and,

frankly, brings us the best possible sponsor for a race of this status.

Together with Rolex and our long time finishing partner the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, we have worked collaboratively over recent years to lift the overall race experience for competitors, owners and spectators into the on- and off-water spectacle it is today. To that end we are truly grateful for the support we receive in Sydney and in Hobart from so many organisations - government, volunteer, commercial and the media.

Once again when competitors reach Hobart, they will be welcomed by RYCT Commodore Tracy Matthews and her amazing team of staff and volunteers - I spend a lot of time with this group each year and nothing is too much trouble. As our long-term finishing partner we are proud of our association with "the Royals"!

In closing, 2019 marks the 75th anniversary of the formation of the CYCA and of course the running of the first race. Throughout the coming year the CYCA is planning to recognise both of these events in many different ways, starting at the Official Prize Giving this year on New Year's Eve, so do keep an eye on the Club's website and we hope to welcome this year's fleet back in 2019.

Wishing all of our competitors a safe and fast trip south - I look forward to welcoming every yacht into Hobart! 🇦🇺



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# Point of Sail

Every year on Boxing Day a new chapter commences in the story that is the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.



**Each of us are players in a story that unfolds between the glittering start on Sydney Harbour and the festivities alongside Constitution Dock. It is a story that does not finish with the first yacht home but continues until the very last competitor crosses the Castray finish line and is tied up safely in their berth.**

So what part do you play?

Are you a contender for the Tattersall Cup; Illingworth Trophy or the Jane Tate Memorial? Is this your first Sydney Hobart or your 21st?

Are you a volunteer on a patrol boat; in the Liaison Centre or the Finish Box?

Are you a spectator on South Head; dockside in Hobart; or amongst the millions watching on TV or following online across Australia and around the globe?

We all have our part to play.

Thank you to our major Tasmanian stakeholders - the City of Hobart, TasPorts, Tasmania Police and the Government of Tasmania, including Premier Will Hodgman - for the part they play with ongoing support of an event that delivers a vibrant and exciting waterfront for our locals and visitors to enjoy together with the Taste of Tasmania and other treasures of our port city.

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania is once again delighted to play our part alongside Rolex and the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia to ensure the smooth running and successful delivery of the 74th edition of this great race.

As the Finishing Partner for the event we are committed to ensuring that all sailors have an enjoyable and fulfilling

experience with an army of volunteers working around the clock to deliver. From the Committee Room to the Liaison Centre; Finish Box, Radio Room and Patrol Boats, you can be assured that we do not rest until the last boat is in, regardless of how long it takes or what time of day or night they arrive.



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The cast of competitors this year is as strong as ever with 91 confirmed entries including both major winners from last year lining up to defend their silverware and take home the Rolex Timepieces.

Matt Allen is raring to go with TP52 *Ichi Ban* to defend the Tattersall Cup for Overall Winner.

*Comanche*, winner of last year's Illingworth Trophy and current race record holder, will battle it out with four other super maxis including *Wild Oats XI*, for line honours. Will it be another new record?

But the story does not finish there. It unfolds throughout the fleet with familiar and favourite names that appear year after year. *Patrice. Chutzpah. Duende. Envy Scooters. Hollywood Boulevard. Kialoa II. The beautiful Komatsu Azzurro. Midnight Rambler. St Jude. Teasing Machine. Yeah Baby.* Repeat offenders will join

with first-timers, from across Australia and from around the world to create history once again.

I will be watching closely for the trail-blazing pirate *Grace O'Malley* and cheering for the smallest boat in the fleet, *Gun Runner*, who will be promoting the values of courage, initiative, respect and teamwork again this year.

I will be keenly tracking our Tasmanian entries, *Alive, Black Sheep* and *2 Unlimited* and keeping a watch out for all our Tasmanian sailors scattered throughout the fleet.

I commend to you each and every one of the yachts in this fleet from the largest to the smallest. Follow them. Read their stories. Cheer for them as they set out once more on one of the most challenging ocean races in the world.

And as the fleet embarks across Bass Strait we will also be remembering with sadness and respect, the tragic 1998 race. We will pay tribute to those lives lost 20 years ago and be thankful for the bravery and expertise of rescue services who continue to support our race.

From all of us in Hobart, we wish all yachts and their crews success and safe sailing this year. I will see you dockside in Hobart, in the Hobart Race Village or at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania where we welcome sailors and visitors alike to share our club community and our hospitality.

The race is yet to unfold. The story is still to be written. Whatever part you are to play this year - enjoy!

**It will be amazing!**

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## NEWS IN BRIEF



# Sailing legends inducted into new CYCA Hall of Fame

Back from left: John Sheridan (accepted on behalf of Stan Darling), Neil Halvorsen (accepted on behalf of Magnus Halvorsen), Jan Halvorsen, Hugh Treharne OAM, Nina Halvorsen (accepted on behalf of Trygve Halvorsen), Ruth Halvorsen, Brenton Fischer (accepted on behalf of Syd Fischer AM OBE). Front: Michael York OAM

Seven Australian yachting legends have been inducted into the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's new Hall of Fame at the Club's inaugural dinner celebrating the launch.

Held at the luxurious new-look CYCA Clubhouse, the Club inducted Captain John Illingworth, Stan Darling, Trygve Halvorsen, Magnus Halvorsen, Syd Fischer AM OBE, Hugh Treharne OAM and Michael York OAM into the official CYCA Hall of Fame, the first in its history.

"I'm so proud to have been inducted," said Hugh Treharne OAM.

Treharne, widely considered as one of the most exceptional sailors in Australia, has salt-water in his veins.

"When I was young my family lived in and operated Manly Boatshed. At two years old, if I had of been looking in the right direction I could have watched the start of the very first Sydney Hobart Yacht Race at North Head - if only I had been paying attention!"

CYCA Commodore Paul Billingham also took time to reflect on the Club's history: "Establishing the CYCA Hall of Fame is an important milestone in the history of the Club.

"On the eve of the Club's 75th anniversary it's fitting to acknowledge the quite exceptional records of sailing achievement by seven CYCA Members of the past and the present in the Hall of Fame.

"In future years we will add to the number of inductees who have, through their example, truly lived the core, understated but simple purpose of the Club - to promote and encourage yachting," said Billingham.

The inductees into the CYCA Hall of Fame were acknowledged at a night that also paid tribute to the Club's Members who have recently registered 20 years' or more loyalty with the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

Captain John Illingworth was one of the greatest exponents of sailing and ocean racing. Following World War II, he was the Chief Engineer Officer at the Royal Navy Repair Base at Garden Island. His reputation as an accomplished ocean racer in the UK had preceded him, notably his knowledge of all aspects of yacht design, rigging and racing and his willingness to share his knowledge with others earned him the deep admiration of would-be ocean racers in Australia.

Following a meeting of the newly formed CYCA in May 1945, Illingworth was invited to join Peter Luke, Jack Earl and Bert Walker in a cruise to Hobart over Christmas that year. Illingworth suggested: "Why don't we make a race of it" and the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race was established.

Through Illingworth's connection with the RORC, their rating rule was utilised to measure the fleet. Illingworth went on to take Line Honours in the first race and win the event on handicap.

John Illingworth is considered the Father of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and was elected a Life Member of the CYCA in 1957 and remained a friend of the CYCA for the rest of his life.

Stan Darling was born in Hobart in August 1907. He worked for the ABC as a radio announcer and in 1936 was transferred to Sydney before enlisting for service in World War II in the Royal Australian Navy. Stan returned from the war as one of the most decorated Australian naval officers being awarded three Distinguished Service Crosses.

In 1947, Stan joined Trygve and Magnus Halvorsen as navigator aboard Peer Gynt thus embarking on a yachting career with equal distinction, making up the third member of the most consistently winning ocean-racing team ever put together. Stan competed in 27 Sydney Hobart Yacht Races, taking Line Honours twice (1953 Solveig and 1976 Ballyhoo) and was overall winner five times (1954 Solveig, 1957 Anitra, 1963 Freya, 1964 Freya and 1970 Pacha).

Due to illness, the Halvorsen Brothers did not sail in 1954, leaving Stan to skipper the Solveig to an overall win. In 1967, Stan was navigator in the winning Admiral's Cup team aboard Balandra. Trygve and Magnus Halvorsen are among the most successful ocean racers ever to have sailed out of Sydney. Their record performance in the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is unlikely ever to be broken and overshadow their unquestioned distinction in boat building, yacht design (Trygve's great talent) and ocean yacht navigation (Magnus's self-taught specialty).

Trygve joined the CYCA in 1946 serving on the Board of Directors and Rear Commodore 1953-54. Magnus joined in 1947 and had an active role in the Safety Committee

The brothers designed and built all their boats meeting great success in the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race with five overall wins (1954 Solveig, 1957 Anitra, 1963,64 and 65 Freya), in addition to five second-place finishes.

Magnus went on to win the race again in 1974 as navigator in Love & War, as well as Line Honours twice, 1971 Kialoa II and 1975 Kialoa III. The race record, set by Kialoa III in 1975, stood for 21 years.

Syd Fischer has been a Member since 1962, and has competed in 47 Sydney Hobart yacht races, owning 14 different yachts along the way. His first Hobart in the Lion Class Malohi in 1962 was followed in 1968 by the most famous of his yachts, the 48' Sparkman and Stephens-designed Ragamuffin, in which he went on to race to Hobart in six races, rarely out of a podium finish either overall or in division. Syd won the race overall in 1992 and took Line Honours twice in 1988 and 1990.

Syd was a committed competitor and was part of the Australian Team in the Admiral's Cup in six events, Captaining the Team on five occasions and winning the Fastnet race in 1971 and leading the winning team in 1979. In addition, Syd challenged for the America's Cup five times involving many CYCA Members, particularly junior sailors in many of his challenges.

A Member since 1971, Hugh Treharne is one of the most exceptional sailors in Australia, having won the America's Cup in 1983, Admiral's Cup in 1979, Sydney Hobart race twice (1992 and 1993), the Fastnet Race 1971, the World One Ton Cup in 1971 and Half Ton Cup in 1975 and the World 18-foot skiff Championship in 1970 as well as numerous national titles in yachts and skiffs. Hugh has sailed in 30 Sydney Hobart races commencing with Norm Brooker aboard Seawind in the mid 1960s. He sailed aboard many top-quality yachts including Ragamuffin winning the race overall in 1992 and winning overall again in 1993 aboard Cuckoo's Nest.

Hugh sailed in six Admiral's Cup, including winning the Fastnet Race aboard Ragamuffin in 1971 and winning the Cup for Australia in 1979 as helmsman aboard Impetuous. Michael York is the longest-serving member of the CYCA, having joined in 1945. Mick and his wife Jeannette have been a part of the CYCA virtually since inception and have contributed much to the fabric of the club. The annual drinks party at the York's waterfront home for visiting international yachts out for the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race are fondly remembered.

The consummate seaman Mick was in high demand aboard ocean-racing yachts in his day and was a crew member aboard Gretel in Australia's first challenge for the America's Cup in 1962 and aboard Caprice of Huon in the 1965 Admiral's Cup team. With the arrival of the maxi yachts contesting Line Honours in the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, Mick was a regularly crewman aboard Kialoa and was aboard Kialoa III in 1975 when she set the race record which stood for 21 years.

In 1974 Mick skippered his Tasman Seabird yacht Tui Manu to an overall win in the Sydney to Noumea Yacht Race. He and Jeanette spent many years cruising their yacht Rockhopper in the Pacific.

The CYCA will honour other Club legends in its 75th year, adding more personalities to its Hall of Fame in 2019. ⚓

## SOLAS BIG BOAT CHALLENGE SET TO SIZZLE

Sydney Harbour is set to shine as the largest entrants in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race fleet battle-it-out for the SOLAS Big Boat Challenge on Tuesday 11 December. Held roughly two weeks before the Great Race each year, the showcase contest is a chance for the big players in the fleet to size each other up before the main event on Boxing Day.

Not just competing to win, the entrants are racing to raise funds and awareness for the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's (CYCA's) Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Trusts. SOLAS Trusts were established following the tragic loss of six lives in the 1998 Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, with Past Commodore, Sydney Hobart veteran and highly-respected Member David Kellett AM the current Chairman of the Board.

"SOLAS is a wonderful organisation that the Australian sailing community and CYCA Members should be very proud of," said Kellett. "Since their inception, SOLAS has distributed over \$1.4 million to search and rescue organisations around the country, as well as to families impacted by tragedy at sea in Australian Sailing sanctioned races."

While the list of entrants is still to be confirmed at the time of printing, expect to see a strong cohort of super-maxis with five of the 100-footers in the Rolex Sydney Hobart expected. Making up the rest of the anticipated 10 competitors will be similarly-familiar faces from the Australian ocean-racing circuit with the likes of Wild Oats X also entered in the Great Race.

"SOLAS Big Boat Challenge is a wonderful showcase of the cutting-



edge of ocean racing," said Sailing Manager Justine Kirkjian. "The Challenge is certainly a spectacle each year with yachts that are usually more at home tackling high seas offshore taking to Sydney Harbour and putting on a show for the sailing and wider Sydney communities."

With the Big Boat Challenge course between Manly and Farm Cove, spectators can get involved and watch the race on Tuesday 11 December from vantage points around Sydney Harbour. ⚓

# Sharp shooters make it a triple

The battles at the 2018 Sharp Australian Youth Match Racing Championship were fierce

The Sharp Australian Youth Match Racing Championship, attracting crews from across the country and held at the CYCA across four days in October, came down to just one race.

In a rematch of the Finals from 2017, James Hodgson, Harry Hall, Ryan Wilmot, John Cooley and Charlie Gundy sought revenge on defending champions Tom Grimes, Dante Olivieri, Jess Grimes, Eric Sparkes and Emma Harrison – and after taking out Race 1 of the Finals, and leading for almost the whole of Race 2, the comeback looked complete.

But the defending champions' never-say-die attitude saw them claw back and overtake in the late stages of Race 2, only winning the race by a mere one second to level the series. And the rest, as they say, is history – with Grimes' team ultimately gybing clear to the finish line, becoming just the fourth team to claim back-to-back National Champions.

"We are absolutely stoked to win back-to-back Sharp Australian Youth Match Racing Championships," Grimes said.

"Honestly the Finals could have gone either way and James and his team put up an amazing fight."

It turned into yet another successful story for the host yacht club, the CYCA becoming the first club to take out all podium positions in an Australian Match Racing National Championship.

Finn Tapper won the petit-final 2-0 over the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club's Niall Powers, showcasing the incredible depth of talent our Youth Sailing Academy has been producing for 25 years.

With 10 teams, eight yacht clubs and five states/territories competing, the 2018 event also marked the most diverse competition ever in the national title's 18-year history.

This also marked the final time that the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy will host the Australian Youth Match Racing Championship in partnership with Sharp Australia. The three-year contract with Australian Sailing to host the Championship event sadly ends in 2018 with the event moving interstate for 2019.

Sharp Australia, however, have committed to continue to support youth sailing at the CYCA by signing on as a Elliott 7m boat sponsor through to 2020. ⚓



The winning team with Sharp Business Development Manager Joe Psaila



## FISCHER MAKES HISTORY - AGAIN

Long-time CYCA Member Syd Fischer AM OBE has been handed one of sailing's highest honours – officially inducted into the Australian Sailing Hall of Fame in October.

One of only two yachtsmen to have mounted five self-funded challenges for the America's Cup in the event's 166-year history, Fischer entered the America's Cup arena in 1983 with his challenge contender, *Advance*. Then, for the Cup defence in Fremantle in 1986-87, he campaigned the whimsically named *Steak'n'Kidney* (rhyming slang for his home city, Sydney). In 1992, it was *Challenge Australia*; in 1995, *Sydney '95*, and, in 2000, *Young Australia*, with Jimmy Spithill at the helm.

Fischer first entered the Sydney Hobart in 1962 and has, since that time, become a true legend of the sport and has often been called Australian offshore racing's most dedicated and consistent owner-skipper.

Fischer represented Australia eight times in the Admiral's Cup (including as team captain on seven occasions), leading the Australian team to victory in 1979. In addition to sustained success in Australia's most

famous race, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, Fischer won the Fastnet Race in the UK in 1971 and was a member of the winning team in the Hawaii Pan Am Clipper Cup in 1978 and 1980.

Among many other victories around the globe he also won the One Ton Cup in New Zealand, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's Blue Water Pointscore numerous times, the Clipper Cup in Hawaii three times. And challenged for the America's Cup on five occasions.

Fischer, who commissioned the first *Ragamuffin* in 1968, a name that became famous throughout the world, has helped develop some of Australia's best young talent throughout Australia, was awarded an OBE for services to sailing in 1971. He's also been inducted into the New South Wales Sports Hall of Fame, and he's been named Australia's Yachtsman of the Year on two occasions. Fischer was also awarded the Australian Ocean Racer of the Year 1993, 1996, 2002.

Fischer was also inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame in 2017.

The world's oldest super-maxi yacht skipper, who launched a new 30m maxi yacht at the age of 87 and competed in 47 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Races, retired from the sport aged 89.

Syd has been a Member of the CYCA for 56 years. Congratulations, Syd! ⚓



Syd Fischer has achieved a lot in his stellar career. Pic - Andrea Francolini



The 2018 Australian Sailing Professional of the Year Jordan Reece (right)



CYCA Member Wendy Tuck celebrated a breakout year, collecting two awards from President of Australian Sailing Matt Allen



The CYCA was well represented at the event, including by Rear Commodore Dr Sam Haynes, Director Leander Klohs and Rear Commodore Janey Treleven

## CYCA STARS SHINE AT AUSTRALIAN SAILING AWARDS

The 2018 Australian Sailing Awards were held in Sydney recently – and once again the Cruising Yacht Club and its Members (and staff) were front and centre.

Attended by a who's who of yachting in this country, the CYCA laid claim to a number of awards, with YSA Coach Jordan Reece crowned Sports Professional of the Year and Member Wendy Tuck claiming both the Offshore Sailor of the Year and Female Sailor of the Year awards.

Tuck, who this year became the first female skipper to ever win a round the world yacht race, took out the top honour following her efforts in leading Sanya Serenity Coast to victory in the Clipper Round the World Race in July.

"It's a great honour to win this award, it's been surreal since winning the Clipper (race) I had a great team who helped me get there so this award really is for them," Tuck said.

Tuck rounded out her stellar year by being the only Australian nominee for the 2018 Rolex World Sailor of the Year Award.

Congratulations must also go to others who were finalists for a host of awards – including Matt Allen, Harry Price, Cole Tapper and Pam Scrivenor.

On behalf of the Board, Management and Members of the CYCA, well done to all! ⚓



## THE NEW CYCA CLUBHOUSE

First convened as a meeting of like-minded sailors at a Sydney photographic studio in 1944, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) has undoubtedly come a long way in its 74-year history. A fledgling Club then of just a handful of Members, the CYCA has grown to now be respected as the premier yacht Club in the country, and the home of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Joining the Club just two years after its foundation, the late great Trygve Halvorsen commented in his foreword for David Colfelt's 2008 compendium *From Ratbags to Respectability: A History of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia*:

"When the CYCA premises were purchased in 1951, it was very encouraging to see the keenness of the Members personally putting their hands to cleaning up and painting the old weatherboard boatshed that was to become our Clubhouse.

"That young enthusiasm and willingness to put a shoulder to the wheel is something I shall never forget. It is something that has characterised the spirit of our Club from the outset."

And now, as Trygve, along with his brother Magnus and a host of Members who have made uncompromised contributions to the Club, are recognised as inaugural CYCA Hall of Fame inductees, we are proud to present our Clubhouse to the sailing and wider communities as the indomitable beacon of our sport that they have strived to make it.

Indeed, the refurbishment of the Clubhouse has been a symbolic journey of reinvigoration for that very spirit, perhaps best summed up by current Commodore Paul Billingham:

"As a Board we have strived to involve our Members, the heart of the Club, in every step of this process," Billingham says. "From initial consultation forums to the newly-created Members' Town Halls, we recognise the true spirit of our Members, and trust this to grow, if not flourish in our new surrounds."

At close to 20 years since the Club had been updated, the time was right for the CYCA to undergo a major overhaul to meet modern accessibility requirements, improve functionality and provide a space that reflected our standing within the NSW, Australian and international sailing community. CYCA's role as the home of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and the increasing success of the Youth Sailing Academy (YSA) called for the creation of new space that looked to the future while also acknowledging our past.

"When we redeveloped the John Messenger Building last year, this gave us the opportunity to remodel what we had - to increase the space available to Members in Coasters Retreat; deliver a better YSA training area; host exceptional functions and events; and redesign the Sydney Hobart Bar and Deck to be much more open and provide real all-weather capability," Billingham says. "The results really speak for themselves."



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CYCA Commodore Paul Billingham

# Twenty years in the making

From humble beginnings to international acclaim, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia now has a Clubhouse befitting of our reputation writes DJ MUNRO



Allen Jack + Cottier (AJ+C) were entrusted as architects, Belmadar assigned as builders and Colliers International appointed as project managers to refurbish the Clubhouse after successfully establishing the masterplan and delivering the new annex.

"Given the global media focus enjoyed by the CYCA, it was time to bring the building up to a standard befitting its international reputation," Michael Heenan, Principal Design at AJ+C says. "The refurbishment needed to address the requirements of the current Membership and continue to attract and cater to an increasingly younger demographic."

According to Heenan, the process included extensive collaboration with our Members, Board of Directors and staff,



with further inspiration drawn from his walk through of the Yacht Club de Monaco, undertaken by architects Fosters + Partners in 2014.

"Our inspiration for the design centred around the proximity to the Pond and the challenge was to establish its direct relationship with the Marina," Heenan says. "The new design reflects the needs of the different users with modern and sleek public spaces downstairs and a more traditional yacht club lounge upstairs for Members. The upgrade will help drive visitation and thus the long-term success of this special Club."

The new entrance is now clearly branded with our name in full above an impressive and brightly lit trophy gallery with the Tattersall Cup, awarded each year to the Overall Winner of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, given pride of place.

Once inside the front doors, Members and guests are greeted with a magnificent concrete yacht-hull-inspired Reception counter against a backdrop of natural timber which extends across the wall and ceiling.

Moving inside, visitors pass another impressive showcase displaying a gleaming collection of trophies and nautical memorabilia.

The Sydney Hobart Bar has been completely modernised, maximising the available space and taking full advantage of the sweeping water views across the thoroughbreds of ocean racing berthed at our Marina. Members and guests now enjoy greater accessibility to both indoor and outdoor areas, which was a focus across the whole refurbishment. The interior bar area is flooded with natural light with the formerly central kitchen being relocated to the back-of-house.

The room features a curved fibreglass bar which contrasts with the polished concrete flooring and contemporary lighting sitting within the acoustic ceiling. Carbon-fibre-look beer taps adorn the bar, in an homage to the racing heritage of the Club.

The bar extends onto the covered Upper Deck increasing the sense of space. Patrons are offered a choice of seating options and the area is useable in all weather with state-of-the-art power-operated, rain-sensing roofing, clear vision drop-down blinds and optional heating.

And, for those Members and guests wanting to bring their furry friends, the Lower Deck is now also dog friendly. The new Café 44 operated by Blond Catering is located adjacent to the Sydney Hobart Bar offering all day delicious



food prepared in the all-new kitchen. The Rani Room has been redesigned featuring operable walls to seamlessly separate the area into a private function space.

A highly polished spotted gum timber stairway leads upstairs with warm timber panelling of the same material extending into Coasters Retreat Members' bar. Arriving in the space, Members and their guests are greeted with spectacular, omnipresent views across Rushcutters and Elizabeth Bays to the Sydney skyline.

A warmer and more traditional Clubhouse feel includes plush carpeting and nautical elements of our rich history including half-model replicas of Sydney Hobart Yacht Race winning boats and plaques lining the walls and hallways.

The private lounge now features a double-sided modern fireplace with a relaxed and welcoming seating area on one side and a dedicated Archive Committee space on the other.

The Freya and Morna function rooms, adjacent to Coasters Retreat on the upper floor, which already featured dramatic vaulted ceilings, have also been tastefully refurbished. The new Training Room has been created adjacent to the Freya Room, allowing space for the YSA to conduct their classes, as well as much-needed additional room for major presentations and briefings.

Operable acoustic walls now separate the three function spaces, allowing for a more intimate, private experience within the room. The existing kitchen and cold room in the upstairs back-of-house area have also been expanded and upgraded.

The building also features the latest technology, highlighting the Club's commitment to a more sustainable future with the installation of an expansive solar panel array, and energy-efficient LED lighting, kitchen and bar equipment.

AJ+C, Belmadar and Colliers International's, nine-month make-over has delivered a more functional facility that honours the traditional artefacts of the Club whilst providing a more contemporary and comfortable



environment for Members and guests, befitting of our extraordinary location on the Rushcutters Bay foreshore.

"The project itself went incredibly well with our builders Belmadar delivering on time and on budget and really applying themselves to overcome the inevitable issues that arose along the way. The teamwork between AJ+C, Belmadar and Colliers International was impressive," said Commodore Billingham. "From the CYCA side Treasurer Arthur Lane, CEO Karen Grega and Operations Manager Michael Neumann really drove the project and coped with all the associated disruption - we owe them much!"

"This has been on the agenda for so many years, with successive Boards, Committees and staff all nudging the thinking forward before I ever took over as a Committee Chair. But I think Past Commodore John Cameron and former Directors Geoff Bonus and Paul Clitheroe can also take a great deal of credit here."

Along with its improved accessibility, increased cross-flow ventilation and access to water views and natural light, our refurbished Clubhouse now enjoys a renewed sense of place which acknowledges our rich nautical history.

Of course, the end result is best commented on by our Members, many of whom consider the CYCA their second-home. Indeed 46-year Member Peter Shipway has wholeheartedly given the new-look Clubhouse his seal of approval:

"Sincere congratulations to Michael Heenan and all at AJ+C on the new-look Clubhouse, it looks absolutely fantastic, everyone thinks it's terrific. Great work!"

And this is a sentiment echoed by Commodore Billingham: "I love the display of our major trophies onto the New Beach Road footpath, it really shouts out about our history; and in much the same way the cross-section of Simon Kurts' three-time Sydney Hobart winner *Love & War* in Café 44 is a real eye-catcher.

"I hope our Members are proud - if not, I'm out of a job! All jokes aside though, we now have a home befitting our status as one of the leading ocean-racing Clubs in the world and one in which I know Members are already proud." 📍

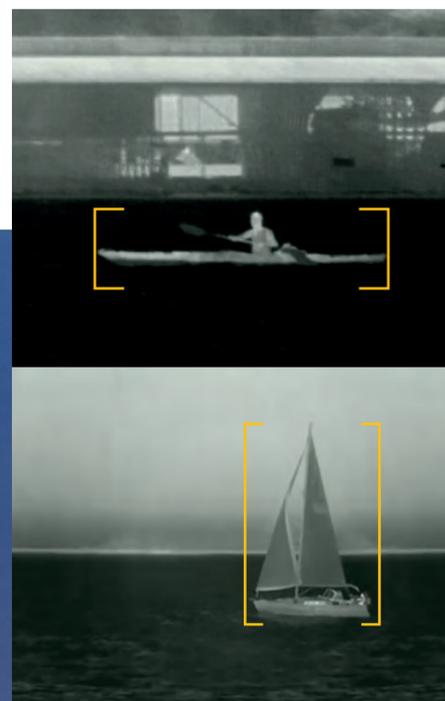




# CLUB CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>DECEMBER</b>						<b>01</b> Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore - Bird Island Race David Burke Memorial Race
<b>02</b> Children's Christmas Party	<b>03</b> Monday Twilight \$15 Barramundi and chips	<b>04</b> Spirit of Cruising Christmas Party \$15 Pasta special	<b>05</b> Club Marine Wednesday Twilight \$15 Café 44 special	<b>06</b> Members' Badge Draw \$20 Angus rump with chips	<b>07</b> Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Corporate Luncheon Sydney Race Village open	<b>08</b> CYCA Trophy Series
<b>09</b> CYCA Trophy Series	<b>10</b> S2H19 Rendezvous Cruise Information Night \$15 Barramundi and chips	<b>11</b> SOLAS Big Boat Challenge \$15 Pasta special	<b>12</b> \$15 Café 44 special	<b>13</b> Members' Badge Draw \$20 Angus rump with chips	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Commodore's Stella Artois Beer and Prawn Night \$15 Barramundi and chips	<b>18</b> \$15 Pasta special	<b>19</b> \$15 Café 44 special	<b>20</b> VIP Launch for the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Members' Badge Draw \$20 Angus rump with chips	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Crew Party School Holidays (22 Dec 18 - 28 Jan 19)
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race briefings \$15 Barramundi and chips	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Christmas Lunch @ CYCA \$15 Pasta special	<b>26</b> Boxing Day Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Family Day at Sydney Race Village \$15 Café 44 special	<b>27</b> Hobart Race Village opens Members' Badge Draw \$20 Angus rump with chips	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Official Prizegiving New Year's Eve Party @ CYCA					

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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Australia Day Public Holiday Monday Twilight \$15 Barramundi and chips	<b>29</b> \$15 Pasta special	<b>30</b> Club Marine Wednesday Twilight \$15 Café 44 special	<b>31</b> Members' Badge Draw \$20 Angus rump with chips		



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74TH ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE PREVIEW

# It's on!

The 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart is set to sizzle. Buckle up for one of the most thrilling races of all time in this world-famous battle writes DI PEARSON



CYCA Rear Commodore Dr Sam Haynes' *Celestial*, shortly after last year's start in Sydney Harbour, will be back to take on the challenge again this year.

The 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race fleet certainly delivers in terms of talent – so good luck in picking an overall winner or line honours recipient in the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's 628 nautical mile race – the choice from 91 boats is a feast for the hordes that follow it.

There is no doubting the strength of the field - five Australian super maxis, 13 internationals, 10 TP52s, a robust representation of 60-70 footers and veterans well past their heyday, but still mixing it with the newer models.

"When you look at the full list of entries that there is a real feeling of depth and quality," CYCA Commodore Paul Billingham says.

