

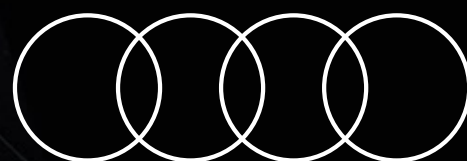
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COMMODORE ARTHUR LANE

At the helm

Life at the Club has been fantastic, with a wide variety of social events and racing allowing our Members to fully embrace the CYCA lifestyle. As the first race of the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore, the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, approaches, our busy schedule shows no signs of slowing down.

The Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race has been a highlight of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's Winter calendar since 1986, and it remains a staple in our competitors' Winter racing program. With less than a month to go before the race begins and the fleet heads north to warmer waters, we are anticipating a thrilling competition.

The battle for The Great Race South has commenced once again. Entries have officially opened for the 2024 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Since the Notice of Race was published, we have begun receiving entries from across NSW and interstate, including Tasmania and Victoria. The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, an iconic event in the sailing world, draws competitors from around the globe, each vying for glory in one of the most challenging ocean races. This year promises to be no different, with an impressive line-up already taking shape.

The Club has recently announced significant changes to its racing calendar, including alterations to the dates of the Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race and the inaugural Trans-Tasman Yacht Race. Originally scheduled to start in May 2024, the Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race will now commence on Saturday, 31 May 2025, aligning with the 2025 Groupama Yacht Race. Consequently, the inaugural Trans-Tasman Yacht Race has been rescheduled to Friday, 27 February 2026. This race will take place shortly after the 80th anniversary of the Rolex Sydney Hobart, sparking interest among international and interstate entrants and providing even more racing opportunities during the Australian Summer.

Our 2024 LGT Crestone Winter Series is gradually drawing to a close. With the final race – Race 10 – on 7 July, and the concluding Women's Series Race on 14 July, the pointscore is fiercely contested. We have seen an incredible number of participating yachts over the past weeks, and as always, we are proud to host one of the most popular Winter Pointscores in Australia. I wish all competitors the best of luck for the remaining races.



The Club has hosted several Sailing Information Evenings over the past months on a range of topics, including The Art of Anchoring, Navigating Marine Insurance by Club Marine and most recently, Cruising - Preparation and Delivery. The Cruising Committee continues to organise cruises and other events designed to introduce more people to the joys of cruising. Stay tuned to What's On for more upcoming information evenings.

A special congratulations to all our Members who have represented us on national and international stages. Well done to Sam Haynes and the *Celestial* crew for finishing 6th in the J/70 Corinthian World Championship in Denmark, David Champtaloup for his result in the Finn World Masters 2024, and Wendy Tuck and crew on *Spartan* for securing second place in the 2024 Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta.

More Helly Hansen and CYCA merchandise has arrived in our store located next to reception. If you are still in need of warm Winter clothing to combat the cold temperatures, be sure to take a look. Members receive a 20% discount on all official CYCA/Helly Hansen merchandise. Happy shopping!

Earlier in June, we celebrated Member anniversaries and awarded Paddy Broughton the CYCA Plaque and Perpetual Trophy for Best Cruise Overseas, honouring *Kialoa II*'s recent circumnavigation. Be sure to read Paddy's first-person account of this remarkable journey and his future plans in this issue.

It is with pride that we share the news of the late Sir James Hardy OBE posthumously receiving an AO in the recent King's Birthday Honours list.

I wish all our Members and friends the very best and hope to see you down at the Club soon. Good luck to our Members heading north this Winter in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, and to the more than 30 boats entered in Hamilton Island Race Week and Airlie Beach Race Week.



On behalf of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, *Offshore* would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude to Arthur Lane for his outstanding leadership and dedication during his term as Commodore, his contributions have been invaluable.

We are grateful for the support and guidance provided by Arthur, along with the tireless efforts of our Board members. Continue reading below to read about some of Arthur's favourite moments.



As I pen my final entry for *Offshore*, I find myself reflecting on the many memorable moments from my tenure as Commodore. Securing an additional ten years of partnership with Rolex was a significant achievement, ensuring the continued prestige of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. This negotiation stands as a testament to our Club's global reputation.

One of the highlights has been witnessing a surge in Member engagement, thanks to the internal efforts of the Club and our collaboration with The Boathouse Group. The revitalised menu and vibrant atmosphere have drawn Members to the club, fostering a sense of community that I have cherished deeply.

I take pride in the initiatives we undertook to make our races more inclusive and exciting. Transitioning certain offshore races to Cat3+, implementing IRC Standard Certificates and making amendments to our Sailing Instructions have not only encouraged a more diverse fleet but also enhanced the competitive spirit within our Club.



Hosting the 80th Anniversary Commodore's Ball was a joy, celebrating our rich history with so many of you. However, the 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race remains one of my fondest moments as a Commodore. With thrilling daylight finishes and nail-biting close calls, captivating spectators worldwide. It was truly a race for the ages.

Additionally, I am incredibly proud of the strides we have made in sustainability. Our initiatives, such as battery collection, solar power installations, and sea bins collecting flotsam and jetsam, have significantly reduced our environmental footprint. This commitment to sustainability was recognized by the Boating Industry Association, awarding us the title of one of the most sustainable marinas in Australia.

As I sign off, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all members for their unwavering support. I look forward to joining you all on the water, sharing in the sport we love.

Warmest regards,

Arthur Lane ⚓



MID-WINTER MOMENTUM

2024 LGT Crestone Winter Series

As the 2024 LGT Crestone Winter Series reaches its halfway point, the competition is as fierce as ever. Hosted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA), this annual pointscore continues to draw a diverse fleet and generates a high level of excitement. Let's take a look at the action so far.

Early Races: Light Winds and Tactical Challenges

The series kicked off in early May under challenging conditions. The opening races were marked by light and variable winds, demanding keen tactical skills from all participants. Week 2 saw persistent rain and tricky wind holes that tested the sailors' patience and strategy. Despite these challenges, a strong fleet of around 70 yachts competed valiantly, showcasing their resilience and skill.

Highlights and Standout Performances

Week 3 provided a reprieve from the rain, though light winds continued to play a significant role. Notable performances included David Fuller's *Another Duchess*, which claimed first place in Division 1, followed by Colin Wilson's *Never a Dull Moment* and David Gotze's *Triton*. Division 2 saw *Foreign Affair* take the top spot, with *Whistling Kite* and *Jambo* rounding out the podium.

The fourth week brought excellent sailing conditions with sunny skies and steady winds, a welcome change from the earlier races. The fleet, now 87 strong, powered through the course with impressive displays of skill and coordination.



Mid-Series Standings

IRC Division

In the IRC division, *Indi*, *Foreign Affair*, *Local Hero* and *Highway Patrol* remain consistent frontrunners, showing strong performances across multiple races.

PHS Division (across divisions)

The PHS division is still the largest division amongst our competitors. Across divisions *Triton* (A), *Foreign Affair* (B), *JP Sailmakers Monkey Magic* (C), *Sine Wave* (D), *Rapid Transit* (E), *Bluetack* (I), *Oisin* (J) and *First Light* (K) are leading the charge. Consistently placing well is always a hard challenge, it has been *JP Sailmakers Monkey Magic* who have been performing well and have been keeping the pressure on the leaders.

Sydney 38 Division

The Sydney 38 division has seen fierce competition, with *Mondo* and *Chainsaw* frequently trading places at the top. *Shine On - Team Callendina* has also made notable strides, securing several podium finishes and keeping the overall standings tight.



Weather Conditions: A Mixed Bag

The weather has played a crucial role in the series so far, with early races dominated by light winds and rain. These conditions forced sailors to adopt careful, tactical sailing to avoid getting caught in windless patches. However, recent races have benefited from steadier winds, allowing for more aggressive racing strategies and higher speeds.

Looking Ahead

With several weeks of racing still to come, the 2024 LGT Crestone Winter Series promises more competition, in hopefully, warm Winter weather conditions. As the fleet continues to battle it out on the waters of Sydney Harbour, all eyes will be on the leading yachts to see who can maintain their momentum and who might stage a comeback.

Stay tuned for further updates as the series progresses, and be sure to check out the full results and images on cyca.com.au. ⚓

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GRIT AND GRACE

2024 LGT Crestone Women's Winter Series races on 21 April, 10 June and 14 July.



The 2024 LGT Crestone Women's Winter Series at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia is a vibrant celebration of women's sailing, featuring some of the best women sailors competing in a series of short around the Harbour races. Held over three races, this series showcases the skill, determination, and sportsmanship of the participants.



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Designed to promote and encourage female participation in sailing, the Women's Winter Series offers a competitive yet supportive environment. The series is divided into Non-Spinnaker and Spinnaker divisions. These events highlight the growing interest and participation of women in the sailing community, encouraging inclusivity and fostering skills among female sailors. Each race is a test of strategy, teamwork, and endurance, navigating the often unpredictable winter conditions of Sydney Harbour.

The series sees a variety of yachts competing across different divisions. Participants range from experienced sailors to newcomers, all brought together by their passion for the sport.

The final race on July 14 is eagerly anticipated, promising a climactic end to what has been an exciting series. ⚓





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2024 NOAKES SYDNEY GOLD COAST YACHT RACE



Start of the 2016 Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. Photo: Andrea Francolini



The 2024 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, commencing on 27 July, is set to showcase what offshore yacht racing is all about. This iconic 384-nautical mile race from the stunning backdrop of Sydney Harbour to the vibrant Main Beach on the Gold Coast is more than just a test of speed; it's a rite of passage for many sailors.

Since its inception in 1986, the race has grown in both prestige and participation, drawing competitors from around the globe. It serves as the opening act of the 2024/25 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore series and a crucial warm-up for the world-renowned Rolex

Looking Back: 2023 Highlights and Records

The 2023 edition of the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast was a spectacular event, with the Reichel/Pugh 72 *URM Group* taking top honours. Anthony Johnston's team showcased exceptional skill to secure their victory. Reflecting on their triumph, Johnston commented, "Winning last year was a culmination of intense preparation and flawless execution. We're eager to defend our title this year."

The Beneteau First 47.7 *Popeye*, under Craig Douglas, claimed second place, while Michael Smith's Kernan 44 *Tempo* rounded out the podium. "We opted to go further offshore than most other yachts, in an attempt to look for more favourable wind. We had to push more current going north, but the better wind favoured our boat and we managed to place well last year. We are excited to come back this year on an even better and faster platform," said Michael Smith.

The race record, set by *Wild Oats XI* in 2012 at an impressive 22 hours, 3 minutes, and 46 seconds, remains a high bar for this year's fleet. Weather conditions and tactical decisions will be crucial in any attempt to break this record. However with no 100-footer entered into the race this year, it seems unlikely that the record will be broken.





ABOUT THE NOAKES SYDNEY GOLD COAST YACHT RACE



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Start of the 2016 Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. Photo: Andrea Francolini

The Weather Factor

The race is not only a test of speed but also of strategic navigation, largely influenced by weather conditions. Sailors can expect anything from light, variable winds to strong southerlies. The Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race has a history of challenging weather patterns that can drastically change the course of the race. As Mark Spring of *Highly Sprung* noted last year, “It’s going to be a really, really tricky race. The navigators, in particular, are going to have their work absolutely cut out for them. There are two ways to go north. Either you go in and chase the land breeze, or you go out and get bumped by the current and take whatever wind is out there.” With the race still a little while away it is too early to start looking at the weather. First routing options should start becoming clearer from ten days out.

Double Handed Entries: A Showcase of Endurance and Skill

This year, the Double Handed (DH) entries add a unique and demanding element to this year’s race. With 13 Double Handed entries, the DH division will be incredibly competitive this year. Notable contenders include 2024 Rolex Sydney Hobart IRC winner in the Double Handed division, *Mistral*.

Mistral skipper Rupert Henry emphasises the unique challenges of sailing double handed and competing within the double handed fleet.

We sail our own race, but the other double handed teams have been together for a while and have done a lot of racing, and the Double Handed Rally served as a great qualifying passage, setting the stage for the upcoming race, with established teams being who we look out for on the course.



