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Celebrating the 78th



Dear Members,

With only a few weeks to go until the 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, it is already shaping up to be a close fought Hobart; with many similarities to last year's fleet.

Activity at the Club has been building steadily as we see more interstate and international arrivals on the marina. 107 entries include ten internationals teams, from New Zealand, Hong Kong, New Caledonia, USA, Ireland, France and Germany. Boats from all states of Australia will be competing.

Once again, we will have four 100-foot maxis leading the charge for Line Honours. John Winning Jr's *Andoo Comanche* returns to defend her title, as does second placed *LawConnect*, whilst *Black Jack* and *Hamilton Island Wild Oats* are replaced this year by Hong-Kong based *SHK Scallywag* and the new kid on the block – Grant Wharington's *Wild Thing 100* (formerly the Botin 80 *Stefan Racing*).

Racing amongst the 60 to 80-foot mini maxis is also likely to be close judging from recent competition in the 2023 Raymarine Australian Maxi Championship. Many eyes will be on Anthony Johnston's *URM Group* who has won three of the five Audi Centre Blue Water Pointscore races as well as the Raymarine Australian Championship Mini Maxi Division. Former Overall winner *Alive* and the other 60-footers are in great form and could well feature in overall standings.

The much-anticipated showdown between 2022 Tattersall Cup winner, Sam Hayne's *Celestial* and

Max Klink's third-placed *Caro* (winner of the 2023 Rolex Fastnet Race and divisonal winner in the Rolex Middle Sea Race) promises to be one for the ages. The strong TP52 fleet and a number of well-crewed 30 and 40-foot racers will be in contention if conditions favour the smaller boats.

We are excited to see the Two-Handed division continue to attract new competitors to the 628nm classic, and across a wide range of new, purpose-built and older racer/cruising boats. This year there will be nineteen teams on the start line, including last year's winner *Mistral*, which could be the first two-handed boats to podium Overall should it prove to be a tougher upwind race.

An international audience will tune in at 12.30pm on Boxing Day with Broadcast Partner Seven West Media televising 90-minutes of live coverage on Channel Seven, Seven Mate and digital platform Seven+. There will be a live stream on YouTube for global audiences. The finishes in Hobart will be covered with live updates at 10am and 4pm each day as well as live streams for the key arrivals.

We warmly thank our close friends at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania as Finishing Partner, our many staff and volunteers as well as owners, competitors and their support crews.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to offer our warmest thanks and appreciation to the team at Rolex and to our other corporate and government partners.

Best wishes to all teams. I look forward to seeing you in Hobart to celebrate another chapter in the Race's proud history. ⚓

2023 – Let the excitement continue!

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2023 Bird Island Race start.
Photo: CYCA, Ashley Dart.



2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Official Guide The Preview By Rupert Guinness

When Richard 'Dick' Sargeant fires the official start gun for the 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race on Boxing Day one of the most open contests in years is expected to unfold.

All the hallmarks are in place for a spectacular start in front of a typically huge spectator fleet on Sydney Harbour at 1pm on December 26.

Having Sargeant behind the start gun to send three waves of yachts on their way for the 628 nautical mile race will only add to the occasion.

Sargeant, 87, crewed in the Sydney Hobart on 1973 overall winner *Ceil III*, in one of his nine participations; and in 1962 he crewed on the Australian America's Cup challenger *Gretel*. But his most significant imprint in sailing was arguably in the Olympic Games in which he became Australian sailing's first gold medallist.

In the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, Sargeant sailed on the gold medal winning 5.5 metre *Barranjoey*, with skipper Bill Northam and Peter 'Pod' O'Donnell. In 2017, the trio were made inaugural inductees into the



Raymarine Australian Maxi Championship. Photo: Andrea Francolini.



Smuggler. Photo: Andrea Francolini.

Australian Sailing Hall of Fame. Sargeant also sailed in the 1968 Olympic Games at Mexico where he and Carl Ryves placed fourth in their Flying Dutchman, agonisingly 0.7 points shy of the Bronze medal.

Sargeant starting this 78th Rolex Sydney Hobart on the eve of the 2024 Paris Olympics year - and 60 years since his Olympic triumph - will also be a fitting tribute to both his contribution to the Olympic movement and sport of sailing in Australia.

His presence at the Media Launch of this year's Sydney Hobart on November 22 at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) in Sydney was poignant. It led Master of Ceremonies, Gordon Bray to admit feeling emotional as he recalled Sargeant's glittering sailing career.

It should all augur well for the CYCA who as race organiser, received 120 entries this year and looks likely to start with 107 boats on Boxing Day. It represents a fleet rich in diversity for more than its number, but also for the sizes and classes of boats entered, the representation of all six Australian States - NSW, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, Western Australia and South Australia - and 10 other nations.



Pacman. Photo: Salty Dingo.

The race for line honours

Four 100-footers will start as favourites for Line Honours and the *John H Illingworth Challenge Cup*. There is the defending four-time winner *Andoo Comanche*, chartered and skippered by John Winning Jr, which holds the race record of 1 day, 9 hours, 15 minutes, and 24 seconds as *LDV Comanche* for Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant (2017).

Last year's runner-up *LawConnect*, owned by Christian Beck that was first across the line in 2016 as Perpetual LOYAL; the David Witt skippered *SHK Scallywag* from Hong Kong and Grant Wharington's *Wild Thing 100*, the recently modified Botin 80 *Stefan Racing*, are the others.

Andoo Comanche will understandably start as major favourite, especially off the back of a superb season in Australia. However, in a race where the unpredictability of weather and sea conditions can be so crucial to any boat's performance, Winning Jr is respectfully wary of his rivals.

Of *SHK Scallywag*, that has undergone a lot of work, Winning Jr said: "Scallywag [it did not race last year] is an unknown quantity, but I believe 'Witty' [David Witt] has the boat in the best shape ever. They certainly will be a force to reckon with."

Winning Jr knows first-hand about *LawConnect's* potential. He crewed on the boat in 2016 when owned by Anthony Bell and won Line Honours in record time.

"*LawConnect* broke the record in 2016 (as Perpetual LOYAL), so they have a phenomenal boat," he said. I was on it that year. So, I felt it."

Winning Jr was a little more circumspect about *Wild Thing 100's* prospect with its short lead-in time. It has undergone a huge remake at the Gold Coast City Marina in Queensland that includes being cut in half and extended by 20 metres.

"'Wharo's (Grant Wharington) working around the clock to get the boat finished," said Winning Jr. "He is a determined man so I'm sure he will

have the boat ready to go. If anyone can do it, it's 'Wharo', because he has a vivid imagination and determination to match. I think he'll get that thing on the starting line."

And what of *Andoo Comanche's* potential, aside from winning? Is breaking the 24-hour mark really possible?

"Technically, it's possible," he says. "You have to average over 26 knots on average from start to finish line. So, that's on the rhumbline, not tacking or gybing, which you obviously have to do ... usually at least at the start and finish and at some point to turn the corners. Yeah ... the boat can do it. But it'd be a massive, long shot.

"You'd want a lot of things going in your favour. The race record will be much more achievable with the right forecast.

"And again, those forecasts are once in a decade ... once in every second decade, [a] roll the dice, fingers crossed ...



Andoo Comanche, the world's fastest 100-foot racing monohull. Photo: CYCA, Ashley Dart.



2022 RSHYR Pretty Woman. Photo: Salty Dingo.

"Hopefully, whatever the conditions are, we'll get there as quickly as we possibly can."

The race for overall victory

Line honours aside, hopes of victory in divisions, or for the most cherished title of Overall winner under IRC on corrected time and the Tattersall Cup, are high. The fleet includes eight mini maxis, nine TP52s and other 52-foot racers and a range of smaller fast boats across all divisions.

Among the hopeful are Sam Haynes' TP52 *Celestial* that won overall last year; and five other past overall winners in *Alive* (2018), *Bumblebee V* (2001), *Love & War* (1974, 1978, 2006) and *Wild Oats/Wild Rose* (1993 and 2014). Unfortunately, *Christina* (1946) was recently withdrawn.

There are also 19 boats entered in the Two-Handed division, including the Lombard 34, *Mistral*, owned by Rupert Henry who won the division last year.

Haynes, who is also the CYCA's Vice-Commodore, is excited about the opportunity that he and his crew on *Celestial* face to claim back-to-back wins this year. Only two boats have achieved this since the race was first held in 1945.

Celestial's win last year came after a gripping battle between the TP52s. It was hugely popular victory.

The scenes of sheer joy and celebration by Haynes and crew as they jumped into the cold water off the dock in Hobart when declared winners and handed the Tattersall Cup by CYCA Commodore Arthur Lane are unforgettable.

Asked almost a year later at the 2023 race media launch about his chances of defending the title, Haynes smiled and said: "It's always difficult to win this race and to defend it. The statistics count against you as well, but we're doing everything we can.

"TP52s seem to fit the race. Then you need skilled sailors with the personalities to match. You need confidence too. I'm going to put my best foot forward."



Two-Handed entrant, Philospher. Photo: CYCA.

The 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart has an equally strong representation in the class with the likes of *Caro*, *Smuggler* and *Koa* in form and tasting recent success.

Also racing with his eyes on the Tattersall Cup is two-handed champion, Rupert Henry, on *Mistral*. He will co-skipper his Lombard 34 with French-based Australian, Jack Boutell, who crewed on the winning *11th Hour Racing Team* in the 2022/23 round the world *The Ocean Race*. Greg O'Shea, Henry's long-time co-skipper, including last year's Sydney Hobart, was unavailable.

However, Henry is optimistic of his and Boutell's potential, with the pair having crewed together before in France.

"I'm trying to win this race. That's why I'm here," said Henry. "I've spent a lot of time and effort this year preparing to do that.

"You're out there longer [in a smaller boat]. The 'Weather Gods' do have to shine a lot. It's rare for a small boat to take the overall victory, but that's what Jack and I are here to try and do."

A shift towards gender parity

The Sydney Hobart continues to show it is not bound by gender. Female numbers have regularly grown. Among women in crews this year, 11 are boat owners and/or skippers.

Among them are two two-handed entries: Kathy Veel, owner/co-skipper with Bridget Canham on the 30-foot *Currawong*, that was last to finish in 2022 and Jiang Lin, owner/co-skipper of the JPK 10.30, *Min River*.

Then there are: Lisa Callaghan, co-owner/co-skipper of the Sydney 38 *Mondo*; Tori Costello, co-skipper of the Beneteau First 40 *Navy One*; Annika Thomson, co owner/skipper of the Andrews 52 *Ocean Crusaders J-Bird*; Felicity Nelson, co-owner/co-skipper of the Sydney 36 *Supernova* and Hilary Arthure, owner/skipper of the Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600 *Wyuna*.

Callaghan, who took up sailing 10 years ago, lauds the increased presence of women and the shift towards gender parity.

“We have come a long way, with gender in the sport,” Callaghan says. “I don’t refer to myself as a female sailor. So, regardless of being a female, you’re competing with everyone.”

Callaghan co-owns *Mondo* with Stephen Teudt. They have three females on the crew and plan to avenge the disappointment of her Sydney Hobart debut last year when she had to make the “heartbreaking decision” to retire *Mondo* near Bass Strait at 3am due to a broken gooseneck.

An eye on the future

This year’s Sydney Hobart will continue one of its added purposes as a platform from which Australia’s emerging sailors are exposed to the challenge of ocean racing. And getting behind that initiative this year are Jules Hall, a director of the CYCA, and Wendy Tuck.

Hall won the inaugural Two-Handed Division of the race in 2021 with Jan Scholten on the *J/99 Disko Trooper_Contender Sailcloth*. He won’t sail in that division this year, as Scholten is not available, so Hall set about thinking about his options for the Sydney Hobart.

The idea emerged to instead sail with a development crew made up of members of the CYCA’s Youth Sailing Academy. And to help strengthen the calibre of tuition at sea, Hall recruited Tuck who, among many feats, was the first woman skipper to win the Clipper Round the World Race in 2018. She remains one of only two women to accomplish this feat.

“She (Tuck is a former Chief Instructor of the Clipper Race training base in Sydney and a credentialed sailing instructor) has been involved in taking relatively inexperienced offshore sailors and training them to be capable of going on major



2023 SOLAS Big Boat Challenge. Photo: CYCA/Andrea Francolini.

ocean crossings. I don’t have that experience,” Hall admits.

“The squad we’ve got from the Youth Sailing Academy are outstanding sailors, but they’ve got different levels of offshore experience you need from a safety and boat management perspective when in ocean environments.”

The Sydney Hobart will not be without challenge for Hall though. He says racing in a crew of six as against competing in two-handed sailing when each of the two crew are alone while the other sleeps will be a new experience: “The hardest thing is not doing everything yourself. Having the discipline to let go of a few things ... it’s a new adventure.”

Aspiring winners to the true believers

The Sydney Hobart will be a challenge for all who take part; from aspiring winners to those who will sail not so much with victory in mind, but for the pure adventure and experience of the journey south. Reflecting the latter will be Robert Williams, a former Royal Australian Naval Lieutenant Commander and primarily a warfare officer on destroyers.

Williams, now in his 70s, is a credentialed ocean sailor. He has completed two and a half global circumnavigations of the world on *Sylph VI*, a 1960-built custom Alan Payne sloop that he bought in 1997. He was also Commander of *Young Endeavour*, the Radio Relay Vessel in the 1995 and 1996 Sydney Hobarts.

Sylph IV’s entry into this year’s Sydney Hobart is in the Two-Handed division. It marks Williams’ debut in the race and the boat’s return to it for the first time in 51 years after five starts in the 1960s and 1970s. His co-skipper will be Chris Warren. Also on board for the journey, will be his pet cat, Oli.



2022 RSHYR Overall Winner *Celestial*. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini.

“I joined the Navy to sail. The Navy was in some respect was a means to an end to get to where I am,” Williams says.

“The Hobart is one of those things that is in the imagination of all sailors. I’ll find out if it’s my greatest challenge after the race. There are things you don’t know about that you are going to get.

“I’m very excited and anxious. While I have sailed the boat around-the-world a couple of times - and I’ve been up to the Arctic Circle and have sailed around Cape Horn a couple of times - the race is altogether different from your conventional ocean crossing cruising where speed is not an issue or, you can decide when you’re going to leave.

“[In the Sydney Hobart] there is a start line. You go with what you get, and you’ve got just got to make the most of it.

“One of the great things about this race, and why it has the reputation it does, are the conditions along

the way. It’s going to be one of the toughest races in the world.”

It is due largely to all the uncertainty that every Sydney Hobart represents a new adventure for all who take part.

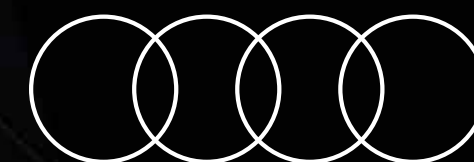
It was an adventure when the race was first held in 1945 between nine yachts; and has continued to be, with 7,490 boats having raced in it so far.

From goggle-eyed rookies to the most seasoned and weather-beaten of campaigners, by the time this year’s race is over, there will be many feats to celebrate, set-backs to commiserate, loads of lessons to learn from and tales tall and more personal to share once all who sail regather on terra firma.

That alone helps keeps all equal in any Sydney Hobart; and rekindles the fire for so many to sail it again another year. ⚓



Atomic Blonde. Photo: CYCA/Andrea Francolini.



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Launch Sequence



The 2022 Media Launch panel. Photo: Andrea Francolini.

On Wednesday 22 November, media attended the first press conference for the 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and enjoyed anecdotes and thoughts from a variety of panellists who spoke of their race preparation, previous experiences and what the race really means to them. Gordon Bray AM was MC for the event.

The panel was comprised of:

- **Duncan Hine**, skipper of Philip Turner's former Overall Winner *Alive* (2018) and her legendary navigator Adrienne Cahalan.
- **Robert Williams**, skipper of *Sylph VI* making her return to the Sydney Hobart after 50 years absence and two and a half world circumnavigations.
- **Jules Hall**, skipper of *Disko Trooper*, *Contender Sailcloth*, a previous Two-Handed Overall winner, this year taking down a full-crew from the CYCA's Youth Sailing Academy.
- **Lisa Callaghan**, skipper of *Mondo*, one of the Sydney 38s likely to feature and determined to



Gordon Bray. Photo: Andrea Francolini.



Jules Hall and Bob Williams. Photo: Andrea Francolini.

- complete her first RSH after being forced to retire last year.
- **Sam Haynes**, skipper of *Celestial* (defending Overall winner).
- **John 'Herman' Winning Jr**, skipper of *Andoo Comanche* (defending Line Honours winner).
- **Rupert Henry**, skipper of *Mistral* (defending Two-Handed winner).

Amidst much good humour and some gentle ribbing, what was keenly apparent was that the common denominator between all of the speakers was their deep passion for the Rolex Sydney Hobart and a burning desire to achieve their respective goals.

We wish them all luck this year. 🍀



John Winning Jr. Photo: Andrea Francolini.



Sam Haynes. Photo: Andrea Francolini.



The trophies. Photo: Andrea Francolini.



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PRE-RACE

The Rolex Sydney Hobart digital channels provide an insiders' guide to the fleet, with interviews, boat tours, race footage and more. Be sure to follow the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia on social media for information and videos of the build-up races.



THE START

Australian viewers can tune into the start of the race on the Seven Network. The start will be broadcast on Channel 7 and Seven Mate and available LIVE and on demand on the 7plus app. Viewers around the world can also visit the Rolex Sydney Hobart website to watch the action.



For spectators lucky enough to be in Sydney on Boxing Day, there are some superb vantage points to watch the fleet race out of the Harbour. Nielsen Park and South Head are two of the most popular spots for onlookers.

If you have a boat or other vessel and plan to be on the water, please note an exclusion zone is in force around the race track on Sydney Harbour.

DURING THE RACE

The Rolex Sydney Hobart website has everything you need to keep up-to-date with the progress of the race, including news, photos, videos, live tracker and live standings.

Video updates will be broadcast at 10am and 4pm (AEDT) daily, as our team of experts dissect the action and track the fleet down to Hobart. Tune into the Rolex Sydney Hobart Facebook page, website or CYCATV YouTube channel.

Live streams will also be broadcast on these channels, including the Line Honours finish and key contenders finishing on the Derwent.



AFTER THE RACE

Race highlights, interviews with competitors and the prizegiving ceremony will be available to watch across the Rolex Sydney Hobart channels.

Stay tuned for the official post-race film, which will be broadcast globally shortly after the final boat crosses the line.



Photos: Salty Dingo

The Starting Gun



Dick Sargeant at the 2023 Media Launch. Photo: Andrea Francolini.

The Boxing Day start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is always a spectacle on Sydney Harbour. As hundreds of spectator vessels jostle for the best vantage points to watch the action from outside the exclusion zone, dignitaries, officials, Past Commodores and Life Members, previous winners, Club partners and other invited guests watch the proceedings close-up from the CYCA's VIP Start Boat.

Steeped in tradition, two warning signals at 10 and 5 minutes followed by the official starting signal at 1300hrs are marked by cannon fire. These take place from the Starting vessel and three invitees with close ties to the race & Club perform the separate duties. In 2023, the warning guns will be fired by former AMSA Senior Search and Rescue Officer Anthony 'Sam' Hughes and Past Associates Committee President and Life Member Kendi Kellett.

The honour of firing the starting cannon itself is traditionally reserved for someone who featured in the Sydney Hobart 50 years prior. This year, legendary Australian Hall of Fame sailor Dick Sargeant will have that responsibility. Australia's first Olympic sailing gold medalist, Dick crewed on the Overall winner *Ceil III* in 1973 during his illustrious career.

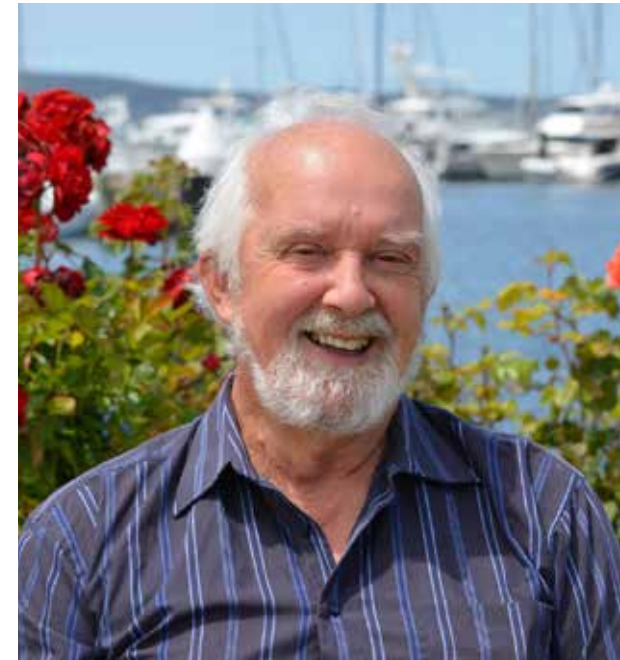
This year, the CYCA will be using the superyacht *The Jackson* for the start which will also double as the Official Spectator Vessel. ⚓



Past Commodore Noel Cornish, one of the 2022 RSHYR starters aboard *Eclipse*.