From three start lines the fleet will set sail for Hobart; the 'supers' and their contemporaries from the front line. These yachts are typically chasing line honours glory for the John H. Illingworth Challenge Cup – and *Comanche's* race record of 1 day 9 hours 15 minutes 24 seconds.

More significantly, for the majority of the fleet, is the Tattersall Cup,

awarded to the overall winner and that boat could come from anywhere in the fleet. Weather is at the forefront of deciding, but other factors, such as crew sailing a boat to its potential and a bit of luck come into play.

The River Derwent or 'the Derwent' immediately springs to mind. It has made and broken sailors and decided line honours and overall outcomes throughout the race's history. It is notorious for shutting down, and as often happens; yachties have watched helplessly as those right in front of them escape, while they sit for hour upon hour waiting for the wind to blow in again.

It often starts from Tasman Island, where too many times, after sailing in solid winds, crews find little breeze beyond... ▶

## THE SUPER MAXIS

Since launching in 2014, *Comanche*, the most sophisticated of the five 'supers', has flexed her carbon power around the world – a thorn in the side of her contemporaries, particularly that of the Queen Bee, *Wild Oats XI*.

*Comanche*, then owned by American Jim Clark and Australian wife, Kristy, stunned all with her off-wind speed after arriving to our shores brand new in 2014. *Wild Oats XI* took line honours, saved by light airs in Bass Strait, but Clark came so close. He returned in 2015 to take line honours from Ragamuffin 100, when 'Oats' faced the first retirement of her career.

Fast forward to last year, when Jim Cooney/Samantha Grant bought the yacht (dubbed the 'aircraft carrier', given her girth) in the days leading up to the race. With no time to prepare, Cooney kept the mainstays (inclusive of America's Cup star James Spithill), adding son James and daughter Julia, besides a couple of others.

After a race-long battle with *LDV Comanche*, *Wild Oats XI* crossed the finish first, nearly five hours inside *Perpetual LOYAL's* 2016 race record (the second time *Oats* retired with damage) in the time of 1 day 8 hours 48 minutes 50 seconds.

*Comanche* crossed 26m 34s later, also inside record time. However, *Oats* was penalised one hour for a port/starboard incident with *Comanche* early in the race handing Cooney/Grant line honours and the race record.

*Wild Oats XI* owns a record eight line honours titles; two of those including the race record and the overall win treble. With a slick tight-knit crew led by Mark 'Ricko' Richards, the

Oatley family's yacht rates equal favourite with *Comanche* for the 74th running of the race.

But there are three other equally able boats, their crews pumped and ready.

*InfoTrack*, purchased by Christian Beck last year, claimed a new race record in 2016, when she was *Perpetual LOYAL*. Beck is back, more settled into the role of owning a 100ft racing machine, and with a reshuffled crew that includes hardened Sydney Hobart and Volvo Ocean Race veterans: Andrew Cape, Guillermo Altadill, Tony Mutter, Stu Bannatyne and Sophie Cizek.

Queensland's *Black Jack* returns for a second year under the ownership of Peter Harburg. He is hopeful of lighter conditions suited to the former *Alfa Romeo*, which famously took line honours from *Oats* in 2009. The two are 2005 vintage Reichel/Pugh designs built by McConaghy's, but that is where the similarities end.

*Black Jack* remains close to her origins, while *Oats* received her most radical modification in 2015 to stay in touch with *Comanche*. Skipped by Mark Bradford, with Brad Butterworth and Tom Addis in the afterguard again, the team spirit is strong and they are hungry.

Seng Huang Lee's *Scallywag* from Hong Kong completes the line-up. Yet to take line honours, but with recent major modifications, including a new keel, nobody knows the former *Ragamuffin 100's* current form. In 2016, *Scallywag* was one of three to finish inside the 2012 record and has broken other records. She is the dark horse.

The supers are tinkered with regularly, in efforts to keep up with modern thinking, and even *Comanche* has undergone recent mods, ▶



2017 Line Honours title holder Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant's *LDV Comanche* on its way to breaking the race record.

says Jim Cooney: "The boat is a little different to last year - mechanical winches and sail plan changes.

"Light air has been the boat's Achilles heel, so we've devoted attention to that. If we were able to see line honours again this year, it would vindicate that she's more than a fast reaching boat - more an all-round performer - we would love to see it recognised as that.

"With more time on the boat and by the time the race rolls around, we're more in tune with it, and how to get the best out of it. I've been bringing the crew together a week before each race to train."

Most of his 2017 crew is back including Jimmy Spithill (among the smattering of America's Cup winning sailors spread through the big boats), along with Cooney's daughter and son, Julia and James.

"To cross the line first with James and Julia on board again, that would be great. The whole racing thing is about doing it with family," Cooney says.

"It's very exciting to have five super maxis - and great Scallywag is coming back. It's had major

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*Comanche's Jim Cooney* modifications, but we haven't seen it on the track since and the guys have just done the Volvo, so it's certainly a boat to watch out for."

Is *Oats* the major threat? Cooney responds: "It's never as simple as that. Sea conditions and weather in general have a big impact, but we're generally head-to-head with them. All five have a weakness and all have multiple strengths.

"We hope to do more to justify *Comanche's* claim to being the fastest 100 footer in the world," Cooney ends.

Heading the charge for overall honours is reigning champion, *Ichi Ban*, the year-old TP52 owned by Matt Allen. And a wider assortment of those keen to beat her and stake their claim in a piece of history would be hard to find.

**TATTERSALL TROPHY HOPEFULS**

From the professionals to the traditionalists and Corinthians vying for the Tattersall Cup, the latter will also pin their hopes on winning the York Family Corinthian Trophy, donated in 2014 by the Yorks, stalwarts of the CYCA.

*Ichi Ban* and her regular crew, including Gordon Maguire, and navigator Will Oxley are ready for the challenge. Her record includes winning the 2018 Australian Yachting Championship, the Festival of Sails, Brisbane Gladstone and Flinders Islet races, while placing second to *Chutzpah* in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast race. ▶



Matt Allen's *Ichi Ban* on the way to winning the Tattersall Cup in 2017.



Wild Oats XI and LDV Comanche tackling the ever-challenging Derwent River on their way to the finish line in 2017.

Could *Ichi Ban* be the first since *Freya* in 1963/1964, to string two victories together?

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*Ichi Ban's Matt Allen*

you have to be able to beat those of your own size - and then the rest," Allen, the president of Australian Sailing, points out.

"I spent a couple of weeks at Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island (Race Weeks) which was useful preparation. We've made sure we're on the right track."

Phillip Turner's *Alive*, one of three Tasmanian entrants, is among an unusually strong field of 60-70ft yachts. The RP66, skippered by Duncan Hine, will be concentrating on line and overall trophies. As will near-sistership, *Wild Oats X* (a second Oatley family entry).

"It'll be great for us having Wild Oats X. We love having competition, and they'll keep us focussed," Hine says.

"People think we're the same; we're not. We're different under the hull. *Oats* has advantage in reaching races over us - they have a heavier bulb, more sail area. We both sail better in surfing conditions though.

We've always gone with the philosophy 'emphasise your best points'. We've got a boat that could win overall - we just need the right forecast. Doesn't matter who's on the entry list, it won't change anything for us.

"We've an excellent navigator, Wouter Verbraak (he raced on *Wild Oats X* last year). He can put us in the right place at the right time."

Four others add something different to the mix: Sean Langman, Hugh Ellis (Vic), John 'Herman' Winning and the Shelter Island Transatlantic Partners (USA).

Langman has the productive RP65, *Money Penny*, renamed *Naval Group*; Ellis purchased a RP63 best known as *Limit* and rebadged *Voodoo*; Terrance Glackin will skipper the Mills 68 best remembered as *Alegre* and *Caol Illa*, now named *Prospector*; Winning has borrowed Matt Allen's Carkeek 60, *Ichi Ban*, renaming her *Winning Appliances*.

A veteran of 27 Sydney Hobarts, Langman stresses: "Noakes tendered for services to the French-owned Defence business, Naval Group, and purchased *Money Penny* to facilitate the contract - it is not a sponsorship.

A mix of male/female crew is made up of French and Australian employees of Naval Group, with a core of professional sailors, ▶



2017 Overall winner Matt Allen, owner and skipper of Ichi Ban, receiving his Rolex timepiece and the Tattersall Cup from Past CYCA Commodore John Markos and Rolex Australia's General Manager Patrick Boutellier.

including Murray Spence navigating and Langman skippering, plus three officers from the Royal Australian Navy.

"*Naval Group* shall carry the flags of Australia and France. The emphasis is on teamwork and collaboration between Australia and France. I believe the boat has a podium chance, being on her own in rating terms. My belief is a bit of rough stuff will be good for her - and no doubt a bonding experience for the international crew," the Noakes head says.

Hugh Ellis is jumping from the 40 foot *Avalanche* (did the 2015 race, but retired) into a different sphere: "I wanted to get more into grand prix racing with a larger boat. We looked around the world for something to fill the gaps between the maxis and the TP52s," Ellis says.

"*Voodoo* comes from the Cookson 12 of the same name, which I sold. Trying to win these races is witchdoctor magic - I'd like to put the voodoo on Matt Allen (laughs)."

"But it's anyone's race really - nobody will give you an inch you have to sail well," ends Ellis, who has recruited six-time line honours winning navigator (inclusive of two treble victories on *Wild Oats*) Adrienne Cahalan to the crew.

The Winning name is simpatico with sailing, particularly 18ft skiffs and Herman has renamed the boat for the family's leading appliance retailer, Winning Appliances.

"It's a group of friends and family sailing in memory of the 1998 race," Winning Jr says. The crew will include Tommy Spithill and Seve Jarvin whose brother and father respectively are sailing on super maxis.

The 'family' is Herman's father John (Woody), who has done the race in years gone by, but this time it will be special.

"It'll be the first and probably only time we'll get the chance to do the race together," says Winning Sr, who since 2005 has loaned his motor

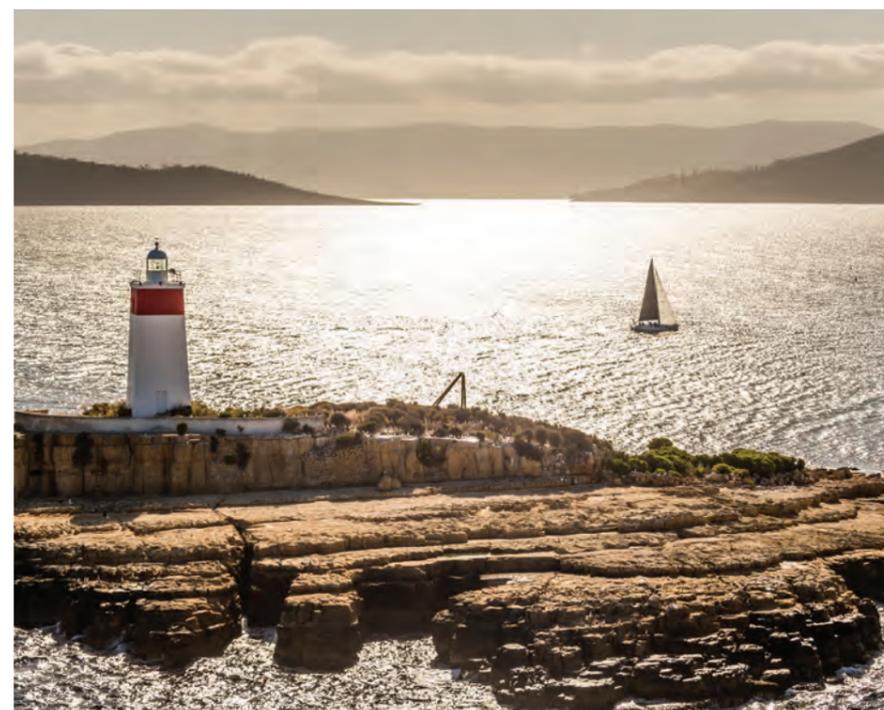
cruiser *JBW* to the CYCA for use as the Radio Relay Vessel.

*Prospector* is a US boat skippered by Terrance Glackin. Last July, they took over two hours off the Marblehead to Halifax record and during 2018 placed Division 1 second in the Puerto Vallarta Race and took fastest time in the Pacific Cup from San Francisco to Hawaii.

They will be joined by others including *Triton*, the LC60 owned by David Gotze/Michael Cranitch. *Triton* will provide Tony Ellis his 51st ride, when he will equal Tony Cable's record for the most Sydney Hobarts by an individual.

In *Ichi Ban*'s size scale is the TP52, M3 Team Hungary, to be skippered by Aron 'Roni' Ormandlaki. Ormandlaki has done the race twice, as crew on *Nautical Circle* in 2013 and *Papillon* in 2014.

This time he heads the first ever Hungarian entry. "I am very proud to be the first Hungarian entry in ▶



The iconic Iron Pot which greets teams as they enter the Derwent River on their way to the finish at Constitution Dock.



Hollywood Boulevard will return this year after a significant refit.

## GUARDING THE FLEET

### JBW, the Radio Relay Vessel looks over the Rolex Sydney Hobart

Long-time CYCA Member John Winning has once again generously donated his 20-metre motor yacht *JBW* to look across the Rolex Sydney Hobart fleet.

*JBW* has watched over myriad CYCA races in her time, following the fleet to ensure the safety of participants 24 hours a day, relaying the positions back to race control at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

Should an emergency arise, the radio relay team control the search and rescue operations from sea, coordinating race yachts close by to render assistance if possible, and to keep the rescue services informed as to the status of the vessel in trouble.

She also liaises with the media team about the conditions at sea, providing competitors with handicap and sporting results where possible. The vessel is positioned in the middle of the fleet.

*JBW* is a long-range displacement motor yacht, which is named after John's father, the well-known John Berry Winning.

This year, *JBW* will be led by Captain Andrew Copley (22 races). Apart from Andrew, the boat crew of Donald Graham, David Ellis (28 races), Doug Cameron and Tony Cable (51) ensure her smooth running, while the radio team led by David Kellett (44), assistant radio operator, John Woodford (31) with recording scribes, Colin Tipney (34) and Colin Wildman (49) monitor all radio traffic and conduct the position skeds.

"The *JBW* team is again pleased to provide the essential safety service to the fleet," Radio leader Kellett says.

"All hands aboard are very experienced ocean racers and

understand the conditions the fleet is experiencing.

"In her 14th year as the Radio Relay Vessel, Andrew Copley has again presented *JBW* in excellent condition to ensure she is up to the task."

*JBW* is powered by twin Gardner 9LX engines with stabilisers and two diesel generators. She has a cruising speed of 10 knots and a range of 3,000 nautical miles. The wheelhouse is fitted with next-generation electrics with sat phone, two single sideband radios, two VHF radios, radar, chart plotter, internet access and autopilot - ensuring the fleet of a clear signal from start to finish.

There is ample accommodation - with whitegoods and cooking specialists Winning Appliances, the Winning family's business, decking out the galley with all manner of conveniences. *JBW* is also available for corporate charter.

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“I am very proud to be the first Hungarian entry in the race”

M3 Team Hungary's Aron Ormandlaki

the race,” states Ormandlaki, whose business, Roni Rigging & Racing, is a sponsor of the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy.

Other internationals of note are Scott Innes-Jones's Cookson 50, *Privateer* (USA); Friedrich Boehner's X-50 *Lunatix* (Ger) and Eric de Turckheim's NMYD 54 *Teasing Machine* (Fra). With an earlier *Teasing Machine*, De Turckheim finished seventh and won Division 3 in 2015.

John Newbold's *Primitive Cool* will keep the home fires burning. A regular in the race, before and since purchasing the 2010 Hobart winner, *Secret Men's Business* in 2013, the Victorian's crew is primed, having

spent the season contesting the CYCA's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore series.

Moving down into the 40s, Bruce Taylor caused an upset in July's Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Race, propelling *Chutzpah* to victory over Ichi Ban. Taylor, with 37 Hobarts to his credit, finished the Hobart eighth overall last year. With a pair of second places and numerous divisional wins, the overall win remains elusive.

“We're amateurs, but we've done a lot of miles together. I'd like to win it for the guys,” says the Victorian, who with pillars of *Chutzpah*, have stacked up 232 Hobarts, including

Drew Taylor, who has done all 26 races with his father – a record unlikely to be broken.

Tony Kirby's Ker 46 *Patrice*, Zoe Taylor's Cookson 12 *Grace O'Malley*, Mark Griffith's Ker 40 *Showtime* and the Sydney 38s, such as Tony Levett's *TSA Management* and Kim Jaggars' *Cinquante* is a snapshot of smaller boats in with a show.

Tasting success over the last two seasons, Tony Kirby can smell blood:

“The boat is going so well at the moment. We get on it, if we do the right thing, it goes fast,” he says after finishing the race third overall last year to claim the Blue Water ▶



Denis O'Neil with the Koomooloo crew from 1968.

## FROM START TO FINISH

The firer of this year's cannon for the start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will be Denis O'Neil.

It is exactly 50 years since Denis skippered his beautiful varnished hull 43-footer *Koomooloo* to victory in the 1968 race beating the hot favourite in Syd Fischer's *Ragamuffin*. *Koomooloo* was launched earlier that year designed by Bob Miller (later Ben Lexcen) and Ted Kaufman and built in the Sydney suburb of Sans Souci by Cec Quilkey alongside *Ragamuffin*.

O'Neil went on to skipper *Koomooloo* in the 1969 Admiral's Cup. He also skippered Bondi Tram in the 1983 Cup series in England.

*Koomooloo* unfortunately came to grief when she sank in the 2006 Rolex Sydney to Hobart race.

Denis was a two-time Olympian in the Soling class in 1972 (crewing for Lexcen) and in 1976 (crewing for Dave Forbes). He was also part of the crew with Forbes and John Anderson when they won the World Soling championship in 1975.

Denis is now the owner of the beautiful nine-metre *Kyeema* which he sails regularly on Sydney Harbour. After the start of this year's race Denis will join those remaining crew members of *Koomooloo* on board his power boat to reminisce on a famous victory 50 years ago!

Firing the 10-minute cannon is Bill Psaltis, a former Commodore and Life Member of the CYCA who has competed in 22 'Hobarts'. Firing the five-minute cannon is CYCA Life Member Gail Lewis-Bearman who has also been a long-time volunteer at the Club.

There will be more information on the official starters in the lead-up to the race on the official website [www.rolexsydneyhobart.com](http://www.rolexsydneyhobart.com) - **PETER SHIPWAY**

Denis O'Neil at the helm of his nine-metre *Kyeema*.



Pointscore. Recently he won the Groupama Race and podiumed in other events.

“I'm sure Matt Allen's getting a sore neck looking around to see where we are...”

Aboard *Patrice* for his first will be former Wallabies player and CEO of The Kids' Cancer Project Australia, Owen Finegan. The charity is close to Kirby's heart and this year marks the 10th year he and others will take bears aboard to raise funds via the race.

Zoe Taylor brings *Grace O'Malley* for a second time. On her Cookson

12 crew is Clipper round the world winning skipper Wendy Tuck, recently named 2018 Australian Female Sailor of the Year and inaugural Offshore Sailor of the Year.

“It's a really different crew to last year and I like the dynamic. We had a great result in the Newcastle Bass Island Race (they finished third).

“We're in there with a chance. We have *Sail Exchange* (a Cookson 12 owned by renowned navigator, Carl Crafoord. From 32 Hobarts, this is his first Hobart as an owner/skipper); *St Jude* (Noel Cornish's Sydney 47) and *Enterprise* (Anthony Kirke's modified Farr 40 from WA)

to sail against. The racing has already been good between us in the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore.”

Greg 'Enzo' Prescott, a veteran of 27 Hobarts, will give them a run too. The gun Tasmanian sailor recently purchased Estate Master, modified and renamed the Farr 40 *'2 Unlimited'*, in keeping with all his boats' names.

“We sailed it from Sydney to Hobart in a big nor' easter. It took two days 20 hours – a little more than *Kialoa III*'s 1975 record. We did 20 knots in Bass Strait with a reefed main,” says Prescott.

Prescott's crew is mainly from his one-design Melges 32 and SB20 campaigns.

"My son Lachlan turns 18 in January, too late for this year, so we're looking forward to doing the 75th next year."

In between are those from earlier glory days. The eldest and most famous is *Kialoa II*, an S&S yawl, built in 1964 for American Jim Kilroy who sailed her to line honours in 1971. Purchased last year by brothers Paddy and Keith Broughton, she finished 56th overall - with a broken boom.

*Mark Twain* was the first yacht to attain 25 Sydney Hobarts when Hugh O'Neill, last raced her in 2002. Michael Spies bought the 1971 built S&S 39 recently and is working tirelessly to ready her in time.

With 41 Hobarts behind him, Spies has taken line honours and won the race overall as the co-owner of separate boats - a record breaking run with *Nokia* in 1999 and overall on *First National Real Estate* in 2003.

The 'youngster' is Shane Kearns' *Komatsu Azzurro*. The 1981-built S&S 34 won the 2015 and 2017 Sydney Gold Coast races and memorably nearly snatched victory from *Balance* in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart, but rounding Tasman Island, the weather determined otherwise and he finished third.

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"After being hit by the southerly last year, the finish was glorious. Our goal was to make it into Hobart by New Year's Eve - and we did (they finished shortly before 2pm)."

Young explains *Gun Runner* is for soldiers to take on offshore passages to increase personal resilience. "On the ocean, you have to dig deep. Army core values, Courage, Respect, Initiative and Team Work are integral to the race."

"Shane Kearns has been an inspiration to us. He's highly competitive, and if we can stay within reach, we'll be happy." ⚓



New Year's Eve festivities at Constitution Dock will once again prove a highlight - and a fitting farewell - to those involved in this year's race.

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## 20 years since 1998 - a tribute to those passed

The 2018 race marks 20 years since the tragic 1998 race, where six lives were lost. The words originally spoken by the CYCA Commodore at the Hobart memorial service will be read out over the radio for all the fleet to hear. These words remember the six sailors lost in the 1998 race and honour them in the tradition of sailing.

The following will be read out by David Kellett AM, from the Radio Relay Vessel, over the radio to the fleet:

Twenty years ago, the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race experienced a severe storm which decimated the fleet and, ultimately, claimed the lives of six sailors. Hugo Van Kretschmar, the Commodore of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia at the time, read the following at the Hobart dockside memorial service following the race:

*"Mike Bannister, John Dean, Jim Lawler, Glyn Charles, Bruce Guy, Phil Skeggs. May the everlasting voyage you have now embarked on be blessed with calm seas and gentle breezes."*

*"May you never have to reef or change a headsail in the night. May your bunk be always warm and dry."*

The changes introduced and championed by the CYCA in the aftermath of the 1998 race helped change ocean racing safety standards around the world. An immense amount of work was done, critical lessons were learned, and important changes were introduced.

The most noteworthy change following 1998 is the Safety at Sea Survival Course, a qualification process that the CYCA initially established as a direct result of the 1998 race. This training method has proved so successful that the concept has been adopted by the sport's governing body, World Sailing, as the global standard.



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## ENTRANT SPOTLIGHT

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# Rob Aldis

*Kayimai* is a new boat and, after a respectable finish in the PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race, has a bright future her owner tells  
OLIVIA PRICE

**OFFSHORE:** What made you decide to do the Rolex Sydney Hobart?

**ROB:** About four years ago, I stepped back from my full-time executive roles and decided to get into sailing, bought a yacht, and got a coach to teach me about how to manage a yacht and help the crew develop their skills. I like being out on the ocean and what I find fantastic is that you don't have to be a grand prix racer to enjoy sailing. I've always admired the people who take on the great challenge of the Sydney Hobart and this year decided to get a crew that wanted to take it on with me. This year *Kayimai* has done some of the CYCA offshore races as well as the PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race, and we've done reasonably well in her for a cruising yacht.

**OFFSHORE:** How has your crew come together?

**ROB:** We have a range of sailors on board for the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Some will be doing their first race, myself included. And then we have some great veterans of the race. We are all from Middle Harbour Yacht Club in Sydney, and we basically came together as a group of sailors wanting to experience the race. Some of the crew, like myself, are "coming up the curve" and really enjoying the learning experience. At the same time the more experienced yacht racers, with whom I have developed a great friendship with are also on board for the ride. You could say that our crew is pretty dynamic and our aim is to sail safely, look after the boat and have a lot of fun together!

**OFFSHORE:** Did you treat the PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race as preparation for the Rolex Sydney Hobart?

**ROB:** In part I guess it worked out that way, but funnily enough we only decided to do the Hobart once we'd finished the Sydney Noumea race. *Kayimai* took a few days to race to Noumea; it was five long and taxing days. But what we got out of it was that we all wanted to do some more offshore racing. The crew and I really enjoyed the race and the yacht loved the conditions that we had. One thing we did as well was have a long and fun "after

party" you could say, taking in the culture and life in New Caledonia. It was also a great cruise back to Australia after we had done all of the sight-seeing.

**OFFSHORE:** Why did you choose *Kayimai*? What will be your strengths heading into the great race?

**ROB:** I bought *Kayimai* in February 2017 because I saw it as a well-set-up cruising boat, it has a modern hull design, a good sail plan and has a reasonable turn of speed. One thing I had in mind when I bought

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her was that my wife and I love cruising together, and *Kayimai* is well set up for handling by the two of us. After both the PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race and Hamilton Island Race Week this year, we decided to take our time and cruise around the various islands and reefs that the delivery had to offer. The boat is also a great passage maker for those long ocean legs.

The Azuree 46 is a good solid and stable boat which has proven itself in strong wind conditions that we might see heading south this year. She's a heavy yacht, at just under 12 tonnes, providing great stability for all on board. The crew are all there to enjoy the experience, and we are all getting along really well. I think that's something that will work to our advantage when the going gets tough and the days get long. She goes well off the breeze so we'll be waiting to see what the conditions bring at the start on Boxing Day.

**OFFSHORE:** What would you say to people who may not be the keenest racers?

**ROB:** I think there is great opportunity for more reasonably well performing and modern designed cruising yachts to join the fleet and participate in the CYCA's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore series racing. You don't by any means have to be at the highest 'Grand Prix' level of racing to do well. Modern and well-designed cruiser-racers can open up more opportunities and events to a broader section of the sailing community, without having to make the large commercial outlays required for the high-performance race boats and their crews. ⚓



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## Ed Psaltis

Midnight Rambler has been a feature of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race for many years and this year her skipper will keep a tradition going he tells OLIVIA PRICE

CREDIT - David Salter

**OFFSHORE:** You've had about the same crew for 25 Sydney Hobarts - what keeps you together and what motivates you to come back for more?

**PSALTIS:** Good question and sometimes you wonder (laughs). There's eight of us, but six have done something like 126 Hobarts between us, and the other two have done theirs together. So the young guys are up the front, and there's six of us down the back... well not quite exactly like that! We've been together for a long while, a lot of those guys were there in the 1998 Hobart. We've just got a core crew that understands the *Midnight Rambler* way, like it and enjoy it. We never cut a crew out as Hobart approaches to bring in a superstar. If you're there for the season, you do the race. So it's worked pretty well and we've won and lost a few races, but we've had a good time.

**OFFSHORE:** What is the *Midnight Rambler* way?

**PSALTIS:** Team work is everything, we have work days and I normally get the most glamorous guy to scrub the bilge and share around all of the horrible jobs. There's no one that's above anyone else. In watch systems, I know it's silly at times, but other boats may look after their helmsman and give them more sleep. We don't do that, though maybe to our detriment but there's nothing worse than sitting on the bow on the rail and some guy down below is getting more kip than you. You can't help but get annoyed with that sometimes, so we try to keep everyone totally equal. I think it just instils a team ethic where we are all looking out for each other.

**OFFSHORE:** This is your seventh *Midnight Rambler* - where did you start and what have you got now?

**PSALTIS:** We've had all sorts of boats, started with an old IOR Farr 40, which was a great boat. We won more races than we deserved to win because IOR was dead by then, we were racing much faster boats. We still did okay under IMS with the IOR boat. We bought a Hick 35 in December just before the 1998 Hobart, and managed to win that race in the horrendous conditions. The third boat was a North Shore 369, which wasn't bad at all. We would have liked a tough Hobart with her because she was under sail area and really well built, and rated pretty well, but it was not to be. The Farr 40 came next that we did six Hobarts on. Even now I still can't believe we did that many on a Farr 40! We spent a lot of time beefing it up; the bow and put a new bulb on it and changed it a number of ways, but it was still very wet.

**PSALTIS:** My first six Hobarts as an owner/skipper, before any of the *Midnight Ramblers*, were on a light displacement IOR 30-footer called Nuzulu. If you got too many people off the rail at once, she would wipe out and fall over! The minimum possible stability index has now been changed to 115 degrees, but back then we were young, dumb and crazy to get through it.

One thing we used to have a little more of, was a great camaraderie surrounding the race... Back in the day we used to have bets with crew and have kegs on the boat that loses where all the crew on both sides would get involved and get stuck into an 18-gallon keg. I'm trying to resurrect it this year, we're the second smallest boat, which is amazing because 36-footer used to be a mid-sized boat back 20 years ago. There's a Sydney 38 called *Cinquante*, and we've got the 18-gallon bet with them to drink on the losing boat, and the whole crew will be on the dock together celebrating together.

**OFFSHORE:** *Midnight Rambler* won the race overall in 1998. What's changed on the safety and race management side?

**PSALTIS:** It was such a tragedy; people I personally knew died in the 1998 Hobart and it was horrible. Winning that race was a big win for us, although it was a tragedy, we were pretty proud that we got through it without any help. Safety has evolved big time. Back then the CYCA was considered the best practise in the world, but everything evolves and it's about continuous progress. Now we're at a much, much higher standard, which is a good thing. As I said, the CYCA holds the highest standard for yacht racing, and I really take my hat off to them. There's such a high quality of preparation; it's world best. Also, looking after the people that do come out and help us, and making sure that they're looked after as well, because they are taking a huge risk.