The 2024 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race features a significant number of J/99 entries, highlighting the popularity and competitive edge of this class. Notably, entries like *Blue Planet*, *Jupiter*, *Rum Rebellion*, and *Verite* are all J/99s, making them a class to watch closely. The J/99, celebrated for its versatile performance and ease of handling, has become one of J/Boats’ most successful models in its size range. Designed for both short-handed and fully crewed racing, the J/99 excels in various wind conditions with its efficient sail plan and user-friendly rigging systems. Its popularity in regattas around the world is a testament to its impressive performance characteristics and competitive rating. Shane Connelly, *Rum Rebellion*’s owner and co-skipper shared, “It is great to see so many Double Handed entries and the J/99 fleet is a very close fleet. It goes without saying that the battle amongst this class will be heated, we have all gotten to know each other so beating friends makes a victory even sweeter.”

Additionally, *Intiy*, a Benetau Figaro 3 from the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC), will also be competing. The Figaro 3 is known for its high-speed capabilities and innovative design, featuring foils that enhance performance, especially in offshore downwind racing conditions. This inclusion adds another layer of excitement to the race, showcasing some of the latest advancements in yacht design.

The Double Handed division is further enriched by entries like *Currawong* and *Maritimo Katwinchar*, each bringing unique designs to the race. *Currawong* is a Currawong 30, a classic design emphasizing durability and reliability, often favoured by traditional sailors for its sturdy build and straightforward handling. In stark contrast, *Maritimo Katwinchar* is a Watney Circa 1904, a historical vessel that combines vintage aesthetics with modern racing capabilities. This boat stands out not only for its unique design but also for its storied past, adding a historical dimension to the fleet.

With a variety of boats, from the advanced J/99s and cutting-edge Figaro 3 to the classic Currawong 30 and historical Watney Circa 1904, the Double Handed division promises intense competition and dynamic sailing.

The Competitive 40-Footers: Battle of the Versatile

The 40-foot class is always hotly contested, and this year is no exception. *Calibre*, a Cookson 12, has already made a name for itself with a strong showing in last year's race, finishing second in Division 1 IRC. This yacht's debut in offshore racing was a remarkable success, demonstrating its potential to compete at the highest levels. The Sydney 38s, including *Cinquante* and *Mondo*, are also formidable competitors, known for their robust construction and competitive spirit. *Pretty Woman*, an IC 45 MOD, is another strong contender, having consistently performed well in past events, including a notable finish in the 2023 race. *Tempo*, an ES 44, and *XS Moment*, an XP44, add to the mix, each bringing unique strengths to the fleet. This will be *XS Moment*'s tenth NSGCYR race, "We have been refining our crew and working on the boat and sail package, so we are looking forward to this challenge again. We are excited to have two international crew members joining us, one from the USA and another from Belgium. After last year's Hobart we feel that the boat and crew are in a great place". These mid-sized yachts are often where future sailing stars cut their teeth, making this category one to watch closely.

The Speedsters: TP52s

In the TP52 class, often described as the IRC's most optimised yachts, *Koa* and *Smuggler* are set to showcase their fast racing platform. The TP52s are renowned for their high performance and have consistently been top contenders in offshore racing. "The TP52 class is where the action is" remarked the skipper of *Smuggler*, Sebastain Bohm. "These boats are built for speed, and we're looking forward to a fierce competition." The sleek designs and advanced engineering of TP52s make them formidable opponents, promising a thrilling contest.

The Big Guns: Mini Maxis and Maxis

At the larger end of the fleet, the maxi yachts are expected to dominate. The Reichel/Pugh 72 *URM Group*, the Reichel/Pugh 69 *Money Penny*, the JV 62 *Whisper* and the Santa Cruz 72 *Antipodes* stand out with their size and power. These yachts are engineered for high-speed offshore racing, capable of handling the most challenging conditions. Anthony Johnston of *URM Group* expressed confidence, saying, "Winning last year was incredible, and we're looking to repeat that success." The maxis, with their impressive size and capabilities, are a sight to behold as they slice through the waves.

This year, the race also emphasizes inclusivity and diversity with new IRC rule changes encouraging the participation of female and youth crew members. This initiative aims to broaden the sport's appeal and foster a more inclusive sailing community. By allowing for additional crew members when certain diversity criteria are met, the race organizers hope to see more varied and dynamic teams competing.

With a mix of seasoned veterans and enthusiastic newcomers, the 2024 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race promises to deliver an unforgettable spectacle of sailing prowess and strategic excellence. As the countdown to the start continues, the anticipation and excitement among participants and spectators alike continue to build, setting the stage for another memorable race. ⚓





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Chasing Victory

Every sport has a niche, a small group of competitors that raise the bar, defy the odds of what is possible, and change people's perceptions of where the limit of performance lies. Running has ultra trail running, car racing has Paris-Dakar, and the world of sailing has offshore maxi yachts. These colossal vessels are at the front end of crewed offshore racing in Australia, pushing the boundaries of what is achievable on the open water. Designed for both speed and endurance, maxi yachts are the WRC Rally cars of the seas, navigating the most remote waters and enduring some of the harshest conditions with remarkable precision, agility, and speed. Their sleek designs and advanced technology make them something special to behold, whether slicing through the waves in high-stakes events like the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race or embarking on transoceanic voyages, such as the Trans-Tasman Yacht Race, that test the mettle of even the most seasoned sailors.



In this article, *Offshore* magazine delves into the world of the offshore mini maxi yachts entered into the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, exploring the cutting-edge advancements that set them apart, the intense competitions that showcase their capabilities, and the passionate community that drives this exhilarating sport forward.



The three yachts highlighted in this article - *Money Penny*, *Whisper* and *URM Group* - embody the spirit of offshore Mini Maxi yacht racing (60 - 80 foot yachts). Each of these extraordinary vessels showcases unique attributes that set them apart in the fiercely competitive world of sailing. *Money Penny*, with its cutting-edge design and unparalleled speed, has become a benchmark for performance. *Whisper*, celebrated for its elegance and innovation, combines aesthetic appeal with top-tier engineering to deliver a sailing experience like no other. *URM Group*, known for its resilience and strategic prowess, consistently pushes the envelope in both coastal and offshore races. Through the accounts of these remarkable yachts, we will explore their pursuit of taking the win in the opening race of the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore.



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Moneypenny

Moneypenny, a Reichel/Pugh designed 69-foot racing yacht built by McConaghy, is a powerhouse in the world of offshore maxi yacht racing. Renowned for its speed and agility, *Moneypenny* has garnered significant accolades, including a standout performance in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. Owner Sean Langman, who also serves as the Managing Director of Noakes Group, celebrated his third IRC victory in this race, having previously won with *Grundig Xena* and *Grundig*. *Moneypenny's* impressive finish in the 2022 race, where they finished 24 minutes ahead of its closest competitor on corrected time, underscores the yacht's exceptional capabilities and the proficiency of its crew.

Josh Alexander, Boat Captain onboard *Moneypenny*, affirms the yacht's goals for the upcoming race.

Line honours is the goal. Given the right conditions, we are often right next to the other big boats, so we all have a lot to play for.

Alexander emphasizes the importance of team cohesion and their strategic focus on building a stellar crew. He acknowledged that in the past, the team dynamics might not have been perfect, but the current crew's synergy is a game-changer. The crew for the upcoming races includes several new members, such as Max Brennan from the Youth Sailing Academy, who bring fresh energy to the team. The *Moneypenny* team is actively involved in giving young, ambitious sailors a platform to gain experience, and Max is excited for the challenge ahead. "It is great being able to join such an experienced team for this edition of the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast race. At the moment, it is all about learning as many new things as possible and picking everyone's brain."

Josh is particularly excited about having 50% of the Rolex Sydney Hobart crew sailing with them, indicating a strong mix of seasoned sailors and new talent that promises to enhance their performance.

Josh also reflected on the competition, noting the consistent challenge posed by yachts like *URM Group* and *Whisper*, which always feature solid crews. He expressed confidence in *Moneypenny's* ability to secure a podium finish and even aim for Line Honours, given the right conditions. Despite the fierce competition, Langman believes that *Moneypenny's* strong team and strategic planning position them well for success in the upcoming season.

***URM Group* is always going to be a hard one to beat; they always have a solid crew.**

Whisper

Whisper, a Judel/Vrolijk 62 racing yacht built by Green Marine, is always a top contender in the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore and other racing series. Owned by Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Director David Griffith, *Whisper* is known for its elegance and cutting-edge technology. The yacht has achieved remarkable success, including claiming honours in the Mini Maxi Division during the 2021 Income Asset Management Australian Maxi Championship and placing 3rd in Line Honours in the 2023 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. *Whisper* also holds the race record for the CYCA's Montague Island Race, showcasing its superior design and performance.

In the previous Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, the crew showed its grit and perseverance by pushing the boat hard through unfavourable conditions. While the team did not achieve the result in December that they were aiming for, since that moment all eyes have been on the start of the



new racing season. The team is led by navigator Clare Costanzo, who will be taking on her first long offshore race with *Whisper* and is armed to support the team to place well.

A new addition to the yacht is a whale pinger, a new technology that emits sound to help navigate a safe course and avoid marine mammals. This pinger is mounted at the end of the bulb and is used by around 300 boats in Europe, including 18 IMOCAs, highlighting its growing adoption in the sailing community.

Known for its tricky conditions, the race often requires crews to navigate close to shore to avoid strong currents. The unpredictable weather patterns add to the challenge, with competitors needing to navigate potential shutdowns and drifting scenarios.

Whisper's crew is no stranger to these conditions, having participated in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race numerous times. While Line Honours might be out of reach, *Whisper's* focus is on performing well on handicap, aiming to keep pace with the larger boats and avoid being left behind. The race's unpredictable nature, with potential for various weather scenarios including east coast lows and southerlies, means *Whisper* must be prepared for anything.

The boat is configured for versatility, allowing last-minute adjustments to the sail pack and crew to fine-tune their strategy in the final week before the race.

URM Group

URM Group, a Reichel/Pugh-designed 72-foot yacht, is a formidable contender in the world of offshore racing. Owned by Anthony Johnston and helmed by skipper Marcus Ashley-Jones, *URM Group* has carved out a reputation for excellence and competitiveness. The yacht has achieved notable successes in 2023, including second Overall in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, Overall Honours in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and the Flinders Islet Race as well as second place in Line Honours for both events and the Tollgate Islands Race. With a high-calibre team, *URM Group* is well-equipped for the challenges of this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart.

URM Group's recent accolades also include leading the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore for 2023/2024 and claiming victory in the Mini Maxi Division at the 2023 Raymarine Australian Maxi Championship. This yacht, known for its speed and advanced design, consistently pushes the limits of performance in offshore racing. As *URM Group* prepares for the upcoming races, its impressive track record and experienced crew make it a standout competitor, poised to achieve even greater success in the fiercely competitive world of maxi yacht racing.

Much like the two other competitors, *URM Group* is no stranger to the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. After taking out last year's overall victory in this race, the crew of the 72-foot rocket is once again set on landing the top spot. ⚓



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The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia has announced significant changes to its racing calendar, amending the dates of the Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race and the inaugural Trans-Tasman Yacht Race.

Due to New Caledonia being placed in a State of Emergency at the start of May, following several days of civil unrest and riots over electoral reform, and upon the advice of the Australian Government to reconsider travel to Noumea, the Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race was postponed. Originally scheduled to start in May 2024, the race will now commence on Saturday, 31 May 2025, to align with the postponed Groupama Yacht Race.





Frantic wins Line Honours during the 2018 Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race

The new date for the Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race necessitates the rescheduling of the Trans-Tasman Yacht Race by a year. The inaugural race, will now commence on Friday, 27 February 2026. This race spans over 1,270 nautical miles, starting from Sydney, crossing the Tasman Sea, rounding the tip of New Zealand's North Island, and finishing in Auckland.

The Trans-Tasman Yacht Race, designed for both racing yachts and racer/cruisers, will be an exciting addition to competitors' Summer offshore race calendar. The race will take place shortly after the 80th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, sparking interest amongst international and interstate entrants and providing everyone with more racing opportunities during the Australian Summer.