Model Sailor



We would like to shine a well-deserved spotlight on Ron Bugg, a sailing legend whose remarkable contributions to the Australian sailing community have left an indelible mark.

Ron Bugg stands as a notable figure in our sport, with over 55 years of steadfast dedication. He is renowned for his contributions and involvement in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and his exceptional service has been recognised from different corners of the country, from the CYCA to the Derwent Sailing Squadron in Hobart, where Commodore Nick Connor recently named their new committee boat the *RL Bugg*, affectionately called "Buggy."

Bugg's sailing journey spans over five decades, marked by numerous achievements. He served as Vice Commodore and completed a four-year term as Commodore at the Derwent Sailing Squadron (DSS). Additionally, he chaired the Tasmanian Yachting Association for four years and served as the DSS delegate to the TYA. Finally, he has been the Race Director of the Launceston to Hobart Yacht Race for 12 years.

Beyond administrative roles, Bugg is an experienced yacht designer and builder, a hobby that has been a cornerstone of his life.



Photo: Rolex/Carlo Borlenghi.

In more recent years, various yacht clubs and racing teams have been able to enjoy his craftsmanship through his remarkable half models and trophies.

Using only traditional and recycled boat-building timbers, like Huon Pine, King Billy Pine, and Celery-Top Pine, Bugg creates intricate models that capture the essence of boats and yacht races. His work includes many prestigious trophies such as the Sydney Hobart's Rushcutters Trophy for the winner of IRC Div 0, the Apollo Trophy, for the first yacht under 18.5 metres LOA to finish, the Allan Payne Memorial Trophy, for the designer of the Overall winner on IRC corrected time, the Navigators Trophy and the Storm Bay Trophy, which features a map of SE Tasmania cut out of Huon Pine.

Despite these remarkable achievements, Bugg remains a humble man. With around 500 models crafted over 40 years, each taking two or more days to complete, Ron Bugg's passion and dedication to sailing shines through in every meticulously crafted trophy and model. His legacy resonates not only within the Derwent Sailing Squadron community but also throughout the broader sailing world. ⚓

THE SYDNEY RACE VILLAGE



Constructed on the CYCA hardstand and open for all of December each year, the Sydney Race Village and bar is home to most of the events for the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, including the RSH Crew Party for competitors and friends, Commodore's Beer and Prawn BBQ, Women in Sailing Event and invitational VIP and Skippers Launch.

In 2023, a number of other events will also be hosted in the Village – the 2023 Raymarine Australian Maxi Championship, the 2023 Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta and from 9-15 December, the 2023 World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship, held for the first time in Australia.

The Village will also be home to two new events: the Aperol Afternoon RC Model Yacht Regattas on Sunday 17 and Saturday 23 December. These are open to the public so anyone can come down and race the Club's fleet of radio controlled DragonForce 65 model boats in The Pond. The afternoons feature a selection of Italian food by Boathouse CYCA, Aperol Spritzes and other offerings as well as live acoustic entertainment.

Another exciting addition to the calendar will be the inaugural Moët and Chandon presents The Boxing Day RSH Afterparty from 2pm to 9pm on 26 December following the race start. Seven's live telecast of the Rolex Sydney Hobart start will be shown on the Village's big screens from 12.30pm beforehand. Come down and make a day of it.

The Sydney Village also houses the RSH Media Centre, Volunteers Race Information Centre and the pop-up Helly Hansen retail store which stocks the full range of 2023 RSH merchandise and is open every day.

THE HOBART RACE VILLAGE



Photo: Salty Dingo.

The Hobart waterfront comes alive for the week after Christmas every year as thousands of competitors, shore crews, friends and families, along with interested locals and visitors from around the world flock to the area near Constitution Dock and Elizabeth St Pier to witness the arrival of the Rolex Sydney Hobart fleet and to enjoy the festivities of the Hobart Race Village. It is also the perfect spot to watch the New Year's Eve fireworks display on 31 December.

The village itself offers food & beverage by an array of concessions including Kaki Lima (Indonesian), Jasmine Kitchen (Thai), Kung Fu Canteen, Culinary Kitchen (gourmet burgers and desserts), Monica's Fairy Floss and Daiquiri Isle. The bar is operated by DarkLab and there's a separate wine bar by Devil's Corner (with some tasty oyster samplings during the day). Crews are invited to a special Happy Hour from 5pm each day where they can watch replays of the Boxing Day start on the big screen.

The City of Hobart partners the Race Village. A program of DJs and live entertainment is scheduled every afternoon which this year includes performances by Nightshift, Atomic, Sugartrain, Montage, Dan Vandermeer DJ Johnny, DJ Supanova and DJ Randall Foxx. There is face painting for kids each morning and live Q&As with competitors on stage at midday. The Rolex Sydney Hobart media team produces two live updates at 10am and 4pm each day as part of its race coverage which will be shown on the Village screen. At other times highlights, interviews and historical footage of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will be screened.

Visitors can also pop into the Rolex Information tent to see the Tattersall Cup up close or to the Helly Hansen marquee where a full range of RSHYR merchandise is available for purchase.

The Hobart Race Village runs from 27 December until 1 January and coincides with the 'Taste of Summer', located a short stroll to Princes Wharf and the Salamanca Markets. ⚓



Photo: Salty Dingo.



Photo: Salty Dingo.



A GLOBAL RACE



Rockall 8.



Teasing Machine competing in Europe. Photo: ROLEX.



Allegresse.

Ten international entries will take part in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race this year: three from New Zealand (*Allegresse*, *Caro* and *Niksen*), two from Hong Kong (*Antipodes* and *SHK Scallywag*), and one each from New Caledonia (*Eye Appeal*), USA (*Lenny*), Ireland (*Cinnamon Girl-Eden Capital*), France (*Teasing Machine*) and Germany (*Rockall 8*).

They represent all shapes and sizes & sit across all divisions; many are first-timers, others are back to fulfil unfinished business.

Three of these internationals are two-handed entries, which perhaps reflects the increasing interest and relative ease in campaigning globally with smaller teams of two. Michael and Tracey Carter will compete in their Bruce Clarke 42 *Allegresse*. Also from across the ditch, Marc Michel and Logan Fraser hope to continue their strong form on the Dehler 30 *Niksen*. Lee Condell's Australian-based Sunfast 3300 has been chartered by Irish duo Cian McCarthy and Sam Hunt to compete as *Cinnamon Girl-Eden Capital*.

Thierry Leseigneur returns with his crew on the Sydney 38 *Eye Candy* after being forced out of the 2022 race - though making it down to Hobart afterwards to experience the celebrations.

Renowned sailor Charles-Etienne Devanneaux has brought his new Beneteau First 44 *Lenny* across the Pacific from California, finishing second in his Division of the 2023 Transpac en route.

Christopher Opielok who competed in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart on a previous *Rockall* has put together a mixed crew to sail on the former Western Australian JPK 10.80 *Atomic Blonde* as *Rockall 8*.



SHK Scallywag. Photo: Andrea Francolini.

Vice Commodore of the Royal Ocean Racing Club, Eric de Turckheim's French entry NMYD 54 *Teasing Machine* needs no introduction to followers of ocean racing, having won the RORC Trans-Atlantic Race twice in 2017 and 2023 and winning the 2022 Rolex Middle Sea Race.

Perhaps the best performing boat of 2023, Swiss-born Max Klink's Botin 52 *Caro* (registered as a RNZYS entry) looks to better her third Overall in the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart behind *Celestial* and *Gweilo*. She has recently won the 2023 Rolex Fastnet Race and won her division in the 2023 Rolex Middle Sea Race and is looking to podium again.

Seng Huang Lee's Dovell 100 *SHK Scallywag* is no stranger to the Rolex Sydney Hobart and returns in 2023 having had an extensive refit to be skippered by David Witt once again.

The overseas challenge to capture the Tattersall Cup (overall IRC), Line Honours and Two-Handed glory is extremely strong this year and Australian teams will need to keep their eyes on these entries. ⚓



Eye Candy in Hobart 2022. Photo: ROLEX.



Antipodes. Photo: Salty Dingo.

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Caro's Unfinished Business

Sleek and elegant, *Caro* is a coveted European racing yacht with a slick, multinational crew.

Now she's coming for the 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race to try and bring to a conclusion some unfinished business.

By Belinda Aucott

Gleeful and gleaming, the crew of *Caro* stands proudly in white shirts in front of the yacht they sailed to victory.

It's early afternoon Wednesday 26th July 2023 in Normandy and *Caro* has just been announced as the winner of the 50th edition of the Rolex Fastnet Race on corrected time. Their victory was assured by crossing the line, just over two and a half hours ahead of arch-rival *Warrior Won*.

First launched in 2021, the yacht was designed to win classic offshore races and showed signs of promise early on, coming fourth overall in the 3000nm Transatlantic Race from Lanzarote to Grenada in her first year.

That year the COVID-19 pandemic scuppered Switzerland-based owner Max Klink's plans to enter the Rolex Sydney Hobart.

Many in the sailing community believe that the Botin 52 is the boat to beat in this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart and her crew will be racing to take home the trophy, especially after successfully claiming Division 2 in the Rolex Middle Sea Race in October.

Last year in Hobart *Caro* was pipped at the post.

Many will remember how in the 2022 Rolex Sydney to Hobart, TP52 *Celestial* skippered by owner Dr Sam Haynes won overall but was forced to battle the whole way against *Caro* and the TP52s Chris Sheehan's *Warrior Won* from the U.S. and Matt Donals and Chris Townsend's *Gweilo*.

Caro seems to be really hitting her stride two years after launch.

Overall project management of the boat is carried out by the very capable Justin Ferris from Doyle Sails NZ and he is helped by Wade Morgan.

While owner and crew have been tight-lipped about this year's entry, CYCA Youth Sailing Academy progeny Will Parker was onboard for both recent Rolex races in Europe, invited to join by Boat Captain Justin Ferris in January 2023.

Having placed third in the Rolex Sydney Hobart, Parker said he was excited to try Fastnet and Middle Sea with the same crew.

"I knew we were going to go well at Fastnet, because the boat is very good and it was very well prepared by Wade Morgan and I think the whole program is really a reflection on Max and on Justin as well."

Will says he was lucky to join a highly experienced crew, a "mixture of Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, South African, English, Irish and Swiss".

"We were very lucky to have a guy called Adrian Stead on board because he has done a few Fastnets and quite a few Hobarts, and he knew where to go. He has done the race a handful of times on *Rán*."

Outside of Australia waters, *Caro* has achieved enviable results that competitors will be aware of.

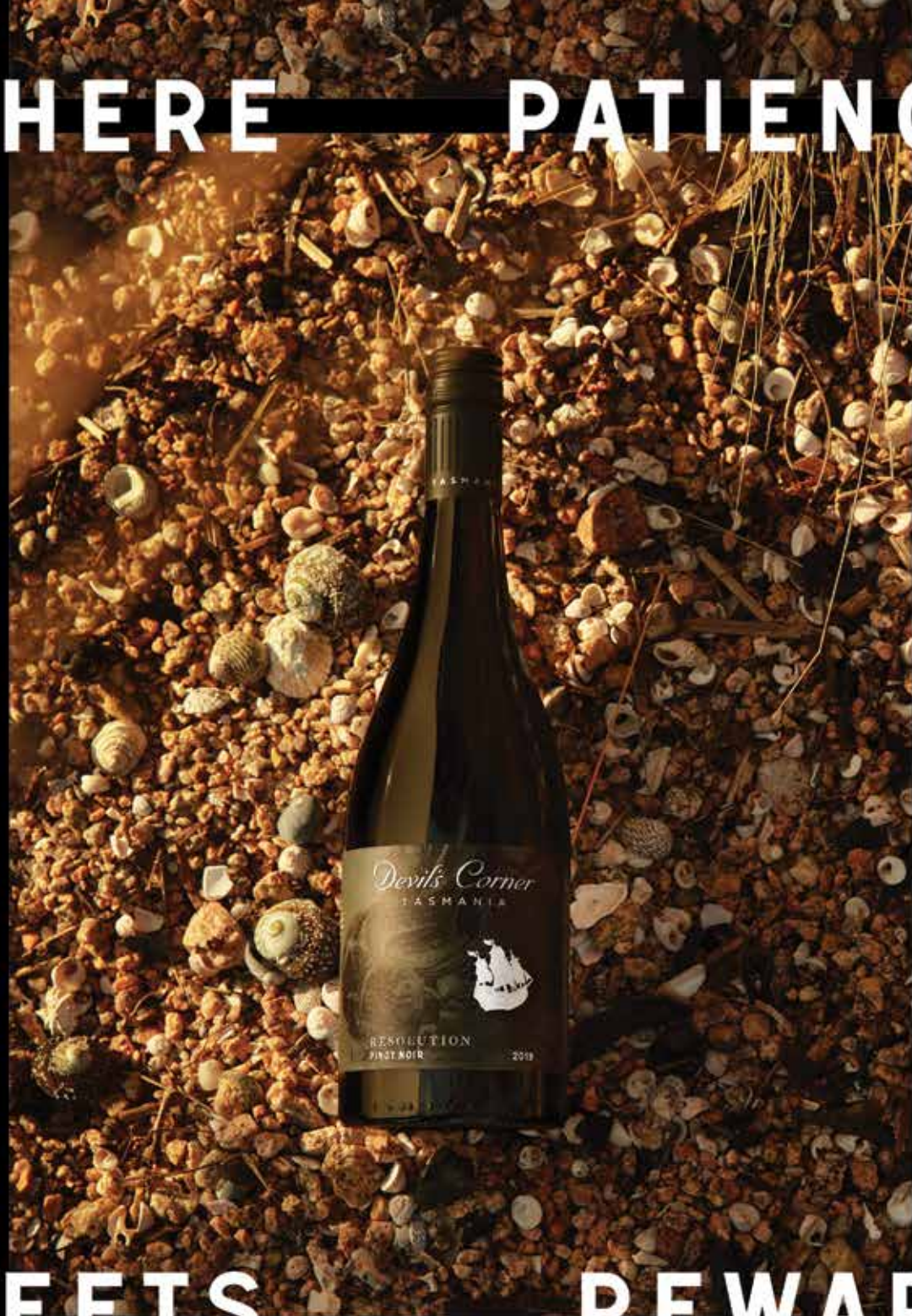
Back in 2022 she won her division of the Les Voiles de St Barth and placed fourth overall in the RORC Transatlantic Race.

At the time Klink told AAP the boat was designed to win.

"The boat is meant to do well in all these 600 milers, the Fastnet, the Middle Sea race, the Hobart, Giraglia," Klink said.

"The boat is planned around the Hobart race, I have to say." 🚢

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TO THE POWER OF TWO

Currawong in the RSHYR 2022. Photo: ROLEX.

Nineteen entries. The Two-Handed division makes up almost a fifth of the total 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart fleet.

Now in its third year of inclusion after the planned introduction in 2020 was delayed due to the cancellation of the race for the first time in the Sydney Hobart's history, the Two-Handed division is an eclectic group of purpose-built offshore racers, modified race/cruisers and older cruising boats.

The local sailors who make up the group and are seen regularly competing in our Australian coastal and offshore races are a colourful bunch with a common passion for sailing, testing themselves and rising to challenges. What unites them is their almost palpable camaraderie, good humour and openness to sharing ideas and encouraging newcomers.

They are joined this year by sailors from around the globe who are equally keen to take the challenge and to tick off one of the great international Classics from their bucket lists.

Many pundits now recognise two-handed racing as an integral facet of our sport and an important means to help grow sailing and increase international competition. Campaigning smaller boats two-up is generally significantly more affordable and less logistically challenging.



Mistral in the RSHYR 2022. Photo: Salty Dingo.

Rupert Henry, who will be competing again on his Lombard 4 *Mistral* and last year's divisional winner, has been a leading proponent for two-handed sailing in Australia for many years. He won the prestigious 2018 Melbourne-Osaka Cup on the 62-foot *Chinese Whisper* and has since raced three

different boats two-handed, usually with long-time co-helmsman Greg O'Shea, but this year joining forces with 11th Hour Racing's Jack Bouttell.

Interestingly, his rival for Two-Handed Overall in many of the major offshore races this year has been his father David Henry, who sails with long time co-skipper Stephen Prince on the Sydney 36 *Philosopher*. The pair won the 2023 Nokes Sydney Gold Coast Race back in August.

Other Australian entries to watch for will be *Blue Planet*, *Avalanche*, *Hasta La Vista*, *Imalizard*, *Kraken III*, *Min River*, *Mister Lucky*, *Pacman*, *Rum Rebellion*, *Showdown*, *Sylph VI*, *Tumbleweed* and *Verite*.

Last year's Roles Sydney Hobart will long be remembered for the New Year's Eve firework-accompanied arrival of the diminutive Currawong 30 *Currawong*, sailed by the first female two-handed crew to complete the 628nm race, Kathy Veel and Bridget Canham. They return to the race in 2023. ⚓



RSHYR 2022 Mistral. Photo: Salty Dingo.



Photo: Bow Caddy Media



Pacman in the RSHYR 2022. Photo: Salty Dingo.

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Irish Eyes to Smile Again in Rolex Sydney Hobart

By Rupert Guinness

The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will this year include some missed Irish flavour with *Cinnamon Girl* being one of 10 international entries to line up for the 1pm Boxing Day start.

Cinnamon Girl's presence in the fleet of more than 100 - and as one of 19 in the Two-Handed division - will conjure fond memories of Irish sailing's imprint on the great race.

Foremost will be memory of 1991, when a team of three Irish yachts won the *Southern Cross Cup* - a series of offshore races from Sydney that finished with the Sydney Hobart.

However, don't expect the crew of *Cinnamon Girl* - Sam Hunt and Cian McCarthy - to entertain all and sundry with the frills and fun traditionally associated with good old Irish *craic*.

Asked what Australian sailing aficionados can expect from them, Hunt replied: "Endeavour maybe. Nothing particularly fancy from either of us, I'm afraid ... on or off the water."

Hunt unapologetically admits that they are "terrible drinkers" and adds they will also be coming with "a pile of kids needing watching," on shore while they are at sea - that is, eight children between them, aged from five months to 15 years.

Hunt and McCarthy hail from Kinsale, a well-known sailing port in Ireland. Both are highly experienced offshore sailors, and as a crew, have dominated two-handed sailing in Ireland for the past two years.

Hunt sailed in the 2011 Sydney Hobart on the Beneteau First 40, *Willyama* from NSW, while living in Sydney. "We were mid pack that year. It was a bouncy race with lots of sick crew, but enjoyable," he recalls of that experience.

This year, as a crew, the pair come with plenty of ambition. They have chartered Lee Condell's Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300 to race. They have renamed the yacht *Cinnamon Girl*, but have changed the set-up and are running with 116 square metre A sails and the extended bowsprit that they use on their own Sun Fast 3300, named *Cinnamon Girl*, in Irish offshore races.

Asked if their goal is to try to win the Two-Handed division or the race overall, Hunt says: "We would just like to leave nothing out there and give it a really solid effort. The Sun Fast 3300 can be



Cinnamon Girl.

highly competitive given the right conditions. We feel we have optimized our setup to play to those strengths.

"If the conditions suit, we would hope to be right up there."

The Irish duo expect to have a strong following back home. The Sydney Hobart is well known in Ireland. It attracts a strong audience with the Irish winter rendering most Irish sailing aficionados bound to the warmth of the indoors.

"The race has a great following in Ireland among the offshore enthusiasts. It's one of the great iconic races," says Hunt.

"There is not much happening up here in the winter sailing wise, so people like to follow it. I think we will have a lot of armchair followers back in Ireland come Boxing Day ...

"So I had better not mess up the start."

Hunt was confident that their mid-December arrival to Australia would allow plenty of time for them to ready their boat, and overcome the jet lag from their long-haul flight.

"We have had super assistance from Lee Condell," Hunt said.

"The boat is very much one design. We are hopeful that the transition to our set-up and sails should not be too difficult to execute well. We're bringing our own sheets and halyards too. So, upon arrival we have 10 days to prep ... a decent enough run in for us and plenty of time to sort the jet lag." ⚓

MAXI SHOWDOWN



2023 Cabbage Tree Island Race. Photo: Andrea Francolini.



Winner of the 2023 Raymarine Australian Maxi Championship. Photo: Andrea Francolini.



Andoo Comanche. Photo: Andrea Francolini.

The 2023 Raymarine Australian Maxi Championship hosted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia from 1 – 5 December provided viewers a glimpse of what might be in store from the pointy end of the fleet at the start of the 78th Rolex Sydney Hobart.

In the last hit-out ahead of Boxing Day, three maxis (80 to 100-foot) and six performance mini maxis (60 to 79-foot) took on the five-day event which was comprised of results from the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore Cabbage Tree Island Race, three passage races held off Sydney on Sunday and Monday and culminated in the SOLAS Boat Challenge on Sydney Harbour on Tuesday.