**OFFSHORE:** And for this year's race?

**PSALTIS:** One thing about this year's race is that my father, Bill who's done 22 Hobarts of his own, is being honoured with firing the warning signal for the start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. I'm very proud to be out there with him, and to still be keeping our family tradition going. 🍷

Following that was the Kerr 40, which we've only just finished racing. We did four Hobarts on her I think and we won a lot of good races going north - we won our division several times in the Gold Coast Race and won the Ocean Pointscore and the Short Ocean Pointscore at the CYCA. Then I was meant to be retiring and got out of the game. I'd done 35 Hobarts by then, but things change and now I'm back into it with the Sydney 36. It's not as sexy, fast or glamorous as the Kerr 40 but it's still a pretty good boat. I'm finding that there's some little tweaks and changes that the boat really reacts to and goes faster. They're also a little bit more seaworthy. We're all getting a bit long in the tooth now and it will still be tough, but she's got just a nice mix of being seaworthy and still a bit of power in her.

**OFFSHORE:** Tell us about some of your first Sydney Hobarts.

# Spectator vantage points

Don't miss out on a Boxing Day tradition on Sydney Harbour

In its 74th year, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race has become part of Boxing Day tradition across Australia and around the world. This year, thousands of spectators will flock to the foreshores of Sydney Harbour to watch more than 90 yachts start their journey to Hobart.

The iconic Sydney north-easterly seabreeze are conditions you'd place your bets on for the start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Though if predictions are wrong, the alternative is for a splendid spinnaker start in a southerly breeze, before making the right-hand turn south around Sydney Heads. The fleet is spread across three staggered start lines when the gun goes at 1pm on Boxing Day.

If you're an avid boating fan, the Rolex Sydney Hobart is the best day on the water for the summer. Spectators can position their boats along the exclusion zone that is set up from early morning on Sydney Harbour. If you're thinking of settling in for the day and anchoring your boat, be sure to leave a 100m passageway between you and the exclusion

zone, as when the gun goes for the start, it could get a little rough and ready with hundreds of boats following the fleet to the heads and out to sea. The Western side of the harbour would be the best place for you to watch the great race. For those that aren't anchored and want to be right in with the action, the eastern side of the harbour is the place to be. The best bays in the harbour would be Taylors Bay, Chowder Bay, Obelisk Bay and the waters to North Head. Watsons Bay, Camp Cove and around South Head are also some great options for you.

Not everyone has their own boat, and so the CYCA has official spectator boats heading out on the water for the Rolex Sydney Hobart start. Due to popular demand and the sell-out of the first vessel, the CYCA has added a second spectator vessel for the start of the race. Jump on board the Matilda III, which leaves from Pier 26 Wharf for \$140 adults, \$100 for kids four to 15, with children under four free. Tickets include three hours of on-water fun, canapes, a small buffet station and desserts. In addition, two drinks tokens are issued to each guest - with beer, wine,

sparkling, soft drinks and juices available from the open bar. If this sounds like an opportunity you'd like to take up, visit the 'Spectators' section on the Rolex Sydney Hobart website. You can also watch from the official Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Village too!

Being out on the water isn't for everyone, and there are plenty of other vantage points for those on land. There are many places on the fantastic Sydney Harbour side that are perfect for watching the race. The best? Bradleys Head, Chowder Bay, Georges Heights and Middle Head on the Western side. While Shark Island, Steele Point, Vaucluse, South Head and The Gap are your best viewing point in the East. North Head is also a great spot to view, as the fleet comes straight down the harbour towards you, and you can watch them sail off into the distance as they head down to Hobart.

If you're not wanting to leave the house, the Seven Network, via 7Mate will broadcast the start live from 12.30pm. Or if you're on the road or in transit, the Plus 7 App will have everything you need on it! 📱

## ADVICE FOR THOSE ON THE WATER

Roads and Maritime Services Sydney will be laying yellow buoys marking the exclusion zone for the Rolex Sydney Hobart start. All spectators must remain outside the exclusion zone from midday until 2.20pm. If you're a keen supporter of the race and want to be in on the action as the fleet leaves Sydney Heads and barrels down the east coast, the best place is to be positioned around South Head well before the 1pm start gun.

It's in the CYCA's regulations that all competitors enter the exclusion zone at least one hour prior to the start to demonstrate their storm sails (usually orange in colour) and check in with the race committee. You'll be able to recognise which boats are competing in the race as they'll have the distinctive Rolex flags on each boat.

Spectators must not be under sail at any time near the exclusion zone, so please make sure that you pack away any sails on board your yacht before midday. For safety reasons, any non-powered vessels, such as kayaks or surfboats, must be at least 100m away from the exclusion zone at all times.

**Exclusion zone:** active between 12-2.20pm

**6 knots minimum wash:** between 11.30am-2pm

**No anchoring:** within 100m of the exclusion zone or where indicated between 11.30am-2.20pm

**Port closure** between 8am-4pm

# History in the making

The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race has come a long way writes LINDSAY MAY, a navigator for 45 consecutive Sydney-Hobart races.

So the editor said, "You've got a record of 45 consecutive Hobarts under your belt, maybe time to do a summary on the changes you've observed since 1973 and how you've managed to adapt".

How I've managed is the easy part, I've been healthy every Boxing Day.

I gave my young grandson a book as a birthday present and was stunned to see him try to swipe the pages to change the pictures. It was a sobering moment and highlighted how fast the world has progressed.

Photographs of the first years show crews in collar and tie, oilskins, sou 'westers and bare feet. Newspaper reports were dispatched by homing pigeons. Capt. Illingworth won the first race, with his crew of ex naval and army men, by sailing non-stop. Local crews stopped overnight, went ashore and shot rabbits for their evening meal.

Fast forward to 1973 and a 24-year-old ex surf swimmer from Wollongong somehow jagged a forward hand position on *Onya* of Gosford, owned and built by Peter Rysdyk. He was a fascinating Dutchman, larger than life and loved his sailing. Happy hour was 1700 enjoying a scotch and hor'douvres with all crew gathered in the cockpit. We ate well, until the late 70s when the need to make boats as light as possible saw a minimalist approach to provisioning. The crew were experienced and competent sailors. I learned about the howling nor'easter that funnels down the Tassie coast and the venturi effect over Tasman Island, although it took years to fully understand this phenomenon.

In 1974 Peter built another *Onya* a tiny Cole 31 half-tonner and with five crew, our crossing of Bass Strait was terrifying. We must have had 50 knots from the south west with huge waves bearing down on us. It was a matter of try and steer around the cresting

ones but regularly a wave would swamp the boat and on the wheel you would be crushed to the deck. Safety gear was a rope tied around your waist and secured to a cleat. Peter didn't spend a lot on chandlery and kept the price sticker on everything so you knew the cost. The topping lift was secured to the boom by string. In the process of chucking in another reef, Peter called the shots leaning against the boom when the string broke, launching him over the side. The extent of his 'safety' line kept him half in the water and half on the gunwale. So now we had three of us all at different parts of the boat scrambling to try and haul him aboard. For a big man it's surprising how much strength everyone can muster in these circumstances and we managed to roll him onboard.

I wore sandals, jeans and my wet weather jacket was a Wollongong Council plastic smock with air holes under the arms and a lace up neck. Of course I was soaked the whole way. In later years we visited op shops and bought ladies knitted woollen twin suits and discarded them at the end. Or even along the way.

In 1975 I joined Cliff McGarry's *Dancing Mouse* as navigator, due to Gordon Marshall, who taught hundreds of budding navigators the dark art of celestial navigation by sextant. That was a fast downhill slide in overcast conditions and logs under read the distance due to frothy water. Many yachts overstood Tasman Island, obscured by fog and cloud. Fortunately I managed a sight at 1000hrs in a break in the fog and that one sight line indicated we were 40 miles south of my dead reckoning (DR) position. A radio direction finder bearing on Hobart radio stations confirmed we were off Tasman Island so skipper Cliff agreed we head west and an hour



later there was *Cape Raoul* on our beam. That was my start of 43 races as a specialist navigator.

Over the 70s the East Australian Current was detected by towing a thermometer to see if the water temperature was 75 degrees F (later 24 degrees C), a totally useless exercise.

Weather forecasting consisted of collecting daily newspaper weather charts cuttings for weeks prior, then predicting what would happen over the coming days. We did get radio forecasts and recorded all the weather station air pressure readings, wind direction and plotted these on a map of Australia. From that we drew our own synoptic charts. This continued well into the 90s until we could download scheduled weather charts by HF radio fax.

HP programmable calculators were introduced and used to reduce (calculate) celestial sights, faster than by longhand. Navigation comprised DR, radio direction beacons and celestial sights. Hardly accurate and especially unhelpful when closing a coast or in emergency situations. Obviously the worse the conditions, the more inaccurate your position. In 1983 rules changed and we used polar orbiting transit navigation satellite system

(introduced 1967) which greatly improved the accuracy of your position 90 minutes ago. In the early 90s GPS arrived and the navigator's role became open to everyone. Early instrumentation was analogue, all in apparent wind speed and direction. True speed and direction was worked out with vector diagrams, hand drawn plotters and later HP calculators.

Whilst progress has been revolutionary in design, hull construction, navigation equipment, sail cloth, clothing, etc. the most significant advances have been rightly so in safety. Even before the 1998 tragic race the CYCA has led the world with hull, rudder and deck specifications, stability, communications and crew capability requirements. The pivotal 1998 race allowed much of this early work to be seen for its merits and many potential deaths have been prevented due to the foresight and passion of a dedicated group of volunteers and staff who have worked together to bring about changes that help make a dangerous but exhilarating pastime, into one that we and our loved ones expect all to depart and arrive safely albeit exhausted, smelly, weather-beaten but with outrageous smiles and stories that last until the following 26th December. ⚓

# Follow the fleet

Whether you're in Sydney, Hobart, at home or on the road here's how to keep up with the latest from the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

Staying in touch with the Rolex Sydney Hobart fleet has never been easier! The official website - [rolexsydneyhobart.com](http://rolexsydneyhobart.com) - has the most up-to-date stories and information for all race fans.

The start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart has undoubtedly become an icon of Australia's summer of sport, capturing the entire nation's attention. More than 700,000 fans will line the shores of Sydney Harbour, and millions more will tune in to the live broadcast around the world. This year, there are many different ways to watch the start coverage of the great race.

Coverage will start on 7Mate at 12.30pm with all the pre-race information you'll need to know. Rolex Sydney Hobart legend Peter Shipway will join the coverage as the race expert, giving viewers an all-round understanding of each boat in the fleet. The live broadcast will be based on North Head, with prime viewing position for the Nielsen Park start lines as well as the start of the journey south to Hobart. The production is no easy task, with over 80 production and technical personnel putting together the coverage.

Four helicopters and four chase boats follow the fleet down the coastline past Bondi Beach. Two of these helicopters supply aerial footage, while the other two act as a link platform that relays the action from the on board yacht footage from the pre-start manoeuvres to the first moments of their journey offshore. Additionally, there is a camera set up on both North and South Head to capture all of the action from the fleet.

Stay glued to Seven Network each day for the duration of the race for daily

updates, as well as reports on all major news production programs, such as Sunrise, Weekend Sunrise and Seven News. ABCTV also follows the fleet down the eastern seaboard.

Fun fact: [rolexsydneyhobart.com](http://rolexsydneyhobart.com) is one of the most popular Australian sporting websites during the holiday period. The reason why? It has the most up to date information on the great race and is the place to get all the information you would need on the race.

Since 2002, the race website has been bringing the race into the home with the innovative yacht tracking and race standings functions that update regularly. After a major revamp in 2012, the CYCA has continued to progress the website and tracking systems for the ultimate race experience. Plus, the race website will be broadcasting the television coverage of the Rolex Sydney Hobart start.

The information on the race website is endless! Each yacht competing in the race has their own designated page that contains a boat photograph, all the crew's information, a detailed run down of the latest results and race they've participated in and the stats and facts of the boat.

If you're looking for the history of the race or information on the last 73 years of racing, the About the Race section is an encyclopaedia of knowledge. You can read through the weather that was experienced in each race since the first in 1945, view the winners over the line



and on corrected time, historical reports and all the interesting facts and stats you could think of.

Don't forget that there will be boundless photos and videos that will be uploaded to social media each day. In a new addition this year, there will be a daily video comprising of latest race updates, daily video highlights of the racing, audio from on board yachts as well as interviews with competitors and dock walks. The Rolex Sydney Hobart Facebook Page will be your new favourite go to!

Always the most viewed page on the website, the yacht tracker allows supporters to track the entire fleet from start to finish. The algorithm is specifically designed to forecast the results for each and every boat on line honours and corrected time.

Each yacht is fitted with a Yellowbrick (YB) tracker that obtains a GPS position that is transmitted back to YB HQ using the Iridium satellite network. The tracker automatically updates the yacht's coordinates and speed, which is then transferred into the tracker page on the website where it's seen as relative to the other boats in the fleet and geographic landmarks.

The race tracker also shows the distance to the finish line and progressive estimated corrected times under the IRC, ORCi and PHS divisions. There's no excuse not to remain up to speed! ⚓

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## SYDNEY AND HOBART RACE VILLAGES

# Carnival atmospheres

The official Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Villages in Sydney and in Hobart are set to offer something for everyone



## SYDNEY

**There's something for everyone at the CYCA in Darling Point - from 7 December until after the Race begins**

The Sydney Race Village at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia in Darling Point kick-offs with the annual Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Corporate Luncheon on December 7. Now in its third year, begin a day of networking fun by indulging in Tasmania's sumptuous Blackman Bay oysters freshly shucked right before your eyes and wash down with a quiet little drink pre-luncheon.

This year's guest speaker at the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Corporate Luncheon is the 2017 Tattersall Cup winner Matt Allen, who will join MC Gordon Bray at the Club to raise funds for the CYCA Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Trusts.

Visitors and guests are welcome to participate in the Sydney Race Village festivities from the opening of the Village until after the start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Sponsored by Mumm Champagne and Carlton & United Breweries, the Village has a number of attractions and events, including the highly anticipated Rolex Sydney Hobart Crew Party

on December 22. Organised by the CYCA Associates Committee, one of the Club's biggest December events boasts a DJ and late-night dance floor - free to attend for all Members and Rolex Sydney Hobart crews.

The excitement surrounding the big race continues to build with the Commodore's Stella Artois Beer and Prawn Night on December 17. All are welcome, but bookings are essential through the CYCA website.

Finally, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race on Boxing Day will see the Club open its doors to everyone for Family Day. The Race Village will be a hub of activity with face painters, games and family-friendly fun, plus a variety of other food and drink options.

The start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will again be live streamed on the big screen in the Village, and the Musto merchandise shop will return with their wide range of official race clothing. The Race Village is the best place to enjoy the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race with plenty of dockside fun!



## HOBART

**Tasmania gets the party started - from 27 December - as the participants make their way down the coast**

A warm welcome awaits you in Tasmania at the Hobart Race Village on Constitution Dock - the ultimate celebration venue for Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race finish. Once the village opens at midday on December 27, the festivities begin.

Back due to popular demand is the Carlton & United Breweries activation, plus a wide variety of Tassie's food and drink options - no matter what the weather - to cater for every taste.

As has been the case in previous years, live performances on the Race Village stage will keep visitors entertained between official race presentations. Meanwhile, Hobart's 7HOFM will be broadcasting live to keep up the party

atmosphere. Look out for the returning highlight 'The Tassie's Got Talent' competition!

Children's games and activities in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Village will keep the younger attendees busy, with The Taste of Tasmania festival, Australia's oldest and largest food and wine festival, taking place nearby.

CYCA supporter Musto will be selling race merchandise in the Village, while celebrated Tasmanian yachting photographer Richard Bennett will again be displaying his stunning imagery.

The Hobart Race Village will be open from midday to 10pm on December 27, and from 10am until midnight up until the end of the race. It will however remain open until 1.30am on New Year's Eve where you can welcome in 2019 with a prime view of Hobart's fireworks show! 📍

**For all the latest info on the Sydney and Hobart Race Villages, including up-to-the-minute schedules visit [www.rolexsydneyhobart.com](http://www.rolexsydneyhobart.com)**

# 2018 FLEET

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BOAT NAME	SAIL NO	DESIGN	LOA	BEAM	DRAFT	SKIPPER/OWNER
2 UNLIMITED	AUS615	Farr 40 Mod	12.4	4.0	2.5	Greg Prescott
AIKIN -HAMES SHARLEY	SA1106	Ker 11.3	11.3	3.6	2.3	Cailin Howard
ALIVE	52566	Reichel/Pugh 66	20.2	4.3	4.6	Phillip Turner
ALLEGRO	6723	Warwick 67	20.3	5.1	3.0	Adrian Lewis
ANGER MANAGEMENT	6836	Salona 44	13.4	4.2	2.6	Tim Stewart
AP SARAS	HKG2384	Advanced A 80	24.0	6.2	3.5	Li Jian
ARCADIA	S17	Archambault 40 R C	12.0	3.8	2.5	Peter Davison
ARCH RIVAL	415	Jones 39	12.0	3.8	2.7	Alex Seja/Felicity Nelson
AUDERE	B454	Beneteau First 45	14.1	4.2	2.4	John Cain
AUSREO	6755	Beneteau 47.7	14.0	4.5	2.3	Ian Creak
AVALANCHE	SM400	Hick 40	12.3	4.1	2.5	Andrew McGrath Chris Auger, Gary Fisher
BLACK JACK	525100	Reichel/Pugh 100	30.0	5.2	5.2	Peter Harburg
BLACK SHEEP	33345	Beneteau 45	13.7	4.2	2.7	Matthew Pilkington/Robert Gourlay
BUSH PAUL GROUP	5200	TP52	15.8	4.4	3.3	Fifty Two Hundred Syndicate
CALYPSO	AUS54000	Moody 54ds	16.7	5.2	2.7	Ivan Signorelli
CELESTIAL	6952	Jv Tp52	15.9	4.4	3.2	Sam Haynes
CHANCELLOR	8824	Beneteau 47.7	14.8	4.5	2.8	Edward Tooher
CHUTZPAH	R33	Caprice 40	12.0	3.2	3.0	Bruce Taylor
CINQUANTE	5038	Sydney 38	11.8	3.7	2.6	Kimberley Jaggar
COMANCHE	USA12358	Vplp	30.5	7.9	7.0	Jim Cooney
DARE DEVIL	RF5095	Farr/Cookson 47	14.3	3.9	3.0	Sibby Ilzhofer
DREKI SUNNAN	1545	Beneteau First 45	13.6	4.2	2.8	Ken Holmes
DUENDE	ESP6100	Judel Vrolijk 52	15.4	3.9	3.9	Damien Parkes
ENTERPRISE	F1701	Farr 40	12.4	4.0	2.5	Anthony Kirke
ENVY SCOOTERS	RQ0052	TP52	15.9	4.4	3.6	Barry Cuneo
EXTASEA	G4646R	Dk46	14.0	4.3	3.0	Paul Buchholz
FLYING FISH ARCTOS	7551	Radford 55	15.2	3.7	2.7	Flying Fish Online
FRANTIC	GBR5211L	TP52	15.9	4.2	3.3	Michael Martin
GRACE O'MALLEY	099	Cookson 12	11.9	3.8	2.8	Zoe Taylor
GREAT XPECTATIONS	6343	X-43	12.9	4.0	2.2	Rod Wills
GUN RUNNER	3867	Jarkan 925	9.2	2.4	1.2	Army Sailing Club
GWEILO	052	TP52	15.9	4.4	3.4	Matthew Donald/Chris Townsend
HARTBREAKER	B330	Reichel/Pugh 46	14.2	3.6	3.3	Antony Walton
HEL SAL3	262	Adams 20	20.0	4.6	3.5	Helsal 3 Syndicate
HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD	AUS8899	Farr 55	16.8	4.6	3.7	Ray Roberts
ICHI BAN	AUS001	Botin 52	15.9	4.5	3.6	Matt Allen
INFOTRACK	SYD1000	Juan K 100 Custom	30.5	7.4	6.2	Christian Beck
JACKPOT	6774	J/122	12.2	3.6	2.2	Robert Hale
JOY RIDE	89	J 122e	12.2	3.6	2.2	John Murkowski
KAYIMAI	MH46	Azuree 46	14.0	4.3	2.6	Rob Aldis
KIALOA II	AUS7742	S&S Yawl	23.0	4.5	3.6	Patrick Broughton
KOA	52152	TP52	15.8	4.3	3.1	Andy Kearnan/Peter Wrigley
KOMATSU AZZURRO	3430	S&S 34	10.1	3.1	1.9	Shane Kearns
KOSATKA MP	RUS11	Volvo 70	21.0	5.4	4.5	Roman Guerra
LUNATIX	GER7475	Xp50	15.0	4.0	3.0	Friedrich Boehnert

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M3 TEAM HUNGARY	HUN001	TP52	15.9	4.4	3.1	Aron Ormandlaki
MARK TWAIN	101	Sparkman & Stephens	12.0	3.9	2.4	Michael Spies
MASERATI	ITA70	Volvo Open 70	21.5	5.7	5.2	Jim Cooney
MATRIX	41	X 41	12.6	3.6	2.5	Graham Furtado
MAYFAIR	W1424	Beneteau First 40	12.2	3.9	2.5	James Irvine
MIDNIGHT RAMBLER	ST36	Sydney 36	10.8	3.4	2.3	Ed Psaltis
MILLE SABORDS	7174	Syd 38 Od	11.7	3.8	2.7	Robert Frayne
NAVAL GROUP	AUS1	Reichel/Pugh	21.5	4.8	4.8	Sean Langman
NOAHSII	AUS03	Jones 70	21.5	5.7	4.6	Ting Lee
OROTON DRUMFIRE	CAY6536	Hoek Tc 78	24.0	5.6	3.2	Phillip Neil
PAPILLON	6841	Archambault A40rc	12.0	3.8	2.5	Phil Molony
PATRICE	360	Ker 46	13.9	4.3	3.4	Tony Kirby
PATRIOT	SM133	J 133	13.3	3.9	2.3	Jason Close
PEKLJUS	6419	Radford 50	15.3	3.7	3.2	David Suttie
PELAGIC MAGIC	11407	Beneteau 40.7	11.9	3.8	2.4	Simon Dunlop
PRIMITIVE COOL	S777	Reichel Pugh 51	15.6	4.4	3.3	John Newbold
PRIVATEER	USA50009	Cookson 50	15.2	4.2	3.5	Ron O'Hanley
PROSPECTOR	USA60669	Mills 68	21.0	4.8	4.7	Shelter Island Transatlantic Partners
PYR JARHEAD WOTEVA	6953	TP52	15.9	4.2	3.2	Performance Yacht Racing
QUETZALCOATL	2001	Jones 12.3	12.3	4.0	2.7	Anto Sweetapple, James Lee Warner, Anthony Bruce
RAGAMUFFIN	AUS70	Farr TP52	15.9	4.5	3.2	Brenton Fischer
RELISH IV	4337	Elan 43	13.0	4.0	2.0	Leeann Lynch
REVE	5930	Beneteau 45 F5	14.0	3.5	2.3	Kevin Whelan
SAIL EXCHANGE	7709	Cookson 12	12.0	3.3	2.7	Carl Crafoord/Tim Horkings
SCALLYWAG	HKG2276	Dovell	30.5	5.8	5.7	Seng Huang Lee
SEAVENTUS MAHLIGAI	RUS1	Sydney 46	14.3	4.0	2.7	Murray Owen Jenny Kings
SHOWTIME	8338	Ker 40	12.2	4.2	3.0	Mark Griffith
SMUGGLER	421	Rogers 46	14.0	4.0	2.9	Sebastian Bohm
SPORTS BAR	6396	Beneteau 47.7	14.3	4.4	2.9	Neville Blair
ST JUDE	6686	Sydney 47	14.2	4.1	2.9	Noel Cornish
STICKY	A164	Salona 38	11.5	3.6	2.3	Richard Harris
TEASING MACHINE	FRA8668	Nmyd 54	16.0	4.0	3.0	Eric De Turckheim
TRITON	6377	Lyons 60	18.3	4.4	4.0	David Gotze/Michael Cranitch
TRUMPCARD	1986	Agari	13.3	4.0	2.4	Blake Boulton
TSA MANAGEMENT	MH60	Sydney 38	11.8	3.7	2.6	Tony Levett
URM	AUS070	Farr 50	15.2	4.6	3.0	Adrian Dunphy
VOODOO	AUS98888	Reichel/Pugh 63	19.2	4.9	4.6	Hugh Ellis
WAX LYRICAL	248	X 50	15.2	4.2	3.0	Les Goodridge
WEDDELL	ITA3956	Grand Mistral 80	24.0	6.0	4.0	Afanasy Isaev
WILD OATS X	AUS7001	Reichel/Pugh 66	20.0	4.4	4.5	The Oatley Family
WILD OATS XI	AUS10001	Reichel/Pugh 30m	30.5	5.1	5.9	The Oatley Family
WINGS	07	Dehler 46	14.0	4.4	2.6	Ian Edwards
WINNING APPLIANCES	AUS01	Carkeek 60	18.3	5.0	4.2	John Winning
WOTS NEXT	6559	Sydney 47	14.3	4.0	3.0	Charles Cupit
YEAH BABY	A5	Welbourn 50	15.2	4.6	3.0	Louis & Marc Ryckmanns
ZEN	52001	TP52	15.9	4.4	3.4	Gordon Ketelbey

# BOAT NOTES

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**2 UNLIMITED**  
SAIL NO: AUS615  
LOA: 12.4m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design  
YEAR BUILT: 2002  
TYPE: Farr 40 Mod  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Greg Prescott  
CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Tas  
CREW: Greg Prescott (27) (Skipper), Drew Meincke (19) (Navigator), Oliver Nicholas (3), Nick Dineen (2), Chris Bird (5), Claire Cunningham (2), Will Keyes, Rowan Clark, Alastair Sayers (3)

After competing in 27 previous Sydney Hobart Yacht Races Greg Prescott has been able to make a last-minute entry with his newly acquired Farr40 to take on the great race. "I believe I was the last boat to enter, right on five o'clock," said Prescott. At the start of his career he was the second youngest to skipper a boat in the Sydney Hobart Race at just 17 years old, he is looking to the future and being able to sail with his son as crew in next year's 75th Race. The crew has worked tirelessly to get the boat modified from a one-design racing yacht to an offshore racer and ready to take on what mother nature can throw at it.



**AIKIN - HAMES SHARLEY**  
SAIL NO: SAT106  
LOA: 11.3m  
DIVISION: IRC/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Jason Ker (UK)  
YEAR BUILT: 2001  
TYPE: Ker 11.3  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 1  
OWNER: Cailin Howard  
CLUB: Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, SA  
CREW: Cailin Howard (Skipper/Navigator) (9), Carl Ravell (1), Mitchell Mead (3), Stephen Dunn (1), William Van Riet (1), Albert Mead (1), Sam Gaylard (1), Emma Derby, Matthew Pernini (1)

*Aikin* was imported from Holland in 2011 as *Daikin*, renaming was simply removing the 'D'! Aikin - Hames Sharley has competed inshore and offshore in South Australia and Victoria under IRC and AMS with success since then. Additionally, it had a respectable 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart campaign, with a third in Division 2 and a corrected time of 3 days, 11 hours and 25 minutes. "We're looking forward to seeing old rivals and meeting new ones... and with a

bit of luck persuading a few of them to come to Adelaide and Port Lincoln in February to compete in South Australia," skipper Howard says.



**ALIVE**  
SAIL NO: 52566  
LOA: 20.2m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh  
YEAR BUILT: 2006  
TYPE: Reichel/Pugh 66  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 4  
OWNER: Phillip Turner  
CLUB: Derwent Sailing Squadron, Tas  
CREW: Phillip Turner (3) (Owner), Duncan Hine (5) (Skipper), Wouter Verbraak (Navigator), Marco Jeffrey (7), Shane Gaddes (5), Tim Somerville (2), Marco Carpinello (1), William Tiller (2), William Mackenzie (2), Kinley Fowler (2), William Endean (1), Luke Watkins (1)

*Alive* is registered with the Derwent Sailing Squadron, Tasmania. Purchased at the start of 2014 by Phillip Turner, a Tasmanian businessman. She has broken several long-standing race records and filled the trophy cabinet with east coast Australia races before heading to Southeast Asia mid 2017 for the Asian Series. She has now returned and looking forward to east coast Australia racing, including the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Formerly *Black Jack* designed by Reichel/Pugh and a near sister ship to *Wild Oats X*. Last raced in 2016 when she was 17th overall and eighth across the line. Experienced and well-travelled crew under owner Phillip Turner and skipper Duncan Hine, she will be amongst the top place getters.



**ALLEGRO**  
SAIL NO: 6723  
LOA: 20.3m  
DIVISION: PHS/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Warwick Yacht Design (NZ)  
YEAR BUILT: 2006  
TYPE: Warwick 67  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 4  
OWNER: Adrian Lewis  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Adrian Lewis (8) (Skipper), Sarah Lewis (3) (Navigator), Ben Renshaw (5), Glenn Scheen (5), Matthew Shepherd (3), Paul Whybird (6), Peter Young (5), Tim Humphris (8), Sam Hand (5)

A luxury 67-footer designed by Alan Warwick (NZ) on her fifth trip south. Last year she finished well down in

15th in the PHS division but will give the crew a very comfortable trip to Hobart. Recent results include second on line honours in the 2018 Melbourne Osaka two-handed race and first place in short-handed division Brisbane Keppel 2017. Crewed by the Lewis family and friends, the team look forward to continuing their enjoyment-focused racing.



**ANGER MANAGEMENT**  
SAIL NO: 6836  
LOA: 13.4m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: J&J  
YEAR BUILT: 2009  
TYPE: Salona 44  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Tim Stewart  
CLUB: Esperance Bay Yacht Club, WA  
CREW: Tim Stewart (Skipper), Collin Maloney (Co-Navigator), Mark Quinlivan (Co-Navigator), Chris Ratcliff, Dylan Pinchin, Geoff Bishop (9), Mark Wheeler (9), Robbie Johnston, Russel Bridge, Stuart McIntyre,

Not to be confused with the boat that participated in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, the Esperance-based *Anger Management* was purchased last year to do the Hamilton Island Race Week and the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race reflects another item on the bucket list. "We have really good group of guys on the crew, they are really close and know what each other is capable of," owner Stewart says. "We have assembled all the local rock stars from Esperance for this and are just about ready! We can't wait for the race."