A distinctive feature of the Trans-Tasman Yacht Race will be its staggered start, spread over a three-day period from 27 February to 1 March 2026. Competitors' start times will be assigned based on their boat's IRC or PHS ratings, resulting in closer finishing times and a festive celebration in Auckland.

Arthur Lane, Commodore of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, said, "While the rescheduling of the Trans-Tasman Yacht Race is unfortunate, its alignment with the 80th Rolex Sydney Hobart promises an exciting racing fleet, hopefully featuring many of the entrants from The Great Race South. Until that date, we will need to exercise patience before we can officially start Racing the Ditch."

The adjustments to the racing calendar provide an exceptional racing season for both Australian and international competitors, from the beginning of Winter 2025 through the end of Summer 2026. Competitors may race across the expanse of the South Pacific Ocean, from the Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race in May 2025 to the 2025/2026 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore and the 80th Rolex Sydney Hobart in December 2025 to the inaugural 2026 Trans-Tasman Yacht Race in February 2026.

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia will provide official updates should further changes to the calendar be necessary. ⚓



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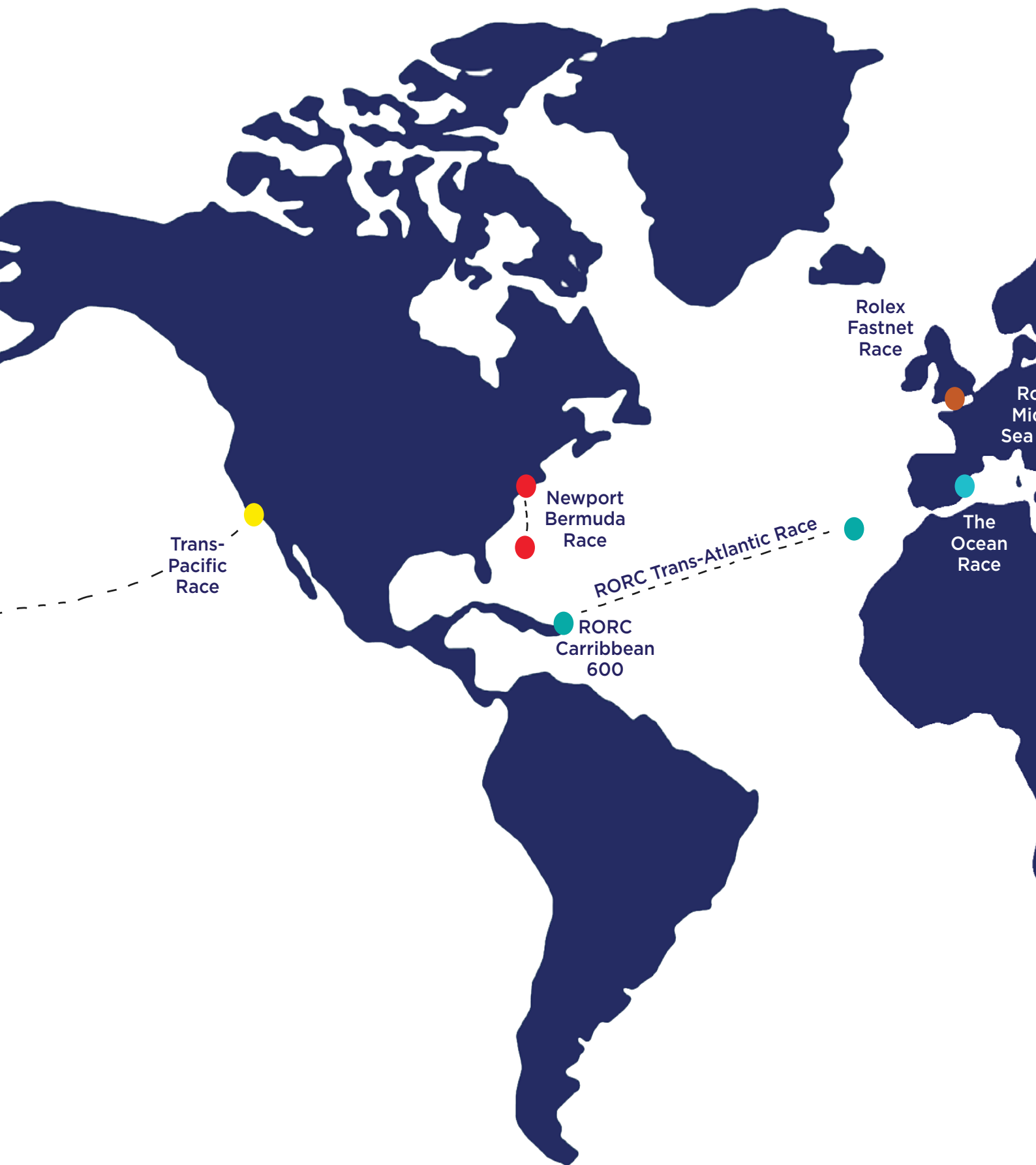
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ROLEX CHINA SEA RACE

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**565 NAUTICAL
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MARCH 2026

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RORC CARIBBEAN 600

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FEBRUARY 2025

The Royal Ocean Racing Club's Caribbean 600 is a non-stop 600 nautical mile race around the Caribbean islands in association with Antigua Yacht Club. The pumping winter trade winds across the tropics and an international fleet make it a highly contest event.



ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE

**VALLETA, MALTA
AND BACK VIA
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**606 NAUTICAL
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OCTOBER 2024

The Rolex Middle Sea Race is a highly regarded offshore race that starts and finishes in Malta, with a circular course around Sicily. Known for its scenic beauty and tactical complexity, it attracts a competitive international fleet.

ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE

**SYDNEY, AUS. TO
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**628 NAUTICAL
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DECEMBER 2024

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NEWPORT BERMUDA RACE

**NEWPORT,
RI, USA TO
BERMUDA**

**636 NAUTICAL
MILES**

JUNE 2024

The Newport Bermuda Race is one of the world's oldest international offshore races, having begun in 1906. The biennial race starts in a classic New England city sailing through the Atlantic and Gulf Stream. The Thrash to the Onion Patch draws a large fleet of over 200 entrants.

GROUPAMA RACE

**NOUMEA, NEW
CALEDONIA**

**654 NAUTICAL
MILES**

JUNE 2025

The Groupama Race is a biennial offshore race around the main island of New Caledonia, known for its beautiful yet challenging course. Hosted by the Cercle Nautique Calédonie, the race attracts international competitors looking for a mix of tactical sailing and stunning scenery.





ROLEX FASTNET RACE

**COWES, UK TO
PLYMOUTH, UK
VIA THE FASTNET
ROCK**

**695 NAUTICAL
MILES**

JULY 2025

The Fastnet Race is a biennial offshore yacht race organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club, considered one of the classic bluewater races. The course takes competitors from Cowes around Fastnet Rock and back to Plymouth, testing their skills in often challenging conditions.

TRANS-TASMAN YACHT RACE

**SYDNEY, AUS. TO
AUCKLAND, NZ**

**1,250 NAUTICAL
MILES**

FEBRUARY 2026

The inaugural biennial Trans-Tasman Yacht Race kicks off in February 2026. After kicking off from Sydney Harbour in a staggered start, competitors will race across the Ditch, rounding the tip of New Zealand's North Island and running down its picturesque east coast.



TRANS-PACIFIC YACHT RACE

**LOS ANGELES,
CA, USA TO
HONOLULU,
HAWAII, USA**

**2,225 NAUTICAL
MILES**

JUNE 2025

The Transpacific Yacht Race, or Transpac, is a biennial race challenging sailors to navigate the vast Pacific Ocean. Known for its strategic and navigational demands, it attracts a diverse fleet ranging from small yachts to state-of-the-art racers.

RORC TRANS- ATLANTIC RACE

**LANZAROTE,
THE CANARY
ISLANDS TO
GRENADA**

**2,995 NAUTICAL
MILES**

JANUARY 2025

The Royal Ocean Racing Club's Trans-Atlantic Race is an annual east to west ocean-crossing yacht race. Competitors hail across all avenues of racing from high performance multihull and monohulls to classic yachts to double-handed entrants.



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**MELBOURNE,
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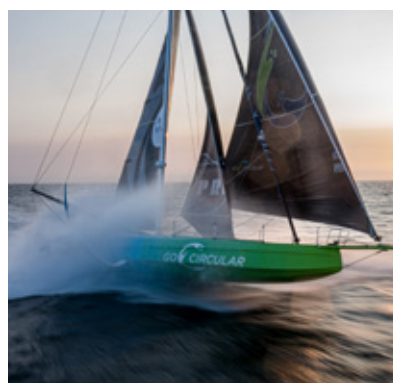
MARCH 2025

The Melbourne Osaka Cup is a non-stop, double handed yacht race that spans a significant portion of the globe, from Australia to Japan. Held every four years, it challenges sailors with varied weather conditions and the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean.

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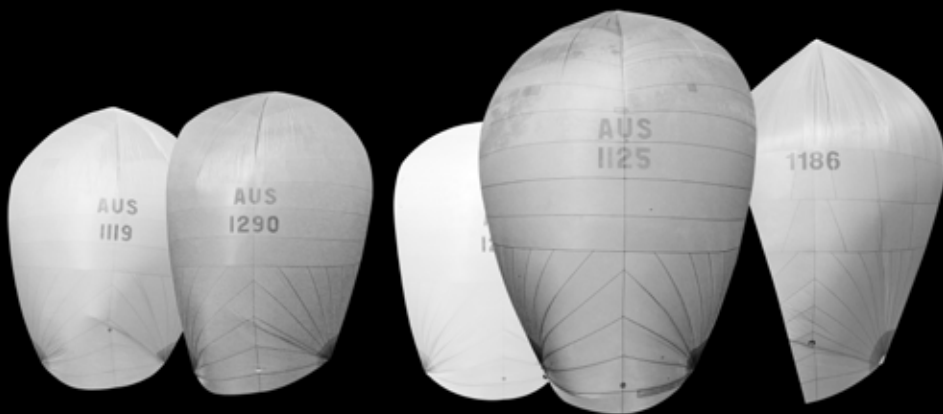
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What are IRC Standard Certificates?

- **Streamlined Process:** No need for weighing or extensive measuring; choose from pre-existing hull and sail data.
- **Cost-Effective:** Cheaper than endorsed certificates, making competitive racing more accessible.
- **Club-Level Focus:** Ideal for competitive club racers, bridging the gap between casual and grand prix racing.

Why are IRC Standard Certificates Important?

- **Enhanced Racing Quality:** Promotes higher standards in club racing, leading to more competitive and engaging events.
- **Increased Participation:** Lower costs and simpler processes encourage more racers to participate, growing club fleets.
- **Skill-Based Wins:** Rewards the best-sailed boat, fostering a competitive spirit and excellence in sailing.
- **Pathway to Grand Prix:** Acts as a stepping stone for club racers aiming for prestigious events like the ACS Blue Water Pointscore and the Rolex Sydney Hobart race.