The entry list contained some of the fastest and best prepared maxi monohulls and crews from around the globe – *Andoo Comanche*, *LawConnect*, *SHK Scallywag*, *Alive*, *Money Penny*, *No Limit*, *URM Group*, *Whisper* and *Wild Oats X*. And we got the spectacle we were all hoping for. The Championship delivered an exceptional display of tight, competitive sailing in variable, and sometimes testing, conditions.

The missing fourth maxi entered in the Rolex Sydney Hobart was Grant Wharington's *Wild Thing 100* (formerly the Botin 80 *Stefan Racing*), which was still being completed with a deadline to get it on the water and tested before Boxing Day. The only boat competing that we won't see going



south was the Mark Richards skippered, 66-foot *Wild Oats X*. The Oatley Family has not entered either *Wild Oats X* or her bigger sister and nine times line honours champion *Hamilton Island Wild Oats* (*Wild Oats XI*) in the 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart this year.

The 2023 Overall victors in both Maxi and Mini Maxi divisions have arguably been the form boats of the past few months.

Christian Beck's Juan Kouyoumdjian Maxi 100 *LawConnect* has placed second to *Andoo Comanche* in many races in 2023 and has also been bridesmaid for Line Honours in the past three Rolex Sydney Hobarts, but under the guidance of Tony Mutter and Ty Oxley, the crew has gelled strongly and been sailing as a tight team.

Anthony Johnston's Reichel Pugh 72 *URM Group*, winner of the Mini Maxi Division, has won three of five 2023/24 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore races and is looking hard to beat amongst its peers.

Andoo Comanche won the Maxi Line Honours prize.

Whilst inshore and coastal racing is not necessarily a great reflection of what the maxis will encounter and achieve in the more open 628nm offshore race to Tasmania at the end of December, it was interesting to see how close the boats were to each other in both divisions in the 172nm Cabbage Tree Island Race, with *LawConnect* having a great start and holding off *Andoo Comanche* until



2023 SOLAS BBC SHK Scallywag. Photo: Andrea Francolini.



2023 SOLAS Big Boat Challenge. Photo: Ashley Dart.

Pittwater on the return from Port Stephens, with *SHK Scallywag* close by and in the hunt for much of the race.

For the mini maxis, who are generally more focused on overall handicap rather than line honours results, it is clearly going to be a close affair once again.

Depending on the conditions faced, they could feature strongly in overall standings and perhaps threaten the TP and other 52s' recent dominance in the RSHYR. They will need to maintain a decent margin over the likes of *Celestial*, *Caro*, *Smuggler* and *Koa* (Overall winner of the Cabbage Tree Island Race), as well as *Antipodes*, *Sticky* and a number of smaller 30- 50-foot performers like *Lenny*, *Teasing Machine*, *Rockall 8*, *Midnight Rambler*, *Chutzpah*, and two-handers *Mistral* and *Niksen*. ⚓



LawConnect.



Moneypenny.



SHK Scallywag.



URM Group.



No Limit.



2023 RAYMARINE AUSTRALIAN MAXI CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS				
MAXI DIVISION				
PLACE	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	POINTS
1	<i>LawConnect (SYD1000)</i>	Christian Beck	CYCA	6
2	<i>Andoo Comanche (CAY007)</i>	John Herman Winning	RPEYC	12
3	<i>SHK Scallywag (HKG2276)</i>	David Witt	RHKYC	17
MINI MAXI DIVISION				
1	<i>URM Group (AUS72)</i>	Marcus Ashley-Jones	CYCA	6
2	<i>Alive (AUS 52566)</i>	Duncan Hine	DSS	10
3	<i>No Limit (98888)</i>	David Gotze	CYCA	21
4	<i>Whisper (AUS13)</i>	David Griffith	CYCA	22
5	<i>Moneypenny (AUS1)</i>	Sean Langman	CYCA	23
6	<i>Wild Oats X (7001)</i>	Sandy Oatley	HIYC	26



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Milestones

The list of sailors who have chalked up significant milestone years of competition in the Sydney Hobart since its inception in 1945 steadily grows.

After last year's 77th race, there have now been 146 people who have competed in 25 or more 'Hobarts' and 23 women who have passed 10.

Last year, Michael Bencsik, Tom Braidwood, Andrew Henderson, Sean Kirkjian, Duncan Macleod and Peter Merrington joined the group.

One name that stands out above the rest is Lindsay May OAM, who has competed in more consecutive races than anyone else in its history and will be competing in his 50th race in 2023 aboard Geoff Hill's Santa Cruz 72 *Antipodes*. His first Hobart was on *Onya of Gosford* back in 1973 and he has raced on many different boats since, including such revered names such as *Once More Dear Friends*, *Atara*, *Brindabella*, *Love & War* and most recently *Kialoa II* which he crewed on in last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart as well as the 2023 Rolex Fastnet Race. He has had three Overall and one Line Honours victory over the years.

May is a widely renowned helmsman and navigator and has sailed in many of the world's most regarded regattas & races including the Admirals Cup, World 8 Metre Championships, Sydney to Hobart Race, Fastnet Race, China Sea Race, Transpac Race and the Newport to Bermuda Race.

Four others have surpassed the magic '50'. Tony Ellis leads the way on 54, having competed on David Gotze's *No Limit* in 2022. He had, at the time, suggested coming back again this year to finish up on a "... nice, round number" - but the record seems to have stopped there. The other luminaries are Tony Cable (53), Colin Wildman (51) and Bill Ratcliff (50). Adrienne Cahalan who is navigating on *Alive* this year will notch up 30 years.

There are many boats that also deserve mention.

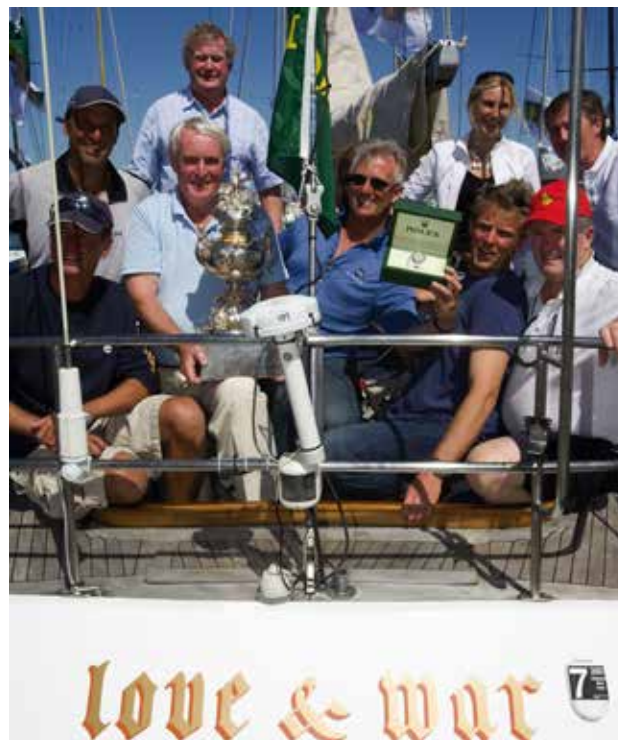
Martin Power's *Bacardi* will set the record for 30 entries in 2023. This ever-popular boat has done it all over the years, regularly racing out of Sandringham as well as in most East Coast events.

On the other side of the coin, Bob Williams' *Sylph VI* makes a return to the race after a 50-year hiatus. The 30-foot boat built in 1960, had competed six times through to 1972 before turning to cruising where she has since completed two and a half circumnavigations of the world, sailed through all the great capes and adventured in the Arctic.

We wish all competitors the very best and look forward to adding another number towards your next personal milestone. ⚓



Lindsay and Paddy prior to Fastnet 2017. Photo: Mel Broughton.



2006 Love and War.



2014 Lindsay May.



Michael Bencsik celebrating his 25th Hobart with Midnight Rambler skipper Ed Psaltis (his 40th) in 2022.



Wendy Tuck will be competing in her 15th Hobart on board Jules Hall's *Disko Trooper*_Contender Sailcloth.



A Classic Weekend

Over the second weekend of December, some of the most beautiful boats to have graced the Sydney Hobart Race over its years came together at the CYCA for the annual Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta.

Pre-1976 Classics and IOR-era yachts competed in four divisions over a two-race pointscore - a pursuit format on Saturday and scratch on Sunday.

Thanks to Andrea Francolini for capturing these beauties doing what they do best. ⚓





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A list of entries and boat profiles.



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Information accurate as at 25 January 2024.



ADVANTEDGE

SAIL NO: PD147

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Andrew Jones

REP: PDYC/RYCT

DESIGN: Inglis 47

YEAR: 1994

LOA: 14.3

CREW: Shayne Hansen (3), James Mcindoe, Andrew Jones, Max Gluskie (1), Nicholas Smart, Nick Mcelwee, Fynley Harding, Josh Jones, Bailey Edmunds, Ross Edmunds(1), Josh Clark, Michael Smart

One of the eight Tasmanian entries in this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, it will be the Inglis 47's and many of the crews' first Rolex Sydney Hobart. Owner Andrew Jones will be joined by his 23-year old son Josh. No strangers to Bass Strait crossings, with a number of Melbourne to Hobart races under many of the crew's belts, the team will be one to watch on the journey south.



ALIVE

SAIL NO: 52566

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Duncan Hine

REP: DSS

DESIGN: Reichel Pugh 66

YEAR: 2006

LOA: 20.2

CREW: Duncan Hine (6) - Skipper, Adrienne Cahalan (30) - Navigator, Stu Bannatyne (15), Logan Andresen (5), Christopher Cowan, Dean Van teylingen, Darren Jones (17), Shane Gaddes (9), Gavin Brady (14), Sam Tiedemann (4), Silas Nolan (20), Brad Farrand (4), Sean ORourke (5)

Alive returns for another attempt for the Tattersall Cup in 2023. Earlier this year, the team claimed

IRC Honours at Hamilton Island Race Week, in the Brisbane to Hamilton Island Race and the Bruny Island Race as well as claiming Line Honours in the King of the Derwent Regatta. Having claimed the Tattersall Cup in 2018, the team came extremely close to back-to-back titles in 2019, eventually placing fourth overall but claiming honours in Division O. The yacht also currently holds the race record for the TasPorts Launcheston to Hobart Yacht Race.



ALLEGRESSE (TH)

SAIL NO: NZL5206

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Michael and Tracey Carter

REP: RPNYC - NZ

DESIGN: Bruce Clarke 42

YEAR: 1983

LOA: 12.8

CREW: Michael Carter (1) - Skipper, Tracey Carter

Allegresse is a New Zealand designed and built triple plank kauri yacht. Owned by Mike and Tracey Carter since December 2012, they have sailed her two-handed around the north island and the top of the south island in NZ. In 2014 they sailed her to Fiji, Vanuatu and New Caledonia while Mike competed in the 2023 Solo-TransTasman from New Plymouth to Southport. Both are excited for the yacht's first Sydney Hobart where they will again be sailing her two-handed.



ALLEGRO

SAIL NO: 6723

CLASS: PHS

SKIPPER: Adrian Lewis

REP: CYCA

DESIGN: Warwick 67

YEAR: 2006

LOA: 20.3

CREW: Adrian Lewis (11) - Skipper, Sarah Lewis (6) - Navigator, Glenn Scheen (8), Paul Whybird (9), Rebecca Scheen, Royce Vandeleur

This 67ft carbon fibre racer/cruiser will again be looking for a strong result in this year's edition of the great race south, having finished third in the PHS division last year. Owner Adrian Lewis, competing in his 12th Hobart, will again have long time crew member Glenn Scheen onboard. The pair previously finished second in Line Honours in the 2013 Melbourne to Osaka Yacht Race.



AMAZINGRACE

SAIL NO: SYD8

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Malcolm Roe

REP: CYCA

DESIGN: Swan Class 45

YEAR: 2003

LOA: 13.8

CREW: Malcolm Roe (4) - Skipper/ Navigator, Daniel Smith, Neale Adams (1), Ian Creak (10), David Thomas (21), Sara Pacey, Royce Brennan, Beatriz Calvete, Marike Koppenol (5), Lucas Roe (2), Jason Pallot, Damian Fox (2)

This Swan 45 was first launched in 2003. A great all-round boat, the Finnish sailboat was designed as a one design racer-cruiser with a huge European fleet which competes in both inshore and offshore events. While no stranger to the CYCA's blue water races, the yacht will be competing in its first

Rolex Sydney Hobart under the guidance of current owner Malcolm Roe.



ANDOO COMANCHE

SAIL NO: CAY007

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: John Winning Jr

REP: RPEYC/CYCA

DESIGN: Vplp Verdier 100

YEAR: 2014

LOA: 30.5

CREW: John Winning Jr (2) - Skipper, Justin Shaffer (2) - Navigator, Campbell Knox (14), Iain Murray (28), Justin Slattery (9), Richard Allanson (13), John Winning (2), Andre Vorster (1), Graeme Taylor (26), Julien Cressant (2), Peter Dean (2), Seve Jarvin (8), Clinton Evans (9), Jamie Winning, Nathan Dean (1), Sam Fay (1), Harry Price, Antonio Cuervas mons (4), Harry Smith (2), Philip Jameson (9), Sven Runow (30), Edward Smyth (8), Pablo Arrarte (5), Sam Newton (11)

Arguably the fastest monohull on the planet, andoo Comanche returns to defend her Line Honours title in the 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Skipper John "Herman" Winning Jr and his exceptional team including tactician Seve Jarvin, Sam Newton, Iain Murray and Richard Allanson have captured every major Australian offshore line honours title since they chartered the yacht in 2022. With a new inventory of sails by North Sails, andoo Comanche will be hard to beat in 2023, with John Winning Jr looking to cap off his impressive run with the maxi yacht.



ANTIPODES

SAIL NO: GBR2888L

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Geoff Hill Lindsay May

REP: RHKYC

DESIGN: Santa Cruz 72

YEAR: 1997

LOA: 22

CREW: Geoffrey Hill (19) - Owner/ Skipper, Anthony Jurd (3), Erik Adriaanse (30), Damien Armstrong, Bradshaw Kellett (30), Geoff Cropley (22), Stuart Hutchison (1), Jarrod Sallis (2), Lindsay May (49), Craig Simpson (22), Craig Malouf, Ralph Carlier (37), Adrian Dunphy (23), Cornelio Olis (1), Grant Chessells (16), Angel II Balladares (1), Natasha Parker (1), Roger Segovia (1)

Geoffrey Hill's Santa Cruz 72 will return for its second attempt at the Rolex Sydney Hobart, after debuting in 2022. The yacht holds the current race records for the Darwin to Dili and Darwin to Ambon Yacht Races. This race will also bring milestones for two crew. It will be owner Geoffrey Hill's 20th race south and Lindsay May's 50th consecutive race - an incredible achievement for both. The yacht will have some great preparation for this year's race, having claimed Line Honours in the inaugural Sydney-Auckland Yacht Race in October.



ARCADIA

SAIL NO: S17

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Peter Davison

REP: RMYS

DESIGN: Archambault 40 RC

YEAR: 2008

LOA: 12

CREW: Peter Davison (5) - Skipper, Ian Lyall (2) - Navigator, Yvette De haan, Barry Wilson (2), Sean Supanz, Alan Watkins (1), Duncan Beiers (2), Tatum Mackey, Michael Mellington (2), Dylan Oosterweghel

Launched in 2008, Arcadia is a 40ft yacht based in Victoria which first competed in the Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2018. Owned by Peter Davison, the yacht regularly

competes in various regattas across Victoria, and won the 2017 Melbourne to Hobart Sovereign Series overall. This will be owner Peter Davison's seventh Rolex Sydney Hobart.



ATOMIC BLONDE

SAIL NO: R1180

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Simon Torvaldsen

REP: RPYC

DESIGN: JPK 11.80

YEAR: 2023

LOA: 11.8

CREW: Larry Jamieson (36), Mattijs Willenborg (2), Simon Torvaldsen, Katie Omara (2), Mike Foster (4), Andrew Woodward (2), George Kennedy (1), Stephen Humphries, Brad Favelle (7)

Simon Torvaldsen will campaign his newly built JPK 11.80, against his previous Atomic Blonde (a JPK 10.30 now Rockall) also competing with their new owner. Under his previous yachts, Simon claimed the 2021 Siska Trophy for top offshore yacht in Western Australia as well as being a divisional winner in the 2022 Bunbury & return race as well as the Naturaliste and Fremantle to Geraldton Races. In fact, an Atomic Blonde has been WA Div 2 Offshore and Blue Water IRC champion every year since competing. The crew this year will include Steve Humphries (previous navigator for Bacardi) and George Kennedy from 2021 Rolex Fastnet winner - Sunrise.



AVALANCHE (TH)

SAIL NO: 2400

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: James Murchison / James Francis

REP: RSYS
DESIGN: Hick 40
YEAR: 2015
LOA: 12.3
CREW: James Murchison (15)
 - Skipper, James Francis (14) -
 Co Skipper

This will be the yachts fourth Hobart and third with this boat for owner James Murchison. The Hick 40 was launched in 2015 and first competed that year with the designer, Robert Hick onboard. This will be James Murchinson's 15th Sydney Hobart. Since the introduction of two-handed racing into the RSHYR, James has competed with co-skipper James Francis in many of the CYCA Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water races. James will race under IRC for the first time in 2023.



AZZURRO
SAIL NO: 3430
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Jack Kliner
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: S&S 34
YEAR: 1981
LOA: 10.1
CREW: Jack Kliner (1) - Skipper, Samuel Duncan (1) - Navigator, Xavier Doerr (3), Steve Quiros, Jessica Watson (2), Annie Eastgate

Azzurro returns in 2023 with her new owner, Jack Kliner. The small but mighty S&S34 is always a fan favourite and under her previous owner has been close to snatching the overall victory the larger yachts. With her freshly painted hull, she's a sight to behold and a serious contender in races across the country. In 2015, Azzurro won the Sydney to Gold Coast Yacht Race in both IRC and ORCI overall. Azzurro continued to impress and improve in the 2015 S2HYR placing 3rd overall in IRC and winning both ORCI overall and the Corinthian division. More recently Jack

skipped Azzurro to place 3rd overall on IRC in the 75th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race and 1st overall on ORCI. Round the World solo Yachtswoman Jessica Watson joins the crew for this year's trip south. Azzurro's aiming on growing her successful race pedigree and push the boat to new heights at the 2023 S2HYR. However, the Azzurro crew's mission extends beyond winning; the crew is dedicated to promoting awareness for the Stroke Foundation and making waves in the fight against strokes.



BACARDI
SAIL NO: SM377
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Brett Averay
REP: SYC
DESIGN: Peterson 44
YEAR: 1978
LOA: 13.4
CREW: Matthew Richards (3)
 - Navigator, Brett Averay (10) - Skipper, Aron Ormandlaki (6), Marcus Korobacz (5), Stephen Telford (17), Cosmos Papatsaras (1), Lorraine Smith (2), Brad Acaster (6), Darren Hunter (1), Terry Kourtis (4)

The 2023 Hobart will be a milestone year for the yacht Bacardi as she heads south for a record 30th Hobart. Incredibly, the yacht has completed all bar one Hobart, when in 2010, she lost her rig in heavy seas off the NSW coast. Her best result saw her finish second overall in 2006. Bacardi is unmistakeable down on the dock in Hobart, where we expect to see all 30 battle flags flying proudly this year, celebrating this remarkable achievement.



BLUE PLANET (TH)
SAIL NO: AUS110
CLASS: PHS

SKIPPER: Chris O'Neill / Michael Johnston
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: J99
YEAR: 2022
LOA: 9.9
CREW: Chris O'Neill (4) - Skipper/ Navigator, Michael tom Johnston (4) - Co-skipper

In the ever growing fleet of J99s, Chris O'Neill will once again head south in the popular two-handed fleet. After arriving in October 2022, the team had little time to prepare for the yacht's first offshore challenge. Now, with a year's racing under their belt, their race results continue to climb up the leaderboard and include a 3rd in the recent Tollgate Islands Race. With co-skipper Michael Tom Johnson, the team will be hoping for their first podium finish in the Rolex Sydney Hobart come Boxing Day.



BUMBLEBEE V
SAIL NO: 7441
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Paul Blakeley
REP: RMYC
DESIGN: Murray-Dovell-Burns 62
YEAR: 1999
LOA: 18.9
CREW: Christian McLennan, Liam Johnston, Stacey Jackson (15), Billy Gosper, Edwin Wray (1), Rory Blakeley, Alexander paul Blakeley, Cooper Chapman, Matty Walsh, Todd McLennan, Cameron Baillie, Jack Andrew (1), Sam Walton, Benjamin Todter, Dallas Rose, Nicole Butcher (4), James Whelan (6), Tom Spithill

Bumblebee V, the 2001 overall winner, returns to the Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2023 under new owner Paul Blakeley. This racer/cruiser hasn't been seen on the start line since the early 2000s and her new Sydney based crew will be representing the Royal Motor Yacht Club and be looking to perform on the trip South.