**APSARAS**  
SAIL NO: HKG2384  
LOA: 24m  
DIVISION: ORCi  
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh  
YEAR BUILT: 2015  
TYPE: Advanced A80  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Li Jian  
CLUB: 7STARYC  
CREW: Li Jian, Travis Read (2) (Skipper), Peihong Li, Joseph Villena, Gabriel Fetizanan, Wilson Villena, Mark Villena, Chui Shing Kin, Ben Elmedorial, Phil Marshall, Josh Linnegar, Rory Cox, Drew Van Ryn

*Apsaras* was launched in May 2015 from Pesaro, Italy. The yacht is representing the Shenzhen Seven Star Bay Yacht Club, owned by Hong

Kong Businessman Li Jian who had a dream of experiencing sailing around the world and competing in major events. After her launch, *Apsaras* competed and won the 2015 Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC). In 2016 she sailed in the BVI to Bermuda race with a great result, after which the team moved on to the Kings Cup Regatta in 2017. This year *Apsaras* has sailed to Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and will be joined in Sydney by crew from China, Philippines and highly regarded skipper Travis Read. Following the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race the team will continue to travel around the world to promote Chinese culture.



**ARCADIA**  
SAIL NO: S17  
LOA: 12m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Joubert/Nivelt  
YEAR BUILT: 2008  
TYPE: Archambault 40 RC  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Peter (PJ) Davison  
CLUB: Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Vic  
CREW: Peter (PJ) Davidson (3) (Skipper), Marlene Cartlidge (Navigator), Alan Watkins, Barry Wilson, Christian Sandner, Ian Lyall, James Oosterweghel (5), John Rea (3), Jonathan Garber, Steve Thompson

PJ has been the owner-skipper of Arcadia for two years after purchasing and transporting her to Victoria. The boat had been optimised for IRC racing but since reaching Melbourne has seen the addition of some cruising creature comforts, some 'beefing up' to meet the rigours of ocean racing in southern waters, plus a new spinnaker for this race. The team have been racing the boat regularly in the ORCV ocean racing circuit whilst also competing in the Port Lincoln Regatta in February. "The plan is to compete in this year's 74th Rolex Sydney Hobart then back up for next year's milestone event," Davison says. "The great thing about this sport is you can be competitive for so many years no matter how old you are. I know some sailors that are in to their 80s and still competing, so I think I have a fair few more to go."



**ARCH RIVAL**  
SAIL NO: 415  
LOA: 12m  
DIVISION: ORCi/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Jones  
YEAR BUILT: 1995  
TYPE: Jones 39  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 1

CHARTERER: Alex Seja  
CLUB: Drummoyne Sailing Club, NSW  
CREW: Alex Seja (16) (Skipper), Lauren Connors (1) (Navigator), Dan McHolm (1), Ryan Tripney (0), Andrew Byrne (7), Jonathan Low (1), William King (1), Felicity Nelson (23)

*Arch Rival* is a Don Jones design, launched in 1995. Previously named *Rouseabout 3*, rebadged *Arch Rival* by her second owner and purchased by the current owner in Melbourne before being sailed to her new home in Sydney in 2013. Last year, was a big one for the crew, having competed in the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, Blue Water Pointscore series and the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. *Arch Rival* is a social boat, fully crewed by a "rag tag bunch of amateurs". This year, crew member Felicity Nelson will be undertaking her 24th race with eyes set on completing 25 at the 75th Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 2019.



**AUDERE**  
SAIL NO: B454  
LOA: 14.1m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Briand  
YEAR BUILT: 2011  
TYPE: Beneteau First 45  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 4  
OWNER: John Cain  
CLUB: Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Vic  
CREW: John Cain (7) (Skipper), Mark Judd (Navigator), Dan Nestel (4), Elizabeth Cain, Emily Cain, Jack Cresswell, Jenny Wright, Matthew Lee, Shae Wilding, Simon Youl

Previously sailed out of Adelaide and Hobart and now calls Port Phillip home. The crew aboard *Audere* is a family-and-friends affair - including skipper John Cain and Jenny Wright and their two daughters together with a group of close friends. There is experience on board though, with two of the crew having sailed the yacht *Tilting at Windmills* in the 1998 Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. "This boat is a step up for the crew, but we are eager to take on the great challenge and add the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race to the list of achievements," Cain says.



**AUSREO**  
SAIL NO: 6755  
LOA: 14m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr  
YEAR BUILT: 2002  
TYPE: Beneteau 47.7  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 4

OWNER: Ian Creak  
CLUB: Greenwich Flying Squadron, NSW  
CREW: Ian Creak (Skipper), Paul Atwood (Navigator), Jim Lelliott, Andrew Lelliott, Malcom Roe, Lucas Roe, Andrew Lock, Dr. David North, Douglas Sturrock, Ian Arnold, Patrick Ward (1), Tom Moschitz

The crew had a performance to remember in the 2017 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, winning IRC div 3 and finishing second ORCi in div 2 - and are determined to push forward in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart. "We're so excited about having another crack at Hobart, we spent the national debt on preparing the boat this year," skipper Ian Creak says. "We want to go hard and get some crystal this year. I have a bit of extra space on my desk!" This year's team includes many family ties with father-son duos, Douglas Sturrock from Sturrock's chandlery next to the CYCA, and mountain climber Andrew Lock. Even with some notable crew members onboard, "Individual effort is important, but it's teamwork that makes the dream work," Ian Creak explains.



**AVALANCHE**  
SAIL NO: SM400  
LOA: 12.3m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Robert Hick  
YEAR BUILT: 2015  
TYPE: Hick 40  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNERS: Gary Fisher & Andrew McGrath, Chris Auger  
CLUB: Sandringham Yacht Club, Vic  
CREW: Andrew McGrath (Skipper), Peter Baker (Co-Navigator), Chris Webster (15) (Co-Navigator), Mark Adams, Ben Thompson (1), Chris Auger, Lawson Shaw, David Richards (1), Robert Buchanan (5), David Sturge (3)

*Avalanche* is a unique yacht designed and built in 2015 by Robert Hick to fulfil dreams. The original owners came up with the concept after completing the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and went searching for the ultimate prize. In her first offshore race since 2015, *Avalanche* took line honours in trying conditions in this year's Melbourne to Stanley with placings in IRC, AMS and PHS. *Avalanche* is a well-prepared and presented race boat with a great mix of experienced and enthusiastic crew who have great respect for the elements and opposition but intend to test both by being prepared, thorough and resolute.



**BLACK JACK**  
SAIL NO: 525100  
LOA: 30m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh (USA)  
YEAR BUILT: 2005  
TYPE: RPI00  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 3  
OWNER: Peter Harburg  
CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld  
CREW: Peter Harburg (7) (Owner), Mark Bradford (11) (Skipper), Tom Addis (12) (Navigator), John Flannery (15), Liam Woulfe (4), Peter Merrington, Scott Beavis (12), Shane Dunne (4), Simon Daubney (5), Vaughan Prentice (10), Will McCarthy (13), Alex Nolan (12), Anthony Nossiter (18), Brad Butterworth (5), Brian Hillier (8), Bruce Clark (26), Chris Anderson (5), Darren Hutchison (12), Dean Phipps (5)

One of the clear favourites for line honours as well as the handicap prize in a big boat race. Third to finish last year and claimed the line honours in 2009 as *Alfa Romeo*. The team started the season in fine form by taking line honours in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and in the process beating both Wild Oats XI and Comanche. Owner Peter Harburg and skipper Mark Bradford have again assembled a top-class crew and with more under-the-water modifications she could easily lead the charge south. Australian Olympian Anthony Nossiter and New Zealand America's Cup hero Brad Butterworth will look after the tactical side while Australian Tom Addis will handle navigational duties.



**BLACK SHEEP**  
SAIL NO: 33345  
LOA(m): 13.7  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: P.Briand  
YEAR BUILT: 2008  
TYPE: Beneteau 45  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 5  
OWNERS: Rob Gourlay and Matt Pilkington  
CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Tas  
CREW: Richard Hewson (3), Frazer Read (7), Mathew Cubit (5), Richard Parker (5), Rob Gourlay, Timothy Gourlay (3), Nick Darlow, Tim Cubit (1), Matthew Johnston (2), George Peacock (8), Matthew Pilkington, Justin Wells (6)

Acquired after last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race by brothers-in-law Rob Gourlay and Matt Pilkington, *Black Sheep* now flies

the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania's burgee. In keeping with the vessel's name, Gourlay and Pilkington have assembled a "rag tag crew of social misfits", many of whom are living on past glories achieved both on and off the water. Getting these guys pulling in the same direction will be a "massive challenge" for the co-skippers, but hopefully the homing instincts will take over and keep *Black Sheep* heading south.



**BUSH PAUL GROUP**  
SAIL NO: 5200  
LOA: 15.9m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Farr  
YEAR BUILT: 2005  
TYPE: Offshore - TP52  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 8  
OWNER: Fifty Two Hundred Syndicate  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Mathew Short (Skipper), Ian Short (14) (Sailing Master), Glenn Cooper (11) (Navigator), Michael Stuart (4), Jacob Broom (5), James Craddock (11), Jensen Penny (6), Cooper Ellis, Edward Markey (3), Hayden Airey, Peter Britt, Peta Short, Mitchell Barber (2), Stuart Ford, Jason Thorne, Anthony Guy (8)

Formerly *Cougar II* and *Highfield Caringbah* this Farr-designed Cookson NZ-built TP52 was purchased by the Fifty Two Hundred Syndicate in early 2017. Since then it has had extensive upgrades and optimization work completed, as well as adding a completely new sail wardrobe manufactured by Ian Short Sails P/L from Sydney. The boat competed as *Highfield Caringbah* in this year's 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and finished a credible 2nd to Matt Allen's new Ichi Ban in Division 1 IRC and 3rd overall on IRC rating. The owners and experienced offshore racing crew are looking forward to this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and hoping to improve on last year's result.



**CALYPSO**  
SAIL NO: AUS54000  
LOA: 16.7m  
DIVISION: PHS  
DESIGNER: Dixon Yacht Design  
YEAR BUILT: 2015  
TYPE: Moody 54 DS  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Flying Fish Australia

## BOAT NOTES

CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW  
 CREW: Ivan Signorelli (Skipper), Ed Jones, Filip Beuls, Kelly Hosoume

On debut, *Calypso* has already been put through its paces by doing two ARCs, an Atlantic crossing and other offshore passages throughout Europe and the Caribbean. She now is a permanent fixture in Sydney Harbour and is looking to top the performance of other Moody 54 DS that have previously done the race. Her crew will be a mix of professional yachtsman and amateur crew looking to experience the race in comfort and style.



**CELESTIAL**  
 SAIL NO: 6952  
 LOA: 15.9m  
 CLASS: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Judel/Vroljik (Ger)  
 YEAR BUILT: 2006  
 TYPE: TP52  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 7  
 OWNER: Dr Sam Haynes  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Sam Haynes (7) (Skipper), Ben Rice (Navigator), David Wende (9), Tim Davis (12), Troy Grafton (19), Lindsay Stead (9), Collin Janes, Noel Holder (14), Callum Cecil, Keith Groves (5), Luke Easy (1), Ben Ashby, Mark Dorling, Rudy Midya (1)x

CYCA Rear Commodore Dr Sam Haynes has a real overall chance for the Tattersall Cup with his TP52 *Celestial*. Haynes has a history of performing well in the race, his previous *Celestial* finishing third overall in 2013. His latest yacht designed by Judel/Vroljik (Germany) was launched in 2007 and has been formerly known as *Wot Now/Shogun 1* and *Fomo*. Finished 9th overall last year and 4th in Division 1.



**CHANCELLOR**  
 SAIL NO: 8824  
 LOA: 14.8m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
 DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
 YEAR BUILT: 2004  
 TYPE: Beneteau First 47  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 8  
 OWNER: Edward Toother  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Edward Toother (11) (Skipper/Navigator), Ewa Fijolek (Navigator), Brett Eagle, Stephen Dawson (3),

Stephen Lipman (3), Andrew Halliday, Gordon Smith (2), Michael Ward (7), Emily Riley, Gordon Howard, David McCreedy

*Chancellor* is Ted Toother's fourth Beneteau. Having completed Hobart races in First 40.7, First 40 and now his First 47.7 is currently race ready for the CYCA's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore and Ocean Pointscore Series in 2018 including the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Recent Summer Series wins, and places have made crew eager for a good and safe 2018 Hobart finish. With five crew doing their first Hobart and diversity (four women and five nationalities) on board this year the team hope to bring new talent to the course.



**CHUTZPAH**  
 SAIL NO: R33  
 LOA: 12m  
 CLASS: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh (USA)  
 YEAR BUILT: 2007  
 TYPE: Caprice 40  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 11  
 OWNER: Bruce Taylor  
 CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Vic  
 CREW: Bruce Taylor (37) (Skipper), Kingsley Piesse (36) (Navigator), Andrew Taylor (26), Blake Anderson (7), David Watson (20), Gavin Gourley (31), Ian Taylor (17), James Permezel (26), Paul Sandles (14), Peter Fletcher (31)

There would be no more popular winner than Bruce Taylor and his highly experienced crew aboard this Reichel/Pugh (USA) design out of Melbourne. Bruce is on his 38th voyage south and his 33rd race straight has been so close on so many occasions without gaining the Tattersall Cup for outright honours. He has won a host of divisional prizes and the closest he has come is second overall to *Wild Rose* in 2014 winning his division in the process. The overall winner of the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. This *Chutzpah* is Taylor's sixth boat of the same name.



**CINQUANTE**  
 SAIL NO: 5038  
 LOA: 11.8m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
 DESIGNER: Murray Burns Dovell  
 YEAR BUILT: 2002

TYPE: Sydney 38  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 1  
 OWNER: Kimberley Jaggar  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Kimberley Jaggar (32) (Skipper), Anne Lawrence (13) (Navigator), John Whitfield (24), James Igoe (1), Allan Grundy (10), Bob Thomas (26), Grant Healy (11), Marty Watson (5), Michael Blaxell (13), Steve Grellis (27)

Skipped by Kimberley Jaggar with Anne Lawrence as navigator, this is *Cinquante's* second Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race after winning the Sydney 38 One Design division in 2008. Kimberley bought the boat in April this year and has been rapidly working to learn and understand how to get it sailing to the highest potential. The team competed in the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, finishing fifth in Division 3 of the IRC and will be looking to make it in to the top 25 on IRC when undertaking the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race this year.



**COMANCHE**  
 SAIL NO: AUS12358  
 LOA: 30m  
 CLASS: IRC  
 DESIGNER: Verdier Yacht Design & VPLP  
 YEAR BUILT: 2014  
 TYPE: 100ft Super Maxi  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 3  
 OWNER: Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Jim Cooney (7) (Skipper), Simon Fisher (Navigator), Jimmy Spithill, Kelvin Harrap, Julia Cooney (3), James Cooney (2), Pablo Arrate, Justin Slattery, Louis Sinclair, Tom Johnson, Andrew Henderson (21), Nick Burrridge, Ryan Godfrey, Daryl Wislang, John Hildebrand (12), Dirk De Ridder, Kyle Langford, Brad Jackson

Claimed line honours in last year's race, repeating her success from 2015 and in the process breaking the course record. Owner Jim Cooney has once again assembled an all-star crew headed by ace helmsman Jimmy Spithill and Volvo Ocean Race offshore veteran Brad Jackson with the team on the top line of favouritism for another line honours title. Crew have been working hard to lift their light-air performance and already have been impressive in capturing line honours records in both the Sydney to Newcastle - Bass Island Yacht Race and Flinders Island Race. Also taking line honours in the recent Cabbage Tree Island Race. She was built to break records and in 2015 set a new monohull speed record covering 618.01 nautical miles in 24 hours at an average speed of 25.75 knots. A new race record is not beyond her, or any of the other super maxis.



**DARE DEVIL**  
 SAIL NO: RF5095  
 LOA: 14.3m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
 DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
 YEAR BUILT: 2000  
 TYPE: Farr/Cookson 47  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 4  
 OWNER: Sibby Ilzhofer  
 CLUB: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Sibby Ilzhofer (3) (Skipper/Co-Navigator), Cody Flynn, Kim Dowdney, Karl Olsen, Peter Gothard, Peter Grayson, Peter Jaeger, Satoshi Muromatsu, Todd Sergeant, Ocean Belcher

Finished last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 57th overall - and eighth in Division 2 of ORCi - after disappointment the previous two years which resulted in two rudder-related retirements. With a great depth of experience onboard built throughout the last few years racing, the team knows the boat well and wants to see it perform. "We hope that the experience of the crew and their time on board will really shine this year, bringing us the results we are after," explains Ilzhofer. This year, Todd Sergeant from radio station 2NURFM will be joining the crew to experience the blue water journey and document *Dare Devil's* entire journey to the start line and beyond.



**DREKI SUNNAN**  
 SAIL NO: 1545  
 LOA: 13.6m  
 CLASS: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Briand  
 YEAR BUILT: 2008  
 TYPE: Beneteau First 45  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 3  
 OWNER: Ken Holmes  
 CLUB: Royal Price Alfred Yacht Club, NSW  
 CREW: Ken Holmes (Skipper), Frank Walker (Navigator), Alex Martin, Chris Grant, David Lewin, Don Walter, Floyd Higgins, Greg Neale, James Rowlinson, Jen Linkova, Mike Hecht, Terry Longhurst, Chris Flanagan (3), Geoff Tomlins (3)

*Dreki Sunnan* is a Beneteau First 45 with an impressive racing record, initially as *Victoire* and then *Shining Sea*. Her new owner, Ken Holmes purchased *Dreki* in 2017 and has been racing in the Royal Price Alfred Yacht Club Blue Water Series and Short Offshore Point Series over the past

year. *Dreki*, being the skipper's first yacht has been a steep learning curve. "Over the past 18 months we have put a big effort into bringing *Dreki* back to her best," said Holmes. "The crew, who have a wide range of experience from multiple Sydney Hobart Race veterans and also first timers, are really developing well and with our recent good race results are really looking forward to our first Hobart." Skipped by Ken, *Dreki* finished 13th overall in the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race and took first (IRC and ORCi) in the 2018 Pittwater to Newcastle race.



**DUENDE**  
 SAIL NO: ESP6100  
 LOA: 15.4m  
 CLASS: PHS  
 DESIGNER: Judel/Vroljik (Ger)  
 YEAR BUILT: 2003  
 TYPE: Judel/Vroljik 52  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 7  
 OWNER: Damien Parkes  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Damien Parkes (34) (Skipper), Lindsey Gilbert (5) (Navigator), Matthew Cassidy (12), Yun Hsu (2), Rohan Wood (5), Daren Castle, Sam Fitzgerald, Darryl Bishop

Veteran Damien Parkes is back with his 2003 German-designed 52-footer on her eighth trip south in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, the 33rd for skipper Parkes. Finished 13th last year in PHS Division and 12th the previous year. *Duende* is the former Tau Ceramics/Lacoste and raced in Europe before Parkes bought and adapted her. She has carried a number of legends in her time, including Tony Cable who broke a record on board in 2016, notching his 51st race.



**ENTERPRISE**  
 SAIL NO: F1701  
 LOA: 12.4m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Farr  
 YEAR BUILT: 2000  
 TYPE: Farr40  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
 OWNER: Anthony Kirke  
 CLUB: Fremantle Sailing Club, WA  
 CREW: Anthony Kirke (Skipper), Luke Campbell (Navigator), Andrew Nuttman, Ben Walkemeyer, Jack Chaston, Laurie Flynne, Maire Connolly, Mark Lovelady, Michael Hughes (13), William Koolhof

An all-WA crew combines a range of experience - from Michael Hughes with 13 'Hobarts' through to first-timers including the skipper. Dismasted in early 2017, the boat was re-furbished and fitted with a Halls Spar IRC mast which combined with a Hugh Wellbourne redesigned keel and bowsprit make a competitive offshore package. The team has experienced local success with 1st IRC in FSC Success Cup, 1st IRC in Offshore Cup, 3rd overall in the Farrawa Cup, 3rd IRC in Valmadre and 2nd IRC in the inaugural Geraldton to Denham race. "Racing to date has been a lot of fun with great competition within Division two and providing good preparation for the Hobart race. Aim is to get to the finish and be competitive against like-sized boats," said Kirke.



**ENVY SCOOTERS**  
 SAIL NO: RQ0052  
 LOA: 15.9m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Judel/Vroljik (Ger)  
 YEAR BUILT: 2011  
 TYPE: TP52  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 2  
 OWNER: Barry Cuneo  
 CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld  
 CREW: Barry Cuneo (3) (Skipper), Ben Vercoe, Curtis Skinner (7), John Warlow (3), Kevin Costin(14), Matt Parrott (2), Mick Patrick, Paul Hermann (8), Rory O'Sullivan (1), Stuart Skinner, Todd Anderson (4)

Originally *Audi Azzura* on the 2011 MedCup circuit, then *Shogun 5* and *Ichiban*, *ENVY Scooters Beachball 52* is now based in Queensland at RQYS and owned by Vice Commodore of the Club, Barry Cuneo. Sailed with a top-class RQYS Queensland crew, this late-generation TP52 is a follow-up to the successful *ENVY Scooters Melges 32* youth campaign three years ago.



**EXTASEA**  
 SAIL NO: G4646R  
 LOA: 14m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Mark Mills (Ire)  
 YEAR BUILT: 2004  
 TYPE: DK46  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 4  
 OWNER: Paul Buchholz  
 CLUB: Royal Geelong Yacht Club, Vic  
 CREW: Anthony Huther, Ben Mann (1), Dale Laurie, Grant Durran (7), Hugh Sweeney, Jasmine Tozer, Matthew van Galen, Paul Anderson, Paul Buchholz (6), Simon Hunter (2), Tim Holzer (1)

*Extasea* has been very prominent on the Victorian Offshore scene having won every offshore race over the past decade, culminating in winning the ORCV Offshore Championship four times. Has also conquered Bass Strait, winning the 100th anniversary Rudder Cup and First east coast Melbourne to Hobart Race. She has won her last four Melbourne to Hobart West Coast races with line and handicap honours. *Extasea* has competed in the last three Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Races, but with running conditions the boat has had mixed success. "This year we are hoping for some upwind conditions which the boat and crew relish," said Buchholz. "The crew are all hardened offshore sailors and a mixture of local RGYC members with a couple of valuable Queensland guys making up this great bunch of fun-loving sailors."



**FLYING FISH ARCTOS**  
 SAIL NO: 7551  
 LOA: 15.2m  
 DIVISION: PHS  
 DESIGNER: Graham Radford (Aus)  
 YEAR BUILT: 2001  
 TYPE: McIntyre 55  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 12  
 OWNER: Flying Fish Online  
 CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW  
 CREW: Deborah Chun, Michael Frost, Lauren Johnson (1), Enrique Vicente Lopez, Sophie Beesley, Ian Horrocks, David Moses, Erik Fenna, Andy Lee, William Yandell, George Martin (2), Andrew Corless

*Flying Fish Arctos* is the flagship yacht in the Flying Fish offshore training fleet. *Arctos* is a strong and powerful cutter rigged yacht that was built to race around the world. "Flying Fish Arctos brings a team of enthusiastic amateurs from around the world together for this iconic event. This is *Flying Fish Arctos'* 13th year competing in the Sydney to Hobart race." This year's crew includes several veterans from previous years as well as an international crew of trainees completing the race as a personal challenge. *Arctos* had its best result in 2010 and 2017 with a win overall in PHS Division. *Arctos* has also had three second places in PHS Division 2008, 2009 and 2012.



**FRANTIC**  
 SAIL NO: GBR5211L  
 LOA: 15.9m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: James Donovan  
 YEAR BUILT: 2004  
 TYPE: TP52  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 6  
 OWNER: Michael Martin  
 CLUB: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, NSW  
 CREW: Michael Martin (7) (Skipper), Jane Roberts (7), John Eve, Malcolm Dean (5), Matt Jensen (5), Joseph Ferguson, Brad Greenrod (3), Beynon Leask (6), Brendon Davies (6), Jeff Adams, Robert Carlile (13), Joel Newman, Jake Miller

Skipped by former rugby international Mick Martin, *Frantic* is a well-travelled TP52. Built by ML Boatworks in Brazil in 2004 and was originally launched as *Trader*, later known as *Strewh* before being purchased by Michael Martin in 2012 and renamed *Frantic*. A regular offshore race entrant with most notable results including a win on IRC & ORCi in the 2013 Gosford to Lord Howe race, 2018 Pittwater to Paradise Line Honours and line honours and new race record (4 days 2hrs & 24 mins) in the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race.



**GRACE O'MALLEY**  
 SAIL NO: 099  
 LOA: 11.9m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr  
 YEAR BUILT: 2000  
 TYPE: Cookson 12  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 1  
 OWNER: Zoe Taylor  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Zoe Taylor (2), Matt Bassett (13), David Ward (18), James Chilman (4), Emma May (4), Wendy Tuck (11), Tom Hogan (1), Harry West (2)

In with a big chance for handicap honours in a little boat race. The Cookson 12, formerly named *Pazzaz* was purchased last year by Zoe Taylor and named after the pirate Grace O'Malley whose strength appealed to Taylor. She won last year's Cabbage Tree Island race against a hot fleet and this year the battle with near sister ship *Sail Exchange* could settle the division prize if not overall honours. Last year placed down in 40th overall and sixth in division after the weather locked out the smaller boats. At the 2017/2018 Blue Water Pointscore Prizegiving Taylor was rewarded

## BOAT NOTES

for the first season as a boat owner by receiving the Ocean Rookie of the Year and EC "Boy" Messenger Memorial Trophy awards. Finished 14th on IRC in the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race.


**GREAT XPECTATIONS**

SAIL NO: 6343  
LOA: 12.9m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Niels Jeppessen  
YEAR BUILT: 2003  
TYPE: X-43  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 1  
OWNER: Rod Wills  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Rod Wills (1) (Skipper/Co-Navigator), Michael Lockley (1) (Co-Navigator), Colin McMahon (2), Graeme Johnston (2), Mark Browne (4), Mark Riding (10), Mike Thackray (6), Philippa Telford (3), Ross Johnston (9), Simon Wulf

*Great Xpectations* has undertaken one Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 2015 where they campaigned to raise money for Prostate Cancer Research at The Garvan Institute of Medical Research. In that year over \$80,000 was raised through corporate and individual sponsors. This year the team is focusing on the racing side and getting to Hobart safely. With next year's 75th Anniversary of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race the team will once again run another fund raising and awareness campaign for Prostate Cancer. "We believe given the right conditions we can do well in our Division of IRC and ORCi having gained a 4th in IRC and a 3rd in ORCi in our Division of the 2018 Noakes Sydney to Gold Coast Yacht Race," said Wills.


**GUN RUNNER**

SAIL NO: 3867  
LOA(m): 9.2  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: John King  
YEAR BUILT: 1984  
TYPE: Jarkan 925  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 1  
OWNER: Army Sailing Club  
CLUB: Army Sailing Club, NSW  
CREW: LTCOL Maurice Young (Skipper), MAJ Murray Stewart (First Mate), MAJ Mark Palmer, LTCOL Clark Smith, WO2 Peter Hopkins, SGT Ian Forster, MIDN Max Alexander, OCDT Alexis Chabrol

*Gun Runner* is the Australian Army yacht and operated by the Army Sailing Club. Each year the Club and yacht introduce more than 200 soldiers to inshore and offshore sailing by entering over 70 races, including the CYCA Blue Water Series and Sydney Hobart, and by conducting over 75 days of training offshore along the east coast of Australia. The crew are always current serving Army members with a variety of operational experience. The Club's focus is to promote resilience in the participants whilst promoting both the sport of sailing within Army, the Army values of Courage, Initiative, Respect and Teamwork. Finished at the tail of the field in 2017, its first Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.


**GWEILO**

SAIL NO: 052  
LOA: 15.9m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk (Ger)  
YEAR BUILT: 2011  
TYPE: TP52  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNERS: Matthew Donald and Chris Townsend  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Mike Green (39) (Skipper), Andrea Green (7) (Navigator), Adam Brown (28), Andrew Cribb (12), Chris Townsend, Clinton Evans (5), David Morris (3), Don McPhee, Matthew Donald, Max De Montgolfier (7), Richard Powell, Sam Hunt (24), Shaun Moran (2)

A new entry to the Australian racing arena, with the CYCA Winter Series and the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast (where she finished fifth overall) under her belt. Originally called *Container*, the 2011 Judel/Vrolijk design is the sistership to the original RAN with some top place finishes at Med Cup regattas. Owners Chris Townsend and Matt Donald have called the boat *Gweilo*, which is slang Cantonese for white man or ghost man, and they have the ghost livery to match. Skipper Mike Green will lead the highly experienced team of *Balance* and *Quest* sailors and he says this TP52 has the pedigree, if they can make it do the numbers.


**HARTBREAKER**

SAIL NO: B330  
LOA: 14.2m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh  
YEAR BUILT: 2004  
TYPE: Reichel/Pugh 46  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 9  
OWNER: Antony Walton/Gaye Walton  
CLUB: Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Vic  
CREW: Antony Walton (3) (Skipper and Co-Owner), Louis Irving (Co-Navigator), James Dagge (Co-Navigator), James Gooley, Jason Boyle, Paul King (2), Robert Pollock, Stuart De Poi, Anssi Paatero, Catherine Parsons, Charles Stott (4), Gordon Buchan (4)

*Hartbreaker* finished the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart in 55th overall – a significant improvement on the 67th overall in 2016 after suffering engine problems. The RP46 placed 41st overall in 2015, 21st on Line Honours in 2014 and 49th in 2013 – the year Tony Walton and Alan Breidahl purchased and renamed the boat previously known as *Hardys Secret Mens Business 2* and *Shamrock*. This year the navigator will again be James Dagge, Hong Kong-based Finn sailor who is excited to start his second race in preparation for the 2020 Olympics. Going in to this year's race Anthony Walton explains: "As skipper for our fifth Hobart, we are happy to have been able to start and complete four consecutive races. With our increasing crew experience, we feel this is the best prepared we've been and look to build on our previous results."