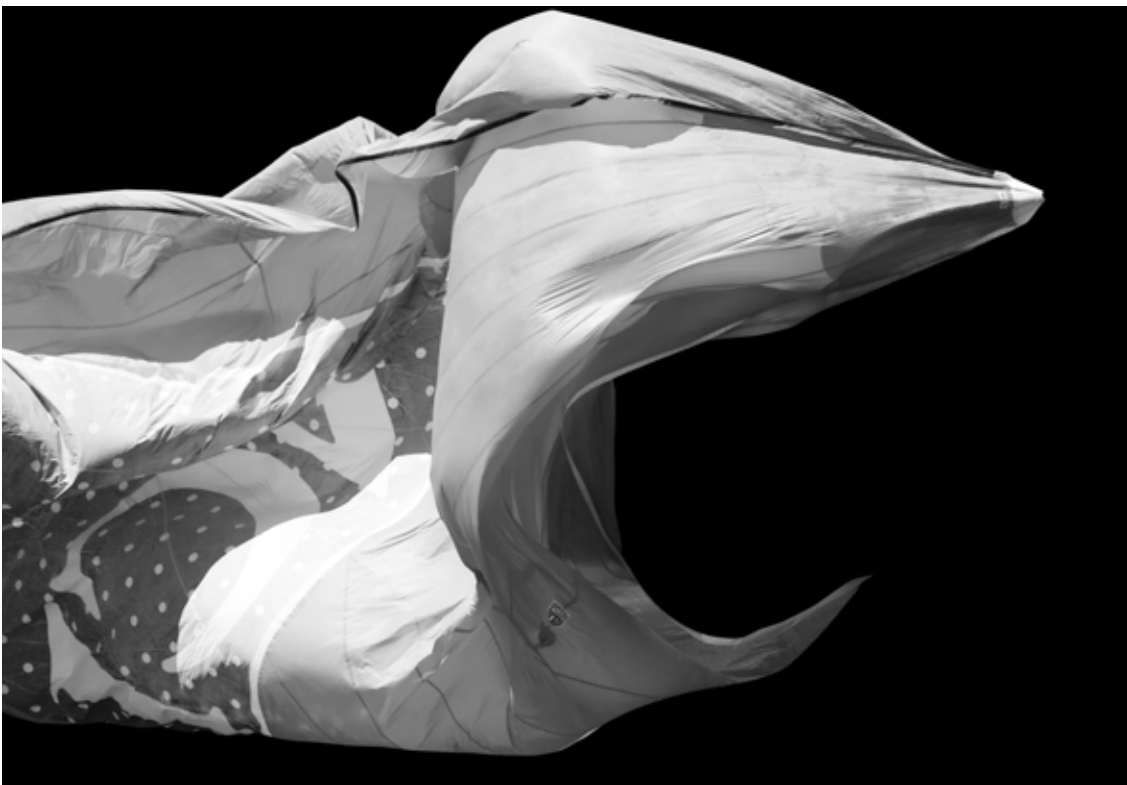


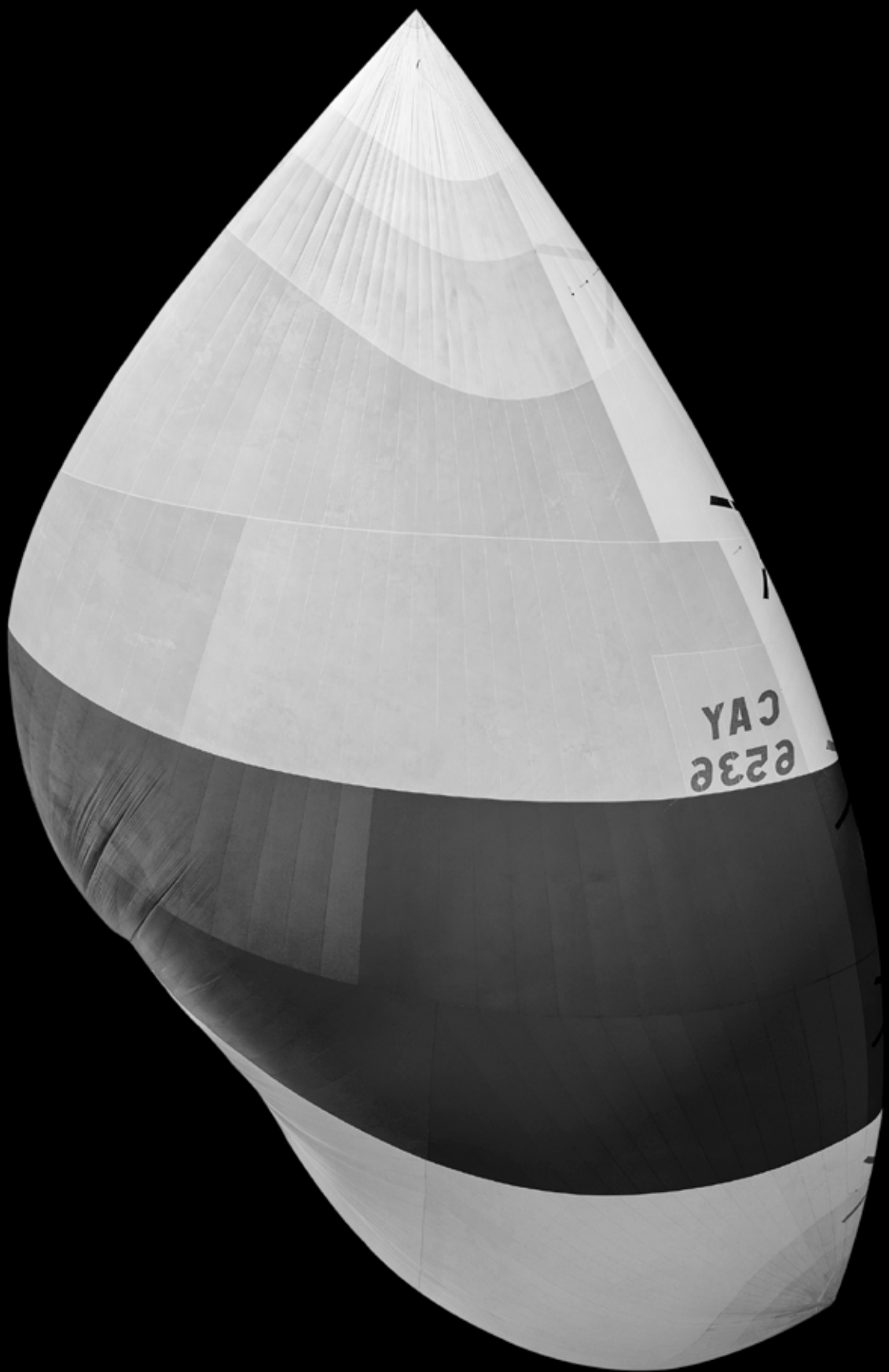
Kites by Andrea Francolini



Ah, spinnakers, those free-spirited flappers of the nautical world! They're like rebellious teenagers, careening about the ocean with all the grace of a drunk seagull. As a photographer, I've had my fair share of battles trying to wrangle these wayward sails into a frame. It's like herding cats, except the cats are made of fabric and have a vendetta against straight lines. Every time I think I've got the perfect shot, the wind decides to play a prank, sending the spinnaker into a wild dance routine that leaves me both frustrated and laughing.

There's nothing quite like the thrill of capturing their unpredictable antics, though. Each shot is a testament to the chaos of the sea and the rebellious spirit of these sails. So, armed with my camera and a sense of humor, I embrace the challenge. After all, every shot is an adventure, right?





From Harbour to Horizon: Billy Merrington's and Mark Bradford's Guide to your first Offshore race



3. Boat, Hull, and Safety Equipment

The next step is to ensure your boat is in top condition and that the systems ensuring safety are known to everyone on board. The ability to reduce sail area quickly is vital, and this means having an effective and efficient reefing system.

It's not uncommon for boats to retire due to mainsail damage. This is usually a sign of incorrect sail handling, avoidable by practicing reefing manoeuvres with your crew. If you have a single or double luff forestay, make sure these systems work smoothly.

Category 1 (Cat 1) Offshore Sailing Yachts

Category 1 and 2 yachts are designed and constructed for long-distance offshore racing. They are built to withstand harsh conditions and are subject to stringent safety regulations to ensure the safety of the crew. Key requirements and features of Cat 1 and 2 yachts include:

- **Structural Integrity:** The hull, deck, and rigging must be robust and capable of withstanding extreme weather conditions and meet the AS Special Regulation standards in regard to construction. Regular inspections and maintenance are critical.
- **Safety Equipment:** In addition to the standard safety gear, Cat 1 and 2 yachts must carry items such as life rafts, EPIRBs (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons), storm sails, and extensive medical kits.
- **Stability:** Cat 1 and 2 yachts must meet specific stability standards to ensure they can still provide a safe platform even in adverse conditions.
- **Communication and Navigation:** Enhanced communication equipment, including the correct communication equipment which is specified by race organisers. Navigational aids, including advanced GPS systems and backup compasses, are also mandatory.
- **Self-Sufficiency:** Cat 1 and 2 yachts need to be self-sufficient for extended periods, with adequate provisions, including food, water, and fuel.



4. Performance Equipment

Building your sail wardrobe around your goals is crucial: the mainsail, upwind jibs, heavy weather jib, and downwind sails are essential components. For offshore racing, careful selection and planning of your sail inventory can significantly impact both safety and performance.

- Sail Inventory and Crossovers

Sail changes can be complicated and pose safety risks, especially in challenging conditions. To minimise these risks, consider reducing the number of sail changes by selecting sails with broader crossover ranges. Mark Bradford suggests, "Instead of having four jibs, opt for two that cover the same wind range." A well-constructed crossover chart, which your sailmaker or boat builder can help create, will assist you in choosing the right sails for various wind conditions.

- Mainsail Reefing and Training

The mainsail is central to your boat's performance and safety. Ensure it has appropriate reefing points to handle different wind conditions. "Practice getting two reefs in really quickly, it is certain that throughout a long ocean race or pointscore you will run into heavy weather and that you will have to reef your main quickly avoiding damage " says Billy Merrington. Standard reefing increments might range from 12% to 35% of the luff length. For races like the Rolex Sydney Hobart, consider carrying spare battens, pre-cut and taped, to handle potential sail damage efficiently.

Reefing rules, such as the 50% luff reef rule, suggest that if you can reef the mainsail to this depth, you are not required to carry additional storm trysail. This rule highlights the importance of versatile reefing systems that can adapt to severe conditions.

- Spinnakers and Code Sails

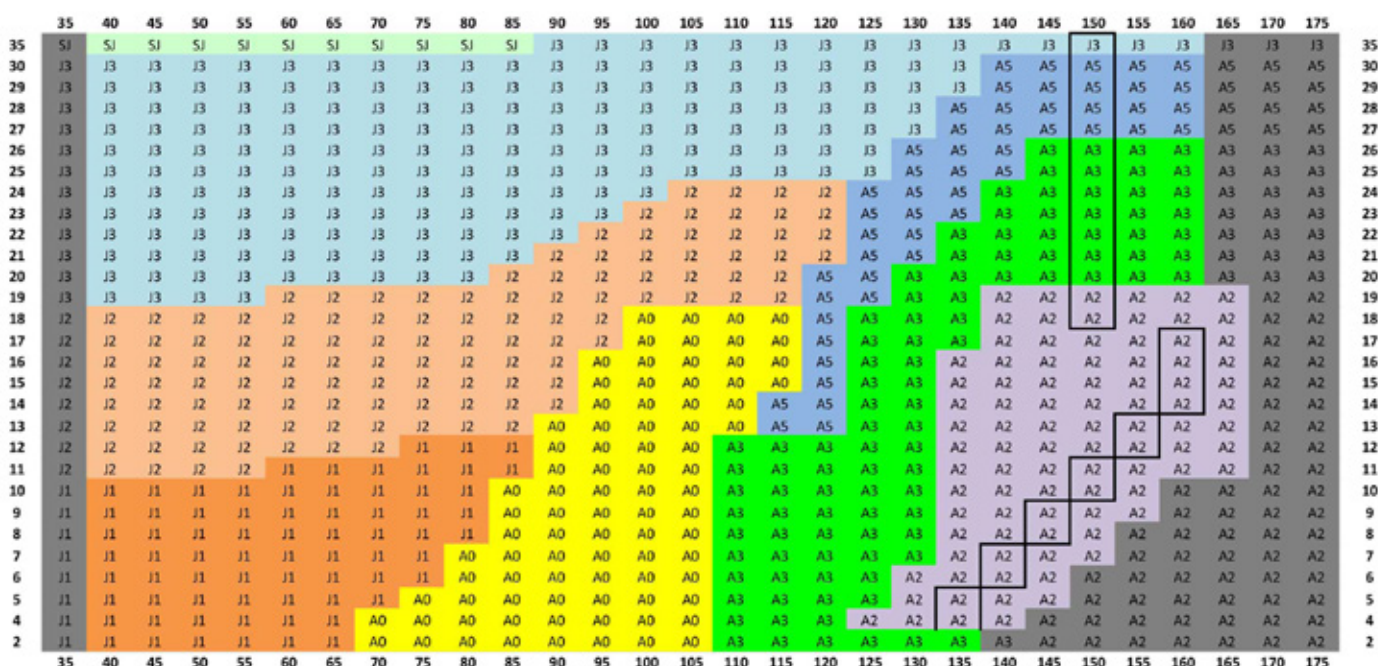
Your selection of spinnakers and code sails should align with the expected conditions and your performance goals. For Category 1 and 2 offshore racing with the AS prescription, you are allowed as many spinnakers as indicated on your IRC certificate plus one additional sail. Depending on the forecast, your choices might include:

- Code 0: A heavy air reaching sail, light but robust.
- S2 or A2: Your largest spinnaker for lighter winds.
- S4 or A4: A heavy-weather spinnaker for stronger winds.
- S1.5 or A1.5: A versatile spinnaker for moderate conditions.