CALIBRE 12
SAIL NO: 7777
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Richard Williams
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Cookson 12
YEAR: 2005
LOA: 12
CREW: Stuart Addison (4) - Navigator, Nick Black (2), Blake Robertson (6), Adrian Jones (2), Richard Williams (5), Luke Payne, Fergus Forbes (7), Tom Kelly (5), Barton Bennison (4), Stephanie Lyons (3)

After a 6-year hiatus, Richard Williams returns to skipper his newest Calibre, a Cookson 12, which he purchased in early 2023. Named Ocean Rookie of the Year in 2015/16, Williams finished second in Div 1 at the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race this year in his first offshore outing with the yacht. Having previously campaigned a Sydney 38, the Cookson 12 gives Williams hope of a shot at the overall title.



CARO
SAIL NO: CAY52
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Max Klink
REP: RNZYS - NZ

DESIGN: Botin 52
YEAR: 2021
LOA: 15.9
CREW: Cian Guilfoyle, Max Klink (1), Harry Hall, Gordon Maguire (25), Jules Salter (3), William Parker (9), James Paterson (12), Ryan Godfrey (18), Andrew Mccorquodale, Justin Ferris, Jonathan Swain (3), Wade Morgan (17)

Launched in 2021, Caro has been one of the most impressive yachts to be campaigned offshore. Under Owner Max Klink, the yacht placed third overall in the 2022 RORC Transatlantic Race, before claiming overall honours in CS1 at the Les Voiles de St. Barth Regatta and overall IRC 1 honours at Hamilton Island Race Week. This year they will return for their second RSHYR after finishing third overall in 2022 as one of the favourites, having claimed the 50th Rolex Fastnet Yacht Race in July 2023 as well as topping their division in the Rolex Middle Sea Race.



CARRERA S
SAIL NO: AUS49005
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Gerard Cantwell
REP: SYC
DESIGN: Marten 49
YEAR: 2006
LOA: 15
CREW: Gerard Cantwell (3)
 - Skipper, Leigh Johnston (4) - Navigator/Radio, Al McGregor (1), Duncan Rae (1), Katryna Economou (1), Ryan Epstein (7), Miguel Molina (1), Anne Goodfellow, Alan Rotsey, Jackie White (10), Rowan Pollard (1), Bretlyn Brown (9), Matthew Morrow

Owner Gerry Cantwell will endeavour south on his 5th Rolex Sydney Hobart, onboard his Marten 49 cruiser/racer. Having sailed extensively in New Zealand for 10 years, where Cantell competed in

the Auckland Noumea Race and Groupama Race, Cantwell brought the yacht over to Australia in 2018. Based out of Melbourne, Victoria, this will be her first race south since 2021.



CELESTIAL
SAIL NO: 9535
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Sam Haynes
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Tp52 Jv
YEAR: 2011
LOA: 15.9
CREW: Sam Haynes (11) - Skipper, Alex Nolan (16) - Navigator, Jack Macartney (11), Dean Curtis, David Chapman (6), Lewis Brake (3), Francis Oleary (6), Lindsay Stead (9), James Hodgson (1), Tom Grimes (1), Harry West (6), Luke Payne (11), Callum Cecil (11), Josh Porebski (1), Wulf Wilkens (8)

Another ex-MedCup TP52, Celestial was purchased by CYCA Vice Commodore Sam Haynes in 2019. Since then and with each edition of the race, Haynes has made steady improvements and gains with the boat, finishing 2nd overall in 2021 and claiming the ultimate prize in 2022, fulfilling a lifelong dream of winning the Tattersall Cup. The crew include a number of graduates from the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy amongst a stellar line up of other crew, including Navigator James Dagge and Boat Captain Jack Macartney. Away from the RSHYR, Sam also campaigns his other, smaller Celestial, a J/70, where he represented the CYCA and Australia at the 2023 World Championship in November.



CHUTZPAH
SAIL NO: R33
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Bruce Taylor

BOAT NOTES

REP: RYCV
DESIGN: Reichel/Pugh 40
YEAR: 2007
LOA: 12
CREW: Bruce Taylor (41) - Owner/Skipper, Kingsley Piesse (39) - Navigator, James Permezel (35), Gavin Gourley (35), Peter Fletcher (35), Andrew Taylor (29), Ian Taylor (21), Andrew Smith (16), David Watson (24), Paul Sandles (19)

Bruce Taylor's Chutzpah is undoubtedly one of the most experienced teams that head south each year with no fewer than 240 Hobarts between the crew of 10. This year, the Reichel/Pugh Caprice 40 will be hoping for an upwind slog to Hobart to replicate their 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Overall win. The yacht currently holds the fastest elapsed time for a yacht under 12.5m, and this year crew members Kingsley Piesse will celebrate his 40th Rolex Sydney Hobart, with Andrew Taylor, Taylor's son, celebrating his 30th ride south. Bruce is looking to sail the boat to the best of their ability throughout each of the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore races.



CIAO BELLA
SAIL NO: SM888
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: Karl Onslow
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Hanse 505
YEAR: 2015
LOA: 14.9
CREW: Karl Onslow (4) - Skipper, Brett Eagle (7) - Navigator, Peter Carpenter (2), Massimiliano Fonzo (6), Reece Theedam (4), Gregory Spears, William Turner, Andrew Ebbott (6), Simon Hanning, Ellen Sijtsma (1), Kirsty Sturrock, Sophie Verow

This will be Ciao Bella's second Hobart, after first competing last year, finishing 12th in PHS. Owned by Karl Onslow, who will

be completing his fourth Hobart, the crew have competed in the CYCA's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore and the Club Marine Ocean and Short Ocean Pointscores.



CINNAMON GIRL (TH)
SAIL NO: 3375
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Cian McCarthy / Sam Hunt
REP: Ireland - KYC (Kinsale YC)
DESIGN: Sunfast 3300
YEAR: 2023
LOA: 9.9
CREW: Cian McCarthy - Skipper, Sam Hunt (1)

Cian McCarthy and Sam Hunt will be one of only a handful of international entrants heading south this year. The two-handed crew are chartering a Sunfast 3300 from Lee Condell, bringing their own sails and extended bow sprit from Ireland for the event. Whilst it will be Cian McCarthy's first Rolex Sydney Hobart, he brings a wealth of experience to the event, having competed in the Mini Transat, Clipper Round the World Race as well as many Commodores and Admirals Cup. Co-Skipper Sam Hunt, also has an extensive racing background, having previously campaigned towards the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games in the Men's 470 class, as well as a number of other keelboat classes including the Farr 30's, Melges and SB20s. Sam also Match Raced and Team Raced internationally and raced the Sydney to Hobart with a local Aussie crew in 2011. The pair won the 240nm Inishtearaght Race in 2022, and finished 2nd overall in Ireland's biggest offshore race of 2023 the Dunlaoghire to Dingle. They will be looking to take on the two-handed division in this year's race and feel with the right conditions and a rub of the green they could be competitive in the overall rankings.



CINQUANTE
SAIL NO: 5038
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Kimberley Jaggard
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Sydney 38
YEAR: 2002
LOA: 11.8
CREW: Kimberley Jaggard (36) - Skipper, Robert Thomas (30) - Navigator, Gabriel Morrison (1), Michael Bencsik (25), Arthur Psaltis (19), Lachlan Steel (1), Georgie Psaltis, Neil Tavener (18), Chris Rockell (23), Max Cottier (2)

Owner Kim Jaggard will head south for his 37th race as he and his team look to defend their divisional title in the hotly contested Sydney 38 class. Since purchasing the Sydney 38 in 2018, Kim has continued to progress towards the front of the fleet. The yacht is one of the best prepared Sydney 38s in the fleet, and also won its division under its previous owner, Iain Murray in 2008. Over the years Kim has supported many young sailors in their pursuit to get into offshore sailing and has been a strong supporter of the CYCA's Youth Sailing Academy over a number of years.



CLOCKWORK
SAIL NO: 3838
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Andrew Lloyd / Mary Ann Harvey
REP: CYCSA
DESIGN: Sydney 38
YEAR: 2001
LOA: 11.8
CREW: Andrew Lloyd (1) - Skipper/

owner, Matthew Stephens - Navigator Sailing Master, Kirsty Hammet, Laoise King, Rowan Edwards, Guy Wogan-provo (2), Kerry Parker, Mary ann Harvey (1), Samuel Wilksch, Michael Burvill

Launched in 2001, Clockwork is another Sydney 38 making the journey south. Based in Adelaide, the boat is embarking on an exciting journey. Led by owners Andrew Lloyd and Mary Ann Harvey the boat is set to participate in seven challenging events including the prestigious Rolex Sydney Hobart, Port Lincoln Race Week and many of the Northern Regattas including Hamilton Island Race Week.



CURRAWONG (TH)
SAIL NO: 7374
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Kathy Veel / Bridget Canham
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Currawong 30
YEAR: 1974
LOA: 9.1
CREW: Bridget Canham - Co-skipper, Kathy Veel - Co-skipper

Kathy Veel and Bridget Canham will return for their second RSHYR together in the two-handed division onboard Kathy's 30ft Currawong. The team won the hearts of the entire Australian sailing community when they battled their way down to Hobart in 2022, finishing last year's race and disembarking at Constitution Dock just before midnight on New Years Eve to the cheers from thousands of spectators who celebrated their remarkable achievement of being the first all female two-handed entry in the RSHYR. Nominated as a Finalist for the Australian Sailing NSW Sailing Awards, Kathy and Bridget really represent the true spirit of the race.



CYAN MOON
SAIL NO: B47
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: Mark Gibbs
REP: RBYC
DESIGN: Beneteau Oceanis 473
YEAR: 2003
LOA: 14.3
CREW: Mark Gibbs (6) - Skipper, Ian Mounsey (1) - Navigator, Rebecca Wells (1), Claire Pritchard, Kate Troup (1), Kate Parker, Margaret Findlay (1), Wayne Arnold Seaward (2), Dmitry Filatov, David Pollak (2)

Wayne Seaward will return for his second Rolex Sydney Hobart after claiming victory in the PHS Division in 2022 in his first RSHYR. Seaward will be heading south onboard the Beneteau Oceanis 473 with with some of his 2022 crew returning to race with him again. The yacht is regularly raced by the Seaward family and friends on Port Phillip Bay, and regularly travels north for the racing series in Hamilton Island and Airlie Beach.



DENALI
SAIL NO: 52569
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Damien Parkes
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Tp52 Judel/Vrolijk
YEAR: 2008
LOA: 18.8
CREW: Damien Parkes (35) - Skipper, Daren Castle - Navigator, Madelyn Jones, Andrew Marr (2), Arisa Moriya, Chris Hills (4), Will Mcveagh (4), Graham Eggleton

(1), David Kneen, David Mcclean (12), Tony Hakim, Will Thomas, Annemarie Parkes, Liz Charles (2), Matthew Cassidy (12)

Owner Damien Parkes is a veteran of 34 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Races and has previously claimed Line Honours onboard Vengeance in 1981. In 2019, Parkes moved into the ultra-competitive TP52 class when he purchased Denali. The yacht, which was originally designed and built as Matador for the TP25 MedCup circuit, had major structural updates to meet offshore standards and competed in its first Hobart in 2021.



DISKO TROOPER_
CONTENDER SAILCLOTH
SAIL NO: AUS99
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Jules Hall
REP: DBSC/CYCA
DESIGN: J/99
YEAR: 2020
LOA: 9.9
CREW: Jules Hall (5) - Skipper, Mark Murray, Emma May (7), Nathan Gulliksen, Charlie Watts (1), Wendy Tuck (15)

Jules Hall will bring back his very competitive J99 for this year's race as a fully crewed entrant. Purchased prior to the 2021 RSHYR, Jules Hall, along with crewmember Jan Scholten won the inaugural RSHYR two-handed division. This year, Jules has his eyes firmly set on the Tattersall Cup, partnering with offshore ace Wendy Tuck who will join the program along with three CYCA Youth Sailing Academy sailors. The mixed crew of experience and youth have already showed they will be top contenders, finishing third overall in the Blue Water Pointscore's second longest race - the Tollgate Islands Race in October.

BOAT NOTES



ENIGMA
SAIL NO: GBR5790R
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: Jason Bond
REP: MYC
DESIGN: Beneteau First 47.7
YEAR: 2005
LOA: 14.5
CREW: Jason Bond (2) - Skipper, Isabel Rawlence (1), Sebastian Viner, David Wright, Muir Watson (3), Ashoke Banerjee, Steve Mckeogh (3), Erin Ailes, Paul Immergluck (1), Cary Budd (1), Joanna Van hagen, Vladimir Deskov (1)

Jason Bond bought Enigma in 2008 and sails out of Manly Yacht Club, where he is a past Commodore. This will be the yacht's first Hobart since 2019, where it finished 19th in its division. A regular in the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore, the crew won the 2018 Flinders Islet Race Division 2 on PHS.



EXTASEA
SAIL NO: G10007
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Paul Buchholz
REP: RGYC
DESIGN: Cookson 50
YEAR: 2004
LOA: 15.2
CREW: Paul Buchholz (10) - Skipper, Tim Holzer (4) - Navigator/ Watch Captain, Andrew Burggraaff (2), Luke McGregor, Helen Mcrae, Tim Waller, Benjamin Doak (1), Dustin Popp (1), Simon Gunner, Christopher Howe, Mick Doherty (1), Charlie Ryan-kane, Hugh Sweeney, Dale Laurie (3)

Paul Buchholz will be back for his 12th journey south in 2023 after sitting out in 2022. The Cookson 50 should be well positioned if classic Hobart conditions prevail. The veteran Victorian offshore sailor has previously had huge success in the offshore discipline, and over a period of 13 years, dominated the local offshore sailing scene in Victoria, winning every race with his previous yacht, a DK46. Between 2011 to 2015 the team took Line Honours in the Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race four times. Having now owned the yacht for 5 years, Paul and his team will be looking for a strong result in this year's race.



EYE CANDY
SAIL NO: FRA-9777
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Thierry Leseigneur
REP: New Caledonia - CNC
DESIGN: Sydney 38
YEAR: 2002
LOA: 11.8
CREW: Thierry Leseigneur (1) - Skipper, David Treguier (1) - Navigator, Timothy Vincent, Angus Sprott (2), Tom Carr (1), Jeremy Ditcham, Malo Leseigneur (1), Nicholas Griggs, Felipe Minier

New Caledonia's 2021 keelboat champions are back for their second attempt at the Rolex Sydney Hobart, following an early retirement last year when leading the hotly contested Sydney 38 fleet. The team has had some impressive results on the water, winning the 2022 Groupama Race overall in IRC and ORC. Owned by Thierry Leseigneur, the crew also includes his son Malo Leseigneur, who is a seven-time ILCA French National Champion.



FLYING CLOUD
SAIL NO: 6808
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: David Myers
REP: MHYC
DESIGN: Beneteau First 40
YEAR: 2009
LOA: 12.2
CREW: George Martin (7) - Skipper, Mathew Ackroyd (2), David Myers (3), Jessica Nuel (2), Mike Hurst (2), Angus Kellems, Elizabeth Myers (2), Christopher Bealey (1), Whitney Taylor, Tom Burgess (1)

Flying Cloud has been owned by David Myers since 2020. She took part in the 2021 Blue Water Point Score series and the 2021 and 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart races, skippered by George Martin. In the 2021 race she was 28th across the line. In 2022 she finished in just over four days, despite breaking her boom in two shortly after entering the Bass Strait. The crew aims to improve on their 2021 result and to cross the line ahead of all other Beneteau First 40s entered the race.



FLYING FISH ARCTOS
SAIL NO: 7551
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: Flying Fish Academy
REP: MHYC

DESIGN: Radford 55
YEAR: 2001
LOA: 15.2
CREW: Drew Hulton-Smith (6) - Skipper, Kurt Walker - Navigator, Ryan Allen, Andrew Champion, Julian Franke-ruthel, Brenden Savage (1), Mark Williams, Keith Larrard, Michael Harvey, Mark Bamford, Denis Power, Ralph Abercromby

A training vessel for both international competitors and locals, this will be Flying Fish Arctos 17th appearance in the Sydney Hobart. Originally designed to race around the world, the yacht is one of the flagship vessels in the Flying Fish offshore training fleet. The yacht should be well placed as a contender in the PHS division, having previously posted a flurry of podium places in previous editions.



FRANTIC
SAIL NO: GBR5211L
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Mick Martin
REP: NCYC
DESIGN: Tp52
YEAR: 2004
LOA: 15.9
CREW: Michael Martin (10) - Skipper/Helm, Matt Jensen (9) - Nav/Helm, Zac Heggie, Courtney Smith (2), David Blakemore (1), Louis Gango (1), Cillian Ballesty, Greg Mackintosh, Antony Gango (1), Jane Roberts (10), Trevor Smyth (1), Conor Totterdell, Benjamin Creighton (2), Malcolm Dean (7)

Michael Martin will be heading into this year's Hobart with high hopes having just taken out the Sydney to Auckland Yacht Race under IRC. The yacht also claimed Line Honours and set a new race record for the CYCA's Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race in 2018, shaving some 44 hours off the previous record. Other notable results for Frantic include a win on IRC in the 2013 Gosford-Lord Howe Island Race.



GEORGIA EXPRESS
SAIL NO: 6333
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Sebastian Hultin
REP: MHYC
DESIGN: Mumm 36
YEAR: 1993
LOA: 10.9
CREW: Sebastian Hultin - Skipper, Andrew Forbes (10) - Navigator, Alessandro Schioppetto, Lorenzo Riches, Federico Riches, John Crockett (3), Celina Rumbelow, Abelardo Nishida

Sebastian Hultin purchased the Mumm 36 in April this year and will be heading south with several Hobart first timers. Andrew Forbes, the previous owner of Georgia Express will join the crew as navigator and tactician, bringing a wealth of knowledge about the yacht but also extensive experience from his previous Rolex Sydney Hobart and Rolex Fastnet races. Last season, the crew onboard their previous yacht, had some solid results, winning the CYCA's Short Ocean Pointscore PHS division as well as the G Carter Trophy and Chaos Cup.



GUNSHOT
SAIL NO: NZL8425
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: David Walsh
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Elliott 52
YEAR: 1995
LOA: 16
CREW: David Walsh (6) - Skipper, Tom Alexander (2) - Navigator, Stacey McMasters (1), Paul Mulherin,

Cameron Smith, Ian Walsh, Dan Cable, Jay Maxwell (1), Michael Westen (1), Benjamin Mcpharlin

Designed by New Zealander Greg Elliott, Gunshot is a canting keeled 52-footer owned by David Walsh and is campaigned out of the CYCA. David Walsh won the 1982 Sydney Hobart, sailing onboard Scallywag and is back for his seventh Hobart this year.



HANSEN TASMANIA
SAIL NO: 603
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: John Townley
REP: DSS
DESIGN: Buizen 48
YEAR: 1994
LOA: 14.7
CREW: John Townley (4) - Skipper, Sam Ibbott (3) - Navigator, Max Townley, Simon Willcox (5), Matthew Townley, Archer Ibbott

This Buizen 48 out of Tasmania is making the journey north to compete in her first Rolex Sydney Hobart. This will be a family affair for owner John, who will be joined by his two sons Matthew and Max. This cruising yacht will be a comfortable ride south for the family, many of whom are competing in their first Rolex Sydney Hobart. Representing the Derwent Sailing Squadron, Hansen Tasmania is one of eight Tasmanian entries in this year's race.



HELSAL3
SAIL NO: 262
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: Robert Brandon Fisher

REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Adams 20
YEAR: 1984
LOA: 20
CREW: Rob Fisher (22) - Skipper, Kerrie Fisher, John Dwyer (8), Ian Campbell (10), Bruce Perry (11), Morgan Prince, Brandon Fisher, Elizabeth Fisher, Ramandeep Kaur (4), Danny Johnson (1), John Davis (11), Michael Hutchison, Grant Ford, Adrian Van der rijt (5), Darren Corbett (1), Karl Kloppenborg

The 2023 RSHYR is special for the Fisher family as it marks 50 years since the original Helsal won line honours and broke the race record. Rob Fisher's father, Dr Tony Fisher passed away late last year and the team will be racing in his honour in the 2023 edition of the race.



HIGHLY SPRUNG

SAIL NO: 8108
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Mark Spring
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Tp52 Farr
YEAR: 2005
LOA: 15.9
CREW: Mark Spring (2) - Skipper, Patrick St John (8) - Navigator, Alexis Loison (3), Innes Briscoe (1), Matthew Mayall, Tanguy Fournier Leray (6), Campbell Geeves (14), Joshua Paulson, Phil Peterson (2), James Turner (6), Nicholas Drummond (1), Tom Brewer, Clare Costanzo (2), Scott Poole (2), Jessica Angus (3)

Originally built in 2005, this Farr design TP52 has undergone major modifications over the years to keep up with the new 52 ft designs. Under previous owners, the yacht was the highest placed TP52 in the 2012 Rolex Sydney Hobart, finishing 5th overall, as Calm. Now under new owner Mark Spring, the yacht regularly competes in the inshore TP52 circuit and offshore racing.