**HELSAL 3**

SAIL NO: 262  
LOA: 20m  
DIVISION: PHS  
DESIGNER: Joe Adams/Fred Barrett (Aus)  
YEAR BUILT: 1984  
TYPE: Adams 20  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 14  
OWNER: Helsal 3 Syndicate  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: David Stephenson (17) (Skipper), Adam Goode (9), Charmaine Tate (2), Krissy Ukena (1), Natasha Edwards (1), Nicolaas Van Nieuwenhuysen (1), Ian Hall, Ivar Aru, Jason Ritchie, Nick Parker, Graham Howe

It's very easy to use the word iconic but *Helsal 3* certainly fits in this category. She has been in the ocean

racing scene around Australia for over 30 years. Designed by Joe Adams but over the years has had some upgrades to the keel, rudder, mast and rigging. The 2018 crew includes an eclectic group of sailors, some local experienced sailors and two from overseas. *Helsal 3* has a strong training program and culture with a view to give the best opportunity to our offshore sailors both experienced and new comers. "The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is the highlight event of our 2018 campaign and we look forward to the challenges and awards of what is known as the great race," said skipper David Stephenson.


**HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD**

SAIL NO: AUS8899  
LOA: 16.8m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
YEAR BUILT: 2008  
TYPE: Farr 55  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 8  
OWNER: Ray Roberts  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Ray Roberts (22) (Skipper), Nick Davis (7), David Chapman (6), Caedric Reader, Robert Wilmot

One of the more colourful yachts and owners in long-time competitor Ray 'Hollywood' Roberts. Strong chance for handicap honours if weather suits the medium-sized boats. Down at 13th overall last year but as *Living Doll* she finished runner-up in overall honours to Loki in the 2011 RSHYR. Hard-running conditions will suit this canting keeler who suffered the misfortune of almost sinking on the return trip from Hobart last year when she damaged her rudder. Has undergone a significant rebuild since the collision with a sunfish east of Flinders Island.


**ICHI BAN**

SAIL NO: AUS001  
LOA(m): 15.9  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Botin  
YEAR BUILT: 2017  
TYPE: Botin 52  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 1  
OWNER: Matt Allen  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Matt Allen (28) (Skipper), Will Oxley (17) (Navigator), Anthony Merrington (9), Charles Kosecki (8), Craig Garnett (16), Davin Conigrave (7), Gordon Maguire (20), James Corrie (7), Jeremy Rae (25), Robert

Greenhalgh (2), Sean O'Rourke (3), Silas Nolan (16), Timothy Sellars (10), Wade Morgan (18), William Sykes (12)

Last year's overall winner of the Tattersall Cup for outright handicap winner, she will once again start as the favourite to repeat her 2017 success. Since last year's victory she has been the outright winner of the Brisbane-Gladstone race, Flinders Island race, Newcastle Bass Island race, Airlie Beach race week, and runner up at Hamilton Island race week and the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. Beautifully prepared by Australian Sailing President Matt Allen and with a top-level crew she could become only the third yacht in the 74-year history of the race to record back-to-back victories.


**INFOTRACK**

SAIL NO: SYDI000  
LOA: 30.5m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Juan K  
YEAR BUILT: 2008  
TYPE: Juan K 100 Custom  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 5  
OWNER: Christian Beck  
CLUB: Greenwich Flying Squadron, NSW  
CREW: Christian Beck (1), Joe Akacich (18) (Skipper), Andrew Cape (17) (Navigator), Bradshaw Kellett (26), Tony Mutter (4), Dylan Clarke (4), Ty Oxley (14), Hugo Slawson (4), Alexander Gough (3), Darren Beck, Bouwe Bekking (2), Mitchell White (17), Stu Bannatyne (12), Guillermo Alteredill (1), David Wills, Antonio Mons (1), Holly Taylor, Mal Parker (7), John Ahern, Nicholas Dana (1), Lucas Chapman (5)

Claimed line honours in 2016 (as *Perpetual Loyal*) and in the process breaking the course record. She raced under current owner Christian Beck last year when she was fourth over the line but was relegated to 24th due to a rule infringement. Began life as *Speedboat*, then became *Rambler 100* before *Perpetual Loyal* and now Beck has arranged a crew full of round the world heroes in Bouwe Bekking (Ned), Stu Bannatyne (NZ) and navigator Andrew Cape (Aus) who will be looking for a tough upwind bash to push this boat towards her second line honours title. Owner Beck was the 2017 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year and the founder of LEAP and InfoTrack, a technology company that provides tools for people and businesses.


**JACKPOT**

SAIL NO: 6774  
LOA: 12.2m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: J. Johnstone  
YEAR BUILT: 2008  
TYPE: J/122  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 1  
OWNER: Robert Hale  
CLUB: Greenwich Flying Squadron, NSW  
CREW: Robert Hale (3) (Skipper), Matthew Gooden, Antoine Martin, Michael Westaway, Piergiorgio Merli, Robert Watson (1), Harry Atkinson (1), Antonio Zanin, Mark Goode

*Jackpot* is a J122 Racer/Cruiser. The boat has had a successful nine-year IRC racing career under the previous owner. This included a 2nd overall in the 2016 Pittwater-Coffs Harbour Race and the boat also competed in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. The boat is currently competing in twilight racing with the intent of competing in some regatta events and some passage racing. Recently took the boat to Hamilton Island Race Week and managed to win the last race in IRC Div 4. "I am really excited about our crew for this year's Hobart. I've been sailing dinghies since age 11 and progressed through skiffs to yachts," said Hale. "I competed in three Hobarts in my 20s. I always wanted to undertake the challenge of the Hobart as an Owner/Skipper. The purchase of *Jackpot* with two mates Matt and Peter has made that possible."


**JOY RIDE**

SAIL NO: 89  
LOA: 12.2m  
DIVISION: ORCi  
DESIGNER: J. Johnstone  
YEAR BUILT: 2015  
TYPE: J 122e  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: John Murkowski  
CLUB: Seattle Yacht Club, USA  
CREW: John Murkowski (Skipper), Bron Miller (Navigator), Quill Goldman, Alexander Fox, Maaike Pen, Robin Sliker, Byron Meseroll, Erik Sjogren

*Joy Ride* is based out of Seattle, WA, USA and has been sailing the Pacific Northwest for the past three seasons in both buoy and long distance races. The team consists of US and Canadian sailors. The crew is dedicated to the adventure of sailing, sharing the same passions and will race by the catchphrase: "be safe, have fun and go fast!"


**KAYIMAI**

SAIL NO: MH46  
LOA: 14m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Bob Humphreys  
YEAR BUILT: 2015  
TYPE: Azuree 46  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Rob Aldis  
CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW  
CREW: Rob Aldis (Skipper), Skye Paton (2), Cameron Gundy, Elizabeth Charles, Michael Bell (10), Peter Charles, Peter Winter, Oli Bell, Liam Bennett, James Farquharson

A new boat acquired in February 2017, used for family cruising in addition to club races and regattas. Finished a respectable seventh in the PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race, taking just over five days and 21 hours to complete the 1064-nautical-mile journey. The yacht is a high-performance cruiser with all the creature comforts of home. "It has a modern hull design, good sail plan and has a reasonable turn of speed," says Aldis. "The crew are all there to enjoy the experience, and we are all getting along really well. I think that's something that will work to our advantage when the going gets tough and the days get long."


**KIALOA II**

SAIL NO: AUS7742  
LOA: 23m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens  
YEAR BUILT: 1964  
TYPE: S&S Yawl  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 2  
OWNERS: Patrick and Keith Broughton  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Patrick Broughton (11) (Skipper), Keith Broughton (3), Lindsay May (45) (Navigator), Tony Hearder (35), Tom Gresty, Genevieve White (6), Jamie Hastie (8), Chris Harmsen (19), Jack McCullum (3), Andrew Cutler (12), Dallas Kilponen (8), George Jackson (1), Grant Chessells (12), Ian Goldsworthy (3), Jeff Beaton (11), Matthew Souter (14), Scott Major (3), Stephen McCullum (22)

The famous Sparkman and Stephens aluminium yawl took line honours way back in the 1971 race when owned by the famous American yachtsman Jim Kilroy. Made her comeback last year under current owners Paddy and

Keith Broughton when she finished 68th across the line, after breaking her boom and 56th overall. Veteran navigator Lindsay May will again be on board for his 46th race south joined by RYCT Vice Commodore Stephen 'Rowdy' McCullum. Between the crew there is over a combined 200 Sydney Hobart Races with the crew having strong family ties including father & son, husband & wife and brother combinations on board. "In 2018 we continued the process of restoring the sailing and racing systems on *Kialoa II* such as the pedestal winches, boom and mast. Keith and I are looking forward to the challenge of another Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race on *Kialoa II* with our friends," said Paddy Broughton.


**KOA**

SAIL NO: 52152  
LOA: 15.8m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (USA)  
YEAR BUILT: 2004  
TYPE: TP52  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 3  
OWNERS: Peter Wrigley and Andy Kearnan  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Andy Kearnan (Co-Skipper), Peter Wrigley (Co-Skipper), Mark Hewitt-Park (8) (Navigator), Brent Wrigley, Byron White, Drew Wrigley, Scott Clarkson (5), George Anyon, Kurt Hansen, Brad Madders, Patrick Vos

*Koa*, which means "Strong Warrior" in Hawaiian, is a 2004 Farr-designed, Goetz-built TP52. She was originally called *Sjambok* and was built alongside *Bright Star*, which is *Quest*. Finished eighth overall in the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, and 14th overall in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Peter is sailing with two of his sons in the team this year.


**KOMATSU AZZURRO**

SAIL NO: 3430  
LOA: 10.1m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Olin Stephens  
YEAR BUILT: 1981  
TYPE: S&S 34  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 5  
OWNER: Shane Kearns  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of

Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Shane Kearns (13) (Skipper), Duncan McRae (16) (Navigator), Greg Wilkins, James Nixon (23), Michael Doherty (16), Adrian Herington

If the weather dictates it is going to be a small boat race, then *Komatsu Azzurro* could certainly better her third place overall in 2015. She has what it takes to win this race as evidenced by her victories in both the 2015 and 2017 Sydney Gold Coast races. This famous S&S 34 design is a sister ship to the 1969 winner *Morning Cloud*. Returning this year with a very experienced six-man crew, *Azzurro's* first race of 2018 was the PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race, resulting in third place in her division. This was followed up by the round New Caledonia Groupama race, resulting in a 1st in her division. Finished first across all ORCi divisions and was 12th overall in IRC in the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. Kearns has a good feeling about this year, "This year, we are going to WIN for sure! You can take that to the bank! The 2018 *Komatsu Azzurro* mantra is 'Be FAST or be LAST', so get that trophy ready!"



#### KOSATKA MONSTER PROJECT

SAIL NO: RUS11  
 LOA: 21m  
 DIVISION: ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Humphries Yacht Design  
 YEAR BUILT: 2007  
 TYPE: Volvo 70  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
 OWNER: Roman Guerra  
 CLUB: Yacht Club Sopot RUS and Royal Ocean Racing Club, UK  
 CREW: Agnieszka Tyrakowska, Filip Wojcikiewicz, Jacek Piotrowski, Jacek Siwek, Krzysztof Urbanowicz, Liz Wardley, Piotr Dauksza, R Gora, Rafael Swiader, Rafal Sawicki, Roman Guerra

Formerly *Team Russia* for the 2008-2009 Volvo Ocean Race. *Kosatka MP* comprises of an international crew representing Australia, Poland (Yacht Club Sopot), Chile and the Netherlands. She is being extensively sailed around the world promoting awareness for the marine environment, voyaging the globe in this pursuit through the generous contributions of our participants whom make up the crew. *Kosatka MP* is taking part in all the major regattas of the world with a Pacific based program for the next few years. Competing in previous Fastnet, Transatlantics, Round Britain and Ireland and now the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Next year she will be participating in a Southern Ocean Voyage, TransPac and the 75th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 2019.



**LUNATIX**  
 SAIL NO: GER7475  
 LOA: 15m  
 DESIGNER: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
 DESIGNER: Jeppesen  
 YEAR BUILT: 2017  
 TYPE: XP50  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
 OWNER: Friedrich Boehnert  
 CLUB: Norddeutscher Regatta Verein, Ger  
 CREW: Friedrich Boehnert (Skipper), Christian Heermann (Navigator), Bernd Meier, Bertil Balsler, Stefan Schollmayer, Martin Lutz, Arno Boehnert, Inga Boehnert, Joern Otmokke, Maik Lemcke, Henning Uck

German crew who have embarked on a round-the-world journey with their new boat. Participated in the RORC Transatlantic Race, completing in 18 days 29 mins and 38 seconds to finish second overall. Entry in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race culminates the journey so far, after which the boat will set sails again heading back to Europe. A family affair for owner Friedrich Boehnert, who also races with his 27-year-old son Arno and his 26-year-old daughter Inga. The father-son duo has been racing the Atlantic twice as a team, as well as competing in many other international regattas. They are joined by five more crew members of their previous Atlantic journeys. The whole crew is excited to be part of this iconic regatta and to set sail on Boxing Day.



#### M3 TEAM HUNGARY

SAIL NO: HUN001  
 LOA: 15.9m  
 DIVISION: IRC  
 DESIGNER: Farr Yacht design  
 YEAR BUILT: 2005  
 TYPE: TP52  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 2  
 SKIPPER: Aron Ormandlaci  
 CLUB: Fremantle Sailing Club, WA  
 CREW: Aron Ormandlaci (Skipper), Gabor Ujvari, Adam Ujvari, Tamas Horvath, Will Parbury (2), Lajos Gyuru, Andrew Stuckey (1), Aron Nemeth, Bret Pery (10), Cameron Mckenzye (13), Gyula Monus (0), Paul Heyes (14), Petre Hickson (5), Tamas Kelemen, Zoltan Czap

*M3* is based out of Western Australia with the yacht campaigning in the last two Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Races and Blue Water Pointscore Series with great results. This year she will be skippered by Aron 'Roni' Ormandlaci, the owner of Roni Rigging and Racing, and assisted by his colleague, watch captain Will

Parbury. The crew is formed around five keen Hungarian sailors, Gabor, Tamas, Adam, Lajos and Zoltan, with plenty of offshore experience looking to pursue their dream to complete the great race. Together with Roni who is a well-known sailor in Hungary, they are launching the first Hungarian entry in the race with the team being combined with some local sailors to enhance the team's knowledge. There is great support from Hungary and the whole team is excited and counting down the days until the race start.



#### MARK TWAIN

SAIL NO: 101  
 LOA: 12m  
 DIVISION: IRC  
 DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens  
 YEAR BUILT: 1971  
 TYPE: Sparkman & Stephens  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 25  
 OWNER: Michael Spies  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Michael Spies (41) (Skipper), Bryan Northcote (16) (Navigator), Robert Case (32), Greg Johnston (28), Fraser Johnson (34), Katie O'Mara

A welcome return for the famous Sparkman and Stephens-designed One Tonner. Now under the ownership of previous Hobart Race winner Michael Spies she will be hard to beat in a small-boat race. Spies has assembled an experienced, veteran crew who will push the boat to the limit. Launched in 1971 for Victorian yachtsmen Ron Langman, she represented Australia in the 1972 One Ton Cup when skippered by Jock Sturrock and then won the 1979 Sydney Noumea Yacht Race. She competed in her 25th race to Hobart in 2002. Has undergone a major refit in an effort to deliver a second victory for skipper Spies.



#### MASERATI

SAIL NO: ITA70  
 LOA: 21.5m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
 YEAR BUILT: 2011  
 TYPE: Beneteau First 40  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 2  
 OWNER: James Irvine  
 CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld  
 CREW: James Irvine (2) (Skipper), Jamie Pirret, Tony Di Betta, Graham Donnell, Josh Marshall (3), Judi Marshall, Katie Kaiser (3), Peter Webster, Shawn (Bob) Butt (2), Steve Brierley (3), Alexander Jennings

After campaigning the iconic maxi Brindabella for seven years, Jim

Cooney purchased *Maserati* having raced against her in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart (skippered by Italian single-handed sailor, Giovanni Soldini). The VO70, originally *Ericsson 3*, took line honours in the 2016 Botany Bay, Port Hacking and Cabbage Tree Island races. Entered the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart but did not start.



#### MATRIX

SAIL NO: 41  
 LOA: 12.6m  
 DIVISION: IRC  
 DESIGNER: Niels Jeppesen  
 YEAR BUILT: 2010  
 TYPE: X41  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
 OWNER: Graham Furtado  
 CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld  
 CREW: Graham Furtado, Ian Davis (26), Barry Schiplock (5), Gary Bates, Geoff Gribble, John Paech, Shannan Hart (8), Timothy Dance, Yuri Stevens (2), Daniel Farmer

The team started campaigning *Matrix* in 2016, they have been steadily campaigning in all major East Coast races and regattas. 2018 has been an outstanding year for the forty-one-footer with 18 podium finishes including a clean sweep at the recent Hamilton Island Race Week and good placings in the Brisbane to Gladstone and Brisbane to Keppel races. "The boat and crew are ready and raring to go, and I have a space reserved in the trophy cabinet for some Hobart silverware," said Furtado. While this is the first RSHYR for *Matrix* there is no shortage of ocean racing experience on board, veteran sailmaker, Ian Davis (aka Ox) will clock up his 27th race to Hobart when the starter's cannon fires on Boxing Day.



#### MAYFAIR

SAIL NO: W1424  
 LOA: 12.2m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
 YEAR BUILT: 2011  
 TYPE: Beneteau First 40  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 2  
 OWNER: James Irvine  
 CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld  
 CREW: James Irvine (2) (Skipper), Jamie Pirret, Tony Di Betta, Graham Donnell, Josh Marshall (3), Judi Marshall, Katie Kaiser (3), Peter Webster, Shawn (Bob) Butt (2), Steve Brierley (3), Alexander Jennings

Finished last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 35th overall, second in Division 3 IRC and 25th overall in ORCi. The Beneteau First 40 finished 12th overall in the 2014 Brisbane to Keppel Yacht Race, her first blue water outing under Irvine's leadership. In her first RSHYR in 2015, Mayfair finished ninth overall, fourth in Division 4 and third in ORCi Division 3 - a sign of her capabilities. "We are looking forward to the race this year and aiming to take out our division on IRC," said Irvine.



#### MIDNIGHT RAMBLER

SAIL NO: ST36  
 LOA: 10.8m  
 DIVISION: IRC/Corinthian  
 DESIGNER: Murray Burns & Dovell  
 YEAR BUILT: 2005  
 TYPE: Sydney 36  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
 OWNER: Ed Psaltis (36)  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Ed Psaltis (36) (Skipper and Owner), Neil Tavener (15) (Navigator), Andrew Taylor (16), Chris Rockell (20), David Sharp (15), Michael Bencsik (22), Tim Hampton (2), Zak Johnson

The seventh *Midnight Rambler* - this one more for "cruising, some racing... mainly having fun". Crew consists of a core of six who have campaigned in Hobarts over 28 years now on those seven boats. "We are a bit long in the tooth now but still able to complete the course without too much embarrassment", says Ed. "We do have two young guys at the front who have the flexibility and physical stamina we used to have!" Between them, Ed and crew can declare over 125 Hobarts, and have won every major offshore race on the east coast, including overall wins in the Gosford Lord Howe Island and Sydney Mooloolaba Yacht Races, both twice; and Sydney Gold Coast and Sydney Hobart Yacht Races, both once. What used to be a mid-sized boat in the Hobart race is now the second smallest boat out there, but to the Rambler Syndicate, 36 feet is just fine. Their hope? To be competitive in division and beyond that, 'Hughie' will decide.



#### MILLE SABORDS

SAIL NO: 7174  
 LOA: 11.7m  
 DIVISION: IRC/Corinthian  
 DESIGNER: Murray Burns & Dovell  
 YEAR BUILT: 2000  
 TYPE: Sydney 38

NUMBER OF RSHYR: 3  
 OWNER: Robert Frayne  
 CLUB: Royal Motor Yacht Club, NSW  
 CREW: Robert Frayne (Skipper/Navigator), Ross Gibb, Stephen Scutts, Tim Van Brugge, Arnold Shields, Edward Van Beem, James Allen (1), Nic Lesiuk, Richard Lock (1)

*Mille Sabords* has completed several RSHYR under previous owners. Now residing in Pittwater and raced regularly out of RMYC and WPYC. The boat remains unmodified and is raced in One-Design configuration. Crewed by a bunch of Northern Beaches watermen, plus one West Australian, all have a passion for the ocean. Relatively new to high-end ocean racing we have enjoyed and gained much confidence competing in the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore. With a broad range of skills and experience including crew who have climbed Mt Everest, sailed to Antarctica, a plastic surgeon, Managing Director, Australian champion surf boat rower and collectively many thousands of sea miles including two RSHYR. "As the owner and skipper the most satisfying thing over the past 12 months has been watching a crew become a team," said Frayne. "We're excited to be part of this great event."



#### NAVAL GROUP

SAIL NO: AUST  
 LOA: 21.5m  
 DIVISION: IRC  
 DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh  
 YEAR BUILT: 2008  
 TYPE: Reichel/Pugh 69  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
 OWNER: Sean Langman  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Sean Langman (27) (Skipper), Murray Spence (18) (Navigator), Josh Alexander (18), Peter Langman (7), Shaun McKnight (9), Peter Inchbold (31), Lee Goddard (3), Herve Guillou (1), Antoine Caillaud, Belinda Taylor, Diane Roy, Edward Bramich, Gaetan Bourdeaux, James Wilkes, Steven Patriarca, Tabitha Stevenson, Tori Costello

Led by Sean Langman, MD of Noakes Group and one of the nation's best-known and most versatile sailors who has handled everything from 18-foot skiffs and 60ft trimarans to gaff-rigged classics and competed in 27 Hobarts. *Naval Group* is the former *Money Penny*, the last RP65 to be built by McConaghy's in Australia, launched in 2008 for American Jim Swartz who competed in the Newport Bermuda Race, among other events. For the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart, *Naval Group's* crew is a mixture of French and Australian, including a number of RAN personnel. "Another year and a new challenge," Langman said. "Representing Naval Group, the RP69 was chosen to provide a platform

for French and Australian employees to demonstrate their ability to work as a team and achieve a respectable result."



#### NOAHSII

SAIL NO: AUS03  
 LOA: 21.5m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Don Jones  
 YEAR BUILT: 2005  
 TYPE: Jones 70  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 6  
 OWNER: Ting Lee  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Bangjun Zhang, Bin Yang, Binyang Chen, Cheng Li, Chengjun Kang, Fulin Chen, Guilin Huang, Hengxu Huang, Hongquan Li, Jianrong Shen, Linpeng Luo, Nuo Xu, Qiang Bi, Shengkang Li, Wanyuan Zou, Wenqing Jiang, Xiaoho Lou, Yang Shang, Yifan Yao, Zancheng Feng, Zehang Wu, Zexi Xu, Zhenjie Qiu, Zhijun Guo, Mark Feilberg (10)

Originally built for and competed in the 2005-2006 Volvo Ocean Race, *Noahs II* changed its name from *Southern Excellence II* and reaped some great results in previous races. Purchased by Noahs Group early this year, a number of systems have been upgraded on the boat to improve her IRC rating and to suit requirements. Equipped with new mast and rigging the team expect this boat could take them to a glorious victory. For the 74th Sydney Hobart race, the crew has been selected from top athletes in China and the training program for this Volvo 70 boat led by coach Steve McConaghy, a very experienced skipper who has witnessed a lot of victories in his sailing career. The crew are more than excited for the race and the upcoming challenge while preparing themselves with courage and passion for the journey!



#### OROTON DRUMFIRE

SAIL NO: CAY6536  
 LOA: 24m  
 DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
 DESIGNER: Hoek  
 YEAR BUILT: 2007  
 TYPE: Hoek Tc78  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
 SKIPPER: Phillip Neil  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia  
 CREW: Phillip Neil, Will Vicars, Jane Vicars, Christopher White, Michael Ritchie, Joe Holder, Felicia Dandy,

Richard Bott (5), Lachie Paramor, Harry Bethwaite, Ben Davitt, Nick Crabtree, Duncan Campbell, Lachie Montgomery, Mathew Bridge, Brad Phillips

*Oroton Drumfire*, named after a long-distance desert race horse, was built in the Netherlands across two shipyards, Bloemsma Aluminiumbouw and Jachtwerft Sudsee. Launched in 2007, she is one of the early designs in André Hoek's Truly Classic range. Which combines the elegance of the 1930s, with modern underwater hull configurations. She spent most of her early years based in Spain, where she cruised the waters of the Mediterranean and competed in numerous regattas including the Palma Superyacht Cup, which she won in 2011. Arriving in Australia in November of 2015 she's now based in Sydney at the CYCA and is very active on Sydney Harbour, taking part in local twilight racing and offshore races on the east coast. "The boat is sailing really well since a wide range of upgrades have been implemented. Our crew are a great bunch of guys and girls who know the boat well and really enjoy sailing together. We're excited to get out the heads and see what she's got against some of the world's best yachts and sailors" said Neil.



#### PAPILLON

SAIL NO: 6841  
 LOA: 12m  
 DIVISION: IRC  
 DESIGNER: Joubert Nivelte Mercier  
 YEAR BUILT: 2009  
 TYPE: Archambault A40RC  
 NUMBER OF RSHYR: 6  
 OWNER: Phil Molony  
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
 CREW: Phil Molony (27), Alec Snyder (5), Geoff Tomlins (3), Jim Mitchell (3), Julie Plant (5), Michael Jackson (10), Mick Sheehy (6), Mick Tilden (9), Olivia Coyne (3), Ralph Carlier (34)

*Papillon* has competed in six Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Races. In 2011, *Papillon* was third on IRC in Division 3 of the RSHYR. In 2013, she was second overall on IRC in the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and placed third in the Blue Water Pointscore. In the 2015 RSHYR, Phil Molony sailed *Papillon* to 28th overall, the previous year, the yachtsman marked his milestone 25th Sydney Hobart with 17th overall. After a break last year, *Papillon* is getting the crew back together for one more Sydney Hobart. They are coming from all over: Alec from Newport RI USA, Jim from Perth, Mick Sheehy from Melbourne and Olivia from Hobart. Our two watch captains, Ralph and Mick Tilden are coming from Lake Macquarie and Wollongong respectively. The other crew members are all from Sydney; Julie, Michael, Geoff and Phil.

## BOAT NOTES

Everyone but Geoff has done at least one Sydney Hobart aboard. It will be Julie's and Mick Tilden's sixth time on board, while Alec and Mick Sheehy will be doing their fifth.



**PATRICE**  
SAIL NO: 360  
LOA: 13.9m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Ker Yacht Design  
YEAR BUILT: 2013  
TYPE: Ker 46  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 5  
OWNER: Tony Kirby  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Tony Kirby (35) (Skipper), Michael Bellingham (26) (Navigator), Benjamin Taylor, Geoff Bauhop (18), Jason Rowed (2), Jeremy Rowles (1), Julian Salter, Owen Finegan, Christopher Jones, Matiu Te Hau, Charles Gundy (2), Tom Brewer

Owner Tony Kirby was named the CYCA's 2017 Ocean Racer of the Year after taking the Blue Water Pointscore championship, topping the IRC and ORCi divisions. Kirby has extensive offshore sailing experience, including 35 Rolex Sydney Hobarts – capped by last year's third-placed IRC, first in IRC Div 2 and second in ORCi Div 2 in his latest Patrice. Last year's results were a big success for *Patrice*, with three retirements in four previous Hobarts races to 2016. 2018 has been a successful year for *Patrice*, with key results including third IRC/ORCi in the PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race, first IRC/ORCi in the Groupama 600 Round Noumea race, third IRC in the Australian Championships and second IRC in the NSW Championships. 2018 also marks the 10th year that Tony and the *Patrice* crew have been raising funds to support The Kids' Cancer Project. For the first time, the *Patrice* crew will be joined by The Kids' Cancer Project's CEO and former Wallaby, Owen Finegan, to help make this year's fundraising the best ever.



**PATRIOT**  
SAIL NO: SM133  
LOA: 13.3m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Rod Johnstone - J Yachts  
YEAR BUILT: 2004  
TYPE: J133  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 1  
OWNER: Jason Close  
CLUB: Sandringham Yacht Club / SBSC  
CREW: Jason Close (Skipper), Lex O'Connor (Navigator), Jack Fullerton,

Jordan Sunkel-Lozell, Marissa Chalkley, Pete Chalkley, Stuart Moseley, Graeme Smith, Alistair Greenwood, Cath Furey, Greg Coutts

*Patriot* is a J133 that has competed in the 2010 Rolex Sydney Hobart and two Noumea races but otherwise reasonably lightly raced having originally come from the freshwater lakes in the USA to her Queensland owner in early 2010. She has a great cruising fit out with solid offshore pedigree. Whilst most of the team have competed in RSHYR races previous, there are four members of the crew for which this will be their first Hobart, all of which are experienced sailors but yet to tick the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race box. "Our crew is made up of some very experienced skiff and keelboat sailors from Sandringham Yacht Club. We have been preparing and training as a team for some 10 months and look forward to the challenge that lies ahead," said Close.



**PEKLJUS**  
SAIL NO: 6419  
LOA (m): 15.3m  
DIVISION: PHS  
DESIGNER: Radford  
YEAR BUILT: 2004  
TYPE: Radford 50  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 3  
OWNER: David Suttie  
CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW  
CREW: David Suttie (1) (Skipper), Adam Phillips, Andrew Ebbott (3), Brad Anson (22), Garry Holder (3), John Suriano (3), Robert Suttie (1), Ron Palmer (4), Scott Taylor (4), Karl Onslow (1)

*Pekljus* is like a supersized Adams 10, based on Don McIntyre's Buttercup; a long and skinny sled. While it might not be the lightest boat in the fleet it is surely one of the toughest! "We have been working really hard on the preparation of the boat to ensure everything is bulletproof," says Suttie. "We are very lucky to have the sailmaker Brad Anson onboard, who's wealth of experience has helped us immensely and put together a great sail wardrobe." The team have learnt a lot from competing in last year's race finishing 10th on PHS and have been able to take that knowledge in to this year's preparations. Last year's Hobart race memorably finished with the dockside proposal of Robert Suttie, skipper David's son, to his partner Olivia Holtz. She said yes! Following on from its 10th on PHS in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart.