Choosing sail materials that match your objectives is essential. Different sailmakers offer varied construction techniques, so consult with them to find the best options for your campaign.

- Sail Handling Systems

Modern sail handling systems, such as furlers with torque ropes, can simplify maneuvers and reduce the likelihood of errors. These systems allow for quick deployment and retrieval of sails, enhancing safety and efficiency. Incorporating modern furlers and locks on the boom and mast can streamline operations and minimise the need for complex sail changes as well.



J/111 Sailchart

5. Safety and Performance Balance

Prioritising safety is paramount. Reducing the number of manoeuvres and selecting user-friendly systems can lower the risk of catastrophic failure. "When starting, set your boat up in the most user-friendly way that minimises the possibility of human error," advises Mark Bradford. Ensuring that your crew is comfortable and familiar with all equipment can prevent accidents and improve overall performance.

By focusing on these key areas, you can build a sail and equipment inventory that not only meets the demands of offshore racing but also aligns with your safety and performance goals. Thorough preparation and strategic planning are essential to transforming a challenging task into a rewarding and successful campaign.

6. Electronics and Technology

Setting up your boat's electronics is another crucial step. "Make sure those who will be using the electronics are comfortable and know how to use them," Billy emphasises. This includes:

- The laptop/navigation tablet
- Navigation software
- Communication tools including satellite phones and VHF Radio

7. Crew

Assembling your crew is one of the most time-consuming aspects of preparation. Identify the key roles: skipper, trimmers, navigators, and mechanics. "If you're sailing with eight people, you actually need twelve crew," says Billy. The navigator needs to be in charge of configuring the navigation package and ensuring all necessary technology is onboard and functional.

Empowering your crew is vital. Let navigators focus on navigation, trimmers on trimming, and so on. Establishing clear goals is also important, especially for beginner racers. "Finishing the race should always be the first goal," Billy advises. Training should focus on building seamanship and maneuvering the boat without causing damage. Make sure everyone can handle the basic tasks smoothly before focusing on performance enhancements.

Final Thoughts

By breaking down the preparation into these key areas, you can ensure that you're ready for the challenges of offshore racing. With thorough preparation and a well-coordinated team, you can turn what might seem like an overwhelming task into a rewarding and successful campaign. ⚓



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Making Waves Foundation

About the Making Waves Foundation

Since 2016, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) has assisted the Making Waves Foundation (MWF). MWF offers opportunities for youth living with disabilities or facing disadvantages to participate in the sport of sailing through empowering programs.

Making Waves Foundation is an Australian registered not-for-profit charitable organisation led by over 250 dedicated volunteers. Now in its 30th year of operation, MWF's flagship and largest operation is based in Sydney, with their 54-foot program yacht *Kayle* berthed at the CYCA. Seven sessions per week are conducted from our facilities across the picturesque Sydney Harbour.

MWF creates empowering sailing programs designed to build confidence, encourage team building, and challenge participants' limitations. Since 1994, over 60,000 participants have taken part in MWF programs. The foundation's dedicated volunteers are passionate about sailing and committed to supporting and encouraging participants to realise their potential.

Making Waves Foundation also extends its programs to caregivers of people with disabilities, offering exhilarating adventures on the water that foster a deeper sense of connection and community. These programs have the capacity to transform lives, helping participants develop new skills and friendships while building confidence and self-esteem that extends beyond sailing into their wider community.



Charity Regatta

Set against the stunning Sydney Harbour on 27 September 2024, the 6th Making Waves Foundation Charity Regatta promises an exhilarating day of sailing, teamwork, and most importantly, making a difference in the community.

With 15 yachts already signed up, participants can look forward to a thrilling experience. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or new to the seas, there's a place for everyone aboard the fully crewed yachts.

Participants can enjoy a fully crewed yacht experience, lunch, and an after-party with drinks and entertainment. There will be many opportunities to win trophies and raffle prizes. Bring your friends, family, or colleagues for a day of healthy competition for a great cause.

Join the Making Waves Foundation

- Team Building: Strengthen bonds with your team, clients, or friends.
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- Race Day: Compete for trophies aboard fully crewed yachts.
- Pre-race Lunch and After Party: Enjoy lunch, drinks, and entertainment.

Find out more here: makingwaves.au/making-waves-regatta.

Australian Programs

The Making Waves Foundation currently operates out of five ports across the eastern seaboard of Australia: Sydney, Melbourne, Newcastle, Geelong and Brisbane and is actively expanding its reach. Below is an overview of their core programs:

The ongoing initiatives, Winds of Joy and Winds of Change, operate most weekdays during school terms out of CYCA.

Winds of Joy

Winds of Joy, is a program designed for young people with disabilities to enjoy the unique opportunity to sail a large racing yacht, specially modified for accessibility, providing an empowering and uplifting experience. Its programs offer opportunities for children of all abilities to participate safely and thanks to the generous donation by the CYCA Breakfast Club, it has a new wheelchair ramp for ease of access between *Kayle* and the dock.

Winds of Change

Winds of Change provides school students living with a disability or that are experiencing disadvantage to progress over eight weeks from observation to independent control of a large sailing yacht, promoting teamwork and personal growth. Through mentorship by MWF's skilled volunteers, these students are able to immerse themselves in sailing while learning valuable life skills.

Wright of Passage

In the Wright of Passage program, at-risk school students spend two days per week on the dock learning maritime trade skills, gaining confidence and practical experience in a supportive environment. The program operates throughout the school terms. The participants learn how to build a Rainbow dinghy from scratch and sail it as well, paving the way for future career opportunities. Designed by Shane Grieves, this program imparts both woodcraft and sailing skills, offering transformative life experiences.

Winds of Care

The Winds of Care program provides half a day of respite, relaxation, networking, and celebration for carers, recognising their invaluable contributions.

Winds of Inspiration

This program offers participants opportunities to challenge themselves and develop sailing skills beyond what other programs offer through offshore racing. The next race will be the 2024 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.





Photo: Andrea Francolini



Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race campaign - Making Waves with the CYCA

The Making Waves Foundation is honoured to announce its 22nd participation in the prestigious Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, featuring an inspiring crew of individuals of whom 50% live with disabilities. This year, crew members include—Al Grundy, James Hunter, David Preston and Siang Beh—representing various Making Waves ports. The crew nominations, were based on the Making Waves Foundation's commitment to inclusivity and empowerment through the sport of sailing.

The MWF journey commences with the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race on 27th July 2024. From 15th June, all crew members will

engage in intensive training to ensure competitive performance in this challenging race and the following four Blue Water Point score races. John Whitfeld, skipper of the Making Waves Foundation yacht *Kayle* and veteran of 30 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Races, remarked, "By participating in events like the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, we aim to inspire others and advocate for greater inclusivity in sailing and the broader community."

Together with CYCA, the Making Waves Foundation continues to inspire and empower through the extraordinary world of sailing.

For media inquiries, please contact Rachel Ward, Business Development Manager, at rward@makingwaves.au. [!\[\]\(003082e50e3009141f59bd5df831749f_img.jpg\)](#)

From the Archive

The Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race through the Ages



Competitors dock at Southport Yacht Club after finishing the inaugural 1986 Sydney Gold Coast



CYCA Life Member Gordon Marshall painting the hull of Apollo



Never a Dull Moment sails off the start of the 1994 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race



Apollo Batteries during the start of the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race



Start of the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race



Ichi Ban sailing full speed ahead during the 2003 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race



Start of the 2004 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race



Sextant sailing up the Tasman in the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race



Yachts sail out the Sydney Heads during the start of the 2006 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race.



Start of the 2007 Audi Centre Sydney Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. Photo: Andrea Francolini



Nighttime finish during the 2007 Audi Centre Sydney Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race.



AFR Midnight - Winner of the 2009 Audi Centre Sydney Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race



Great Veterans Race

A Day of Challenges and Triumphs on Sydney Harbour
by David Champtaloup

On Saturday 11 May, despite the wet conditions, an impressive fleet of 25 yachts gathered for the traditional pursuit start of the 2024 Great Veterans Race (GVR) on Sydney Harbour. This annual event, hosted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA), celebrates the rich heritage of classic yachts and those from the International Offshore Rule (IOR) era.

Fifteen minutes before the first yacht set off at midday, the northwesterly breeze was blowing at a promising 10 to 12 knots, hinting at a tight race from the Point Piper start to the Lady Bay mark. Spirits were high, but as quickly as the wind appeared, it diminished, and the fleet faced the challenge of sailing in under 5 knots of breeze for the next two hours.

The initial group of yachts managed to make headway up to Shark Island, navigating through the lulls. Among them, *Madame X*, with her distinctive yellow mast, seemed to find pockets of wind and pulled ahead of the later starters. Meanwhile, *Wraith of Odin*, *Nirvana*, and *Caprice of Huon* opted for the western side of the Harbour, finding slightly better conditions and an outgoing tide to their advantage. This allowed them to converge on the top mark at Store Beach alongside *Defiance*, *Love & War*, *Fidelis*, and *Jasnar*.

As the race progressed towards Shark Island, the race had been shortened and the finish line was moved to Clark Island. Interestingly, yachts that chose to sail against the tide fared better, creating a tightly packed fleet approaching the finish. In a dramatic twist, the wind picked up to 12 to 15 knots from the north, leading to a thrilling sprint to the finish line at Clark Island.



In the IOR era Division, James Mackenzie's *Bimblegumbie*, a 1981 Ed Dubois design, emerged victorious, closely followed by James Nixon's Ben Lexcen-designed *Plum Crazy*, with Ben Gray's immaculate *Impeccable* securing third place. *Bimblegumbie*'s win also marked the first awarding of the Bill Psaltis perpetual trophy for IOR era yachts.

The Classic Division 2 saw Annie Lawrence's *Solveig*, a historic Sydney-Hobart line honours winner in 1953 and overall winner in 1954, take first place. Close behind was 98-year-old Gordon Ingate sailing *Jasnar*, with Tony Burgess's *Valhalla* from North Harbour claiming third.

Division 1 was fiercely contested, with Samuel Hunt's *Nike*, a well-sailed 10.8m S&S, securing the top spot. Nigel Stoke in *Fidelis* finished strong in second, just five seconds ahead of Iain Murray's *Defiance*. The top eight yachts in Division 1 finished within a tight window of two minutes and sixteen seconds, with *Caprice of Huon*, *Love & War*, *Zara*, and *Wraith of Odin* crossing the line in rapid succession for places five through eight.

Looking ahead, the next CYCA classic and IOR era yacht event is the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta, scheduled for 13 to 15 December 2024. We eagerly anticipate another showcase of timeless craftsmanship and competitive spirit on the waters of Sydney Harbour. ⚓

Great Veterans Race Results	
DIVISION 1	<i>Nike</i>
	<i>Fidelis</i>
	<i>Defiance</i>
DIVISION 2	<i>Solveig</i>
	<i>Jasnar</i>
	<i>Valhalla</i>
IOR ERA	<i>Bimblegumbie</i>
	<i>Plum Crazy</i>
	<i>Impeccable</i>



Photos by Darcie Collington.





World Match Racing Tour Opens

Tapper competes in opening rounds of 2024 World Match Racing Tour.

Cole Tapper and his Youth Sailing Academy team of George Richardson, Max Brennan, Nathan Gulliksen, Hamish Vass and YSA Head Coach Jordan Reece competed in the opening two events of the 2024 World Match Racing Tour, sailed in Long Beach CA.

Hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club, the opening event of the season was the World Sailing Grade 2 Ficker Cup, a qualifying event for the WMRT Championship event - The Congressional Cup. The three-day event featured eight teams from Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand and the United States with the Top 3 teams qualifying for the main event.

The team had a mixed double round robin phase of the event, qualifying in 4th for the semi-finals. Paired against 14-time Ficker Cup champion Scott Dickson in the semi-finals, Tapper and his team fought hard but ultimately went down fighting, losing 3 - 1.



For the petit-final, the team bounced back to claim third place overall, winning 2 -0 over local David Hood. Tapper, along with event winner Scott Dickson and finalist Megan Thompson all qualified for the 59th Congressional Cup.

Founded by LBYC in 1965, the Congressional Cup is recognized as one of the oldest one-design match racing events in the world. Twelve teams, representing eight countries featured in the five-day event.

This year's event saw a new regatta format including a round robin and repechage round, followed by quarter finals, semi finals and final series.

After a difficult qualifying round robin, placing 10th, the team were able to capitalize in the events repechage round on Day Three. The team finished second in the second round to qualify for quarter-finals. After winning the round robin, six-time match racing World Champion selected Tapper for the quarter finals. The team again put up a strong fight against the five-time Congressional Cup champion, but couldn't advance past the quarter finals, finishing the event in eighth overall.

The team will now focus on the remaining rounds of the World Match Racing Tour, with events planned for Bermuda in October and China in December. ⚓



Tapper and his crew representing the Cruising Yacht Club of the Australia at the 2024 Congressional Cup.



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Thank you to all our competitors for another fantastic summer racing season.

Congratulations to all our Pointscore and Prize winners.

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A person is swimming in a calm lake, creating a splash. The background is a steep, forested hill with dense green trees. The sky is blue with some clouds. The water reflects the surrounding landscape.

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Seabins Clean Up

Offshore celebrated World Oceans Day on Friday 7 June, speaking with the Seabin Foundation to learn more about our mutual commitment to sustainability.

In 2020, the Seabin Foundation installed six Seabins at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, through the support of Woollahra Council. In the four years since, the Seabin Foundation has installed seabins around Sydney, Los Angeles, and the world. At the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, the Seabins have dramatically cleaned up our marina in Rushcutters Bay, helping the CYCA earn its Marine Industries Association Clean Marina and Fish Friendly certifications. The CYCA is one of only ninety-six marinas around the world to have earned these certificates, demonstrating our Club's ongoing commitment to sustainability.

Seabin's mission is not only to clean up existing pollution but also to prevent future pollution by educating and help assist in making legislative change. Read on to learn more about the Seabin Foundation and how to get involved.

Why we do what we do at Seabin?

Seabin aims to be in over 100 cities by 2050.

1. Reduce and prevent environmental impact
2. Assist companies to reach plastic net zero
3. Influence human behaviour to reduce negative impact
4. Support and create legislation
5. Help enable companies to reach SDG goals 11 + 14



How does a Seabin work?

A Seabin is a cross between a garbage bin and a pool skimmer. A Seabin works by skimming the surface and sucking in water to remove plastics, microplastics, fuel oil and other harmful contaminants.

Seabins filter up to 1.3 Million litres of water per day (L/day) to capture marine litter. A catch net is housed within the Seabin unit and is capable of holding up to 20kg of matter. The average catch over a typical 24hour cycle is approximately 4kg.

Seabins operate 24/7 - 365 days per year. SST (Seabin Smart Technology) use a submersible pump that pulls water through the unit at a rate of 55,000L/hour (1,300,000L/ day) which creates surface tension to the top 20mm of the water column around the units lid, drawing water toward the unit from up to 6 metres (m) away. Any marine litter as well as surface pollutants including microplastics, plastic fibres, oils and fuels caught in this vortex is filtered by a catch net and oil absorbent pad within the unit.

How is Seabin working across Sydney Harbour and the globe to clean up our waterways?

The previous year's annual report, from January 2023 - December 2023, shows that with 33 units our Seabins filtered 9.25 billion litres of water. Captured and removed over 22 and a half tonnes of

marine litter. Captured and removed an estimated 4,772,648 of plastic items which include micro plastics. Captured and removed an estimated 2,601,353 of microplastics captured (nurdles, micro soft and hard plastics, microfibres & foam <5mm

How can the CYCA community get involved with Seabins? Why should the public get involved?

Through Nature Certificates: Plastic pollution affects us all. By purchasing a Nature Certificate, individuals and families can support Seabin's efforts to filter water and remove plastic debris from Sydney Harbour. Each certificate purchased contributes to reducing and preventing plastic pollution in our waters. For as little as \$13.20 per month, you can help filter 538.2 litres of water and remove 288 plastic items, including 156 microplastics, from Sydney Harbour. Explore our subscriptions and plans here: <https://seabin.io/home>

From April 19 2020 - April 19 2024, how many litres of water have the six Seabins processed in the four years of the equipment at the CYCA?

5.78 Billion Litres of water, equivalent to 2,311.44 Olympic sized swimming pools.

From April 19 2020 - April 19 2024, how many kilos of plastic and microplastic have the six Seabins cleaned up in the past four years?

18421.21 kg or 18.43 tonnes. 🚢



Seabin Foundation scientists catalogue microplastics collected in the seabins around Sydney. Photos courtesy of Seabin.

The Seabins are just one aspect of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's ongoing Sustainability Initiative which encompasses reducing the environmental impact of the Club across all areas of operation. The CYCA is proud to work with the Seabin Foundation and celebrate all Seabin does to help clean up our oceans.

Get involved with Seabins today at seabin.io.

Annual Impact Report:

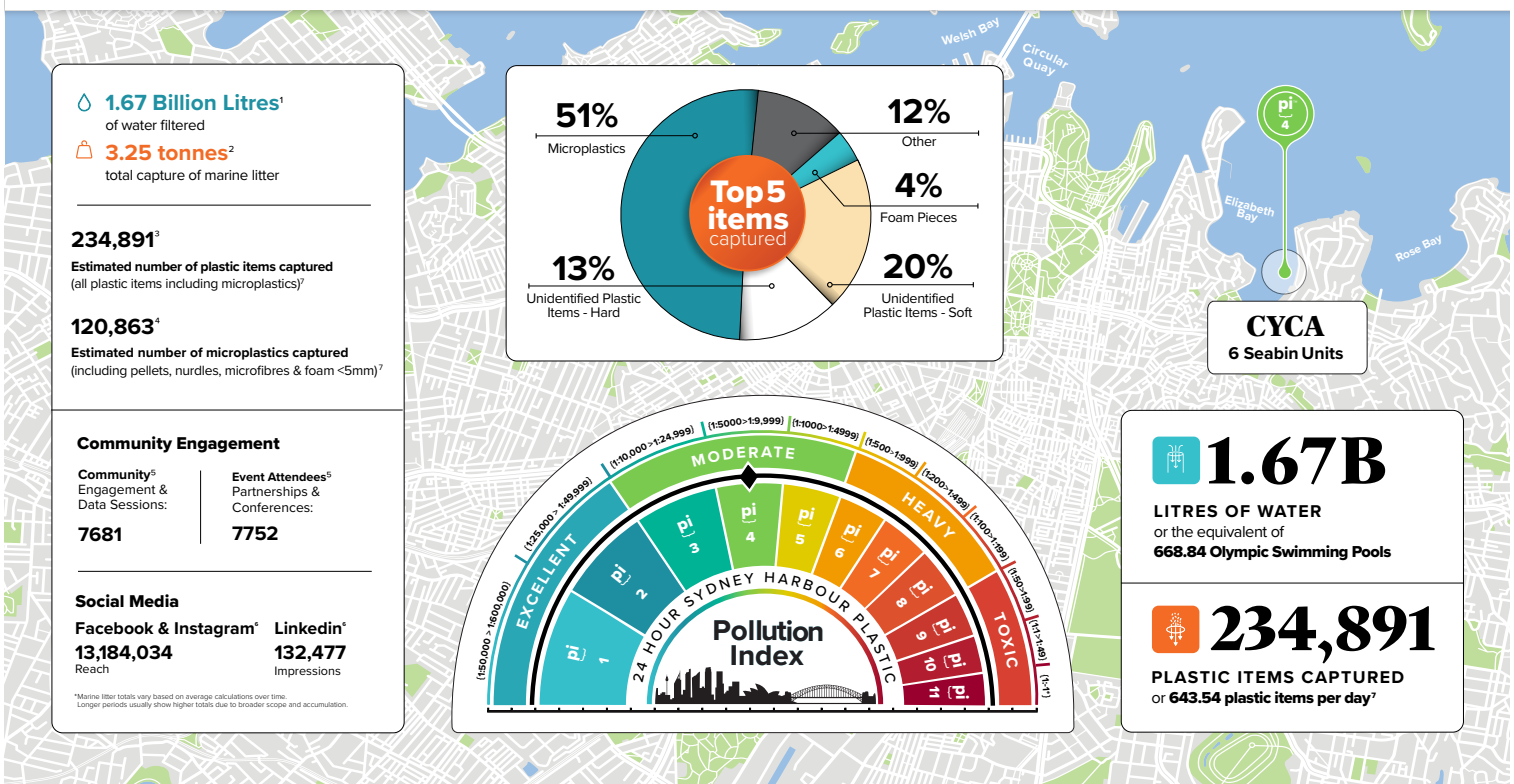
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REPORTING PERIOD: April 1st 2023 - March 31st 2024
Unit Location: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia | 6 units

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Week 9 of the 2024 LGT Crestone Winter Series on Sydney Harbour. Photo: David Brogan.



Associates

Club Social Lunch



Associates Ladies Night



Friday 5 July 2024 celebrated the annual Ladies Night presented by the Associate Committee.

The night was full of mingling with Members and their guests. The sailors of the YSA walked the carpet in a fashion parade, showing off the latest CYCA clothing range. Simone Hill spoke as a guest speaker, sharing her knowledge of yacht deliveries, racing, and rallies worldwide.

Upcoming Associates Events

Market Day

Save the date! The Fabulous CYCA Associates Market Day is back in October

Dive into a treasure trove of vendor stands including branded merchandise and second-hand sailing gear while enjoying a mouth-watering Breakfast Club snag at this great day out.

From prize raffles and sailing bags to branded clothing, we've got market stands that will keep the whole family busy.

Come for the shopping, grab a bargain, stay for the music snacking and leave with a smile.

See you at CYCA Market Day on Sunday October 13 from 0900 to 1300.