HUTCHIES YEAH BABY

SAIL NO: A5
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Andy Lamont
REP: SYC
DESIGN: Welbourn 50
YEAR: 2000
LOA: 15.1
CREW: Andy Lamont (1) - Skipper, Craig Foley (1) - Navigator, Hayden Allsop, Braeden Mchugh (1), Lee Randall (5), Jake Gundry (6), Matt Andrews, Jesse Oneill, Jason Lane (2), Phoebe Reedman (1), Sebastian Gundry, Emma Baillie (2), Anthony Magalhaes

Hutchies Yeah Baby should be well suited for a divisional win if strong running conditions feature across this year's race. Under Andy Lamont's guidance, the Welbourn 50 placed second overall in the 220mn South East Queensland Ocean Racing Qualifier in 2021 and will be looking to improve on its 13th place finish in Divison 2 last year.



IMALIZARD (TH)

SAIL NO: 6893
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: Bruce Watson
REP: RSYS
DESIGN: Welbourn 12
YEAR: 2007
LOA: 12.2
CREW: Bruce Watson (3) - Skipper, Frederic Chanut (3)

Bruce Watson will compete his final Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2023. The two-handed crew will be one of the favourites to take out the PHS division having previous won in the 2016 and 2019 Sydney Hobart. The team was also first in

the PHS Corinthian division in 2019. Following a dismasting in 2018, the team pulled into to Flinders Island. Bruce Watson loved his visit so much, he bought a house on the island a few months later!



INSOMNIA

SAIL NO: 65007
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Marcus Grimes
REP: RPAYC
DESIGN: Judel & Vorlijk 42
YEAR: 2011
LOA: 12.8
CREW: Marcus Grimes - Skipper/ Nav, Darcy Kemp (1), Ben Hillman, Saxon McGregor, Matt Smith (2), Niall Powers (1), Alastair Hunter (1), Leonard Hambleton (2), Adam Favaloro, Nicholas Elliott (1)

Based in Pittwater, Marcus Grimes J/V 42 is immersed in Club racing at RPAYC whilst regularly competing in offshore events such as the Pittwater to Paradise and Sydney Hobart. Purchased ahead of the 2019 75th Rolex Sydney Hobart, the teams top result came last year, finishing 10th in IRC Division 2.



KRAKEN 111 (TH)

SAIL NO: D3300
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Rob Gough / John Saul
REP: DSS
DESIGN: Jeanneau Sunfast 3300
YEAR: 2019
LOA: 10
CREW: Rob Gough (3) - Helm, John Saul

Two-Handed Line Honours winners from 2021, Rob Gough and John Saul will be looking to climb back up the leaderboard in 2023, after finishing 10th in 2022. After taking

out line honours onboard their Class 40 Sidewinder, the team purchased the Jeanneau Sunfast 3300 for the 2022 race, and are now starting to hit their strides, as they took out overall honours in the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore - Tollgate Islands Race in October 2023. As one of the favourites to claim honours in the two-handed division, the 33ft yacht will also be an overall contender if strong southerly winds are forecast.



LAWCONNECT

SAIL NO: SYD1000
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Christian Beck
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Juan K 100 Custom
YEAR: 2008
LOA: 30.5
CREW: Christian Beck (1) - Owner/ Skipper, Christopher Lewis (4) - Navigator, Ty Oxley (14), Scott Beavis (15), Rodney Daniel, Brad Jackson, Christopher Nicholson (6), Ryan Phillips (1), Paul Kimber, Mitch White, Wenee Yap, Simbad Quiroga, Carlos Hernandez robayna, Dylan Clarke (4), Tony Mutter (4), Yehan Gunaratne, Alexander Gough (3), Mustafa Ingham (2), Ellen Howard, Charlie Wyatt (4), Lucas Chapman (5)

Christian Beck's Lawconnect are hoping to go one better in this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, having finished 2nd in the past three editions. A previous Line Honours winner as Perpetual Loyal in 2016, Beck and his talented team including Boat Captain Ty Oxley, have made extensive modifications in previous years to become more competitive. The wide transom of the yacht will see them favour a downwind race if they wish to clinch the 2023 title.



LENNY

SAIL NO: USA44444
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Charles Devanneaux
REP: USA - California YC
DESIGN: Beneteau First 44
YEAR: 2023
LOA: 14.2
CREW: Charles Devanneaux - Skipper, Christophe Vanek - Navigator, Yann Masselot, Jerome De baecque, Pierre Follenfant, Arnaud Crussol, Olivier Denquin, Luc Sorlin

The 6th Beneteau First 44 Performance launched, Lenny's maiden race was the world famous Transpac from California to Hawaii, where she finished 2nd in her division. Since then, she has cruised from Hawaii to Sydney in order to compete in this year's race. Her owner Charles-Etienne Devanneaux is an experienced ocean racer and owner of the Californian Beneteau dealership Naos Yachts. He will be joined in the race by a talented French crew with plenty of ocean racing experience, Yann Masselot.



LIGHTNING

SAIL NO: 095
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Alexander Flecknoe-Brown
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Bakewell-White 40
YEAR: 2015
LOA: 12.2

CREW: Alexander Flecknoe-Brown (2) - Skipper, Ben Aquilina (2), Troy Grafton (23), Tom Barker (15), Sean Kirkjian (25), Ben Sinton (9), Tony Powell (23), Jason Thorne (1), Duncan Sim (2), Steve Taylor (7)

This will be the first Rolex Sydney Hobart for the Bakewell-White 40 which previously raced in Auckland under the name Anarchy. Delivered to Sydney earlier this year, its new owner has begun his campaign in the Audi Centre Sydney BWPS. In this year's Tollgate Islands Race, the yacht performed well, finishing 2nd in IRC Division 1 and 4th overall.



LOVE & WAR

SAIL NO: 294
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Simon Kurts
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: S&S
YEAR: 1973
LOA: 14.2
CREW: Joseph Earl - Navigator, Robert Woodman (3), Peter Sheldrick (30), Axel Runow, Matt Tomaszewski, Simon Kurts - Skipper, Phillip Kurts, Campbell Thornton (20), Josh Hinks, Michael Heenan, Stephen McCullum (25)

Simon Kurts Love & War will celebrate its 50th anniversary in this year's Race and is one of only three boats to have claimed the Tattersall Cup three times, winning in 1974, 1978 and 2006. Built in 1973 for Simon's father, Peter Kurts, the yacht is always a favourite amongst competitors and supporters of the RSHYR and has also previously competed in the 1975 Admiral's Cup. In 2021, the crew finished third overall and won its division. The yacht and team will be hoping for strong southerly conditions on their way south, with the S&S 47 built to conquer a rough Bass Strait compared to modern, lighter yachts.



LUNA BLUE

SAIL NO: 7809

CLASS: PHS

SKIPPER: John Turnbull, David Watson & Steve Kellaway

REP: RPAYC

DESIGN: Beneteau First 45

YEAR: 2008

LOA: 14.1

CREW: John Turnbull (1) - Skipper/helm, David Watson (2) - Navigator, Bill Kay (1), Peter Kelly (1), Charlie Kellaway, Steve Kellaway (2), Kim Dix, Andrew Benefield (1), Michael Green, Patrick James

Luna Blue will return for its second RSHYR under the leadership of owners John Turnbull, David Watson and Steve Kellaway. The syndicate from the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club will be strong contenders amongst their division, having demonstrated the ability to win when they claimed the RPAYC Bluewater Championship in 2013/14 and were also runners up the following season. So far this season the team has only raced in the Flinders Islet Race, placing 10th in PHS Division 2.



MAKO

SAIL NO: N40

CLASS: PHS

SKIPPER: Paul O'Rourke

REP: NCYC

DESIGN: Sydney 40

YEAR: 1999

LOA: 12

CREW: Adam Manders (6) - Skipper, Adrian Kiely (10) -

Navigator, Simon Glover, Marcus Busch (3), Tim Dodds (9), Paul O'Rourke (3), Mark Nugent (3), Hugh Dodds (3), Greg Busch (4), Ethan Ortlipp

Originally designed and built for the 1999 Admiral's Cup as part of a dutch entry, Mako now calls Newcastle home after new owner Paul O'Rourke, CEO of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, purchased her. Last year the yacht had great success in the PHS division, placing 2nd.



MARITIMO 52

SAIL NO: MEX952

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Michael Spies

REP: SYC

DESIGN: R/P Tp52

YEAR: 2008

LOA: 15.9

CREW: Michael Spies (44) - Skipper, Doug Johnstone - Navigator, Phil Armstrong (1), Grace Jolly (1), Neil Sherring (3), Alex Marinelli, Nick Davis (7), Scott Kaufman (18), Matthew Levings, Hugo Stoner, Peter Vaiciurgis, Peter Jones (25), Peter Britt (17), Finn Rodowicz

Bill Barry-Cotter has entered his Maritimo TP52 for the 2023 race. Purchased in 2022, Bill decided to join the dominant TP52 class after racing many different designs, including his Schumacher 54 of the same name and his 32ft Ketch, Katwinchar. For the 75th Rolex Sydney Hobart, Bill entered Katwinchar, which became the oldest yacht to ever enter the Great Race. With RSHYR veteran Michael Spies as Sailing Master of the program, the team has put together a strong mix of experience and young talent.



MARITIMO 54

SAIL NO: USA16

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Bill Barry-Cotter

REP: SYC

DESIGN: Schumacher 54

YEAR: 1996

LOA: 16.3

CREW: Kendal Barry- Cotter (11) - Skipper, Murray Spence (22) - Navigator, Jared Donnelly, Michael Hughes (16), Barrie Mcindoe (6), Frazer Read (9), Michael Green (43), Maclean Paton (3), Justin Wells (8), Ross Mannering (1), Benjamin Lockyer, Ian Vidal

Bill Barry-Cotter's Schumacher 54 competed in the 50th Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race in 2022, with the team claiming Line Honours in the anniversary edition of the race. The boat program is overseen by RSHYR veteran Michael Spies, and supports the development of young sailors looking to break into the offshore sailing circuit.



MAYFAIR

SAIL NO: M16

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: James Irvine

REP: RQYS

DESIGN: Rogers 46

YEAR: 2006

LOA: 14

CREW: James Irvine (6) - Skipper, Lucy Irvine (1) - Navigator, Steve Brierley (7), Lucas Upton (1), Mark Carter (5), Luuk Ter haar, Tom Dawson, Lydia Barber, Shawn (BOB) Butt (5), Jamie Pirret (7)

James Irvine purchased the Rogers 46, in 2020. In his early campaigning, Irvine took it to 17th overall in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart and third in Division 1 of the 2022 Gladstone Ports Corporation

Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race. Irvine returns for his third Rolex Sydney Hobart in the Rogers 46 this year, looking to improve on his 6th in Division from 2022.



MERIT

SAIL NO: 8679

CLASS: PHS

SKIPPER: Michael Schwarzel

REP: WSC

DESIGN: Farr Volvo Ocean 60

YEAR: 1997

LOA: 19.3

CREW: Michael Schwarzel - Skipper, Craig Dyke (1), Phil Dixon, Charlie Reay, Ian Rankine (1), Ben Allison, Craig Gadaloff, Sam Rankine, Amelia Simony, Louis Scarrold, Gillian Taylor, Mal Leeming, Greg Houston, John Bankart (8), Greg Mercier (0), Torsten Volkholz (0), Antoinette Doucet

This Volvo 60 round-the-world racing yacht has contested many offshore races since coming to Australia, sailing under various names, including Telcoinabox Merit, News Corp, Line 7 and most recently as Stratco Racing. Merit set a record for the 408 NM Gosford to Lord Howe Island Race in 2002 and also won the PHS division in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 2008.



MIDNIGHT RAMBLER

SAIL NO: ST36

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Edward Psaltis

REP: RYCT

DESIGN: Sydney 36

YEAR: 2005

LOA: 10.8

CREW: Edward Psaltis (40) -

Skipper, Andrew Davison (10) - Navigator, Zachary Johnson (2), Glenn Stewart (4), Kenneth Ormandy (1), Tim Hampton (3), Drew Meincke (23), Anne Stewart (2)

Ed Psaltis's Sydney 36, Midnight Rambler will be hoping to repeat their performance from last year's Hobart when they won both IRC Div 4 and IRC Corinthian divisions. The Sydney 36 is the seventh Midnight Rambler yacht Psaltis has owned, campaigning each one over his 40+ year career in offshore sailing. A winner of the Rolex Sydney Hobart in 1998, the various Midnight Ramblers have won every major offshore race on the east coast of Australia. Ed is back for his 41st RSHYR in 2023.



MILLENNIUM FALCON

SAIL NO: M888

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Robert Griffiths

REP: LMYC/CYC

DESIGN: Sparkman & Stephens 39

YEAR: 1992

LOA: 11.9

CREW: Robert Griffiths, William Cranney, David Cranney, Keith Rixon, Richard Agnew, Melinda Gunn

Millennium Falcon, a beautiful S&S 39, was built in 1975 but was not launched until 1992 following a meticulous shipwright fit out. She has spent many years sailing on Port Phillip Bay. Following a change of owner in 2020 she has had an extensive maintenance and updating program prior to sailing north to a new home on Lake Macquarie and stays on Sydney Harbour.



MIN RIVER (TH)

SAIL NO: AUS888

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Jiang Lin / Aymeric Belloir

REP: CYCA

DESIGN: JPK 10.30

YEAR: 2023

LOA: 10.3

CREW: Aymeric Belloir - Co-skipper, Jiang hui Lin (2) - Co-skipper

Launched in 2023, Jiang Lin purchased her new JPK 10.30 and has campaigned her briefly throughout Europe before bringing her out to Sydney to compete in Lin's third hobart. Lin and co-skipper Aymeric Belloir have plenty of two-handed experience together, having competed in the Armen and La Trinite-Cowes Races in 2023. They started the 2023 Rolex Fastnet Race but unfortunately had to retire.



MINNIE

SAIL NO: 424

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Michael Bell

REP: CYCA

DESIGN: Jones 42

YEAR: 2001

LOA: 12.9

CREW: James Farquharson (3), Michael Bell (14) - Skipper, Gemma Rasdall, Alex Knight, Oliver Bell (3) - Navigator, Bayley Taylor, Leo Taine, Mario Ruel (1)

Michael "Zappa" Bell is back for his 15th Rolex Sydney Hobart on his Jones 42. After competing with his son Oli in the two-handed division in 2022 aboard Minnie, Zappa is

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back racing fully crewed with a mix of new and old crew. The Jones 42, previously known as Cadibarra 8 has plenty of miles under her belt and is a tried and tested offshore yacht who will provide strong competition for her fellow competitors.



MISTER LUCKY (TH)
SAIL NO: RQ3600
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Mark Hipgrave / Rohan Wood
REP: RQYS
DESIGN: Sun Fast 3600
YEAR: 2016
LOA: 10.8
CREW: Rohan Wood (9) - Skipper, Mark Hipgrave (8) - Skipper

Rohan Wood returns for his second attempt at the two-handed division in this year's race. His Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600 first competed in the Hobart in 2017, before Wood competed in the 2018 Melbourne to Osaka Yacht Race, finishing 5th overall. After finishing 13th in the 2-handed IRC division last year, Wood will be hoping for a stronger result this year.



MISTRAL (TH)
SAIL NO: 1
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Rupert Henry / Jack Bouttell

REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Lombard 34
YEAR: 2019
LOA: 10.5
CREW: Rupert Henry - Skipper/ Navigator, Jack Bouttell

Since purchasing the yacht in early 2021, owner Rupert Henry has successfully campaigned his Lombard 34 to victories in the 2021 Summer Offshore Series, Montague Island Race as well as claiming last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart two-handed division. No stranger to offshore sailing, Henry has also claimed honours in the 5500nm 2018 Melbourne to Osaka Yacht Race, in record time. This year Rupert will be joined by Jack Bouttell who also brings a wealth of experience to the team having won The Ocean Race twice, with Dongfeng Race Team (2017-18) and 11th Hour Racing Team (2022-23).



MONDO
SAIL NO: 5656
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Lisa Callaghan & Stephen Tuedt
REP: MYC
DESIGN: Sydney 38
YEAR: 2003
LOA: 11.7
CREW: Lisa Callaghan (1) - Skipper, Stephen Teudt (2) - Navigator, Philip M dawson (1), Kimbyl Mann (1), Alison Burke, Robert Human (24), Mitchell Gordon (20), Sam Price (16), Helen Buckland (8)

Over the past decade, owners Lisa Callaghan and Stephen Teudt have campaigned the yacht extensively in both offshore racing and Sydney 38 Class competitions. Last year saw Lisa compete in the race for the very first time, however a failure of the yachts gooseneck saw them have to retire from the race. This year they will return to finish off Lisa's quest of crossing the finish line in Hobart.



MONEYPENNY
SAIL NO: AUS1
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Sean Langman
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Reichel/Pugh 69
YEAR: 2008
LOA: 21.5
CREW: Geoff Bauchop (24), David Gilmour (3), Sean Langman (32) - Skipper, Mathew Humphries (13) - Navigator, Josh Alexander (21), Robbie Mccutcheon, Christo Worchurst (7), Rhys Mara (1), William Byne, Brett Van Munster, Peter Langman (9), Keagan York (1)

The 2022-23 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore champion, Moneypenny heads South this year with full intentions of defending their divisional win in IRC O from last year. Whilst the RP69 is yet to compete so far in the Blue Water Pointscore, owner Sean Langman, and many of the crew have had a busy off season. They campaigned Langman's Maluka in the 50th Rolex Fastnet Yacht Race. The team will also race in the Australian Maxi Championship, providing ideal racing experience before the Boxing Day start.



MRV
SAIL NO: SYD5
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Damien King
REP: SYC
DESIGN: Frers 61
YEAR: 1996
LOA: 18.5

CREW: Ben Morrison-Jack (12), Lockie Dare (1), Jeremy O'Connell (1), Justin Mcgarvey, Damien King (3), Mark Byrne (5), Jonathan Orr (2), Grant Allen (3), Timothy Burnell (2)

This is the last of the Margaret Rintoul's built for Stan Edwards, a sailing figure of note during the 70's, 80's and 90's, who competed for Australia and internationally with previous Rintouls. This one has competed in the Pittwater to Lord Howe and Pittwater to Coffs races, amongst her expansive repertoire with Edwards, and then with Graham Buckeridge and partners, who purchased it in 2007. Melbourne sailor Damien King owns the yacht now, with its composite hull of epoxy/Kevlar over balsa core, a keel and rudder developed from America's Cup technology and a carbon fibre mast. During the '90s, King campaigned in the Olympic 470 class. Over recent years, King now sails in the Etchells fleet, with an Australasian title and top three Etchells Worlds results.



MWF KAYLE
SAIL NO: 7878
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: Making Waves Foundation
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Lyons 54
YEAR: 2000
LOA: 16.2
CREW: John Whitfeld (28), James Hunter, Travis Read (10), Annie Lawrence (17), Graham Kemp, Rodney Gaal, Ian Farquharson, Scott Alle (16), Julian Martin, Michael Blaxell (16), Andre Fucs de miranda, Steve Grellis (30), Glenn Reynolds, Phillip Walker (8)

Owned by the Making Waves Foundation, Kayle is a custom-built Lyons 54 ocean racing yacht designed to be accessible for everyone and is the primary delivery training vessel for the Foundation's program. The Foundation is made up of a team

of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about sailing and committed to supporting and encouraging participants to realise their protentional. The Foundation first raced to Hobart in 1994 and scored their top result in 2007 when they won the PHS division.



NAVY ONE
SAIL NO: 0404
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Nathan Lockhart and Tori Costello
REP: RANSA
DESIGN: Beneteau First 40
YEAR: 2011
LOA: 12.2
CREW: Tori Costello (3) - Co Skipper, Nathan Lockhart (2) - Co Skipper, Mark Butler (4) - Navigator, Jack Barber (1), Olivia Hughes, Alix De caritat (1), Nick Greenhill (2), Joshua Towle, Grace Corboy-stevens (1), Aimee Howitt

Owned and used by the Royal Australian Navy for sail and adventure, this Beneteau First 40 is sailed solely by serving Navy personnel. This will be the yachts fourth Rolex Sydney Hobart for the yacht, which has won the Oggin Cup (for the first Armed Services Yacht on corrected time) for a second year running. With the Army Sailing Club recently purchasing a Beneteau First 40, the competition for the Oggin Cup will be tighter than ever.