**PELAGIC MAGIC**  
SAIL NO: 11407  
LOA: 11.9m  
DIVISION: IRC/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
YEAR BUILT: 2005  
TYPE: Beneteau 40.7  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 5  
OWNER: Simon Dunlop  
CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW and CYCA.  
CREW: Simon Dunlop (3) (Skipper), Paul Jones (13) (Navigator), Sam McDonald (3), Hugh McDonald (1), Shane Connelly (1), Graeme Dunlop (3), Pat Cotterill (2), Simon Chapple (2)

*Pelagic Magic* sails out of RPAYC and the CYCA. In 2015 new owner Simon Dunlop and son Graeme entered the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race with a crew from Canberra and Batemans Bay, placing 21st overall on IRC and 14th on ORCi. In 2016, with a downwind race she finished in the middle of the fleet. Last year the crew travelled to Cowes and combined with an Irish crew to race on a sister Beneteau 40.7 in the Rolex Fastnet Race as well as campaigning in the RPAYC Bluewater Offshore Series. In 2018/19 *Pelagic Magic* is campaigning in the RPAYC SOPS series and the CYCA Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore series including the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race again with a mixed crew from Canberra, the NSW South coast and Ireland. She finished third in her division in the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race.



**PRIMITIVE COOL**  
SAIL NO: S777  
LOA: 15.61m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh  
YEAR BUILT: 2009  
TYPE: RP51  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 8  
OWNER: John Newbold  
CLUB: Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Vic  
CREW: John Newbold (Skipper), Eric Holden (5) (Navigator), David Sudano, Thor Cembala (7), Matt Setton (10), Luke Adamson, John Crawford, Ron Cooper (16), Mick Doonan, Tony Duckmanton (4), Piers Hugh Smith, Simon James, Ben Frecheville, Cam McKee

Launched in 2009, as *Secret Men's Business*, gained immediate success by winning the 2010 Tattersall Cup, having success in all major events Australia wide, also finishing in third place in Division Z of the 2013 Rolex Fastnet Race UK. Since Victorian John Newbold purchased *Primitive Cool*, she has had a significant impact on racing in Victoria and currently holds the Melbourne to King Island Race record. *Primitive Cool* moved to Sydney in June with the team enjoying having the opportunity to race against some of the best 50+ footers in the world. Added to the existing crew (hailing mainly from RMYs) are three talented Sydneyers, a Canadian and an Englishman. *Primitive Cool* will again be representing Sea Shepherd in the 2018 RSHYR - an organisation that all associated with the team passionately support for their love and tireless protection of our oceans and its wildlife. "The on-board crew ethos is to race hard, get the most out of a super tough purpose-built ocean yacht while having a terrific time doing so. The yacht, given the right conditions, can still surprise the best of the TPs," said Newbold.



**PRIVATEER**  
SAIL NO: USA50009  
LOA: 17m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Farr  
TYPE: Cookson 50  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Ronald O'Hanley  
CLUB: New York Yacht Club, USA  
CREW: Charlie Enright, Tim Dawson, Chris Welch, Ben Bardwell, Jan Majer, Kyle Martin, Karl Funk, John Hayes, Edward Cesare, Ronald O'Hanley, Simon Hunter, Scott Innes-Jones

An unknown quantity coming from New York Yacht Club to participate in their first Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Will be looking to compete with super-competitive TP52s including *Ichi Ban*.



**PROSPECTOR**  
SAIL NO: USA60669  
LOA: 21m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Mark Mills  
YEAR BUILT: 2008  
TYPE: Mills 68  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Shelter Island Transatlantic

Partners  
CLUB: Shelter Island Yacht Club, USA  
CREW: Terence Glackin (Skipper), James Quivey (Navigator), Matthew Landry, Dr Dave Siwicki, Artie Means, Quinn Tobin, Lucien Moore, Robert Mccarthy, Larry Landry, Paul McDowell, Andrew Wolf, Martin Roesch, Henry Little, Dave Scott, Scott Mras, Tim Keyworth, Stuart Macneil, Dennis Willette, Colette Storck

The *Prospector* team and family have been methodically ticking off our bucket list of some of the world's great ocean races including so far, the Transatlantic Race, Middle Sea, Fastnet, Pineapple Cup and Pac Cup. The team have been fortunate to finish on the podium more often than not, including winning overall and setting the course record in the Marblehead to Halifax race. "Many view the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race as the pinnacle in our sport and we figured we had to come and try out against the best so here we are!" Explained Paul McDowell. The team is unique in that there are four equal owners (Larry Landry, Paul McDowell, Dave Siwicki and Marty Roesch) and mostly sail with a Corinthian crew of friends. "While fun is always at the top of the agenda, we take it seriously and have the results to show for it. Our task is made immeasurably easier by our terrific boat which gives us the platform to excel in nearly any conditions. The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will be a serious test for us, but we feel up to the challenge," says McDowell.



**PYR JARHEAD WOTEVA**  
SAIL NO: 6953  
LOA: 15.9m  
DIVISION: PHS  
DESIGNER: Nelson Marek  
YEAR BUILT: 2001  
TYPE: TP52  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 4  
CHARTERER: Performance Yacht Racing  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Alec Kelly, Cathal Leigh-Doyle, Ciaran Dwyer, Daniel Fenech, David Dyer, George Johnstone (3), Greg Nasmyth, Huw Evans, Jenny Ahlin, Johan Sahl, Johan Stenhoff, Philippe Falle, Richard Cashmore and Richard Nicholson.

*Pyr Jarhead Woteva* has been chartered by UK Race Charter Business Performance Yacht Racing for the third year and is sailed by a team of sailors based in Malta. *PYR* offers individuals opportunities to take part in races around the world on competitive yachts, as well as whole yacht charters, with crew kept paying amateurs with a varied mix of ability from around the world. Previously sailed as *WOT YOT/WOT EVA*, finishing the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart as 49th for line honours and fifth in overall PHS, third in Div. 1.



**QUETZALCOATL**  
SAIL NO: 2001  
LOA: 12.33m  
DIVISION: PHS/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Don Jones  
YEAR BUILT: 2001  
TYPE: Jones 40  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 6  
OWNER: Anthony Bruce, James Lee-Warner/Antony Sweetapple  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Anto Sweetapple (11) (Skipper), Mark Ayto (6) (Navigator), Alexia Silver, Anthony Bruce (6), David Ulm (6), James Lee-Warner (8), Johannes Stark, Mark Bayles (1), Richard Hincks (5)

Owned by Anthony Bruce, James Lee Warner and Antony Sweetapple, *Quetzalcoatl* has competed competitively over the past 17 years. 2011 was a particularly good year for her - finishing first in PHS in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. In the 2014 Sydney Hobart *Quetzalcoatl* Divisions, in 2016 2nd PHS and 5th Corinthian. She will once again race in that division, so she could prove the one to beat. Has also had success outside the race south where in 2011 she won the Sydney Newcastle and Lord Howe Island Yacht Race in the PHS division.



**RAGAMUFFIN**  
SAIL NO: AU570  
LOA: 15.9m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
YEAR BUILT: 2005  
TYPE: TP52  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 7  
OWNER: Brenton Fischer  
CLUB: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW  
CREW: Brenton Fischer (3), Clynton Wade-Lehman (8) (Skipper), Chris Wild (3) (Navigator), Ben Kelly (1), Brian Harris, David Woodhead, Joe De Kock (1), John Bush

Brenton Fischer keeps the Fischer and *Ragamuffin* names alive in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart, having entered his legendary grandfather Syd's TP52, *Ragamuffin*. He missed the race last year but skipped the yacht in the 2015 and 2016 races. "I'm really looking forward to doing the race again. We'll be competitive - I'll pretty much have the same crew as last time, like Clinton

Wade-Lehmann. He's helping me put the boat and crew together," said the 34-year-old, whose Hobart debut was 2014 on his grandfather's super maxi, *Ragamuffin 100*. Last raced in 2016 for 49th overall, but the previous year were relegated from provisionally 2nd overall to 38th after colliding with *Ark32* at the start.



**RELISH IV**  
SAIL NO: 4337  
LOA: 13m  
DIVISION: Cruising  
DESIGNER: J&J Design  
YEAR BUILT: 1989  
TYPE: Elan 43  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 1  
OWNER: Leann Lynch  
CREW: Kalevi Kokkonen (Skipper), LeeAnn Lynch, Ari Halonen, Cren Beer, Michael Martin

*Relish IV* enters the Cruising Division with experience in a number of different environments. She has cruised the South Pacific and raced in Hog's Breath Café Mooloolaba/Airlie Beach in 1999 and 2001, albeit with a different crew.



**REVE**  
SAIL NO: 5930  
LOA: 14m  
DIVISION: PHS/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
YEAR BUILT: 1991  
TYPE: Beneteau 45 F5  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 2  
OWNER: Kevin Whelan  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Kevin Whelan (2) (Skipper/Navigator), David Watson, Judell Johnston (1), Manuel Varlet (1), Matthew Cameron (1), Simon Barrington (2), Michael Formosa (24), Sven Thorin, Philip Challis (3), Carl Striber (6)

*Reve* raced locally in Sydney in 1998/2002 and in 2002 set out for a worldwide cruising trip, sailing back in to Australian waters in 2011 after a complete H.L. Circumnavigation. Owner Kevin Whelan and his family saw the Barrier Reef, Indonesia, Africa, Spain, the Panama Canal and more. Placed PHS 11th overall in 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart and eighth in PHS overall last year. Warmed up for this race with the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, finishing 1st overall in PHS.



**SAIL EXCHANGE**  
SAIL NO: 7709  
LOA: 12m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
YEAR BUILT: 2000  
TYPE: Cookson 12  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 0  
OWNERS: Carl Crafoord/Tim Horkings  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Carl Crafoord (32) (Skipper/Navigator), Hugh Brodie (27), John Crockett (1), Tim Horkings (3), Steven Keane (13), Joseph O'Keefe (2), Richard Plain (2), Alan Sims (4), Drew Spring (4), Alan Turner (1)

This will be *Sail Exchange's* first trip south having been successfully raced as *About Time*. If the weather favours the smaller yachts, she has a good chance for a place on the podium. This will be four-time winner Carl Crafoord's first trip south on his own yacht and his excitement is palpable to say the least! "Yacht racing can be very cruel, so hopefully my experience in crew selection and yacht preparation will bear fruits," said Crafoord. The crew boasts significant Hobart experience who know how to push her hard and with several very fast and qualified competitors in her division they will need every bit of that and more. It will be a great battle to watch.



**SCALLYWAG**  
SAIL NO: HKG2276  
LOA: 30.5m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Andy Dovell (Aus)  
YEAR BUILT: 2014  
TYPE: 100ft Super Maxi  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 3  
OWNER: Seng Huang Lee  
CLUB: Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, HK  
CREW: Seng Huang Lee (1), David Witt (24) (Skipper), Meitatsu Fukumoto, Kenta Inaba, Ben Piggott (4), Trystan Seal, Nick Meyer, Scott Salter (1), Luke Parkinson (4), Ferdinand Galleta (3), Marcus Ashley-Jones (14), Phil Harmer (11), Pete Cumming, Annemieke Bes (2), Nick Cron (1), Tom Clout (4), Jack Macartney (7), Jack Chen, Miles Seddon, Matt Pearce (20)

"When things get hard, they just work harder. It's one of the things that makes us (David Witt and Seng Huang Lee) proud of the team. The ethos of a *Scallywag*: endure, adapt, excel, and to

never give up," said Witt. "But at the end of the day, we are just a bunch of mates sailing together with an ever-growing *Scallywag* family from all over the globe. And we're excited to take on the race by storm." The goal for the owner and the team is raising and promoting competitive sailing in Asia, while building a long-lasting youth sailing legacy in Hong Kong in conjunction with the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. The team has made history by being the first ever Hong Kong entry into the Volvo Ocean Race (2017-18 edition), also winning Leg 4: Melbourne to Hong Kong for Hong Kong's debut stopover, as well as coming second place in Leg 6: Hong Kong to Auckland.


**SEAVENTUS MAHLIGAI**

SAIL NO: RUS1  
LOA: 14.3m  
DIVISION: PHS  
DESIGNER: Murray Burns Dovell  
YEAR BUILT: 1997  
TYPE: Sydney 46  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 9  
OWNERS: Murray Owen and Jenny Kings  
CLUB: Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, NZ  
CREW: Murray Owen (1) (Skipper/Navigator), Alexander Koltsov (2), Alexander Sarychev, Alexander Vodovatov, Alexey Gumenny, Anatolii Tepliakov, Anton Shesterrikov, Anton Titorenko (2), Artem Gazarov (2), Igor Sukov, Oleg Nikolaychuk, Vladimir Chirkov (2)

Designed by Murray Burns Dovell, *SeaVentus Mahligai* is a Sydney 46. This year will be her 10th RSHYR. Notable results include a divisional win in the CYCA Blue Water Pointscore in the 2011-12 season and divisional wins in the RSHYR in 2011 and 2015. This year's race will be the third time that *SeaVentus Mahligai* will have raced with a Russian team.


**SHOWTIME**

SAIL NO: 8338  
LOA: 12.2m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Ker Yacht Design  
YEAR BUILT: 2011  
TYPE: Ker 40  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 1  
OWNER: Mark Griffith  
CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Mark Griffith (Skipper), Adam Janczyk, Angélique Kear, Ashley Rose, Chris Way, David Elliott, David Taylor, John Rae, Robert Buchanan

*Showtime* has undergone a comprehensive optimisation program over the last year. This includes a deeper lighter keel, longer sprit and enhanced sail wardrobe. Results so far have exceeded expectations, with a seventh overall IRC in the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race.


**SMUGGLER**

SAIL NO: 421  
LOA: 14m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCI  
DESIGNER: Simon Rogers  
YEAR BUILT: 2007  
TYPE: Rogers 46  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 9  
OWNER: Sebastian Bohm  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Sebastian Bohm (5) (Skipper), Stuart Grice (4) (Navigator), Ashley Major (8), Damien Goff (8), Elizabeth Borberg (2), Nick Armstrong (5), Peter Jenkins (3), Peter Tarimo (12), Sam Price (12), Steve Taylor (3)

*Smuggler* is a Rogers 46 racing yacht based in Sydney at the CYCA. The boat has competed in just about every race on offer at the CYCA and beyond in the past three years and is owned by Sebastian Bohm. In fine form entering this race, recently winning the PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race on IRC, ORCI and PHS. Also doing very well in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race with a sixth overall on IRC and fourth overall on ORCI. "The *Smuggler* ocean crew and shore crew are totally pumped and ready to take on the greatest race in the world again. Coming off the back of our PONANT Sydney Noumea win and our sixth overall in last year's Hobart, we are ready to take on another big ocean race and will be launching as hard as we can!" said Bohm.


**SPORTS BAR**

SAIL NO: 6396  
LOA: 14.3m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
YEAR BUILT: 2003  
TYPE: Beneteau 47.7  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 0  
OWNER: Neville Blair  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of

Australia, NSW  
CREW: Neville Blair (Skipper), Greg Mason (Co-Navigator), David Stenhouse (Co-Navigator), Adam Angus, Angus Hilton, Chris Latham, Clifford Fairbrass (1), Gary Dent, Mike Monahan, Paul Krekelberg

Winner of the 2014 Sydney Cup and recently refurbished from the keel up, *Sports Bar* and the team are excited to be competing in the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore Series including the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Competed in the 2018 CYCA Winter Series and the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, retiring on the trip north due to a damaged mainsail.


**ST JUDE**

SAIL NO: 6686  
LOA: 14.2m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCI  
DESIGNER: Murray Burns & Dovell  
YEAR BUILT: 2007  
TYPE: Sydney 47  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 10  
OWNER: Noel Cornish  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Noel Cornish (11) (Skipper), Steve Kidson (6) (Navigator), Edwin Wray, Geoff Cropley (20), Mish Ivaneza (8), Nicole Butcher (3), Paddy Bannon (5), Peter Messenger (28), Ron Jacobs (22), Stuart Holdsworth (18), Tim Meyrick (3), Tom Vincent

CYCA Vice Commodore Noel Cornish AM has done every Hobart race since 2008 in his Sydney 47. Over the years he and his team have made good progress with the yacht and been able to consistently work it up the rankings. Most recently he and his team claimed the Overall Win in the Cabbage Tree Island Race, where they were placed first in not only IRC, but also ORCI and PHS divisions as well. Looking to the start on Boxing Day, Cornish explains; "We like to have conditions that are more of an all-round nature. The boat goes well when it's on the wind, so we hope to see a range of conditions in this year's race". St Jude has been a consistent performer in all major offshore races and her experienced crew will ensure she places well amongst her division which will put them in good standing for a great overall series result.


**STICKY**

SAIL NO: A164  
LOA: 11.5m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCI/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: J&J  
YEAR BUILT: 2012  
TYPE: Salona 38  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 1  
OWNER: Richard Harris  
CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW  
CREW: Richard Harris (2) (Skipper), Mike Selbie (1) (Navigator), Reece Goldsmith (4), Anthony Jurd, Chris Bennett, David Thomas (18), Gregg Kläebe (1), Hans Neumann (5), Mark Hellyer (1)

Six-year-old *Sticky*, at just 11.5m, is one of the smaller boats in the fleet and has competed in one Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. In 2016 she finished 28th overall on IRC, seventh in Div. 4 IRC. Competed in the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race, finishing 12th on IRC and second in her division.


**TEASING MACHINE**

SAIL NO: FRA8668  
LOA: 16m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCI  
DESIGNER: Nivel/Muratet  
YEAR BUILT: 2017  
TYPE: NMYD 54  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Eric De Turckheim  
CLUB: Royal Ocean Racing Club, UK  
CREW: Eric De Turckheim (1), Francois Duguet (1), Jeremie Beyou (1), Emmanuel Supiot (1), Jerome Teillet (1), Alexandre Pallu (2), Laurent Pages (1), Tony Brochet (1), Jean Luc Nelias, Gabriele Olivo (3), Bertrand Castelnérac (1), Alexandre De Girval

Launched in July 2017 and has already had success in the 2017 Rolex Middle Sea Race, as its class winner and third overall. Also, did well in the 2017 RORC Transatlantic Race, as class and overall winner. Owner Eric de Turckheim isn't a stranger to the race, completing his maiden Sydney Hobart in 2015, sailing his Archambault 13 of the same name to 10th overall.


**TRITON**

SAIL NO: 6377  
LOA: 18.3m

DIVISION: IRC/ORCI/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Lyons/Cawse  
YEAR BUILT: 2004  
TYPE: Lyons 60  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 4  
OWNERS: Michael Cranitch and David Gotze  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: David Gotze (7), Jack Goluzd (34), Tony Lobb (7), Richard Grimes (28), Matt Hayes (17), Ian Walker (34), Declan Brennan (15), Matt Wenke (10), Ken Swiney (10), Paul Morish (3), Louis Blateau (2), Tony Ellis (50), Adam Schlipalius (2), Alan Beacham (3), Andrew Simpson (7), Kyle Dodds (2), Ian Douglas (7)

On her fourth trip south, the first two resulting in retirements, she was 61st overall in 2016 and 25th last year. Beginning life as *Vanguard* for well-known CYCA member Dick Cawse, the current owners David Gotze and Michael Cranitch have undertaken major modifications since purchased. New keel and rudder together with a new sail wardrobe have seen her become a consistent performer in the offshore scene. Tony Ellis will be competing in his 51st Sydney Hobart race equalling Tony Cable's record for most number of races sailed (Cable will be crew this year on the Radio Relay Vessel, his 52nd voyage south).


**TRUMPCARD**

SAIL NO: 1986  
LOA: 13.3m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Van de Stadt  
YEAR BUILT: 1985  
TYPE: Agari  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 2  
OWNER: Blake Boulton  
CLUB: Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, Qld  
CREW: Blake Boulton (Skipper), Nick Boulton (Navigator), Joshua Walker, Keiran Russell, Daniel Scanlan, Dustin Carlsson, James Wilson, Mick Holmes

*Trumpcard* is a former Tasmanian yacht constructed by Arthur Budd in 1985 of cold-moulded Mahogany. Whilst in southern waters, *Trumpcard* raced in several Melbourne to Hobart, Melbourne to Devonport and two Sydney Hobart Yacht Races. Since moving to Queensland, *Trumpcard* has completed several Brisbane to Gladstone, Brisbane to Keppel and Airlie Beach Race Weeks as well as enjoying regular cruising adventures. The crew of eight have sailed together for many years and includes two father and son combinations. "The crew are looking forward to the race day, the challenge of sailing south to Hobart and participating in the spectacle at the finish," says Boulton.


**TSA MANAGEMENT**

SAIL NO: MH60  
LOA: 11.8m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCI/OD  
DESIGNER: Murray Burns & Dovell  
YEAR BUILT: 2003  
TYPE: Sydney 38  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 13  
OWNER: Tony Levett  
CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW  
CREW: Tony Levett (14) (Skipper and Owner), Andrew Buckland (20) (Navigator), Joshua Croft, Nelly Poyuzan (0), Skye Paton, Stine Kaasmoen Aasru, Tony Stephens (1), Wes Batty (1), Robert Francis (9), Julius Raithel (1), Stine Kaasmoen Aasru, Thomas Dillon (1)

Well sailed having completed all but one Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race since 2004. Last year the boat also known as *Eleni* finished 36th overall and third in Division 3. Lined-up for the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race but retired due to battery issues.


**URM**

SAIL NO: AUS070  
LOA: 15.2m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCI  
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design  
YEAR BUILT: 1995  
TYPE: Farr 50  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 7  
OWNER: Emir Ruzdic  
CLUB: Sydney Flying Squadron, NSW  
CREW: Adrian Dunphy (17) (Skipper), Tim MacGillivray (11) (Navigator), Emir Ruzdic, Nigel Maitland (1), Peter Bremner (17), Rod Walton (23), Scott Alle (14), Tom Middleton (3), Scott Ashford

Skipped by Adrian Dunphy, a Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race regular, *URM* is a former *Ragamuffin*. The boat has notched a myriad podium finishes over the years, including a second and third overall in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Races when skippered by Syd Fischer. She has also won multiple CYCA Blue Water Pointscore series.


**VOODOO**

SAIL NO: AUS98888  
LOA: 19.2m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCI  
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh  
YEAR BUILT: 2008  
TYPE: Reichel Pugh 63  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 3  
OWNER: Hugh Ellis  
CLUB: Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, Vic  
CREW: Hugh Ellis (2) (Skipper), Adrienne Cahalan (26) (Navigator), David Allen (6) (Sailing Master), Simon Cunningham (16), Julian Freeman (28), Andrew Coutts, Aaron Cole (16), Nicolas Partridge (18), Tim Bold (18), Duncan McLeod (23), Tim Grant, Peter Geddes (9), Lucas Geddes, Richard Jaroszczuk (2), Mark Carter (1)

Hugh Ellis found *Voodoo* for sale in San Diego whilst looking to step up into a big boat. She had been raced in the US as a predominantly downwind racer having recently completed the Transpac. They wanted to get her back in time for the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race but the shipping schedules from the U.S. didn't align. The crew put their hands up and she was sailed back from the US via Tahiti and Fiji. The delivery was a good way to sort out any bugs and once back in Australia did a lot of work including stripping and rebuilding the mast and rigging. North Sails have worked closely, and the team are very happy with the sail set up. "All the guys are really invested in the program and we've all enjoyed the journey. There is a lot of experience on the boat and we are learning more every time we go out. A 'typical' Hobart with some heavy upwind work would suit *Voodoo*. Hoping for a quick trip," said owner/skipper Hugh Ellis.


**WAX LYRICAL**

SAIL NO: 248  
LOA: 15.2m  
DIVISION: PHS/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: N. Jeppesen  
YEAR BUILT: 2011  
TYPE: X 50  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 4  
OWNER: Les Goodridge  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Les Goodridge (8) (Skipper/Navigator), Tubby Smith (21), Dinah Eagle (10), Jules Owens (5), Louise Stevenson (11), Eddie Griffith (3), Francesca Leverkus, Chris Blogg (5), Eric Sparkes

*Wax Lyrical* is a Danish design X 50 cruiser/racer, built for owner Les Goodridge who previously owned and raced the famous timber eight-metre Erica J. Most of the crew have sailed together for some years, with a small sprinkling of youth. *Wax Lyrical* aims to take a Youth Sailing Academy member on their first Hobart each year and encourages women in sailing with girls comprising around half the regular crew. A Corinthian team, they finished last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart in eighth on PHS and the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in fifth place.


**WEDDELL**

SAIL NO: ITA3956  
LOA: 24m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCI  
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)  
YEAR BUILT: 1996  
TYPE: Grand Mistral 80  
NUMBER OF RSHYRS: 1  
OWNER: Afanasy Isaev  
CLUB: Racing Club Old Salts  
CREW: Afanasy Isaev (Skipper), Andrey Bratan, Ilya Umanskiy, Andrey Umanskiy, Maxim Abakumov, Roman Melkonyants, Aleksandr Martemianov, Aleksandrs Oskins, Tomas Lamanauks, Vladimir Kulinichenko, Oliver Grant, Iurii Sidorov, Sergey Smirnov

*Weddell*, originally built for racing in a one-design fleet around the world, is one of the more luxurious yachts in the fleet. A no-expense-spared Grand Mistral owned by Afanasy Isaev, from Krasnoyarsk in Russia. The Farr-designed Grand Mistral has sailed all the oceans, including taking part in the 2015 Rolex Middle Sea Race (finished 33rd overall from 99 entries) and the ARC. Sailed her first Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 2017, finishing 76th overall.


**WILD OATS X**

SAIL NO: AUS7001  
LOA: 20m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCI  
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh  
YEAR BUILT: 2004  
TYPE: Reichel/Pugh 66  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 1  
OWNER: The Oatley family  
CLUB: Hamilton Island Yacht Club, Qld  
CREW: S. Jackson (1) (Skipper), D Caffari (1), L. Greenhalgh (1), C. Brouwer (1), K. Spithill, B. Cook, S.

## BOAT NOTES

Cafer (15), V. Dudley (22) J. Cole (7), K. McMasters (3), S. Ciszek (5) F. Rosenberg, K. Pettibone (2)

An all-woman crew with the large majority having raced in the recent Volvo Ocean Race. It's just her second Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race; but is no stranger to action. Third in the Audi Hamilton Island Race Week 2010, second in Audi Sydney to Southport 2010, winner of Hamilton Island Race week 2005, line honours Sydney to Southport 2007 and 2005 and more. Finished last year's Race in 11th overall and fourth in her Division. Will no doubt be there, or thereabouts this year. In 2006 Dee Caffari became the first woman to sail single-handed around the world "the wrong way", westward against the prevailing wind and currents.



**WINGS**  
SAIL NO: 07  
LOA: 14m  
DIVISION: IRC/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk  
YEAR BUILT: 2017  
TYPE: Dehler 46  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Ian Edwards  
CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW and Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay, NSW  
CREW: Ian Edwards (Skipper), David Hirsch (Navigator), David Cunningham (9), Mark Siebert, Fabio Alfonsin (1), James Whittle (4), Mick DiMunno, Stephen Prince (4), Peter Mactier, Colin Harris

*Wings* is a new Dehler 46 launched November 2017 for Lindy and Ian Edwards, replacing Beneteau First 40.7 *FireFly* which has been sailing regularly at RPAYC and RMYCBB. Competed in the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race, finishing in sixth on line honours, second on IRC in Division 2, and PHS 2nd overall. The crew enjoys sailing together, the journey, sailing as fast as they can and, in longer offshore races, ensuring they have the best boat food! Ian says that "Competing in this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will round out a great year of sailing for *Wings* and the team". After just returning from a 5800nm journey starting with the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race, followed by the Groupama Around New Caledonia Race, race weeks at Airlie, Hamilton and Magnetic Islands and some enjoyable cruising for Lindy and Ian, they are eager to keep the momentum going.

**WILD OATS XI**

SAIL NO: AUS10001  
LOA: 30m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh  
YEAR BUILT: 2005  
TYPE: Reichel/Pugh 100  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 13  
OWNER: The Oatley family  
CLUB: Hamilton Island Yacht Club, Qld  
CREW: Mark Richards (16) (Skipper), Juan Vila (5) (Navigator), Matthew Mason (10), Matthew Shillington (23), Nathan Ellis (13), Paul Magee (11), Robbie Naismith (23), Rodney Daniel (17), Sam Newton (6), Steve Jarvin (30), Steve Quigley (6), Tim Wiseman (13), Chris Links (25), Carlo Huisman (2), Cameron Baillie (6), Daniel Oatley (1), Glenn Bourke, Graeme Taylor (22), Iain Murray (24), Josh Whittaker (16)

Has one of the great CVs in the 74-year history of the great race south. Eight line-honours titles (including two race records) and two overall victories, once again will be amongst the favourites especially in the line honours duel. The past three years have not been kind to her having retired in both 2015 and 2016 and then last year was penalised out of the race record and line honours after an incident at Sydney Heads. She will have plenty to prove this year with the majority of her strong crew returning to try to write another piece of Sydney Hobart Yacht Race history. "I have a very good feeling about this year's race from the team perspective. We have a great team of people both on the boat and shore crew and in particular, The Oatley Family," said Richards.