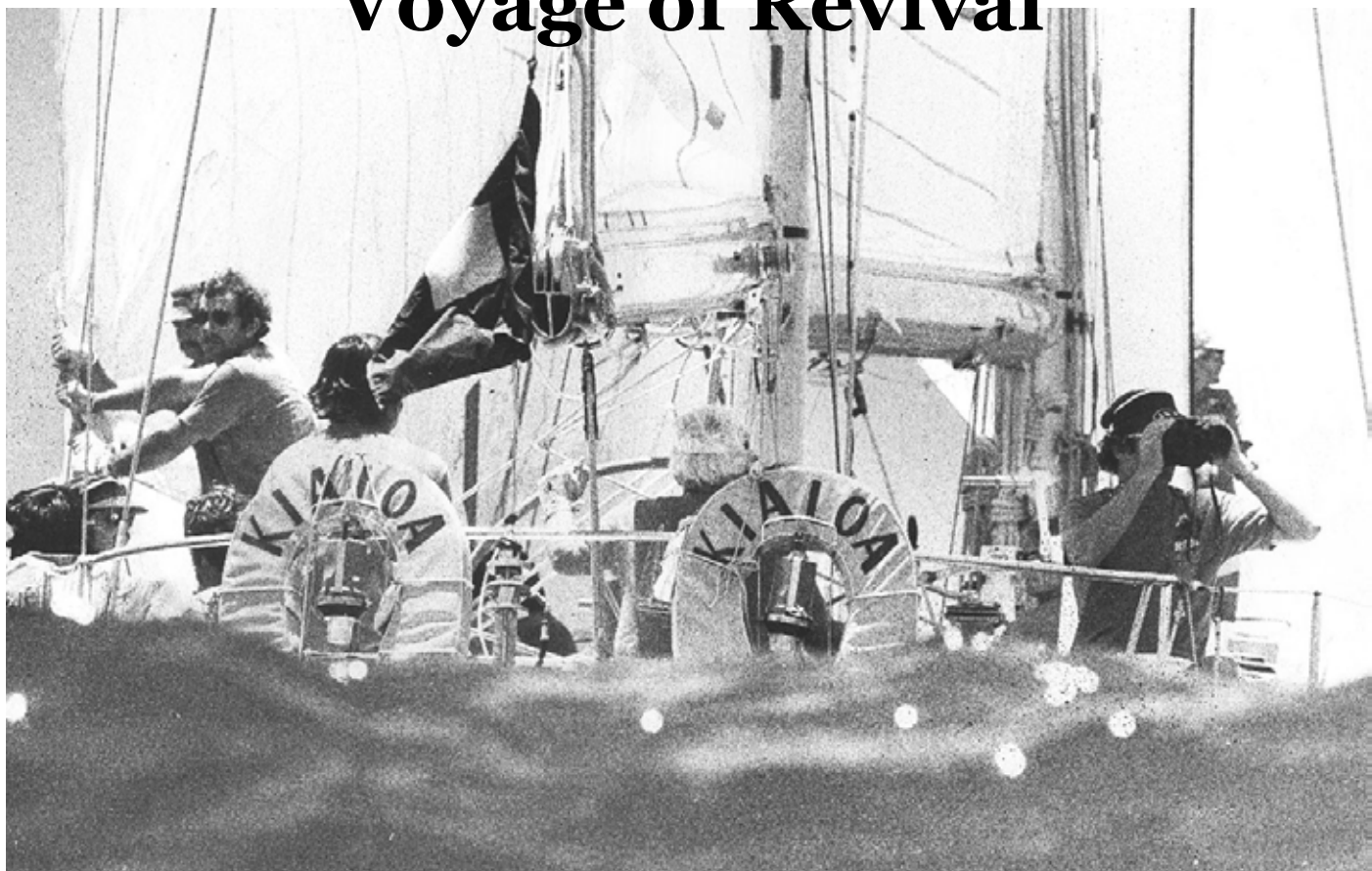
Date: Sunday 13 October 2024

Time: 0900hrs – 1300hrs



Cruising

The Timeless Legacy of *Kialoa II*: Patrick Broughton's Voyage of Revival



Kialoa II, the legendary yacht designed by Sparkman & Stephens and launched in 1963, remains a testament of nautical engineering and architecture excellence. Originally crafted for ocean racing aficionado Jim Kilroy, this 73-foot vessel has claimed a myriad of victories over the decades. Under the passionate stewardship of Patrick "Paddy" Broughton and his brother Keith, *Kialoa II* has not only been restored but also reinvigorated to sail competitively once again. But why, you might wonder, does a modern sailor take on such a historic vessel? Let's set sail.

A Storied Past

Kialoa II's racing pedigree is iconic. She dominated the Transpacific Yacht Race from Los Angeles to Honolulu in 1965, completing the journey in 9 days, 19 hours. Another notable triumph was the 1971 Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, where she clinched line honours in just over three days. Built

with aircraft-grade aluminium, she was the largest yacht of her kind in the United States at the time of her construction, embodying both strength and elegance.

Broughton's Revival Efforts

Paddy Broughton, a Member of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia since 1997, has always had the sea in his blood. "I sailed to Australia with my brother in 1996 to take part in the '96 Sydney Hobart and never left," Paddy recalls.

When, years later, they came across *Kialoa II*, they were searching for a classic ocean racer with good provenance. "We wanted to race with our mates, reminisce about the old times, and maybe, with the right conditions, do well on handicap."

Reviving *Kialoa II* has been a labour of love. "K2 was in okay cosmetic shape but very poor sailing shape," Paddy admits. The Broughton brothers worked tirelessly to restore her near her best,

a process Paddy describes as long but rewarding. Reflecting on the 2017 Rolex Fastnet Race, he noted the challenges posed by *Kialoa II*'s 45-ton weight, which required careful manoeuvring in light winds. However, the yacht performed admirably once the breeze picked up, showcasing her enduring capability and the crew's skill. As Paddy quips, "We don't like too many manoeuvres, we like straight lines!" You can almost see him winking, can't you?

The Journey in a Nutshell

After a major refit, *Kialoa II* embarked on a remarkable voyage, starting with the 2017 Rolex Fastnet Race. From there, she sailed via the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Leeuwin to Sydney to compete in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. The adventures continued with a journey to Long Beach for the 50th Transpac, followed by a return to Sydney for the 75th Sydney Hobart. In 2023, Paddy couldn't resist the opportunity to race in the 50th Rolex Fastnet, sailing *Kialoa II* from Sydney to the Solent after the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart.

Resulting in over 50,000 Nautical Miles sailed.



Paddy's Sailing Diary

Paddy keeps a Sailing Diary on the *Kialoa II* website. The entries add vivid details to *Kialoa II*'s journey. In an entry dating back to May 2023, he recounted the preparations for the 50th Rolex Fastnet Race, highlighting the intricate planning and anticipation. In another entry from April 2023, Paddy detailed the passage from Panama to Antigua, describing the exhilarating experience of navigating through diverse weather conditions and the camaraderie among the crew.

One notable diary entry from January 2023 captures Paddy's reflections on finding the groove during a long passage, emphasising the blend of tranquillity and challenge that defines open ocean sailing. These diary entries provide a personal glimpse into the ongoing adventures of *Kialoa II*, underscoring the blend of historical reverence and modern-day excitement that drives her voyages.



Best Cruising Waters

When asked about the best cruising waters, Paddy doesn't hesitate: "The islands in the Pacific. The mileages are big, the weather can be difficult, the navigation sometimes fraught, but the rewards are worth every drop of sweat and race of the heart." Picture the vast expanse of the Pacific, the challenge of navigation, and the unparalleled beauty of island destinations - it's easy to see why Paddy is so convinced right?

Cruising or Racing?

Where does Paddy's heart truly lie? "I like the old way: Ocean Racing but sailing on the yacht's own bottom to get there. Best of both worlds." For Paddy, it's not just about the competition, but also the journey. The blend of racing and cruising offers a unique satisfaction, merging the thrill of the race with the adventure of the voyage.



2017 Rolex Fastnet Race. Photo: ROLEX | Kurt Arrigo.



The Journey's End?

Would Paddy take this journey again, knowing what he knows now? "In a heartbeat," he says without hesitation. The passion and dedication that Paddy brings to *Kialoa II* is palpable, and it's clear that the journey has been as rewarding as it has been challenging.

Future Horizons

What does the future hold for Paddy and *Kialoa II*? "More adventures," Paddy states simply. As for the yacht, Paddy acknowledges a universal truth: "It is a great truism that all yachts are always for sale. If we sell her, we'd like to think the buyer would enjoy her as we have done and celebrate her pedigree." Paddy's journey with *Kialoa II* is far from over, and the adventures that lie ahead promise to be as exciting as those in the past. ⚓



**WATCH THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC
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Best wishes to CYCA Members competing at Paris 2024 Olympic Games



In the world of competitive skiff sailing, two local Australian athletes have set their sights on the pinnacle achievement in the sport: winning a gold medal at the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Olivia Price and Evie Haseldine, members of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia and alumni of the Youth Sailing Academy, are sailing their way towards Olympic glory in the 49erFX class.

Olivia Price, a seasoned sailor who started her World Sailing career at the age of sixteen, made history by becoming the youngest female sailor ever to win an Olympic medal at the London 2012 Games after securing the silver medal in the Women's Match Racing event. After transitioning to the 49erFX class, Olivia continued to excel, achieving podium finishes and continued resilience.

Evie Haseldine, inspired by her own dreams of Olympic competition, started sailing at a young age on Sydney Harbour and quickly made a name for herself on the international youth stage. By age eighteen, Evie had competed at the Youth World Championships in the 29er class, demonstrating her talent and determination on the water. Her passion for sailing and her aspiration to represent Australia at the Olympics mirrored Olivia's own journey, creating a serendipitous connection that would propel them towards a shared goal.

Lifelong friends, their partnership solidified in 2021 when Evie approached Olivia for mentorship. When a training sail transformed into a magical experience of seamless teamwork and communication, the pair decided to go for gold at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The road to Paris was paved with intense training sessions, international regattas, and strategic planning. Their campaign gained momentum with a significant milestone - a bronze medal at the 2023 World Championships in The Hague. This achievement not only marked their best performance in the 49erFX class but also secured Australia's spot in the upcoming Olympics, affirming Olivia and Evie's place among the world's top sailors.

Australian Sailing selected Olivia and Evie to represent Australia at the Paris Olympic Games this past March. "Tears started welling up in my eyes," said Price on receiving the selection call. "I never thought I would come back to Olympic sailing so it is a really special feeling that I never thought I would get to feel again," she says.

Team 44's journey is a testament to the power of mentorship, teamwork, and the unwavering pursuit of excellence.



Today, Matt Wearn is one of the World's top ILCA 6 class sailors. Having represented Australia at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, Matt sailed away with a Gold Medal and hopes to go for gold again at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Growing up, Matt was a talented athlete all around, having been drafted to the West Perth AFL Development Squad. His dedication to the sport of sailing has paid off. In addition to becoming an Olympic Gold Medallist, Matt has won two consecutive World Championship titles, becoming the first Australian to win back-to-back world titles since Tom Slingsby in 2012.

Back home in Australia, Matt is revered not only for his athletic prowess but also for his humility and sportsmanship. As an honorary member of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA), he is a familiar face on the Sydney sailing scene, where he shares his knowledge and passion with the next generation of sailors. ⚓

Photos courtesy of World Sailing | Sailing World Energy.

Good luck to all the Australian competitors at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Watch the Games live from the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.



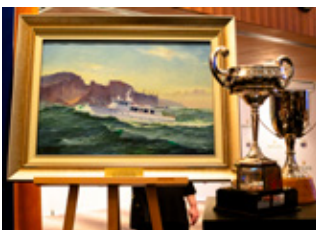
New Member Meet and Greet

On Wednesday 1 May, the Board and Management welcomed new members to the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia. Commodore Arthur Lane spoke on the significant history of our Club. Youth Sailing Academy Head Coach Jordan Reece highlighted the various racing, training, and learning opportunities available throughout the CYCA's sailing programs, from the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, Trans-Tasman Yacht Race,

the Wednesday Twilights Concierge Program, the Club Marine Short Ocean Pointscore and LGT Crestone Winter Series. Jackie Sapir emphasised the importance of the Club's volunteers and the many ways to get involved throughout the Club community.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a delightful evening and welcome to our new Members! ⚓

Member Anniversary Dinner



VIDEO ARCHIVE PROJECT



Scan the QR code to view these episodes and more from the Video Archive Project. Interviews are conducted by Life Member Peter Shipway and produced by Life Member David Champtaloup.



[Youtube.com/CYCATV](https://www.youtube.com/CYCATV)

The CYCA Video Archive Project documents the stories of CYCA Members, including their on-water achievements and contributions to the continued development of the Club.



Episode 43 features Navigator Adrienne Cahalan, 31-time Sydney Hobart competitor with six Line Honour victories and three Tattersall Cup wins. Her interview covers everything from her early sailing days on 12-foot and 18-foot skiffs to skippering *Ella Bache* in the 1992 Sydney Hobart and competing in the 1993 Whitbread Round the World Race.



Episode 44 features the 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart Line Honour winner Christian Beck, owner and skipper of *LawConnect*. His interview covers *LawConnect*'s exhilarating journey, building an offshore crew, and breaking a Sydney Hobart record.

Meet our Crew

BRANDON PUNTER

Get to know our new Chief Financial Officer



How did you get started in the finance and sports industry?

As a long-time sports fan who has played a variety of sports, my journey into the finance and sports industry began unexpectedly. An ex-colleague asked me to lend her a hand in the Accounts team at the South Sydney Rabbitohs and associated Leagues Club for what was supposed to be a three-month stint. This opportunity marked the beginning of my career in this unique intersection.