NIKSEN (TH)
SAIL NO: NZL30040
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Marc Michel and Logan Fraser
REP: RNZYS/SSANZ - NZ

DESIGN: Dehler30 Od
YEAR: 2021
LOA: 9.1
CREW: Marc Michel (9) - Skipper, Logan Fraser - Co-Skipper

Representing the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, M Michel and L Fraser will campaign their highly competitive Dehler 30 OD in the two-handed division. The yacht will head into this year's race as one of the division favourites, with the pair claiming the PIC 50 SSANZ Triple Series, and finishing 2nd in the RNZYS Three Kings Ocean Race (550nm) and Round North Island Leg 3 (600nm) races. As a former member of the CYCA, and Chairman of the Australian Short Handed Sailing Association in the 90's, Marc has also previously competed in the Yamaha Melbourne to Osaka Yacht Race, finishing 3rd in Division B in 1991, representing the CYCA.



NO LIMIT
SAIL NO: AUS98888
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: David Gotze
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Reichel/Pugh 63
YEAR: 2008
LOA: 19.2
CREW: DDavid Gotze (11) - Skipper/ Helm, Steve Kemp (24) - Navigator, Duncan Macleod (25), Nicolas Partridge (23), Lucas Geddes (2), Stefan Treurniet (9), Charlie Goodfellow (2), Ian Walker (35), Noel Drennan (34), Aaron Cole (20), Declan Brennan (20), Maïke Muth (6), David Allen (10), Julian Freeman (33), Rowan Leaper (19), Andrew Simpson (10)

David Gotze's RP62 No Limit is an excellent all-round boat, and a near sisterhip to the former Hobart winner, Loki. A veteran of 11 Hobarts, Gotze finished 10th over the line last year and 4th in IRC Div O. He has previously owned a Volvo 60 and competed at the 2011 Rolex Farr

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40 World Championship. Off the water, Gotze is a past Commodore of Royal Brighton Yacht Club and President of Australian Sailing from 2011 to 2013.



OCEAN CRUSADERS J-BIRD

SAIL NO: OC52

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Annika & Ian Thomson

REP: WSC

DESIGN: Andrews 52

YEAR: 2001

LOA: 15.8

CREW: Annika Thomson (2) - Skipper, Ian Thomson (4) - Navigator, William Oliver, Matthew Pilecki, Milan Stanish, Craig Greenhill (8), Charles Baker (2), Lianne Zijlker, Garth Bickford (2), Hamish Bush, Katrina Prince, Marin Rosandic (1)

As one of the very original TP52's, as hull #2, the yacht has an extensive background in the Rolex Sydney Hobart under previous owners. Now owned by Ian & Annika Thomson, the yacht was completely restored over a three year period, converting it to an electric drive powered purely by renewable energy. In 2010, Ian launched Ocean Crusaders as a platform to showcase the issues the oceans are facing. The pair campaigned in the two-handed division in 2022 and are back in 2023 fully crewed.



OROTON DRUMFIRE

SAIL NO: CAY6536

CLASS: PHS

SKIPPER: Will Vicars

REP: CYCA

DESIGN: Hoek Tc78

YEAR: 2007

LOA: 24

CREW: Phillip Neil (3) - Skipper, Lachie Paramor (3) - Navigator, Michael Ritchie (3), Will Vicars (1), Geoff Little (2), David Burt (7), Jane Vicars (3), Eilidh Hardie, Adam Hickey (2), John Alvarez (1), Nicholas Crabtree (1), Brandon Buyink (2), Vincent Kennedy (1), Ross Lane, Christopher White (3), Owain Brady (1)

The stunning Oroton Drumfire returns to the Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2023 for the yacht's 5th race under owner Will Vicars. Immaculately prepared by skipper Phillip Neil, the yacht joins the PHS division this year and will no doubt draw attention on Sydney Harbour on Boxing Day. The boat and crew took out her division at Hamilton Island Race Week this year. The experience and regular crew of Drumfire are no doubt excited for another trip south.



PACMAN (TH)

SAIL NO: 110

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Peter Elkington / Scott Cavanough

REP: RQYS

DESIGN: Young 11

YEAR: 1986

LOA: 11.2

CREW: Peter Elkington (8), Scott Cavanough

Pacman is a Young 11 owned by Peter Elkington and is based on the Gold Coast. The boat had an extensive refit including new appendages and a new rig prior to competing in the 2022 RSHYR. In Pacman's debut race, she finished 3rd in the Two-Handed division and 2nd in IRC Division 3. Pacman is again entered in the Two-Handed division and are looking forward to renewing the challenge of racing against similar two-handed boats.



PATRIOT

SAIL NO: SM133

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Jason Close

REP: SYC

DESIGN: J133

YEAR: 2004

LOA: 13.3

CREW: Jason Close (4) - Skipper, Jack Fullerton (3) - Navigator, Leith Hore, Andrew McGrath (3), Stuart Schafer (13), Luis Brito (2), Tim Smith, Jack Furey (3), Greg Coutts (4), Alexander Newman

Jason Close's J133, Patriot returns this year for his third Rolex Sydney Hobart. Unfortunately his first race in 2018 saw Patriot's rudder fail, resulting in a retirement. However, returning in 2019 for the 75th edition, Jason and his team finished in 9th overall. Last year, the yacht competed in the 50th Melbourne to Hobart Westcoaster, finishing 2nd overall, a result they hope to replicate, if not better, in this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart.



PHILOSOPHER (TH)

SAIL NO: 020

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: David Henry / Stephen Prince

REP: RSYS/CYCA

DESIGN: Sydney 36 Cr

YEAR: 2008

LOA: 11.3

CREW: David Henry (9) - Skipper/ Navigator, Stephen Prince (9)

David Henry's Sydney 36 CR, Philosopher will be a top contender for the two-handed division this year after competing in the discipline for the first time last year. Earlier this year in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, Henry won Division 3, IRC Corinthian Division and the two-handed division. Whilst the rivalry in the two-handed division is always high, David's biggest competition will come from his son, Rupert Henry, sailing Mistal.



PRETTY WOMAN

SAIL NO: 545

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Richard Hudson

REP: RPAYC

DESIGN: Farr 45

YEAR: 1996

LOA: 13.8

CREW: Richard Hudson (15) - Skipper, Rob Buchanan (3) - Navigator/2IC, Liam Bennett (4), Steve Howe (1), Jarrah Sheppard, Alistair Read (1), Matthew Gerethy (3), William Dargaville (1), Jemma Hodgson (1), Sarah Parker (1), Antony Hawke (3), Georgia Tuckey (1)

Richard Hudson leads his Farr 45 Pretty Woman's fifth tilt at the Rolex Sydney Hobart. As CYCA's 2023 Ocean Veteran of the Year, Richard and his crew racked up some impressive results in 2022, claiming the PHS Corinthian Division in last year's race and 3rd under PHS Corinthian in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast. Hudson again blends experience with younger sailors from his home Club, RPAYC, allowing many young sailors to experience offshore racing at its toughest.



RAGTIME

SAIL NO: RQ130

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Steve Watson

REP: CYCA

DESIGN: J130

YEAR: 1994

LOA: 13

CREW: Steve Watson - Skipper, Lance Maizey (6), Andrew Harrington, Nicole Sawick, Christian Holle, Luke Ingeman, Diarmuid Ryan (2), Paddy Manning

Ragtime is a J130 launched in 1994. This will be her first Sydney Hobart after two late withdrawals in 1994 and 2021. The team have been racing in the CYCA Club Marine Ocean Pointscore and Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore in preparation for this years race.



ROCKALL

SAIL NO: R62

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Christopher Opielok

REP: NRV/RORC/CYCA - Germany

DESIGN: JPK 10.80

YEAR: 2018

LOA: 10.8

CREW: Christopher Opielok (1) - Skipper, Chris Frost - Navigator, Stu Lee (10), Klaas Simon, Mark Lovelady (1), Thomas ashley Swift, Felix Oehme

Christopher Opielok returns to the Rolex Sydney Hobart after campaigning his TP52 of the same name in 2017. Purchased out of Western Australia in 2023 and a previous Atomic Blonde, Opielok's crew consists of a mix of German, British and Western Australian locals who will be looking to emulate the success of JPKs globally. With a number of JPK and similar production boats competing in the 2023 edition of the Great race, Rockall will be one to watch both overall and in her division.



RUM REBELLION (TH)

SAIL NO: 1808

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Shane Connelly / Tony Sutton

REP: CYCA

DESIGN: J99

YEAR: 2021

LOA: 9.9

CREW: Shane Connelly (5) - Skipper, Tony Sutton (5)

Shane Connelly's J/99 Rum Rebellion has been a top contender in the two-handed division since it was launched in 2021. Having taken out victories in the Flinders Islet Race and Bird Island Race in 2022, Connelly led the Blue Water Pointscore two-handed division heading into the Rolex Sydney Hobart. However, a mid-fleet finish in the Hobart saw them pipped at the final hurdle. This year, Connelly has had another string of top results, stepping onto the two-handed podium in the first three races of the Audi Centre Blue Water Pointscore and currently sits second overall in the Pointscore.

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**RUSH****SAIL NO:** B45**CLASS:** IRC**SKIPPER:** John Paterson**REP:** RBYC**DESIGN:** Farr 45**YEAR:** 1997**LOA:** 13.8

CREW: John Paterson (18) - Skipper, Andrew McCole (8) - Navigator, Kate Jenkins (6), Tom Jenkins (4), Paul Greenwood (14), Katherine Oldfield (1), Ryan Moreton, Robert Case (35), Russell Tyson (16), James Ryssenbeek (3), Alexis Valenza (5), Nick Fahey (3)

John Paterson's Farr 45 Rush will compete in its 11th Rolex Sydney Hobart this year, while Paterson will complete his 14th journey south. In 2015, their highlight result was when they won IRC Div 2. Representing the Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Paterson regularly campaigns the yacht in Victorian events, both in offshore and inshore regattas.

**SALT LINES****SAIL NO:** GBR5672L**CLASS:** PHS**SKIPPER:** Matthew Harvey**REP:** CYCA**DESIGN:** Shipwright 70**YEAR:** 1990**LOA:** 21

CREW: Matthew Harvey (1) - Skipper, Phil Bishop - Navigator, Eloise Clarke, Andrew Holmes, Jess Hix, Jonathan Jackson, Barton Ennis, Lou Jovanovski, Delwyn Keyworth, Josh Parolin, Leah Squire, Michael Ennis, Marcel Fekkes, Kevin Holland, Alex Sysel

Making her Hobart debut in 2022, Salt Lines will compete again with Matt Harvey as owner. The 30-ton

ketch-rigged yacht was built for the Ocean Youth Trust in the UK before Harvey brought it to Australia following COVID to join the Ocean Sailing Expeditions fleet.

**SHE****SAIL NO:** 4924**CLASS:** PHS**SKIPPER:** Philip Bell**REP:** SYC**DESIGN:** Olson 40**YEAR:** 1982**LOA:** 12

CREW: Philip Bell (4) - Skipper/Navigator, Jeff Weir (2) - Navigator, Hamish Campbell, Chad Grafton (11), Andy Denniss (1), Rob Longstaff (1), Adam Phillips (2), Anthony Sly (2)

The Olsen 40, owned by Philip Bell is a veteran yacht of 22 Sydney Hobart journeys and is always a contender in the PHS division. Bell this year will complete in his 5th Rolex Sydney Hobart race and will be hoping she can return to the top of the podium position just as she did in the PHS division in 2009 and 2012.

**SHES THE CULPRIT****SAIL NO:** 370**CLASS:** PHS**SKIPPER:** The Culprit Syndicate**REP:** NCYC/LMYC**DESIGN:** Inglis-Jones 39**YEAR:** 1994**LOA:** 12

CREW: Glen Picasso (12) - Skipper, Glenn Brown, Trent Butler (4) - Navigator, Glenn Bulmer (7), Paul Dover (1), Glen Coulam (2), Matthew Hill, Kath Hall (4), Melinda Hardcastle (1), David Edwards (2), Mark Virtue (1), Gina Wright

This well-known yacht, owned by a fun group of sailing friends from Newcastle, will be a top performer under PHS, having finished second in the division in their last Hobart race in 2021. The team has also previously won the division in 2014 as well as scored another second place in Division 2 in 2017. The yacht is always well sailed.

**SHK SCALLYWAG 100****SAIL NO:** HKG2276**CLASS:** IRC**SKIPPER:** Seng Huang Lee**REP:** RHKYC**DESIGN:** Dovell 100**YEAR:** 2014**LOA:** 30.5

CREW: David Witt (25) - Skipper, Christopher Wild (9) - Navigator, Juan Vila (10) - Navigator, Ben Piggott (8), Pete Cumming (2), Ryan Ewings, Alby Pratt (23), Gratt Roberts, Nick Crones (2), Matt Stenta (1), Craig Garnett (19), Greg Homann (2), Seng Huang Lee (3), Phillip Harmer (15), Andrew Hay (7), Mark Bradford (15), Nick Meyer (3), Trystan Seal (93), Luke Parkinson (7), Scott Salter (5)

Seng Huang Lee's maxi, skippered by David Witt may be the unknown factor in the race for Line Honours in 2023 following extensive modifications over the Australian winter. The 2014 built yacht will be sporting a taller mast and new deck which Witt hopes will give them a stronger chance if light to

moderate conditions prevail this year. With America's Cup sailors Luke Parkinson and Luke Payne returning, the maxi will be the one to watch in the lead up to this year's race.

**SHOWDOWN (TH)****SAIL NO:** 8338**CLASS:** IRC**SKIPPER:** Drew Carruthers / Jim Close**REP:** RQYS**DESIGN:** Ker 40**YEAR:** 2011**LOA:** 12.2

CREW: Drew Carruthers (2), Jim Close (2)

Showdown is a Ker 40 that has been modified by new owner Drew Carruthers. Carruthers has looked to optimise the boat for two-handed racing, adding water ballast and reducing the sail wardrobe. Joined by co-skipper Jim Close in 2023, the two have plenty of experience, with Carruthers having extensively campaigned mutihulls up and down the east coast. Close has competed in multiple round the world yacht races including two editions of the Whitbread Race in the 1990s and a Volvo Ocean Race in 2001-02.

**SILVER FERN****SAIL NO:** NZL6702**CLASS:** PHS**SKIPPER:** David Hows**REP:** SYC**DESIGN:** Birdsall 72**YEAR:** 1981**LOA:** 21.3

CREW: Ross Glare (0), Sarah Gamble, Andrew Squires, Liam Blackstock, Peter Phillips, David Hows (3) - Skipper, Mark Sibley, Linda Brindle, Matt Lee, Lena Wilderang (3) - Navigator, Natalie Dugdale, David Syme, Jo Radovic, Marzena Pejlak, Dario Davidis

David Hows did two Sydney Hobarts with his former yacht, Ocean Gem, before buying Silver Fern, a robust 30-ton steel yacht. She was originally built as a Birdsall 60 in 1981, before being redesigned by Brett Bakewell-White, extended to 72ft and relaunched in 2004. She spent 2005-2016 circumnavigating the globe, visiting over 70 countries. Buying the yacht in 2020, Hows is prepared for her next chapter as a comfortable but competitive and strong ocean racing and expedition yacht. Similar to Salt Lines in many respects, the two will likely keep each other company throughout the race.

**SMUGGLER****SAIL NO:** 6952**CLASS:** IRC**SKIPPER:** Sebastian Bohm**REP:** CYCA**DESIGN:** Tp52 J/V**YEAR:** 2006**LOA:** 15.9

CREW: Sebastian Bohm (8) - Skipper, David Van der wende (8) - Navigator, Steve McConaghy (23), Bradley Madders (3), Nicholas Armstrong (9), Tony Mcrae (11), Jake Newman (14), Timothy Davis (16), Robert Palazzi (4), Brad Dodds (3), Will Howard (17), Morgan White (9), Tom Wormald (3), Harry Miller (1)

Winning the 2018 Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race on his Rogers

46, Seb Bohm's team on his TP52 will be a hot contender for the overall trophy if the conditions again suit the competitive 52-foot class. Bohm is one of the CYCA's strongest competitors, and following a flurry of top 10 finishes overall over the past few years in the Rolex Sydney Hobart, the team has left no stone unturned for the 2023 edition. With Justine Anson overseeing the program, tactician Steve McConaghy will be joined by kiwi David Van Der Wende as Navigator for this years race.

**SOLERA****SAIL NO:** G1350**CLASS:** IRC**SKIPPER:** Stuart Richardson**REP:** RGYC**DESIGN:** Elliott 1350 Tourer**YEAR:** 2013**LOA:** 13.5

CREW: Stuart Richardson (5) - Skipper, Jennifer Carnell (2) - Navigator, Adrian Harmsworth (4), Nichol Wylie, Jason Boyle (10), Alastair Lee (4), Brenton Carnell (23)

Solera was purchased from designer Greg Elliott in November 2020 and has been campaigned by Richardson since. Richardson and crew competed in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart winning the PHS division. This year, the corinthian crew will be competing in IRC and looking to continue their success on their second trip south.

**SON OF A SON****SAIL NO:** MH31**CLASS:** IRC**SKIPPER:** Peter Webster**REP:** TYC

DESIGN: Farr 1104
YEAR: 1977
LOA: 11
CREW: Peter Webster (3) - Skipper, Patrick Tanner (3), Joel Bruce (1) - Navigator, Liam Tanner, Robert Cordingley (1), Leon Thomas (4), Ben Quick (0), Ellie Leister (0)

Peter Webster's Farr 1104 will be looking to make their Rolex Sydney Hobart debut in 2023 and will be hoping to continue some of their impressive results so far this season. The team enjoyed a winter escape to Queensland where they competed in the 2023 Brisbane to Gladstone, finishing 4th on IRC Overall. They then backed this up with at the 2023 Magnetic Island Race Week, finishing 3rd in Division 4. The team will be partnering with the Black Dog Ride during the RSHYR, to raise awareness of mental health. As part of the partnership they will be launching the Black Dog Sailing Initiative, with further details to be announced closer to the event.



STICKY
SAIL NO: A164
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Richard Harris
REP: RPAYC,CYCA,SASC
DESIGN: Cookson 50
YEAR: 2005
LOA: 15.4
CREW: Lisa Denvir (1), Timothy Dawson, Lochlan Beetham, Ben De Coster (15), Richard Harris (3), Tom Vincent, Matthew Bassett (8), Toby Munns, Erik Alston (1), Ryan Brook (3), Don Mcphee (15), Adam Brown (28), Mike Selbie, Tom Crow (3)

Richard Harris' Cookson 50 Sticky heads into the Hobart in great form, having finished third on IRC in the Flinders Islet Race this year and currently sits 4th overall in the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water

Pointscore. Harris, on his previous Sticky, competed in the Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race in 2018, finishing second in IRC Division 2. This will be Richard's third Rolex Sydney Hobart.



SUPERNOVA
SAIL NO: 6499
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Felicity Nelson / Alex Seja
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Sydney 36
YEAR: 2005
LOA: 11
CREW: Alex Seja (19) - Skipper, Duncan Mcrae (20) - Navigator, Michael Rowe (2), Greg Wilkins (5), John Kneisley, Michael Doherty (20), Felicity Nelson (26)

After purchasing Supernova in early 2021, the first-time co-skippers, Felicity Nelson and Alex Seja competed in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart, achieving 13th overall in IRC fully crewed and 4th in IRC Division 4. This year Nelson and Seja will be racing with a crew that has 90 plus Sydney Hobarts under their belt, with Alex Seja especially looking forward to completing his 20th Sydney Hobart.



SYLPH VI (TH)
SAIL NO: 1019
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: Robert Williams / Chris Warren

REP: RANSA/RSAYS
DESIGN: Custom Alan Payne Sloop
YEAR: 1960
LOA: 12.5
CREW: Chris Warren (9), Robert Williams

Sylph VI returns for its first offshore race since her last Sydney Hobart in 1972. Since then, owner Bob Williams has sailed around the world two and a half times, most recently successfully completing a non-stop single-handed circumnavigation via all the great capes in 193 days. For this year's race, Williams has a simple goal - complete the course, preferably before New Years.



TEASING MACHINE
SAIL NO: FRA8668
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Eric De Turckheim
REP: RORC/CNAR - France
DESIGN: Nmyd 54
YEAR: 2017
LOA: 16.5
CREW: Eric De Turckheim (2) - Skipper, Aymeric Chappellier (1) - Navigator, Bertrand Castelnerac (2), Quentin Bouchacourt, Jerome Teillet (2), Christian Ponthieu, Quentin Le Nabour, Alexandre Pallu (2), Laurent Pages (2), Paco Lepoutre, Gabriele Olivo (4)

Eric De Turckheim's NMYD 54 Teasing Machine is one of the top international contenders in this year's race. As Vice Commodore of the Royal Ocean Racing Club, De Turckheim has been crowned the overall winners of the RORC Transatlantic Race twice, in 2017 and again this year. They then backed up their win at the 2023 RORC Myth of Malham Race. The yacht also claimed victory in the 2022 Rolex Middle Sea Yacht Race. De Turckheim came agonisingly close to winning the Rolex Sydney

Hobart in 2015, when his previous boat under the same name enjoyed strong winds in the first 24 hours to race down the south coast of NSW but things changed when the yacht hit the notoriously fickle Derwent River.