**WINNING APPLIANCES**  
SAIL NO: AUS01  
LOA: 18.3m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Shaun Carkeek  
YEAR BUILT: 2013  
TYPE: Carkeek 60  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 2  
SKIPPER: John Winning Jr.  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: John Winning Jr (2) (Skipper), Douglas McGain (13), Troy Tindill (10), Pete Calligeros (17), Justin Schaffer, Hamish Roughley (8), John Winning, Seve Jarvin (2), Tom Woodcock (5), Tom Spithill (3), Peter Dean

Built in Dubai and arriving in Australia in November 2017, Matt Allen's *Ichi Ban* Carkeek 60 has been loaned to John Winning Junior and Senior, hence the renaming to the family business. "It's a group of friends and family sailing in memory of the 1998 race," Winning Jr says. "It'll be the first and probably only time we'll get the chance to do the race together." The crew will include Tommy Spithill and Seve Jarvin whose brother and father respectively are sailing on super maxis. Since 2005 Winning Sr has loaned his motor cruiser JBW to the CYCA for use as the Radio Relay Vessel.



**WOTS NEXT**  
SAIL NO: 6559  
LOA: 14.3m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian  
DESIGNER: Murray Burns & Dovell  
YEAR BUILT: 2005  
TYPE: Sydney 47  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 4  
OWNER: Charles Cupit  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Charles Cupit (1) (Skipper), Bill Sykes (29) (Navigator), Catherine Jordan, Glenn Wallace (4), Jonathan Allatt (5), Jon Barber (3), Shaun James (3), Stephen Hosking (1)

*Wots Next* was purchased last year by Charles Cupit and returned to Sydney from Tasmania. The Sydney 47 has a strong offshore history and sailed in the 2017 BWPS series. Took part in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, but retired due to broken rudder bearings. Finished the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in 28th on line honours and 29th overall.



**YEAH BABY**  
SAIL NO: A5  
LOA: 15.2m  
DIVISION: IRC  
DESIGNER: Hugh Welbourn  
YEAR BUILT: 2000  
TYPE: Welbourn 50  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 4  
OWNERS: Louis Ryckmanns and Marc Ryckmanns  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Marc Ryckmanns (9) (Skipper/

Navigator), Campbell Geeves (9), David Ward, Louis Ryckmanns (9), Luca Antonini (4), Maïke Muth (2), Mark Dorling, Matthew Daniels, Nick Stansell, Ola Strand Anderson, Shaun Bennett, Todd Shardlow

Marc and Louis Ryckmanns' latest *Yeah Baby* is powered by a crew that has been sailing together for many years, with eight Hobart campaigns behind them and eight Sydney Gold Coast Races. Their yacht, the former *Heaven Can Wait*, finished the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart in 27th position on IRC and fourth in her division



**ZEN**  
SAIL NO: 52001  
LOA: 15.9m  
DIVISION: IRC/ORCi  
DESIGNER: Botin  
YEAR BUILT: 2011  
TYPE: TP52  
NUMBER OF RSHYR: 0  
OWNER: Gordon Ketelbey  
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW  
CREW: Gordon Ketelbey (11) (Skipper and Owner), Tom Barker (12) (Navigator), Shane Guanaria (11), Tim Austin (4), Edward Snowball (1), Frank O'Leary (6), Mark Edmonds (3), Ben Austin (1), Sean Kirkjian (22), Joe Bottomly (1), Jonathon Swain (4), Daniel Williams (6), Mark Langford (1)

Gordon Ketelbey has been racing Zens for years, however this TP52 is a change from the Sydney 38 and Farr40 which he has been campaigning in the past. Ketelbey has raced extensively in major races out of Sydney and Victoria which he will be looking to be able to compete in again with the new incarnation. The boat has been recently acquired after racing on the TP52 Super Series for many years and has undergone many modifications to make sure it is up to the challenge of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. "About half the TP52 crew are from my Farr 40, the others being some very good sailors. Our aim for Hobart is of course to win and having competitors such as *Ichi Ban* is going to be a big hurdle; but who knows," said Ketelbey.

# Crowning Achievements

Winning the Rolex Sydney Hobart is often referred to as the pinnacle of an offshore sailor's career. Each year the race produces two major winners from the fleet - line honours (first across the finish line) and overall winner (first on corrected time). The prizes awarded are a personal reminder of an exceptional triumph.



## OVERALL WINNER

Determined by the application of a time-correction handicap system to the IRC fleet. The overall winner is awarded with both the George Adams Tattersall Cup and a Rolex Yacht-Master timepiece.

The Tattersall Cup is the most significant and historic perpetual trophy awarded in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and was presented in 1946 by the Executors of the Estate of the late George Adams, the founder of Tattersall Lotteries in Hobart. The name of the 1945 winner was added retrospectively.

Having begun life in Australia as a penniless immigrant, George Adams learned early the lessons of fair play and the level playing field. That a trophy bearing his name would come to acknowledge the bluewater battlers of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race seemed fitting and appropriate.

The George Adams Tattersall Cup was first presented to the handicap winner of the second Sydney Hobart in 1946, but Rani, the original race winner's name, was later engraved on the plinth.

The overall winning skipper is also presented with a Rolex Yacht-Master 40 from the race's major sponsor. Rolex has forged a privileged relationship with yachting out of a natural affinity with this dynamic sport and its time-honoured values. The Yacht-Master embodies the spirit of the sailor and is inspired by the rich heritage that has bound Rolex to the world of sailing since the 1950s.

Today, Rolex has deep-rooted ties with the most prestigious yacht clubs, institutions and regattas in the world, sharing the highest standards of excellence with the custodians of yachting's finest spirit.

## LINE HONOURS

The John H. Illingworth Challenge Cup is awarded to the line honours winner - the first boat to cross the line in Hobart. It is generally won by the one of the larger maxi boats in the fleet, which have a speed advantage over those with shorter hulls.

The Race's major sponsor, Rolex, also awards the line honours-winning skipper with the Yacht-Master II - a unique regatta chronograph dedicated to both yachting enthusiasts and experienced sailors.

The Yacht-Master II features an exclusive function developed by Rolex, a programmable countdown with a mechanical measurement that can be synchronized on the fly. A function that responds ideally to the need for precise timing during the crucial starting sequence of a regatta.

The full list of trophies and cups on offer in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race are as follows:

- The George Adams Tattersall Cup** - for the overall winner on handicap
- Bill Owen Memorial Trophy** - for the navigator of the overall winner on handicap
- Alan Payne Memorial Trophy** - for the designer of the overall winner on handicap
- John H. Illingworth Challenge Cup** - for the line honours boat
- Jack Rooklyn Memorial Trophy** - for the first yacht out of Sydney Heads
- F & J Livingstone Trophy** - for the first yacht due south of Tasman Island
- Charleston Trophy** - for the winner of the ORCi Handicap Category
- RANSA Trophy** - for the winner of the PHS Handicap Category
- York Family Corinthian Trophy** - for the winner of the Corinthian Division
- Jane Tate Memorial Trophy** - for the first female skipper
- Apollo Trophy** - for the first yacht under 18.5 metres to finish
- Plum Crazy Trophy** - for the first yacht under 9.5 metres to finish
- City of Hobart Trophy** - for the Navigator of the first Tasmanian yacht on handicap
- Polish Trophy** - for the yacht that travels the furthest to compete in the race
- Adrienne Cahalan Trophy** - for female sailors who have competed in 20 Sydney Hobart Yacht Races.
- Ichi Ban Trophy** - to be presented for the first time this year, the Ichi Ban Trophy recognises all conventionally ballasted and open race record holders since the race began in 1945.

## SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE

# Race Stats & Facts

The info you need to know ahead of - and during - this year's race

**NUMBER OF SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACES CONDUCTED BY THE CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA SINCE 1945:** 73. 2018 will be the 74th.

**NUMBER OF YACHTS TO HAVE COMPETED:** 1945-2017: 6,018 (4993 completed the race, 1025 retired or were disqualified).

**ESTIMATED TOTAL CREW TO HAVE COMPETED:** About 60,180 between 1945 and 2017.

**LARGEST FLEETS:** 371 starters in the 50th race in 1994 (309 finished); 179 starters in 1985 (145 finished); 151 starters in 1984 (46 finished), 117 in 2014 (103 finished).

**SMALLEST FLEET:** Nine starters in the inaugural Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 1945.

**LARGEST NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES:** In 2015 there were 27, including the 12 Clipper Round the World Race yachts. In the record entry of 371 yachts in the 50th in 1994, there were 24 internationals.

**FIRST RACE WINNER:** Rani, Captain John Illingworth RN (UK). Design: Barber 35' cutter.

**LAST YEAR'S WINNER - IRC OVERALL:** Matt Allen's Ichi Ban.

**LAST YEAR'S LINE HONOURS:** Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant's LDV Comanche, in a record time of 1 day 9 hours 15 minutes and 24 seconds.

**RACE RECORD - OPEN:** 1 day 9 hours 15 minutes and 24 seconds, set by Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant's LDV Comanche (Aus) set in 2017

**RACE RECORD - CONVENTIONALLY BALLASTED:** 1 day 19 hours 10 minutes and 20 seconds, set by Matt Allen's Ichi Ban (Aus) in 2017

**SLOWEST RACE ON ELAPSED TIME:** Wayfarer, 1945, 11 days 6 hours 20 minutes; Skipper: Peter Luke, NSW.

**SLOWEST RACE ON CORRECTED TIME:** Wayfarer, 1945; 7d 19h 43m; Skipper: Peter Luke, NSW

**CLOSEST FINISH FOR LINE HONOURS:** 1982 - Condor of Bermuda (BER) beat Apollo (NSW) by seven seconds

**RECORD RACES BY AN INDIVIDUAL:** Tony Cable (NSW) holds the record for the most races sailed by an individual, by sailing his 51st race aboard Duende in 2016. Racing aboard Getaway-sailing.com in 2008, Cable broke the 44 race record held by the late John Bennetto (Tas) set in 2004. This was equalled by Lou Abrahams (Vic) in 2007. Tony Ellis (NSW) reached the 50 milestone in 2017.

Retiring from competitive racing mid-2016, Syd Fischer reached 47 races in 2015. Bill Ratcliff and Colin Wildman, from NSW, have competed in 48 races each (Wildman aboard the Radio Relay Vessel since 2005), Bruce Gould (NSW) has attained 45 races (aboard the Radio Relay vessel from 2010-2015). CYCA Life Member David Kellett has attained 43 races, acting as Chief Radio Operator aboard the Radio Relay Vessel since 2000. The late Richard 'Sightie' Hammond (NSW) and Bernie Case (VIC) sailed 40 times. Hammond was the first person to attain 40 races (in 1998).

**MOST RACES COMPLETED IN A ROW:** Lindsay May 45 races from 1973-2016 (2017 on Kialoa II). Sailing aboard Brindabella in 2015, May equalled the 43 races Lou Abrahams sailed on his own yachts from 1965 until 2007.

**MOST RACES BY AN OWNER/SKIPPER:** Syd Fischer, 47 from 1962 to 2015. Lou Abrahams, 43 from 1965 to 2007

**RECORD RACES BY YACHTSMEN:** Up to and including 2016, 123 sailors have been recorded as having sailed in 25 or more races since 1945, with Adrienne Cahalan becoming the first woman to achieve this feat. Bradshaw Kellett became the youngest to sail 25 consecutively.

**FATHERS AND SONS TO COMPETE IN 25-PLUS RACES:** In 2013, Peter (dec.) and Mike Green became the first father/son pair to reach a milestone 35 Hobarts each. In 2015, Mike had done 37, Max (30, dec.) and Carl (30) Crafoord, Bernie (40) and Robert (31) Case. David (43 - incl. RRV since 2005) and Brad Kellett joined the group in 2016, as did Bruce (36) and Drew Taylor, the only father and son to sail all 25 together.

**YOUNGEST SKIPPERS:** The youngest skipper is Sean Kirkjian (17) who skippered his parents' yacht, Lady Ann (NSW), in the 1986 race with his mother, Ann, as navigator. In 1976, Ballyhoo and Apollo from NSW, finished first and second across the line, Ballyhoo was skippered by Jack Rooklyn and Apollo by his son, Warwick (19). Greg Prescott (Tas) skippered his father's yacht, Hotshot in 1980, aged 18. Liz Wardley (PNG), skippered her yacht, Dixie Chicken, in the 1998 race aged 19 and was one of the many who did not finish. In 2011, three 18-year-olds skippered yachts: Jessica Watson (Ella Bache), Peter Langman (Maluka of Kermadie) and Christopher Percy (Alacrity), the latter two under the guidance of their well-known sailing fathers, Sean and Matt.

**OLDEST SKIPPER:** In 2015 at 88, Syd Fischer became the oldest skipper to sail the race. In 2013, at 86, he equalled the record set by John Walker (Impeccable) in 2008, who retired after that race. Walker and Impeccable are the only owner/boat combination to compete in 25 races together. In 1999, aged 84, Alby Burgin skippered Alstar in his 32nd and last race. He won the race overall with Rival in 1961 and retired from active offshore racing in 2001.

**OLDEST SAILOR:** Syd Fischer (88 years, 2015).

**YOUNGEST SAILOR:** As a baby, Raud O'Brien did his first of some six Sydney Hobarts on his parents' Wraith of Odin (sic). As a veteran at three, Raud broke his arm when he fell off the companionway steps whilst feeding biscuits to the crew on watch. Quite a number of teenage boys and girls have sailed with their fathers and mothers, including Tasmanian Ken Gourlay's 14-year-old son who sailed on Kismet in 1957. A 12-year-old boy, Travis Foley, sailed in the fatal 1998 race aboard Aspect Computing, which won PHS overall.



CYCA Life Member Tony Cable has claimed a number of records in a stellar career.

## 25+ RACES

		Races	Wins	Line Honours
Lou	Abrahams (Dec)	44	2	
Erik	Adriaanse	28	1	2
Graeme	Ainley	25		
Matt	Allen	28	2	
Colin	Anderson	34	2	
Warren	Anderson	26		
Geoff	Barter	30		
Richard	Bearman	27		
Michael	Bellingham	26	1	
John	Benetto (Dec)	44	1	1
Colin	Betts	34	3	2
David	Blanchfield	30	1	
Hugh	Brodie	27	1	
Adam	Brown	31	3	1
Alby	Burgin (Dec)	31	1	
Robert	Burns	29	1	1
Alan	Butler (Dec)	26	3	1
Tony	Cable	51	2	1
Adrienne	Cahalan	26	2	6
Maurie	Cameron	32		
Ralph	Carlier	34		
Lew	Carter	27		
Bernard	Case	40		1
Robert	Case	32	1	
Bruce	Clarke	26	2	4
Michael	Coxon	30	1	5
Max	Crafoord (Dec)	30		3
Carl	Crafoord	32	4	
Stan	Darling (Dec)	27	5	2
Ian	Davis	26	2	
Noel	Drennan	32	2	3
Peter	Duffield	29		
Jim	Dunstan	26	1	
Phil	Eadie	35	3	2
Tony	Ellis	50	1	2
David	Ellis	28	2	3
Russell	Evans (Dec)	25		
Simon	Firth	27	1	
Syd	Fischer	47	1	2
Peter	Fletcher	31		
Bob	Fraser	28	1	2
Graeme	Fraser	29		
Graeme	Freeman (Dec)	27		4
Julian	Freeman	29	2	2
Jack	Goluzd	34	2	3
Bruce	Gould	46	2	2
Gavin	Gourley	31		
Mike	Green	39	3	1
Peter	Green (Dec)	35	1	
Robert	Green	25		
Steve	Grellis	27		
Richard	Grimes	28		
Josko	Grubic (Dec)	27		
Magnus	Halvorsen (Dec)	30	5	3
Richard	Hammond (Dec)	40	2	2
John	Harris	31	2	2
Tony	Header	32		3
Michael	Hesse	27	2	1
Roger	Hickman (Dec)	39	3	
David	Hodgson	28		5
Jim	Holley	25		
Peter	Hopkins	26		
Roger	Howlett	33		
Peter	Inchbold	31	1	
Rod	Jackman	30		
Bruce	Jackson	29		
Kim	Jaggar	32		
Larry	Jamieson	32	2	1
Steve	Jarvin	30	2	13
Greg	Johnston	27	1	1
Fraser	Johnston	34	2	
Peter	Joubert (Dec)	27		
Bradshaw	Kellett	26	1	1
David	Kellett	44	1	2
Tony	Kirby	33		
Peter	Kurts (Dec)	30	2	

		Races	Wins	Line Honours
Don	Lang (Dec)	32	1	
Sean	Langman	27		
David	Lawson (Dec)	33		1
Lindsay	May	45	3	1
Peter	Messenger	28	4	
Don	Mickleborough (Dec)	34		1
Rolf	Mische (Dec)	27		1
Albert	Mitchell	30	2	
Phil	Molony	27		
John	Mooney	27		
Robert	Moore	29		
Lester	Nibbs	30		
Richard	Norman	35	2	
Des	O'Connell (Dec)	27		
Colin	O'Connor	26		
Hugh	O'Niell	25		
Damien	Parkes	30		1
James	Permezel	31		
Kingsley	Piesse	35		
Tony	Poole	25		
Ian	Potter	30		1
Greg	Prescott	27		
Ed	Psaltis	36	1	
Jeremy	Rae	25	1	1
Bill	Ratcliff	49		
Toby	Richardson	25	3	3
Bill	Riley	25		
Geoff	Rouvray	33		
Sven	Runow	27	4	7
Darren	Senogles	26	2	2
Peter	Sheldrick	26	1	1
Peter	Shipway	31	2	5
George	Snow	25	1	2
John	Solomon	29		
Michael	Spies	41	1	1
Bill	Sykes	29	1	
Andrew	Taylor	26		
Bruce	Taylor	37		
Bob	Thomas	26	1	
T.W.(Bill)	Thompson (Dec)	28		2
Colin	Tipney	34	1	2
Ian	Treharne	25		
Hugh	Treharne	28	2	
Hugo	van Kretschmar	25		3
John	Walker (Dec)	25		
Ian (Barney)	Walker	30	3	3
Grant	Wharrington	26		1
Bill	Watson (Dec)	26		3
Colin	Wildman	49	1	1
John	Williams	26		
John	Woodford	31	1	1

## WOMEN - 10+ RACES

		Races	Wins	Line Honours
Audrey	Brown	12		
Adrienne	Cahalan	26	2	6
Sue	Crafer	15		
Vanessa	Dudley	22		
Dinah	Eagle	10		
Sally	Gordon (Dec)	15	1	
Kerry	Gouge	10		
Gail	Harland	21	1	
Julie	Hodder	12		
Mary	Holley	16		
Jan	Howard	14		
Stacey	Jackson	11		1
Cathy	Josling	11		
Annie	Lawrence	13		
Lee	Meyer	10		
Felicity	Nelson	23		
Louise	Stevenson	12		
Wendy	Tuck	11		
Amanda	Wilmot	12		

These statistics have been compiled based on the records of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, CYCA Members the late Alan Campbell, Peter Campbell, Tony Cable, Di Pearson, David Kellett and others.

# WINNERS 1945 - 2017

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Year	Overall Winner	Designer	Fleet	Line Honours	Designer	Elapsed Time (Line Honours)
1945	RANI, Capt John Illingworth, UK	A.C.Barber, NSW	9	*RANI, Capt John Illingworth, UK	Arthur Barber, NSW	6:14:22:00
1946	CHRISTINA, J.R.Bull, NSW	Lars Halvorsen, NSW	19	*MORNA, Claude Plowman, NSW	William Fife, UK	5:02:53:33
1947	WESTWARD, G.D.Gibson, Tas	Jock Muir, Tas	28	MORNA, Claude Plowman, NSW	William Fife, UK	5:03:03:54
1948	WESTWARD, G.D.Gibson, Tas	Jock Muir, Tas	18	*MORNA, Claude Plowman, NSW	William Fife, UK	4:05:01:21
1949	TRADEWINDS, Merv Davey, NSW	Mervyn Davey, NSW	15	WALTZING MATILDA, Phil Davenport, NSW	Jock Muir, Tasmania	5:10:33:10
1950	NERIDA, Colin Haselgrove, SA	Alfred Mylne, Scotland	16	MARGARET RINTOUL, A.W.Edwards, NSW	Phillip Rhodes, USA	5:05:28:35
1951	STRUEN MARIE, Tom Williamson, NSW	Robert Clark, UK	14	*MARGARET RINTOUL, A.W.Edwards, NSW	Phillip Rhodes, USA	4:02:29:01
1952	INGRID, J.S.Taylor, SA	Bill Atkin, USA	17	NOCTURNE, J.R.Bull, NSW	Alan Payne, NSW	6:02:34:47
1953	RIPPLE, Ron Hobson, NSW	A.C.Barber, NSW	24	SOLVEIG, Trygve & Magnus Halvorsen, NSW*	Trygve Halvorsen, NSW	5:07:12:50
1954	SOLVEIG, Trygve & Magnus Halvorsen, NSW	Trygve Halvorsen, NSW	17	KURREWA IV, F.& J.Livingston, NSW/Vic	William Fife, UK	5:06:09:47
1955	MOONBL, H.S.Evans, NSW	John Alden, USA	17	EVEN, F.J.Palmer, NSW	J.Laurent Giles, UK	4:18:13:14
1956	SOLO, Vic Meyer, NSW	Alan Payne, NSW	28	KURREWA IV, F.& J.Livingston, NSW/Vic	William Fife, UK	4:04:31:44
1957	ANITRA V, Trygve & Magnus Halvorsen, NSW	Trygve Halvorsen, NSW	20	*KURREWA IV, F.& J.Livingston, NSW/Vic	William Fife, UK	3:18:30:39
1958	SIANDRA, Graham Newland, NSW	Arthur Robb, England	22	SOLO, Vic Meyer, NSW	Alan Payne, NSW	5:02:32:52
1959	CHERANA, Russ Williams, NSW	Alan Payne, NSW	30	SOLO, Vic Meyer, NSW	Alan Payne, NSW	4:13:33:12
1960	SIANDRA, Graham Newland, NSW	Arthur Robb, England	32	KURREWA IV, F.& J.Livingston, NSW/Vic	William Fife, UK	4:08:11:15
1961	RIVAL, Alby Burgin & N. Rundie, NSW	Alan Buchanan, England	35	ASTOR, Peter Warner, NSW	William Fife, UK	4:04:42:11
1962	SOLO, Vic Meyer, NSW	Alan Payne, NSW	42	*ONDINE, S.A. ("Huey") Long, USA	Bill Tripp, USA	3:03:46:16
1963	FREYA, Trygve & Magnus Halvorsen, NSW	Trygve Halvorsen, NSW	44	ASTOR, Peter Warner, NSW	William Fife, UK	4:10:53:00
1964	FREYA, Trygve & Magnus Halvorsen, NSW	Trygve Halvorsen, NSW	38	ASTOR, Peter Warner, NSW	William Fife, UK	3:20:05:05
1965	FREYA, Trygve & Magnus Halvorsen, NSW	Trygve Halvorsen, NSW	53	STORMVOGELC.Brynzeel, South Africa	Vanderstadt, Holland	3:20:30:09
1966	CADENCE, H.S.Mason, NSW	W.Ward/R.Swanson, NSW	46	FIDELIS, J.V.Davern, New Zealand	Knud Reimers, Germany	4:08:39:43
1967	RAINBOW II, Chris Bouzaid, New Zealand	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	67	PEN DUICK III, Eric Tabarly, France	Eric Tabarly, France	4:04:10:31
1968	KOOMOLOO, Denis O'Neil, NSW	T.Kaufman & B.Miller (Lexcen), NSW	67	ONDINE II, S.A. ("Huey") Long, USA	Bill Tripp, USA	4:03:20:02
1969	MORNING CLOUD, Edward Heath, UK	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	79	CRUSADE, Sir Max Aitken, UK	Alan Gurney, UK	3:15:07:40
1970	PACHA, Sir Robert Crichton-Brown, NSW	Camper & Nicholson, UK	61	BUCCANEER, Tom Clark, NZL	John Spencer, New Zealand	3:14:06:12
1971	PATHFINDER, Brin Wilson, NZ	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	79	KIALOA II, Jim Kilroy, USA	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	3:12:46:21
1972	AMERICAN EAGLE, Ted Turner, USA	Bill Luders, USA	79	AMERICAN EAGLE, Ted Turner, USA	Bill Luders, USA	3:04:42:39
1973	CEIL III, Bill Turnbull, Hong Kong	Bob Miller (Ben Lexcen), NSW	92	*HELIAL, Tony Fisher, NSW	Joe Adams, NSW	3:01:32:09
1974	LOVE & WAR, Peter Kurts, NSW	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	63	ONDINE III, S.A. ("Huey") Long, USA	Britton Chance, USA	3:13:51:56
1975	RAMPAGE, Peter Packer, WA	Bob Miller (Ben Lexcen), NSW	102	*KIALOA III, Jim Kilroy, USA	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	2:14:36:56
1976	PICCOLO, John Pickles, NSW	Bruce Farr, NZL	85	BALLYHOO, Jack Rooklyn, NSW	Bob Miller, NSW	3:07:59:26
1977	KIALOA III, Jim Kilroy, USA	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	131	KIALOA III, Jim Kilroy, USA	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	3:10:14:09
1978	LOVE & WAR, Peter Kurts, NSW	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	97	APOLLO, Jack Rooklyn, NSW	Bob Miller, NSW	4:02:23:24
1979	SCREW LOOSE, Bob Cumming, Tas	Ron Holland, NZ/Ireland	147	BUMBLEBEE 4, John Kahlbetzer, NSW	German Frers, Argentina	3:10:45:52
1980	NEW ZEALAND, NZ Round the World Cmtee, NZL	Bruce Farr, NZL	102	NEW ZEALAND, NZ Round the World Cmtee, NZL	Bruce Farr, NZ/USA	2:18:45:41
1981	ZEUS II, Jim Dunstan, NSW	Peter Joubert, Victoria	159	VENGEANCE, Bernard Lewis, NSW	Rolly Tasker, WA	3:22:30:00
1982	SCALLYWAG, Ray Johnston, NSW	Bruce Farr, NZL	118	CONDOR OF BERMUDA, Bob Bell, Bermuda	John Sharp, UK	3:00:59:17
1983	CHALLENGE, Lou Abrahams, Vic	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	173	CONDOR, Bob Bell, Bermuda	Ron Holland, New Zealand	3:00:50:29
1984	INDIAN PACIFIC, John Eyles/Gunter Heuchmer, NSW	Bruce Farr, NZL	151	NEW ZEALAND, NZ Round the World Cmtee, NZL	Ron Holland, New Zealand	3:11:31:21
1985	#SAGACIOUS, Gary Appleby, NSW	Bruce Farr, NZL	179	APOLLO, Jack Rooklyn, NSW	Ben Lexcen (Bob Miller), NSW	3:04:32:28
1986	EX TENSION, Tony Dunn, NSW	Laurie Davidson, NZL	123	CONDOR, Bob Bell, Bermuda	Ron Holland, New Zealand	2:23:26:25
1987	SOVEREIGN, Bernard Lewis, NSW	David Pedrick, USA	154	SOVEREIGN, Bernard Lewis, NSW	David Pedrick, USA	2:21:58:08
1988	ILLUSION, Gino Knezic, Vic	Laurie Davidson, NZL	119	RAGAMUFFIN, Syd Fischer, NSW	German Frers, Argentina	3:15:29:07
1989	ULTIMATE CHALLENGE, Lou Abrahams, Vic	Ed Dubois, England	126	DRUMBEAT, Alan Bond, WA	David Pedrick, USA	3:06:21:34
1990	SAGACIOUS V, Gary Appleby, NSW	Bruce Farr, NZL	105	RAGAMUFFIN, Syd Fischer, NSW	German Frers, Argentina	2:21:05:33
1991	IOR: ATARA, Harold Cudmore/John Storey, Ireland	Bruce Farr, NZL	99	BRINDABELLA, George Snow, ACT	Bruce Farr, NZ/USA	3:01:14:19
1992	IMS: SHE'S APPLES, David Strong, NSW	John King, NSW				
1992	IOR: RAGAMUFFIN, Syd Fischer, NSW	Bruce Farr, NZL	110	NZ ENDEAVOUR, Grant Dalton, NZL	Bruce Farr, NZ/USA	2:19:19:18
1992	IMS: ASSASSIN, Robin Crawford, NSW	Bruce Farr, NZL				
1993	IOR: WILD OATS, Roger Hickman/Bruce Foye, NSW	Bruce Farr, NZL	104	NINETY SEVEN, Andrew Strachan, NSW	Bruce Farr, NZ/USA	4:00:54:11
1993	IMS: CUCKOO'S NEST, Nigel Holman, NSW	David Lyons, NSW				
1994	RAPTOR, A.Eichenauer, Germany	Jain Murray, NSW	371	TASMANIA, Robert Clifford, Tas	Bruce Farr, NZ/USA	2:16:48:04
1995	TERRA FIRMA, Scott Carille/Dean Wilson, Vic	Iain Murray, NSW	98	SAYONARA, Larry Ellison, USA	Bruce Farr, NZ/USA	3:00:53:35
1996	AUSMAID, Georgio Gjergja, Vic	Bruce Farr, NZL/USA	95	*MORNING GLORY, Hasso Plattner, Germany	Reichel/Pugh, USA	2:14:07:10
1997	BEAU GESTE, Karl Kwok, Hong Kong/China	Bruce Farr, NZL/USA	114	BRINDABELLA, George Snow, ACT	Scott Jutson, Australia	2:23:37:12
1998	AFR MIDNIGHT RAMBLER, Ed Psaltis/Bob Thomas, NSW	Robert Hick, Victoria	115	SAYONARA, Larry Ellison, USA	Bruce Farr, NZ/USA	2:19:03:32
1999	YENDYS, Geoff Ross, NSW	Bruce Farr, NZL/USA	79	*NOKIA, Stefan Myrall/Michael Spies, Denmark	Philippe Briand, France	1:19:48:02
2000	SAP AUSMAID, Kevan Pearce, SA	Bruce Farr, NZL/USA	82	NICORETTE, Ludde Ingvall, Sweden	Simonis/Voogd, SA/NED	2:14:02:09
2001	BUMBLEBEE 5, John Kahlbetzer/Iain Murray, NSW	Murray Burns Dovell, NSW	75	ASSA ABLOY, Neal McDonald, Sweden	Farr Yacht Design, USA	2:20:46:43
2002	QUEST, Bob Steel, NSW	Nelson/Marek, USA	57	ALFA ROMEO, Neville Crichton, NZL	Reichel/Pugh, USA	2:04:58:52
2003	FIRST NATIONAL REAL ESTATE, Michael Spies/Peter Johnston, NSW	Farr/Beneteau, France	56	SKANDIA, Grant Wharington, Victoria	Don Jones, VIC	2:15:14:06
2004	AERA, Nicholas Lykiardopulo, UK	Jason Ker, UK	116	NICORETTE, Ludde Ingvall, NSW	Simonis/Voogd, SA/NED	2:16:00:04
2005	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	85	*WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	1:18:40:10
2006	LOVE & WAR, Simon Kurts/Lindsay May, NSW	Sparkman & Stephens, USA	78	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	2:08:52:33
2007	ROSEBUD, Roger Sturgeon, USA	Bruce Farr, USA	82	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	1:21:24:32
2008	QUEST, Bob Steel, NSW	Bruce Farr, USA	100	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	1:20:34:14
2009	TWO TRUE, Andrew Sales, SA	Bruce Farr, USA	100	ALFA ROMEO, Neville Crichton, NZL/Aus	Reichel/Pugh, USA	2:09:02:10
2010	SECRET MENS BUSINESS 3.5, Geoff Boettcher, SA	Reichel/Pugh, USA	87	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	02:07:37:20
2011	LOKI, Stephen Ainsworth, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	88	INVESTEC LOYAL, Anthony Bell, NSW	Greg Elliott, NZL	02:06:14:18
2012	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	76	*WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	01:18:23:12
2013	VICTOIRE, Darryl Hodgkinson, NSW	Farr Yacht Design, USA	94	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	02:06:07:27
2014	WILD ROSE, Roger Hickman, NSW	Farr Yacht Design, USA	117	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	02:02:03:26
2015	BALANCE, Paul Clitheroe, NSW	Farr Yacht Design, USA	108	COMANCHE, Jim and Kristy Clark, USA	Verdier Yacht Design & VPLP, USA	02:08:58:30
2016	GIACOMO, Jim Delegat, NZL	Juan Kouyoumdjian, ARG	88	*PERPETUAL LOYAL, Anthony Bell, NSW	Juan Kouyoumdjian, ARG	01:13:31:20
2017	ICHI BAN, Matt Allen, NSW	Botin 52	102	*LDV COMANCHE, Jim Cooney/Samantha Grant, NSW	Verdier Yacht Design & VPLP, USA	01:09:15:24

\*Denotes new race record



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## NOTES

### GEORGE ADAMS TATTERSALL CUP:

# 1985 DRAKE'S PRAYER, Peter Kurts NSW (designer Bruce Farr) The rules did not provide for a first place following the penalising of Drake's Prayer which had provisionally been first prior to a protest. Nor did it allow for lower placed yachts to move up a place when other yachts were penalised. As there was no first place, Sagacious officially was recorded as second but as the overall winner.