What roles have you held in this field, and what were some key experiences?

Over twelve years at the South Sydney Rabbitohs, I held several key positions, including Financial Controller and Chief Operating Officer. One of the most challenging and rewarding experiences was managing the club's financial operations during its period of expulsion. Afterward, I spent the next 15 years at ClubsNSW in the executive management team, where I gained extensive experience in financial leadership within the Club industry.

What drew you to the CYCA, and how is it different from your previous roles?

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) represents a unique and exciting opportunity for me. Unlike my previous roles, CYCA is a high-profile sporting club that does not rely on gaming revenue. This difference intrigued me, as it presents new challenges and opportunities.

What specific contributions are you looking forward to making at CYCA?

I am particularly excited about the opportunity to make progressive improvements to the club's systems and procedural operations. Playing an important role in ensuring the smoother running of the club is a challenge I find stimulating. I look forward to leveraging my skills to enhance operational efficiency and improve the overall member experience.

What are some of your favorite activities outside of work?

In my free time, I am deeply involved in sports, particularly football. During the winter months, I spend a lot of time on the football pitch, either coaching or playing. This allows me to stay connected to my passion for sports and engage with my local community.

What other hobbies or interests do you pursue?

In the summer, I enjoy spending time by the beach, which is a great way to relax and unwind. Additionally, I have a passion for DIY projects. Whether it's home improvements or working on my boys' toy cars, these activities provide a creative and hands-on outlet that balances my professional life. ⚓

WINTER ESCAPES

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

It's time to book an escape to picturesque Palm Beach or secluded Patonga, on the New South Wales Central Coast. Enjoy a boutique stay by the water, with the best of local dining at your doorstep.

Add to the luxury of a winter escape with special food and beverage inclusions during your stay. Available for stays between 1 July until 31 August 2024.



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The Boathouse at CYCA

Winter 2024 brings a refreshed menu to the Boathouse at the CYCA.



Menu

served from 11.30am

SMALL PLATES

SALT + PEPPER SQUID 18

sauce tartare, lemon DF

LEMON BREAD + HUMMUS 14

sweet paprika, chives, hazelnuts DF / N

CHILLED TIGER PRAWNS 38

marie rose sauce GF / DF

MARINATED OLIVES VG / GF 9

ROSEMARY + CHERRY TOMATO FOCACCIA 18

freshly baked, stracciatella, prosciutto + basil oil

FISH TACOS 28

battered fish, shaved red cabbage, pickled jalapeño,
fermented chilli mayo - 3 pieces DF

ARANCINI 14

three cheese, truffle aioli V

SYDNEY ROCK OYSTERS

½ DOZ 34 ~ DOZ 60

red wine mignonette GF / DF

SALADS

TUNA POKÉ BOWL 26

yellow fin tuna, black rice, seaweed salad,
avocado crema, cucumber, cherry tomatoes,
pickled daikon, tapioca crisp DF / GF

HARISSA PUMPKIN 19

harissa baked kent pumpkin, mint,
radish, feta, leaves V / VGA

CAESAR SALAD 19

baby cos, pancetta, egg, parmesan GF

MAINS

BAKED OCEAN TROUT 36

capers, beurre noisette, dill
+ your choice of side GF

220G PORTERHOUSE MB2+ 45

onions, jus + your choice of side GF / DF

BANGERS + MASH 26

cumberland sausage, mash,
curried onions + pea puree GF / DF

PARMESAN + HERB CRUMBED CHICKEN SCHNITZEL 29

shaved slaw, green peppercorn sauce + chips

MAKE IT PARMIGIANI +6

SLOW COOKED BEEF CHEEKS 46

parsnip puree + roasted onion jus GF

CLASSIC BEER BATTERED FISH 34

barramundi, sauce tartare, lemon + your choice of side DF

PIZZA + PASTA

PRAWN PIZZA 28

napoli sauce, tiger prawns, fior di latte,
rocket, fermented chilli

MARGIE PIZZA 24

buffalo mozzarella, tomato, basil V

PROSCIUTTO PIZZA 28

rocket, pecorino, mozzarella

PEPPERONI PIZZA 26

mozzarella, pickled jalapeño

PUMPKIN + SAGE GNOCCHI 28

garlic + honey roasted pumpkin + sage gnocchi,
chilli pangrattato V

CASARECCE ALLA VODKA 28

stracciatella, basil pesto V / GFA / N

WILD BOAR RAGU 36

8 hour slow cooked wild boar ragu, pappardelle,
pecorino, fried oregano GFA

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BURGERS

WAGYU CHEESEBURGER 26

club sauce, onion, dill pickle + shoestring fries GFA

ROAST CHICKEN CLUB SANDWICH 26

chicken, smoked streaky bacon, mozzarella, beefsteak tomato, shredded baby cos, soft boiled egg + shoestring fries GFA

BARRAMUNDI BURGER 28

crumbed, iceberg, sauce tartare, cheese + shoestring fries

SIDES

CHIPS 9

rosemary, fennel salt VG / V

BABY COS 12

green goddess, pangrattato V / GFA

GARLIC POTATOES 12

thrice cooked V

CHARRED SUGARLOAF CABBAGE 13

macadamia tarator VG / DF / N

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DAILY
5-7PM

GF gluten free GFA gluten free available

V vegetarian VG vegan

N contains nuts DF dairy free S sesame

LITTLE TACKERS

FISH & CHIPS 15

beer battered barramundi served with cherry tomatoes, cucumber wheels, cos lettuce + chips DF

SPAGHETTI 12

sauce napoli V / GFA

CHICKEN SCHNITZEL 15

parmesan herb crusted chicken breast served with cherry tomatoes, cucumber wheels, cos lettuce + chips

DESSERT

STICKY DATE PUDDING 14

butterscotch, vanilla ice-cream V

SALTED SEA DOG MERINGUE 14

strawberries, lemon curd + chantilly V

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE 14

smoked almond crumble + raspberry V / GF / N

DAILY SPECIALS

Monday
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Team Australia Challenge 2024 Youth & Women's America's Cup Regattas

Team Australia Challenge sails through the final push before the 37th America's Cup.

With just over two months until the 37th America's Cup officially gets underway in Barcelona on 22 August, the Spanish host city is revealing its major revamped venues and plans to host teams and spectators from around the world – including Australia's own Team Australia Challenge (TAC) in the Youth and Women's competition.

The fully revamped Port Olympic will be home to the 12 nations contesting the UniCredit Youth and Puig Women's competitions and Australia has now booked their Port Base headquarters to prepare to host supporters.

There will be plenty of action on the water with the Louis Vuitton Cup round robin starting August 29th before the fast foiling AC40 yachts are handed to the Youth teams for practice from September 10th and the start of The Youth Regatta on September 17th, culminating in a Match Race Final on September 26th.

The Australian women will then start practice days on water from 28 September ahead of the regatta kick off on 5 October for this historic first series that will culminate in a final on Sunday 13 October.

Our national squad has already clocked up impressive podium results racing the other nations in real time on the high-tech simulator with online regattas in recent weeks.

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia is proud to be represented across both the Youth and Women's Team Australia Challenge America's Cup teams. On the Youth Team, Youth Sailing Academy sailors Cole Tapper and George Richardson will be competing. On the Women's Team, Member Olivia Price and Rolex Sydney Hobart commentator Lisa Darmanin will be racing.

As the team starts on-the-water training, the TAC campaign is also rolling out this week its supporter packages for members to join the excitement in Barcelona with special access events, spectator exclusive locations and hospitality packages.

By joining the Team Australia Challenge syndicate with tax deductible donations starting at AU\$1,000, members gain inner sanctum access to exclusive packages for either the Youth or Women's competition periods or a combination across both.

Campaign Manager, and CYCA Member, Kate Moriarty has recently visited the top Barcelona and AC37 locations to secure spectating locations including joint team venues and events.

Australia has secured one of the limited brand-new dock venues to establish the team's dock base HQ – with direct views to the AC40 berths, regatta viewing access and hosting capacity.

TAC have also secured spectating and hospitality access in the all new AC37 club house during the competitions. Dates have been set for opening cocktail parties with the Youth competition on 16 September and the Women's competition on 2 October.

An Australian team dinner hosted with Patron John Bertrand is scheduled for 9 October at an iconic Barcelona venue with sweeping Port Vell views and traditional Spanish fare.

The Australian cheer squad in Barcelona will have an official waterside bar for gathering throughout the competition to cheer on our team. A number of Barcelona experiences are scheduled for spectators, including lay day vineyard tours with lunch and the chance to bottle your own wine at one of the most technologically advanced wineries in the region – a picturesque location overlooking the coast back to Barcelona which is also an agricultural research & development hub

Supporter members will also gain priority access and discount passes to Barcelona's key cultural sights.

Information and enquiries are now available on the website at teamaustraliachallenge.org.







Sam Haynes's *Celestial* places 6th Overall at J/70 World Championships

Congratulations to the *Celestial* team for securing sixth place overall in the 2024 J/70 Corinthian World Championship in Copenhagen. They finished the tour with a stellar performance, including two first-place finishes, and dominated the final race. The team's success was driven by exceptional efforts from Tom Grimes, George Richardson, Sam Abel, Sam Haynes, and coach David Chapman. Their dedication and teamwork were evident in their impressive results amidst challenging conditions. ⚓

Wendy Tuck's *Spartan* earns Second Overall the 2024 Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta



Congratulations to the *Spartan* team for securing a second place overall in the 2024 Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta hosted by the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. ⚓

Exchange of Burgee | The Rudder Club of Jacksonville

Earlier last month we had the pleasure of welcoming Vincent Genovese into the Club for an exchange of burgee. David Jacobs was present to do the honours of presenting Vincent with the CYCA Burgee.

A special thanks to Vincent and The Rudder Club of Jacksonville.. ⚓



Christening in honour of Lang Walker AO

On Saturday 4 May, the Club acknowledged the significant contribution Lang Walker AO made to the Youth Sailing Academy by christening one of the club support vessels in his honour.

The Board were joined by family member Chad Walker and members of the Youth Sailing Academy for the special occasion.

Lang was a passionate sailor and supporter of our youth sailors; many of whom had the opportunity to sail onboard his various yachts – KOKOMO.

Through the company he founded, Walker Corporation, Lang is our longest standing Boat Sponsor Partner, spanning over 20 years. . ⚓



TP52 Pallas Capital Gold Cup

The Australian TP52 fleet returned to action at Sail Port Stephens for Act 3 of the Pallas Capital Gold Cup. Act 3 of the Pallas Capital Gold Cup marks the second half of the series. David Doherty's *Matador*, series leader after the first two Acts, was for the first time under serious pressure going into the final day, with Craig Neil's *Quest* on equal points. *Matador* rose to the occasion and took their third win from as many events on TPR by two points over *Quest*, with Seb Bohm's *Smuggler* pushing up to third overall. ⚓

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28 AUG**

CYCA TRIVIA

On Wednesdays, we test trivia knowledge. Hosted by trivia masters Luke Webb and Anthony Mitchell, join us in the Clubhouse at 1900hrs on Wednesdays (fortnightly).

**7 JUL -
14 JUL**

LGT CRESTONE WINTER SERIES 2024

Sydney Harbour is the best place to be on a Sunday in winter. The LGT Crestone Winter Series 2024 includes ten pointscore races, which are bookended by two of the three Women's Winter Series races.

**16
JUL**

CYCA CLUB SOCIAL LUNCH

Join the Associates Committee for an informal lunch to enjoy a meal at the Club and catch up with other Members & Friends. All are welcome.

**19
JUL**

LGT CRESTONE WINTER SERIES PRIZEGIVING

Join us for the LGT Crestone Winter Series & Women's Winter Series Prizegiving 2024 to celebrate another incredible winter season.

**27
JUL**

2024 NOAKES SYDNEY GOLD COAST YACHT RACE

The Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race is a 384 nautical mile race, starting in Sydney Harbour and finishing on the Gold Coast with SYC.

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AT THE CYCA

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