TENACITY
SAIL NO: 2208
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: John Lawrie
REP: BYC
DESIGN: Mills 41
YEAR: 2008
LOA: 12.5
CREW: Vaughan Lynch - Skipper, Cam Lynch (3) - Navigator, Matthew Schofield (1), John Lawrie (1), Adam Goode (13), Simon Delaney, Jessica Greenwood, Scott Steedman, Thomas Males, Tony Kirby (36)

Another Tasmanian entry, Tenacity was recently purchased from Malaysia and previously sailed as Ambush and Meraki. Now sailing out of Bellerive, the owner has bought this boat with the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race specifically in mind. Based out of Tasmania, owner John Lawrie will be joined by Rolex Sydney Hobart veterans Adam Goode, competing in his 14th Hobart, and Tony Kirby, who is looking to complete his 38th trip south.



TILTING AT WINDMILLS
SAIL NO: AUS117
CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Sarah Dempsey
REP: RORC/RCNP (Real Club de Palma)
DESIGN: Joubert Mod. 42
YEAR: 1994
LOA: 12.8
CREW: John Alexander (6) - Skipper, Andrew Roberts (5) - Navigator, Alvaro Maz (2), Chris Rebbeschi (2), Facundo Olezza, Juha Havukainen (2), Dominique Lovett, Lachlan Dorward, Vanessa Dudley (24)

Tilting at Windmills is a John Dory sloop built by Norman R Wright and Sons in 1994 that has been raced and cruised extensively in Australia, the South Pacific and Europe by the late Thorry Gunnersen, and his daughter Sarah Gunnersen-Dempsey. Sarah will take the boat south with a tight knit crew who have sailed together for many years both locally and globally. The yacht's race history includes several Rolex Sydney Hobart and Melbourne to Hobart yacht races, along with the Rolex Fastnet Race, Groupama New Caledonia Race and the Rolex Middle Sea Race. Notable results include second overall in the 2003 Rolex Sydney Hobart and second in division in the 1998 Sydney Hobart and multiple division placings in the Melbourne Hobart. The boat was awarded the Romola Cup by the Royal Cruising Club for most outstanding cruise in 2009 first Australian yacht to do so, following a cruise into the Arctic Circle earlier that year.



TOECUTTER
SAIL NO: R1111
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Robert Hick
REP: RYCV
DESIGN: Hick 10
YEAR: 2023
LOA: 10
CREW: Robert Hick (17) - Skipper, Kelly Kavanagh - Navigator, Paul

Cannon (4), Bradley Bult (11), John Dusting (3), Tom Klestadt (4)

Brad Bult has just launched his latest yacht, Toecutter, a Hick 10 for this year's race. The team will debut the yacht in the Melbourne to Davenport Yacht Race as they continue to prepare for the Great Race. With designer Robert Hick as part of the crew line up, the team should get up to pace quickly with their new yacht.



TUMBLEWEED (TH)
SAIL NO: AUS077
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Nigel Nattrass / Graham Biehl
REP: CYCA/SDYC
DESIGN: Jeanneau Sunfast 3300
YEAR: 2021
LOA: 10
CREW: Nigel Nattrass (11), Graham Biehl

Tumbleweed will be raced by Graham Biehl and his father in law, Nigel Nattrass in the two-handed division this year after an extensive campaign in the Audi Centre Blue Water Pointscore in 2022 and 2023. Biehl is a successful sailor, representing the USA in both the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games. Nattrass has extensive offshore racing experience with 11 Rolex Sydney Hobarts to his name. Both will be competing in the Two-Handed division for the first time in 2023.



URM GROUP
SAIL NO: AUS72

BOAT NOTES

CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Anthony & David Johnston
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Reichel/Pugh 72 Maxi
YEAR: 2009
LOA: 21.8
CREW: Marcus Ashley-Jones (18) - Skipper, Alice Tarnawski (3) - Navigator, Timothy Sellars (11), Anthony Merrington (18), Joel Turner (1), Andrew Johnston (1), Stewart Wells (8), Dick Parker (7), Paddy Bannon (8), Bryce Edwards (4), Justin Mulkearns (10), Grant Simmer (17), William Mackenzie (5), Anthony Johnston (4), James Corrie (11), Steve Jarvin (33), Josh McKnight, David Johnston (3), Peter Harris (6), Nick Johnston (3)

Anthony and David Johnston's URM Group will be a strong contender in this year's RSHYR, having so far claimed overall honours in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, Bird Island and Flinders Islet Race, as well as finishing second in Line Honours for both races respectively, and in the Tollgate Islands Race. Skipper Marcus Ashley-Jones has assembled a high calibre team including navigator Alice Parker, sailing legend Grant Simmer and Steve 'Mothy' Jarvin, who has claimed 14 RSHYR Line Honours titles. The boat currently leads the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore for 2023 and claimed back to back wins in the Australian Maxi IRC Championship.



VERITE (TH)
SAIL NO: 4411
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Paul Beath / Richard Hooper
REP: NCYC
DESIGN: J99

YEAR: 2021
LOA: 9.9
CREW: Paul Beath - Skipper, Richard Hooper (4)

Paul Beath's Verite will be a solid contender in the two-handed division in this year's racing. This J/99 is one of several entered in the division this year and is the same design as the inaugural winners from 2021. Earlier this year when racing as fully crewed, Paul and his team finished 2nd in IRC Division 3 in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race.



VOLSTAR YEAH BABY
SAIL NO: 112
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Marc & Louis Ryckmans
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Akilaria Rc2
YEAR: 2011
LOA: 12

CREW: Marc Ryckmans (11) - Skipper, Louis Ryckmans (11) - Navigator, Stan Schouten (1), Luca Antonini (8), Ben Austin (1), Ola Andersen (10)
Twins Louis and Marc Ryckmans are no strangers to the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and once again will head south together on their Akilaria Rc2. In the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race the brothers finished second in both Line Honours and overall onboard their previous yacht, a Welbourn 50. Their best result heading south has been a 27th overall under IRC in 2017, however returning with the Akilaria RC2 for a second time, they will be hoping for a higher placed finish, as the yacht is a proven winner in the race, when it took the two-handed Line Honours as Sidewinder in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart.



WHISPER
SAIL NO: AUS-13
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: David Griffith
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Judel-Vrolijk 62
YEAR: 2009
LOA: 18.9
CREW: David Griffith (10) - Skipper, Andrea Green (10) - Navigator, David Ward (22), Nick Beaudoin (14), Anthony Nossiter (18), Ian Mckillop (6), Tom Fountain, Davin Conigrave (11), Peter Merrington (25), Matiu Te hau (7), Michael Coxon (32), Wil Coxon (1), Douglas McGain (16), Bouwe van der Weiden, Sam Hunt (28)

Owned by CYCA Director David Griffith, Whisper is a highly competitive JV 62. The yacht claimed honours in the Mini Maxi Division during the 2021 Australian Maxi Championship as well as placing 3rd in Line Honours in this year's Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. The yacht currently holds the race record for the CYCA Montague Island Race.



WHITE NOISE
SAIL NO: SM1245
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Daniel Edwards
REP: SYC
DESIGN: M.A.T 1245
YEAR: 2019
LOA: 12.5
CREW: Daniel Edwards (3) - Skipper, John Neville (3) - Navigator, James Patterson, William

Sheers (4), Lawson Shaw (4), Hugo Lefort, David Richards (7), Blake Anderson (11), Stuart Stirling (4)

Daniel Edwards will be hoping third times a charm for this year's Hobart after having to retire from the past two editions. The M.A.T 1245 will be a top contender for its division having shown its strength by winning Division 2 in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and placed second in Div 2 of the Flinders Islet Race. Edwards has also been crowned the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria's Offshore Champion for 2016/17.



WILD OATS
SAIL NO: 4343
CLASS: PHS
SKIPPER: Gordon Smith
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Farr 43
YEAR: 1985
LOA: 13.1
CREW: Gordon Smith (8) - Skipper, Stuart Byrne - Navigator, Kate Lynch (2), David Alais (2), Pierre Briand (3), Clifford Fairbrass (3), Eleanor Heathcotemorri (1), Stephen Lipman (8), Sharon Bartle (1), Nick Potter (1), Charles Todhunter (2), Dj Mccready (2)

Another well known competitor, this Farr 43 has won the Tattersall Trophy under previous owner the late Roger Hickman OA, in the 70th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and in 1993. Gordon Smith purchased Wild Oats in 2019 from the widow of late Roger Hickman, as an equal shareholder in a new syndicate. Gordon is currently the majority owner of Wild Oats, with co-owner Stuart Byrne buying into the syndicate in 2023. Gordon Smith purchased Wild Oats in early 2023 and is looking to continue the yacht's success. Wild Oats continues to champion female development in offshore sailing, following in Hickman's footsteps which has seen the ACSBWPS

Wild Rose Pointscore named in his honour to promote women in offshore racing.



WILD THING 100
SAIL NO: AUS100
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Grant Wharrington
REP: CYCA
DESIGN: Botin/Brett Ellis Maxi
YEAR: 2023
LOA: 30.5
CREW: Adrian Seiffert (4), Greg Torpy (13), Carl Crafoord (36), Mark Bothwell, Curtis Skinner (11), Matthew Pearce (22), Patrick Lambourne, Paul Wyatt (3), Grant Wharrington (29), Alexander Watson (1), Peter Cosman (18), Rhyce Layton (2), Lisa Seiffert (1), Michael Kennady, Rodney Keenan (18), David Turton (11), Oliver Wharrington (2), Brian Donovan (11), Georgia Wharrington, Theodore Somssich (1), Todd Anderson (7)

Wild Thing 100 will be the newest 100 ft maxi to be launched when it makes its debut in this year's race. Owner Grant Wharrington has extended, Stefan Racing, a Botin 80, which he sailed to fourth over the line in 2021 and 6th last year. Under the extension, the yacht has been rebranded as Wild Thing. Wharrington took Line Honours in 2003 with his previous Wild Thing, but the following year, whilst leading the fleet to Hobart, she lost her canting keel and capsized in Bass Strait.



WINGS
SAIL NO: 07
CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Ian Edwards
REP: CYCA-RPAYC-RMYC-NSC
DESIGN: Dehler 46
YEAR: 2017
LOA: 14
CREW: Ian Edwards (3) - Skipper, Elyse Guevara (2) - Navigator, Frederic Hemming (1), James Whittle (7), Piergiorgio Merli (4), Janease Graham (2), Ben Gray (2), James Nixon (28), Sunny Singh (2), Mark Holzberger

Ian Edwards heads into the Rolex Sydney Hobart with over 3000mn already sailed so far this year. The yacht competed in the 2023 Transpac race as one of only two Australian entries, finishing 5th in Division 7. The Dehler 46 was first launched 2017 and over the year's owners Lindy & Ian Edwards have competed in multiple CYCA events, including the Rolex Sydney Hobart, PONANT Sydney Noumea & Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race.



WYUNA
SAIL NO: R3600
CLASS: IRC
SKIPPER: Hilary Arthure
REP: RPYC
DESIGN: Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600
YEAR: 2014
LOA: 10.8
CREW: Hilary Arthure (2) - Skipper, Todd Giraudo (3) - Navigator, John Rayner (1), Maire Connolly (1), Andrew Buchan, Ian Ball, Antun Janekovic

Formerly Known as Kraken, the Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600 has competed in the RSHYR before under that name. From Perth, Wyuna is one of the ocean-racing fleet which competes in the Western Australian waters from Albany to Exmouth. Wyuna's crew consist of a group of seven friends, representing both the Royal Perth Yacht Club and Fremantle Sailing

BOAT NOTES

Club with a range of youth and experience sailors onboard. Skipper Hilary Arthure will be competing in her third RSHYR, whilst Antun Janekovich, a former ILCA Junior WA State Champion will be competing in her first RSHYR. The efforts to get Wyuna across from Perth have been immense and unrelenting, however has been a bucket list event for the team. Over the last season, she placed 1st on IRC in the Fremantle to Exmouth Race in May 2023 as well as 1st in the Pot of Gold Weekend in February 2023. The team is extremely excited for the event as preparations continue towards Boxing Day.


XS MOMENT BNMH
SAIL NO: 11744

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Ray Hudson

REP: RPAYC

DESIGN: Xp 44

YEAR: 2011

LOA: 13.3

CREW: Ray Hudson (3) - Skipper, Frank Walker (17) - Navigator, Greg Edwards (3), David Austin (4),

David Walker (9), Matthew Williams (12), Elizabeth Cooke, Ian Westlake (5), Robert McClung (3), Nathan Stanaway (0), Luke Bartels, Fred Lieder (1)

Ray Hudson's XS Moment BNMH, an XP44, debuted in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart and is a regular competitor in both their home Club's Blue Water Series at The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, as well as the CYCA's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore. The team finished 8th in IRC Division 1 in this year's Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and will compete in the Cabbage Tree Island Race in the lead up to the Great Race on Boxing Day.


ZEPHYR INSURANCE MASTERS
SAIL NO: HKG1943

CLASS: IRC

SKIPPER: Ian Johnston

REP: DSS

DESIGN: Farr 41 Mx

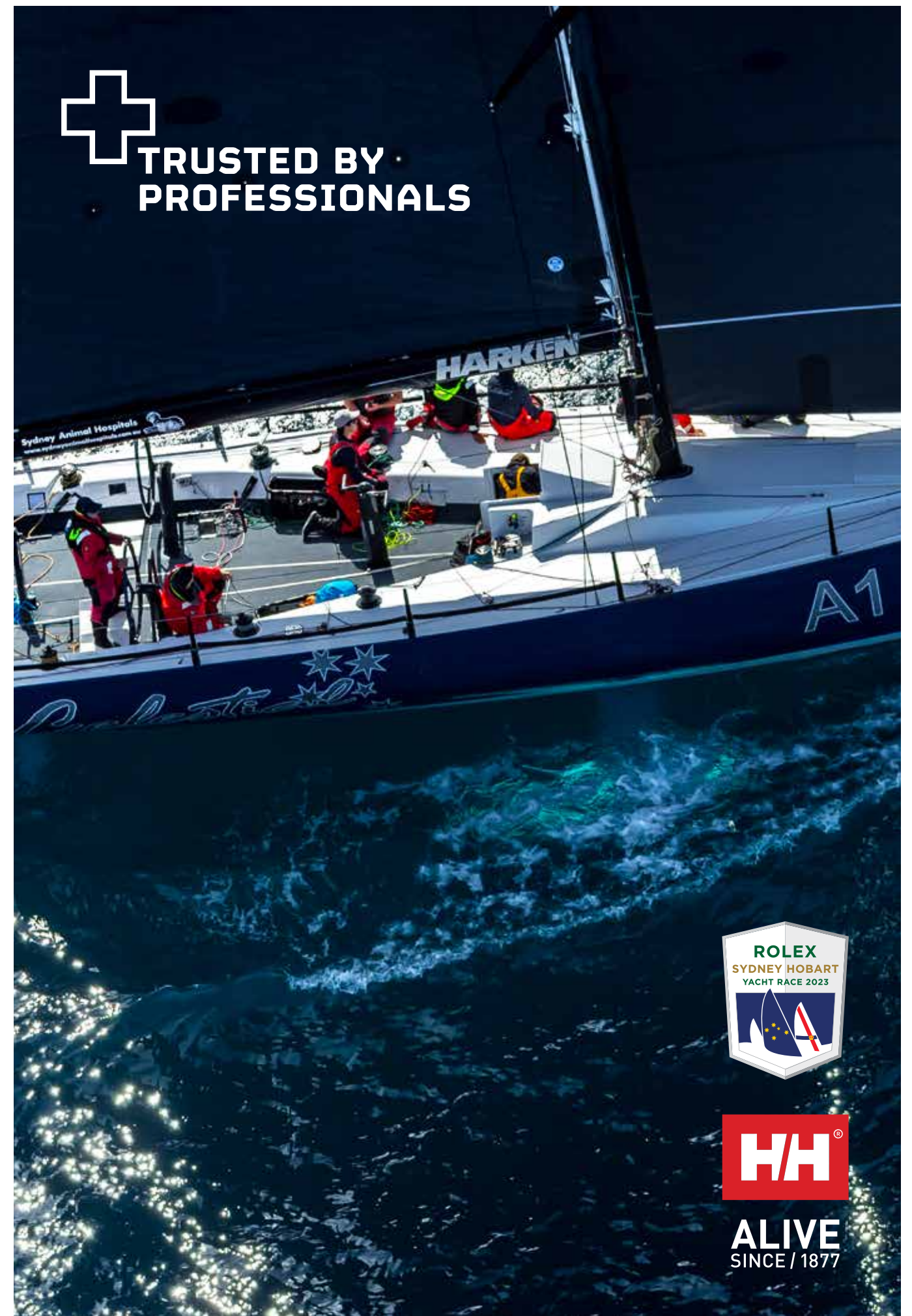
YEAR: 1995

LOA: 12.6

CREW: Ian Johnston (1) - Skipper, Karl Van drunen - Navigator,

Cathryn Kerr, Jimmy Emms (1), Diana Reale, Shaun Hancock, Chris Riewoldt, Alex Russell, Craig Squires (2), Robert Carter2r425

Ian Johnston's Farr 41Mx will be competing in their very first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2023. Representing Derwent Sailing Squadron, the crew head into the race having sailed to an impressive 2nd overall in the 2022 Launceston to Hobart Yacht Race.


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Celebrating success

The 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Prizegiving was held once again at Hobart's Grand Chancellor Hotel on the afternoon of 31 December (New Year's Eve).

Recipients of the many trophies and prizes were warmly applauded by an appreciative audience.



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The perpetual trophies on offer in the 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race include:

The George Adams Tattersall Cup	for the overall winner on IRC rating corrected time, together with a Tattersall Medal for each member of the crew of the winning boat.
Government of Tasmania Trophy	for the overall winner on IRC rating corrected time
RORC Plaque	for the overall winner on IRC rating corrected time
Bill Owen Memorial Trophy	for the navigator of the overall winner on IRC rating corrected time
Ian Payne Memorial Trophy	for the designer of the overall winner on IRC rating corrected time
John H Illingworth Challenge Cup	for the winner of Line Honours
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
Solo Trophy	for 2nd place overall on IRC rating corrected time
Bass Strait Cup	for 2nd place overall on IRC rating corrected time
City of Hobart Trophy	for 2nd place overall on IRC rating corrected time
Lou Abrahams Trophy	for the first Victorian boat on IRC
RYCT Trophy	for 3rd place overall on IRC rating corrected time
Storm Bay Cup	for 3rd place overall on IRC rating corrected time
Rushcutter Trophy	for the winner of IRC Division 0
George Barton Trophy	for the winner of IRC Division 1
Peter Allsop Memorial Trophy	for the winner of IRC Division 2
RORC Trophy	for the winner of IRC Division 3
Sir Arthur Warner Trophy	for the winner of IRC Division 4
Two-Handed IRC Trophy	for the winner of the Two-Handed Division on IRC
RANSA Trophy	for the winner of the PHS Division 1
York Family Trophy	for the winner of the Corinthian PHS Division
Graeme Frizzle Freeman Memorial Trophy	for the winner of the Corinthian IRC Division
Jane Tate Memorial Trophy	for the first female skipper over the line
Apollo Trophy	for the first yacht under 18.5 metres LOA to finish
Plum Crazy Trophy	for the first yacht under 9.5 metres LOA to finish
Battery Point Trophy	for the first small boat 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	recognises all conventionally ballasted and open race record holders since the race began in 1945 and is awarded each year a race record is broken
Southern Cross Cup	awarded to the team with the lowest aggregate of each boat's race score in the overall IRC category, using the low point system
Barbarian Trophy	first all-female crew on corrected time

ACROSS FIVE DECADES



The Photography of Richard Bennett

Richard Bennett's iconic images of the fleet's arrival in Hobart each year personify the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race itself.

For the past 50 years, he has captured the majesty of its fleets and the endeavours of its competitors, as well as the natural grandeur of the Tasmanian landscape. His body of work is a loving and pictorial history of the race.

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BEHIND THE LENS



The Photography of Kurt Arrigo



As a sailor and photographer, being involved in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race was always high on my bucket list.

I feel so privileged to have photographed it a number of times over the course of my career.

It is a thrilling, high adrenaline yacht race, which starts out in one of the most breathtaking harbours in the world.

The energy that the sailors bring to this event is unparalleled. There is such camaraderie among the international teams, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia and also a strong sense of respect towards mother nature and what she chooses to throw at them.

This sense of respect resonates with me as I try to capture the sailors at work in these enduring conditions.

Whether trying to navigate through thousands of spectator boats in what can feel like shooting in a washing machine, or capture the fleet as it exits the Heads, the challenge is all about anticipating where to position myself to capture the spirit of the race.

Without a doubt, this race can present some of the most challenging conditions a yacht race has to offer.