### JOHN H. ILLINGWORTH CHALLENGE CUP:

SPECIAL NOTE: The following yachts were faster than the line honours boat but for various reasons were not counted:

^ 1953: WILD WAVE, L & G Keats, Tas (designer Jock Muir) Josephine and Nimbus lodged protests against Wild Wave. After a marathon five hour meeting, the protest against Jock Muir's Wild Wave was upheld for two reasons. Firstly, Wild Wave was the windward yacht that had converged onto Josephine, and then failed to keep clear. Secondly, Wild Wave had failed to keep clear of and collided with Nimbus; therefore, Wild Wave's line honours result did not stand, she was disqualified and Solveig IV was declared the line honours winner.

For 1991, 1992 & 1993 races, the winners of the IOR and IMS categories were both declared overall winners during the transition from IOR to IMS. However, the Tattersall Cup was awarded only to the overall IOR winner during this period. Since 1994 there has been only one winner, from 1994 to 2003 being decided using IMS, but from 2004 onwards the overall winner of the Tattersall Cup has been decided using IRC.

^ 1983: NIRVANA, Marvin Green, USA (designer David Pedrick) 03:00:48:13. Disqualified for failing to give Condor enough shore room during a gybing duel up the Derwent River to the finish.

^ 1990: ROTHMANS, Lawrie Smith UK (designer Rob Humphreys) 02:19:07:02. Disqualified from receiving line honours award and penalised 10% of overall corrected time placings for breaching Rule 26 (advertising).

^ 2017: WILD OATS XI, The Oatley Family NSW (designer Reichel/Pugh) penalty of one hour applied by the International Jury for a breach of the rules in an incident with LDV Comanche in Sydney Harbour.



## 2017 RESULTS

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## IRC CORRECTED OVERALL

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Place	Yacht	Owner	State/Country	Elapsed Time	TCF	Corrected Time	IRC 0	IRC 1	IRC 2	IRC 3	IRC 4
1	ICHI BAN	M.Allen	NSW	1-19-10-20	13950	2-12-13-31		1			
2	QUEST	PClitheroe & R.Steel	NSW	1-20-08-49	13720	2-12-34-11		2			
3	PATRICE	A.Kirby	NSW	1-23-36-56	12870	2-13-16-52			1		
4	WIZARD	D. & P. Askew	USA	1-13-43-47	16280	2-13-25-26	1				
5	MASCALZONE LATINO 32	V.Onerato	ITA	1-21-05-32	13670	2-13-38-28	2				
6	SMUGGLER	S.Bohm	NSW	2-00-54-40	12610	2-13-40-37			2		
7	CONCUBINE	J.Ward	SA	1-23-19-27	13090	2-13-56-50		3			
8	CHUTZPAH	B.Taylor	VIC	2-04-10-37	11920	2-14-11-42			3		
9	CELESTIAL	S.Haynes	NSW	1-22-06-03	13590	2-14-39-04		4			
10	BEAU GESTE	K.Kwok	HK	1-12-36-23	17180	2-14-53-23	3				
11	WILD OATS X	The Oatley Family	NSW	1-15-20-18	16020	2-15-01-12	4				
12	INDIAN	C.Carter	WA	1-23-34-19	13300	2-15-16-14		5			
13	HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD	R.Roberts	NSW	1-21-03-15	14210	2-16-01-19	5				
14	KOA	A.Kearnan & P.Wrigley	NSW	1-23-33-32	13480	2-16-06-34		6			
15	HIGHFIELD CARINGBAH	I.Short	NSW	2-00-00-36	13500	2-16-48-49		7			
16	ENVY SCOOTERS BEACHBALL 52	B.Cunee	QLD	1-22-58-10	13980	2-17-39-48		8			
17	M3	P.Hickson	WA	2-00-51-51	13490	2-17-55-04		9			
18	DERUCCI	Noahs Group China	CHN	2-00-35-26	13580	2-17-59-10		10			
19	LDV COMANCHE	J.Cooney & S.Grant	NSW	1-09-15-24	19850	2-18-00-52	6				
20	SONIC	K.Rho	SKOR	2-01-22-11	13430	2-18-18-13		11			
21	WILD OATS XI *	The Oatley Family	NSW	1-09-48-50	19690	2-18-34-46	7				
22	TRIPLE LINDY	J.Mele	USA	2-01-54-35	13350	2-18-37-46		12			
23	OSKANA	M.Pritchard	TAS	2-01-59-17	13510	2-19-32-02	8				
24	RAN TAN II	B.Petersen	NZL	1-23-34-04	14200	2-19-32-46	9				
25	TRITON	D.Gotze & M.Cranitch	NSW	1-23-33-06	14340	2-20-11-21	10				
26	BLACK JACK	P.Harburg	QLD	1-11-41-32	19300	2-20-53-10	11				
27	GBP YEAH BABY	M. & L. Rykmans	NSW	2-07-13-57	12830	2-22-51-48			4		
28	SNOWDOOME OCCASIONAL COURSE LANGUAGE 2	W.Sherman	NSW	2-13-32-19	11810	3-00-40-38			5		
29	ST. JUDE	N.Cornish	NSW	2-17-39-09	11890	3-06-03-39			6		
30	BANQUE DE NOUVELLE CALEDONIE	M.Quintin	NCL	3-03-22-09	10430	3-06-36-36				1	
31	DORADE	M.Brooks	USA	3-06-37-58	10120	3-07-34-35				2	
32	CHINA EASYWAY	T.Read & T.Wilson	NSW	3-05-47-53	10390	3-08-49-56				3	
33	MISTER LUCKY	M.Hipgrave	QLD	3-06-25-09	10370	3-09-19-14				4	
34	ARIEL	R.Forster	NSW	3-04-49-09	10780	3-10-48-40				1	
35	MAYFAIR	J.Irvine	QLD	3-04-44-26	10810	3-10-57-24				2	
36	TSA MANAGEMENT	A.Levett	NSW	3-04-18-50	11000	3-11-56-43				3	
37	BLACK SHEEP	D. & M. Sheppard	NSW	3-03-58-48	11080	3-12-11-09				4	
38	CALIBRE	R.Williams	NSW	3-04-29-12	11020	3-12-17-18				5	
39	CHRISTOPHER DRAGON	A. & L. Weiss	USA	2-22-27-53	12070	3-13-03-03			7		
40	GRACE O'MALLEY	Z.Taylor	NSW	3-03-37-46	11300	3-13-27-41				6	
41	EVE *	S.Capell	NSW	3-05-14-38	11120	3-13-53-43				7	
42	ENIGMA	J.Bond	NSW	3-05-54-32	11050	3-14-05-22				8	
43	INFOTRACK *	C.Beck	NSW	1-12-11-19	19440	2-22-21-02	12				
44	ENCHANTRESS	J.Willoughby	SA	3-12-25-25	10290	3-14-52-19				5	
45	MONDO	R.Sweeney	QLD	3-07-28-03	11010	3-15-29-37				9	
46	MERLIN	D.Forbes	NSW	2-23-45-10	12210	3-15-36-37			8		
47	WARRIOR WON	C.Sheehan	USA	3-05-47-50	11340	3-16-13-19				10	
48	KHALEESI	A. & P. Dally	NSW	3-03-05-15	11790	3-16-31-41				9	
49	MALUKA	S.Langman	NSW	4-04-51-01	08780	3-16-32-48					6
50	XS MOMENT BNMH	R.Hudson	NSW	3-05-34-43	11480	3-17-03-37				11	
51	EXTASEA	P.Buchholz	VIC	3-04-02-00	11880	3-18-19-39				10	
52	OCEAN GEM	D.Hows	QLD	3-16-50-34	10180	3-18-26-31					7
53	KOMATSU AZZURRO	S.Kearns	NSW	4-02-23-04	09290	3-19-23-57					8
54	INVICTUS GAMES 2018 GAME ON	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-00-53	12030	3-19-26-45			11		
55	HARTBREAKER	A. & G. Walton	VIC	2-23-51-48	12840	3-20-16-21				12	
56	KIALOA II	K. & P. Broughton	NSW	3-05-34-10	11940	3-20-37-05				13	
57	DARE DEVIL	S.Ilzhofner	NSW	3-03-53-13	12260	3-21-02-15				14	
58	DARK & STORMY	T.Kourtis & S.Mellington	VIC	3-12-03-32	11110	3-21-23-22				12	
59	CLIMATE ACTION NOW	L.Blair	NSW	3-04-40-50	12190	3-21-28-25				15	
60	ANOTHER PAINKILLER	R.West	QLD	3-13-40-49	10950	3-21-49-12				13	
61	EUPHORIA II	M.Stuart	QLD	3-23-03-31	09990	3-22-57-49					9
62	MERLION	E.Mackevicius	VIC	3-18-33-13	10570	3-23-42-55					10
63	HOTEL PLANNER *	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-02-31-07	12880	3-23-58-48			13		
64	SANYA SERENITY COAST	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-29-29	12880	4-01-13-58			14		
65	GARMIN	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-31-47	12880	4-01-16-56			15		
66	NASDAQ	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-39-50	12880	4-01-27-18			16		
67	VISIT SEATTLE	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-49-08	12880	4-01-39-17			17		
68	PSP LOGISTICS	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-59-26	12880	4-01-52-33			18		
69	UNICEF	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-03-08	12880	4-01-57-19			19		
70	GREAT BRITAIN	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-08-05	12880	4-02-03-41			20		
71	DARE TO LEAD	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-08-56	12880	4-02-04-47			21		
72	LIVERPOOL 2018	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-09-05	12880	4-02-04-59			22		
73	QINGDAO	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-56-49	12880	4-03-06-28			23		
74	CHANCELLOR	E.Toohar	NSW	3-17-24-22	11110	4-03-19-49				14	
75	INVICTUS GAMES 2018 DOWN UNDER	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-14-56-35	12030	4-08-35-33			16		
76	WEDDELL	A.Isaev	POL	2-23-54-01	14990	4-11-46-43	13				
77	GUN RUNNER	Australian Army	NSW	5-00-22-01	08990	4-12-12-36					11

## ORCI CORRECTED OVERALL

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1	QUEST	PClitheroe & R.Steel	NSW	1-20-08-49	13569	2-11-54-11	1			
2	ICHI BAN	M.Allen	NSW	1-19-10-20	14015	2-12-30-21	2			
3	MASCALZONE LATINO 32	V.Onerato	ITA	1-21-05-32	13512	2-12-55-43	3			
4	SMUGGLER	S.Bohm	NSW	2-00-54-40	12476	2-13-01-17		1		
5	PATRICE	A.Kirby	NSW	1-23-36-56	12829	2-13-05-10			2	
6	CONCUBINE	J.Ward	SA	1-23-19-27	13005	2-13-32-42			3	
7	CELESTIAL	S.Haynes	NSW	1-22-06-03	13426	2-13-53-42	4			
8	CHUTZPAH	B.Taylor	VIC	2-04-10-37	11955	2-14-22-39			4	
9	INDIAN	C.Carter	WA	1-23-34-19	13212	2-14-51-07	5			
10	KOA	A.Kearnan & P.Wrigley	NSW	1-23-33-32	13330	2-15-23-46	6			
11	HIGHFIELD CARINGBAH	I.Short	NSW	2-00-00-36	13458	2-16-36-43	7			
12	WILD OATS XI *	The Oatley Family	NSW	1-09-48-50	19131	2-16-41-22	8			
13	SONIC	K.Rho	SKOR	2-01-22-11	13166	2-17-00-01	9			
14	ENVY SCOOTERS BEACHBALL 52	B.Cunee	QLD	1-22-58-10	13949	2-17-31-04	10			
15	M3	P.Hickson	WA	2-00-51-51	13453	2-17-44-13	11			
16	OSKANA	M.Pritchard	TAS	2-01-59-17	13307	2-19-32-02	12			
17	BLACK JACK	P.Harburg	QLD	1-11-41-32	18669	2-18-38-02	13			
18	TRIPLE LINDY	J.Mele	USA	2-01-54-35	13367	2-18-42-52	14			
19	TRITON	D.Gotze & M.Cranitch	NSW	1-23-33-06	14080	2-18-57-10	15			
20	ST. JUDE	N.Cornish	NSW	2-17-39-09	11725	3-04-58-39		5		
21	MISTER LUCKY	M.Hipgrave	QLD	3-06-25-09	10059	3-06-52-55				1
22	DORADE	M.Brooks	USA	3-06-37-58	10072	3-07-11-56				2
23	CHINA EASYWAY	T.Read & T.Wilson	NSW	3-05-47-53	10256	3-07-47-23				3
24	ARIEL	R.Forster	NSW	3-04-49-09	10540	3-08-58-03				4
25	MAYFAIR	J.Irvine	QLD	3-04-44-26	10584	3-09-13-20				5
26	CALIBRE	R.Williams	NSW	3-04-29-12	10782	3-10-28-05				1
27	BLACK SHEEP	D. & M. Sheppard	NSW	3-03-58-48	10887	3-10-43-10				2
28	EVE *	S.Capell	NSW	3-05-14-38	10789	3-11-20-18				3
29	CHRISTOPHER DRAGON	A. & L. Weiss	USA	2-22-27-53	11975	3-12-22-53			6	
30	ENIGMA	J.Bond	NSW	3-05-54-32	10856	3-12-34-40				4
31	GRACE O'MALLEY	Z.Taylor	NSW	3-03-37-46	11245	3-13-02-43				5
32	MONDO	R.Sweeney	QLD	3-07-28-03	10832	3-14-04-45				6
33	WARRIOR WON	C.Sheehan	USA	3-05-47-50	11140	3-14-39-58				7
34	OCEAN GEM	D.Hows	QLD	3-16-50-34	09757	3-14-41-02				6
35	XS MOMENT BNMH	R.Hudson	NSW	3-05-34-43	11201	3-14-53-46				8
36	KOMATSU AZZURRO	S.Kearns	NSW	4-02-23-04	08844	3-15-00-40				7
37	KHALEESI	A. & P. Dally	NSW	3-03-05-15	11740	3-16-09-10				7
38	DARE DEVIL	S.Ilzhofner	NSW	3-03-53-13	11662	3-16-29-58				8
39	KIALOA II	K. & P. Broughton	NSW	3-05-34-10	11497	3-17-10-54				9
40	DARK & STORMY	T.Kourtis & S.Mellington	VIC	3-12-03-32	10640	3-17-26-19				8
41	EXTASEA	P.Buchholz	VIC	3-04-02-00	11784	3-17-35-52				9
42	HARTBREAKER	A. & G. Walton	VIC	2-23-51-48	12586	3-18-26-50				10
43	CLIMATE ACTION NOW	L.Blair	NSW	3-04-40-50	11833	3-18-44-10				11

## 2017 RESULTS

### CORINTHIAN DIVISION OVERALL

Times are given in day, hours, minutes, seconds

Year	Overall Winner	Designer	Fleet	Elapsed Time	TCF	Corrected Time
1	SNOWDOME OCCASIONAL COARSE LANGUAGE 2	W.Sherman	NSW	2-13-32-19	1.2024	3-01-59-38
2	EVE *	S.Capell	NSW	3-05-14-38	0.9676	3-02-44-28
3	SHE'S THE CULPRIT	The Culprit Syndicate	NSW	3-05-26-48	1.0244	3-07-20-11
4	CHINA EASYWAY	T.Read & T.Wilson	NSW	3-05-47-53	1.0266	3-07-52-03
5	CALIBRE	R.Williams	NSW	3-04-29-12	1.0524	3-08-29-40
6	TAKANI	J.Whittle	NSW	3-08-17-56	1.0028	3-08-31-25
7	ABRACADABRA	J.Murchison	NSW	3-04-33-45	1.0603	3-09-10-45
8	ARIEL	R.Forster	NSW	3-04-49-09	1.0582	3-09-17-24
9	WAX LYRICAL	L.Goodridge	NSW	3-04-47-52	1.0658	3-09-51-04
10	REVE	K.Whehan	NSW	3-13-30-30	0.9685	3-10-48-53
11	ARCH RIVAL	S.Connors	NSW	3-06-19-52	1.0599	3-11-01-23
12	ENCHANTRESS	J.Willoughby	SA	3-12-25-25	0.9981	3-12-15-48
13	BLACK SHEEP	D. & M. Sheppard	NSW	3-03-58-48	1.1233	3-13-20-54
14	DARE DEVIL	S.Ilzhofer	NSW	3-03-53-13	1.1248	3-13-21-27
15	XS MOMENT BNMH	R.Hudson	NSW	3-05-34-43	1.1032	3-13-35-05
16	SEAMO RACING MAHLIGAI	M.Owen & J.King	NZL	3-05-00-40	1.1287	3-14-55-21
17	EUPHORIA II	M.Stuart	QLD	3-23-03-31	0.9264	3-16-03-44
18	MERLIN	D.Forbes	NSW	2-23-45-10	1.2381	3-16-50-14
19	KOMATSU AZZURRO	S.Kearns	NSW	4-02-23-04	0.9077	3-17-18-13
20	DARK & STORMY	T.Kourtis & S.Mellington	VIC	3-12-03-32	1.0634	3-17-23-18
21	CHANCELLOR	E.Toohar	NSW	3-17-24-22	1.0025	3-17-37-47
22	KHALEESI	A. & P. Dally	NSW	3-03-05-15	1.2028	3-18-18-55
23	KIALOA II	K. & P. Broughton	NSW	3-05-34-10	1.1650	3-18-22-06
24	ALLEGRO	A.Lewis	NSW	3-05-51-58	1.1622	3-18-29-46
25	SHE	P.Bell	QLD	4-01-32-38	0.9362	3-19-19-14
26	ANOTHER PAINKILLER	R.West	QLD	3-13-40-49	1.0846	3-20-55-44

### CLIPPER 70 DIVISION

Place	Yacht	Owner	State/Country	Elapsed Time
1	HOTEL PLANNER *	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-02-31-07
2	SANYA SERENITY COAST	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-29-29
3	GARMIN	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-31-47
4	NASDAQ	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-39-50
5	VISIT SEATTLE	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-49-08
6	PSP LOGISTICS	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-59-26
7	UNICEF	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-03-08
8	GREAT BRITAIN	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-08-05
9	DARE TO LEAD	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-08-56
10	LIVERPOOL 2018	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-09-05
11	QINGDAO	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-56-49

### CRUISING DIVISION

Place	Yacht	Owner	State/Country	Elapsed Time
1	CHARLIE'S DREAM	P.Lewis	QLD	5-00-58-19
2	FREYJA	R.Lees	NSW	5-19-09-59

### FASTEST TIME:

LDV Comanche	<b>New Record:</b>	1-09-15-24
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### PENALTIES

EVE	Granted 50 minutes redress for assisting with MOB from INVICTUS GAMES 2018 DOWN UNDER
HOTEL PLANNER	Granted 120 minutes redress for assisting with MOB from INVICTUS GAMES 2018 DOWN UNDER
WILD OATS XI	1 hour penalty - Breach of rules - Incident with LDV Comanche
INFOTRACK	20% Scoring Penalty - SI 26
PYR-ARNOLD/CO/WOT EVA	20% Scoring Penalty - SI 27

### RETIREMENTS

BLUNDERBUSS	E.Marsh	VIC	Broken boom
IMALIZARD	B.Watson	NSW	Broken mast
JAZZ PLAYER	M.Lawrence	VIC	Inoperable HF radio
OPT2GO SCAMP	M.Mollison	QLD	Sail damage
ROCKALL	C.Opielok	GER	Broken rudder
WOT'S NEXT	C.Cupit	NSW	Damaged rudder bearings

### WEATHER

A light E breeze at the start developed into a hard NE'er by the time the leading yachts were on the far south coast of NSW. The NE continued to build for a fast run across Bass Strait for the entire fleet; gradually swinging into the N and NW. The maxi yachts experienced good winds until the River Derwent. WILD OATS XI who were 5 miles behind LDV COMANCHE at Tasman Island passed LDV COMANCHE to take Line Honours on 1.08.48.50 however a port and starboard

incident at Sydney Heads was protested and WILD OATS XI was subsequently penalised 1 hour. LDV COMANCHE was declared the Line Honours winner in a new race record time of 1.09.15.24. The competitive 50 foot yachts had a great race with ICHI BAN winning overall while the bulk of the fleet were becalmed for most of the third night at sea. The tail-enders had to deal with a 40 knot S/SW change on the 29/30th.

## 2017 RESULTS

### LINE HONOURS

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Place	Yacht	Owner	State/Country	Elapsed Time
1	LDV COMANCHE	J.Cooney & S.Grant	NSW	1-09-15-24
2	WILD OATS XI *	The Oatley Family	NSW	1-09-48-50
3	BLACK JACK	P.Harburg	QLD	1-11-41-32
4	INFOTRACK *	C.Beck	NSW	1-12-11-19
5	BEAU GESTE	K.Kwok	HK	1-12-36-23
6	WIZARD	D. & P. Askew	USA	1-13-43-47
7	WILD OATS X	The Oatley Family	NSW	1-15-20-18
8	ICHI BAN	M.Allen	NSW	1-19-10-20
9	QUEST	P.Clitheroe & R.Steel	NSW	1-20-08-49
10	HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD	R.Roberts	NSW	1-21-03-15
11	MASCALZONE LATINO 32	V.Onerato	ITA	1-21-05-32
12	CELESTIAL	S.Haynes	NSW	1-22-06-03
13	ENVY SCOOTERS BEACHBALL 52	B.Cuneo	QLD	1-22-58-10
14	CONCUBINE	J.Ward	SA	1-23-19-27
15	TRITON	D.Gotze & M.Cranitch	NSW	1-23-33-06
16	KOA	A.Kearnan & P.Wrigley	NSW	1-23-33-32
17	RAN TAN II	B.Petersen	NZL	1-23-34-04
18	INDIAN	C.Carter	WA	1-23-34-19
19	PATRICE	A.Kirby	NSW	1-23-36-56
20	HIGHFIELD CARINGBAH	I.Short	NSW	2-00-00-36
21	DERUCCI	Noahs Group China	CHN	2-00-35-26
22	M3	P.Hickson	WA	2-00-51-51
23	SMUGGLER	S.Bohm	NSW	2-00-54-40
24	SONIC	K.Rho	SKOR	2-01-22-11
25	TRIPLE LINDY	J.Mele	USA	2-01-54-35
26	OSKANA	M.Pritchard	TAS	2-01-59-17
27	CHUTZPAH	B.Taylor	VIC	2-04-10-37
28	GBP YEAH BABY	M. & L. Rykmans	NSW	2-07-13-57
29	PYR-ARNOLD CO/WOT EVA *	Performance Yacht Racing	NSW	2-10-02-52
30	SNOWDOME OCCASIONAL COURSE	W.Sherman	NSW	2-13-32-19
31	ST. JUDE	N.Cornish	NSW	2-17-39-09
32	HELSAL 3	Helisal 3 Syndicate	NSW	2-22-21-38
33	CHRISTOPHER DRAGON	A. & L. Weiss	USA	2-22-27-53
34	MERLIN	D.Forbes	NSW	2-23-45-10
35	HARTBREAKER	A. & G. Walton	VIC	2-23-51-48
36	WEDDELL	A.Isaev	POL	2-23-54-01
37	HOTEL PLANNER *	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-02-31-07
38	SAILDNA	E.Ruzdick	UK	3-03-02-44
39	KHALEESI	A. & P. Dally	NSW	3-03-05-15
40	BANQUE DE NOUVELLE CALEDONIE	M.Quintin	NCL	3-03-22-09
41	SANYA SERENITY COAST	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-29-29
42	GARMIN	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-31-47
43	GRACE O'MALLEY	Z.Taylor	NSW	3-03-37-46
44	NASDAQ	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-39-50
45	VISIT SEATTLE	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-49-08
46	DARE DEVIL	S.Ilzhofer	NSW	3-03-53-13
47	DUENDE	D.Parkes	NSW	3-03-53-19
48	BLACK SHEEP	D. & M. Sheppard	NSW	3-03-58-48
49	PSP LOGISTICS	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-03-59-26
50	INVICTUS GAMES 2018 GAME ON	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-00-53
51	EXTASEA	P.Bucholz	VIC	3-04-02-00
52	UNICEF	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-03-08
53	GREAT BRITAIN	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-08-05
54	DARE TO LEAD	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-08-56
55	LIVERPOOL 2018	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-09-05
56	TSA MANAGEMENT	A.Levett	NSW	3-04-18-50
57	CALIBRE	R.Williams	NSW	3-04-29-12
58	ABRACADABRA	J.Murchison	NSW	3-04-33-45
59	CLIMATE ACTION NOW	L.Blair	NSW	3-04-40-50
60	PEKLJUS	D.Suttie	NSW	3-04-42-18
61	MAYFAIR	J.Irvine	QLD	3-04-44-26
62	WAX LYRICAL	L.Goodridge	NSW	3-04-47-52
63	ARIEL	R.Forster	NSW	3-04-49-09
64	QINGDAO	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-04-56-49
65	SEAMO RACING MAHLIGAI	M.Owen & J.King	NZL	3-05-00-40
66	EVE *	S.Capell	NSW	3-05-14-38
67	SHE'S THE CULPRIT	The Culprit Syndicate	NSW	3-05-26-48
68	KIALOA II	K. & P. Broughton	NSW	3-05-34-10
69	XS MOMENT BNMH	R.Hudson	NSW	3-05-34-43
70	WARRIOR WON	C.Sheehan	USA	3-05-47-50
71	CHINA EASYWAY	T.Read & T.Wilson	NSW	3-05-47-53
72	ALLEGRO	A.Lewis	NSW	3-05-51-58
73	FLYING FISH ARCTOS	Flying Fish Online	NSW	3-05-52-07
74	ENIGMA	J.Bond	NSW	3-05-54-32
75	ARCH RIVAL	S.Connors	NSW	3-06-19-52
76	MISTER LUCKY	M.Hipgrave	QLD	3-06-25-09
77	DORADO	M.Brooks	USA	3-06-37-58
78	MONDO	R.Sweeney	QLD	3-07-28-03
79	TAKANI	J.Whittle	NSW	3-08-17-56
80	VANISHING POINT	W.Wheeler	NSW	3-08-59-32
81	DARK & STORMY	T.Kourtis & S.Mellington	VIC	3-12-03-32
82	ENCHANTRESS	J.Willoughby	SA	3-12-25-25
83	REVE	K.Whehan	NSW	3-13-30-30
84	ANOTHER PAINKILLER	R.West	QLD	3-13-40-49
85	INVICTUS GAMES 2018 DOWN UNDER	Clipper Ventures	UK	3-14-56-35
86	OCEAN GEM	D.Hows	QLD	3-16-50-34
87	CHANCELLOR	E.Toohar	NSW	3-17-24-22
88	MERLION	E.Mackevicius	VIC	3-18-33-13
89	MERLION	E.Mackevicius	VIC	3-18-33-13
90	MAGIC MILES	M.Crew	TAS	3-18-41-38
91	EUPHORIA II	M.Stuart	QLD	3-23-03-31
92	SHE	P.Bell	QLD	4-01-32-38
93	KOMATSU AZZURRO	S.Kearns	NSW	4-02-23-04
94	MALUKA	S.Langman	NSW	4-04-51-01
95	GUN RUNNER	Australian Army	NSW	5-00-22-01
96	CHARLIE'S DREAM	P.Lewis	QLD	5-00-58-19
97	FREYJA	R.Lees	NSW	5-19-09-59



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