It is these unpredictable conditions that make this yacht race so special, topped off by the magnificent landscapes that Sydney and Tasmania have to offer. ⚓





ROLEX CHINA SEA RACE

HONG KONG TO SUBIC BAY PHILIPPINES - 27 MARCH 2024



WINNERS 1945 - 2022

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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	MOONBI, 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. Rundle, 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	STORMVOGEL,C. 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	KOOMOOLOO, Denis O'Neil, NSW	T.Kaufman & B.Miller (Lexcen),	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	*HELSAL, 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



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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	3:01:45:52
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/Warwick 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
	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
	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
	IMS: CUCKOOS NEST, Nigel Holman, NSW	David Lyons, NSW				
1994	RAPTOR, A.Eichenauer, Germany	Iain Murray, NSW	371	TASMANIA, Robert Clifford, Tas	Bruce Farr, NZ/USA	2:16:48:04
1995	TERRA FIRMA, Scott Carlile/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 Myralf/Michael Spies, Denmark	Bruce Farr, USA	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

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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 Saies, 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	2:07:37:20
2011	LOKI, Stephen Ainsworth, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	88	INVESTEC LOYAL, Anthony Bell, NSW	Greg Elliott, NZL	2:06:14:18
2012	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	76	*WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	1:18:23:12
2013	VICTOIRE, Darryl Hodgkinson, NSW	Farr Yacht Design, USA	94	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	2:06:07:27
2014	WILD ROSE, Roger Hickman, NSW	Farr Yacht Design, USA	117	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	2:02:03:26
2015	BALANCE, Paul Clitheroe, NSW	Farr Yacht Design, USA	108	COMANCHE, Jim and Kristy Clark, USA	Verdier Yacht Design & VPLP, USA	2:08:58:30
2016	GIACOMO, Jim Delegat, NZL	Juan Kouyoumdjian, ARG	88	*PERPETUAL LOYAL, Anthony Bell, NSW	Juan Kouyoumdjian, ARG	1:13:31:20
2017	ICHI BAN, Matt Allen, NSW	Botin, ESP	102	*LDV COMANCHE, Jim Cooney/Samantha Grant, NSW	Verdier Yacht Design & VPLP, FRA	1:09:15:24
2018	ALIVE, Philip Turner, TAS	Reichel/Pugh, USA	85	WILD OATS XI, the Oatley Family, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	1:19:07:21
2019	ICHI BAN, Matt Allen, NSW	Botin, ESP	157	COMANCHE, Jim Cooney/Samantha Grant, NSW	Verdier Yacht Design & VPLP, FRA	1:18:30:24
2020	RACE NOT CONDUCTED					
2021	ICHI BAN, Matt Allen, NSW	Botin, ESP	88	BLACK JACK, Peter Harburg, MCO	Reichel/Pugh, USA	2:12:37:17
2022	CELESTIAL, Sam Haynes, NSW	TP52	109	ANDOO COMMANCHE, John Winning Jr., NSW	Verdier Yacht Design & VPLP, USA	1:11:56:48

NOTES

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. Because there was no 1st place, Sagacious officially was recorded as second but as the overall winner.

^ In 1953, Wild Wave took line honours but was unable to retain the title. Josephine and Nimbus lodged protests against Wild Wave. After a marathon five hours, 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.

TATTERSALL CUP:
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's Cup has been decided using IRC, with IMS dropped altogether as a handicap system

SPECIAL NOTE: The following yachts were faster than the line honours boat but for various reasons were not counted:
1978: SISKI II, Rolly Tasker, WA (owner/designer) 03:06:19:00. Ruled ineligible to compete because did not have valid rating certificate. Sailed to Hobart independently not as competitor. 1983: NIRVANA, Marvin Green, USA (designer David Pedrick, USA) 03:00:48:13. Disqualified for failing to give Condor enough shore room during a gybing duel up the Derwent Rivert to the finish. 1990: ROTHMANS, Lawrie Smith (designer Rob Humphreys, UK) 02:19:07:02. Disqualified from receiving line honours award and penalised 10% of overall corrected time placings for breaching Rule 26 (advertising)

Race in numbers

Stats and facts about the history of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

COUNTING COMPETITORS

7,490 yachts

have completed the race

An estimated **61,792 crew** members
have competed in the race.

FANTASTIC FLEETS

The record fleet of starters for the Sydney Hobart
was in 1994, when **371 boats started**
the 50th anniversary race, **309** of which finished.

The largest fleets in the 21st century are:

157

2019;

154 finished

117

2014;

103 finished

116

2004;

59 finished

RACE RECORDS

Open race record:

1 day 9 hours 15 minutes and 24 seconds

(2017 – Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant’s VPLP
100 *LDV Comanche*)

Conventionally ballasted record:

1 day 19 hours 10 minutes and 20 seconds

(2017 – Matt Allen’s Botin 52 *Ichi Ban*)

ENDURING THE TEST OF TIME

In 2019, Bill Barry-Cotter raced the historical 32ft
ketch, *Katwinchar*, which was built in 1904. It is the
oldest yacht to have competed in the race.

IN ELITE COMPANY

Three boats share the record for
most Tattersall Cup wins (3):

Freja (NSW) –1963-1965

Love & War (NSW) –1974, 1978 and 2006

Ichi Ban (NSW) – 2017, 2019 and 2021

Seven other boats have won the
Tattersall Cup multiple times:

Westward (TAS) –1947 and 1948

Siandra (NSW) –1958 and 1960

Solo (NSW) –1956 and 1962

Ausmaid/SAP Ausmaid (VIC/SA) –1996 and 2000

Wild Oats XI (NSW/QLD) – 2005 and 2012

Wild Oats/Wild Rose (NSW) – 1993 and 2014

Quest/Balance (NSW) – 2008 and 2015

Wild Oats XI holds the record for
most Line Honours wins,
with nine,

including **four successive races** from 2005-2008.

Other **multiple Line Honours winners**
include:

Morna/Kurrewa IV (NSW) – 7 races

Astor (NSW) – 3 races

Bumblebee IV/Ragamuffin (NSW) – 3 races

Comanche (USA)/*LDV Comanche* (AUS) – 3 races

Condor (BER) – 2 races

Margaret Rintoul (NSW) – 2 races

Solo (NSW) – 2 races

Kialoa III (USA) – 2 races

Sayonara (USA) – 2 races

YACHTSPERSON - 25+ RACES

		Races	Wins	Line Honours
Lou	Abrahams*	44	2	
Erik	Adriaanse	30	1	2
Graeme	Ainley*	25		
Matt	Allen	31	4	
Colin	Anderson	34	2	
Warren	Anderson	26		
Geoff	Barter*	30		
Richard	Bearman	27		
Michael	Bellingham	29	1	
Michael	Bencsik	25	1	-
John	Benetto*	44	1	1
Colin	Betts	34	3	2
David	Blanchfield	31	1	
Tom	Braidwood	25	-	1
Hugh	Brodie	29	1	
Adam	Brown	34	3	1
Andrew	Buckland	25		
Alby	Burgin*	31	1	
Robert	Burns	30	1	1
Alan	Butler*	26	3	1
Tony	Cable	53	1	2
Adrienne	Cahalan	30	2	6
Maurie	Cameron	32		
Ralph	Carlier	36		
Lew	Carter	27		
Robert	Case	35	1	
Bernard	Case	40		1
Bruce	Clarke	27	2	4
Michael	Coxon	32	1	5
Carl	Crafoord	36	4	
Max	Crafoord*	30		3
Stan	Darling*	27	5	2
Ian	Davis	28	2	
Noel	Drennan	34	3	3
Peter	Duffield	29		
Jim	Dunstan	26	1	
Phil	Eadie	35	3	2
Tony	Ellis	54	1	2
David	Ellis	30	2	3
Russell	Evans*	25		
Simon	Firth	27	1	
Syd	Fischer	47	1	2
Peter	Fletcher	34		
Michael	Formosa	28		
Bob	Fraser	28	1	2
Graeme	Fraser*	29		
Julian	Freeman	32	2	2
Graeme	Freeman*	27		4
Jack	Goluzd	36	2	3
Bruce	Gould	46	2	2
Gavin	Gourley	34		
Mike	Green	43	3	1
Robert	Green	25		
Peter	Green*	35	1	
Steve	Grellis	30		
Richard	Grimes	30		
Josko	Grubic*	27		
Magnus	Halvorsen*	30	5	3
Richard	Hammond*	40	2	2
John	Harris	31	2	2
Tony	Header	33		3
Andrew	Henderson	25	2	9
Michael	Hesse	27	2	1
Roger	Hickman*	39	3	
David	Hodgson	28		5
Jim	Holley*	25		
Peter	Hopkins	26		
Roger	Howlett	33		
Sam	Hunt	27	2	1
Peter	Inchbold	32	1	
Rod	Jackman	30		
Bruce	Jackson	29		
Kim	Jaggar	35		
Larry	Jamieson	36	2	1
Steve	Jarvin	33	2	15
Greg	Johnston	28	1	1
Fraser	Johnston	35	2	
Peter	Joubert*	27		
Bradshaw	Kellett	30	1	1
David	Kellett	47	1	2
Tony	Kirby	37		
Sean	Kirkjian	25	1	-
Peter	Kurts*	30	2	
Don	Lang*	32	1	
Sean	Langman	28		
David	Lawson*	34		1
Duncan	Macleod	25	-	-
Gordon	Maguire	26		

		Races	Wins	Line Honours
Lindsay	May	49	3	1
Stephen	McCullum	25		
Peter	Merrington	25	1	4
Peter	Messenger	30	4	
Don	Mickleborough*	34		1
Rolf	Mische*	27		1
Albert	Mitchell	30	2	
Phil	Molony	29		
John	Mooney	27		
Robert	Moore	29		
Iain	Murray	25	3	9
Robbie	Naismith	25	2	12
Felicity	Nelson	25		
Lester	Nibbs	30		
Jim	Nixon	26		
Richard	Norman	35	2	
Des	O'Connell*	27		
Colin	O'Connor	26		
Hugh	O'Niell	25		
Damien	Parke	34		1
James	Permezel	34		
Kingsley	Piesse	37		
Tony	Poole	25		
Ian	Potter	30		1
Greg	Prescott*	29		
Ed	Psaltis	40	1	
Jeremy	Rae	28	2	1
Bill	Ratcliff	50		
Toby	Richardson	25	3	3
Bill	Riley	25		
Geoff	Rouvray	33		
Sven	Runow	30	4	8
Darren	Senogles	26	2	2
Peter	Sheldrick	29	1	1
Matt	Shillington	25	2	9
Peter	Shipway	31	2	5
George	Snow	25	1	2
John	Solomon	29		
Michael	Spies	45	1	1
Bill	Sykes	32	1	
Andrew	Taylor	28		
Bruce	Taylor	41		
Graeme	Taylor	25		
Bob	Thomas	28	1	
T.W.(Bill)	Thompson*	28		2
Colin	Tipney	36	1	2
Ian	Treharne	25		
Hugh	Treharne	28	2	
Hugo	van Kretschmar	25		3
Ian (Barney)	Walker	32	3	3
John	Walker*	25		
Bill	Watson*	26		3
Grant	Wharington	28		1
John	Whitfeld	27	1	
Colin	Wildman	51	1	1
John	Williams	26		
David	Witt	25		
John	Woodford	33	1	1

WOMEN - 10+ RACES

		Races	Wins	Line Honours
Audrey	Brown	12		
Adrienne	Cahalan	29	2	6
Sue	Crafer	17		
Jade	Cole	10		
Vanessa	Dudley	23		
Dinah	Eagle	12		
Sally	Gordon*	15	1	
Kerry	Gouge	10		
Gail	Harland	22	1	
Julie	Hodder	13		
Mary	Holley	16		
Jan	Howard	14		
Stacey	Jackson	13		1
Cathy	Josling	12		
Annie	Lawrence	15		
Lee	Meyer	10		
Felicity	Nelson	26		
Julia	Owens	10		
Jane	Roberts	10		
Louise	Stevenson	15		
Wendy	Tuck	14		
Jackie	White	10		
Amanda	Wilmot	12		

* Denotes deceased sailors

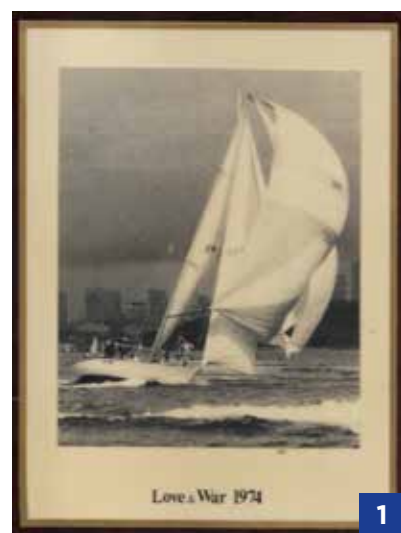
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of Tasmania, CYCA Members the late Alan Campbell, Peter
Campbell, Tony Cable, Di Pearson, David Kellett and others.

The George Adams Tattersall Cup Winners

A pictorial celebration of those boats that have won the coveted Overall Honour on multiple occasions.

The Three-Times Winners

Freya (1963 - 1965)
Love & War (1974, 1978, 2006)
Ichi Ban (2017, 2019, 2021)



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The Two-Times Winners

Westward (1947, 1948)
Siandra (1958, 1960)
Solo 1956, 1962
Ausmaid/SAP Ausmaid (1996, 2000)
Wild Oats XI (2005, 2012)
Wild Oats/Wild Rose (1993, 2012)
Quest/Balance (2003, 2015)



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1. Love & War 1974 2. Freya Sydney Hobart Start 1963 3. Love & War 1978 4. Freya Upwind 1963 5. Love & War 2006 - Lindsay May 6. Ichi Ban 2019 Rolex - Carlo Borlenghi 7. Ichi Ban 2017 Rolex - Carlo Borlenghi 8. Ichi Ban 2021 9. Freya crew 1963

10. Quest 2003 11. Solo 1962 Start 12. Balance RSH 13. Wild Oats XI 2005 14. Westward 1948 15. Wild Oats 1993 16. SAP Ausmaid 2000 17. Solo crew 1962 Constitution Dock 18. Wild Rose 2014 Rolex - Carlo Borlenghi 19. Siandra 1968 Start 20. Wild Oats XI 2012 Rolex - Andrea Francolini 21. Siandra 1958 22. Ausmaid 1996



Virtual Regatta

People all over the world can compete in the 2023 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race from the comfort of their couch thanks to Virtual Regatta.

For the seventh consecutive year, spectators can follow the fleet down to Hobart while simultaneously taking part in the online race.

Through Virtual Regatta, players sail the 628 nautical mile race in real time, using current weather data to navigate their way to Hobart.

Many competitors are based in Europe, enjoying the opportunity to be part of the Rolex Sydney Hobart from thousands of miles away.

Virtual Regatta is available on PC, Mac or mobile. Ardent virtual sailors can change sails to suit conditions, while others set sails at the start and hope for the best. ⚓

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The virtual race starts at the same time as the real race – Tuesday 26 December at 1300hrs (AEDT)

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Boat Name	Sail No	Design	State	Owner/s, Skipper/s
ADVANTEDGE	PD147	Inglis 47	TAS	Andrew Jones
ALIVE	52566	Reichel Pugh 66	QLD	Matthew Ward
ALLEGRESSE	NZL5206	Bruce Clarke 42	NZ	Michael Carter/Tracey Carter
ALLEGRO	6723	Warwick 67	VIC	Adrian Lewis
AMAZINGRACE	SYD8	Swan Class 45	NSW	Malcolm Roe
ANDOO COMANCHE	CAY007	Vplp Verdier 100	NSW	John Herman Winning
ANTIPODES	GBR2888L	Santa Cruz 72	NSW	Geoff Hill Lindsay May
ARCADIA	S17	Archambault 40 R C	VIC	Peter Davison
ATOMIC BLONDE	R1180	Jpk 11.80	WA	Simon Torvaldsen
AVALANCHE	2400	Hick 40	NSW	James Murchison/James Francis
AZZURRO	3430	S&S 34	Qld	Jack Kliner
BACARDI	SM377	Peterson 44	VIC	Brett Averay
BLUE PLANET	AUS110	J99	NSW	Chris O'Neill/Michael Johnston
BUMBLEBEE V	7441	Murray-Dovell-Burns 62	NSW	Paul Blakeley
CALIBRE 12	7777	Cookson 12	NSW	Richard Williams
CARO	CAY52	Botin 52	NSW	Wade Morgan
CARRERA S	AUS49005	Marten 49	VIC	Gerard Cantwell
CELESTIAL	9535	Tp52 Jv	NSW	Sam Haynes
CHUTZPAH	R33	Reichel/Pugh 40	VIC	Bruce Taylor
CIAO BELLA	SM888	Hanse 505	NSW	Karl Onslow
CINNAMON GIRL	3375	Sunfast 3300	NSW	Cian Mccarthy/Sam Hunt
CINQUANTE	5038	Sydney 38	NSW	Kimberley Jaggar
CLOCKWORK	3838	Sydney 38	SA	Andrew Lloyd/Mary Ann Harvey
CURRAWONG	7374	Currawong 30	NSW	Kathy Veel/Bridget Canham
CYAN MOON	B47	Beneteau Oceanis 473	Vic	Wayne Seaward
DENALI	52569	Tp52 Judel/Vrolijk	NSW	Damien Parkes
DISKO TROOPER_ CONTENDER SAILCLOTH	AUS99	J/99	NSW	Jules Hall
ENIGMA	GBR5790R	Beneteau First 47.7	NSW	Jason Bond
EXTASEA	G10007	Cookson 50	VIC	Paul Buchholz
EYE CANDY	FRA-9777	Sydney 38	sud	Thierry Leseigneur
FLYING CLOUD	6808	Beneteau First 40	NSW	George Martin
FLYING FISH ARCTOS	7551	Radford 55	NSW	Drew Hulton-Smith
FRANTIC	GBR5211L	Tp52	QLD	Jane Roberts
GEORGIA EXPRESS	6333	Mumm 36	NSW	Sebastian Hultin
GUNSHOT	NZL8425	Elliott 52	NSW	David Walsh
HANSEN TASMANIA	603	Buizen 48	TAS	John Townley

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HASTA LA VISTA	M25	Sydney38	NSW	Richard Grimes/Jack Young
HELSAL3	262	Adams 20	TAS	Robert Brandon Fisher
HIGHLY SPRUNG	8108	Tp52 Farr	NSW	Patrick St John
HUTCHIES YEAH BABY	A5	Welbourn 50	QLD	Andy Lamont
IMALIZARD	6893	Welbourn 12	NSW	Bruce Watson/Frederic Chanut
INSOMNIA	65007	Judel & Vorlijk 42	NSW	Marcus Grimes
KOA	52152	Tp52	NSW	Andy Kearnan
KRAKEN 111	D3300	Jeanneau Sunfast 3300	TAS	Rob Gough/John Saul
LAWCONNECT	SYD1000	Juan K 100 Custom	NSW	Christian Beck
LENNY	USA44444	Beneteau First 44	USA	Charles Devanneaux
LIGHTNING	095	Bakewell-White 40	NSW	Alexander Flecknoe-Brown
LOVE & WAR	294	S&S	NSW	Simon Kurts
LUNA BLUE	7809	Beneteau First 45	NSW	John Turnbull
MAKO	N40	Sydney 40	NSW	Adam Manders
MARITIMO 52	MEX952	Tp52	QLD	Michael Spies
MARITIMO 54	USA16	Schumacher 54	QLD	Kendal Barry-Cotter
MAYFAIR	M16	Rogers 46	QLD	James Irvine
MERIT	8679	Volvo Ocean 60	QLD	Michael Schwarzel
MIDNIGHT RAMBLER	ST36	Sydney 36	TAS	Edward Psaltis
MILLENNIUM FALCON	M888	Sparkman And Stephens 39	NSW	Robert Griffiths
MIN RIVER	AUS888	Jpk10.30	NSW	Jiang Lin/Aymeric Lin
MINNIE	424	Jones 42	NSW	Michael Bell
MISTER LUCKY	RQ3600	Sun Fast 3600	QLD	Rohan Wood/Mark Hipgrave
MISTRAL	1	Lombard 34	NSW	Rupert Henry/Jack Boutell
MONDO	5656	Sydney 38	NSW	Lisa Callaghan
MONEYPENNY	AUS1	Reichel/Pugh	NSW	Josh Alexander
MRV	SYD5	Frers 61	VIC	Damien King
MWF KAYLE	7878	Lyons 54	NSW	John Whitfeld
NAVY ONE	0404	Beneteau First 40	NSW	Nathan Lockhart/And Tori Costello
NIKSEN	NZL30040	Dehler30 Od	Ove	Marc Michel/Logan Fraser
NO LIMIT	AUS98888	Reichel/Pugh 63	VIC	David Gotze
OCEAN CRUSADERS J-BIRD	OC52	Andrews 52	QLD	Annika Thomson
OROTON DRUMFIRE	CAY6536	Hoek Tc78	NSW	Phillip Neil
PACMAN	110	Young 11	QLD	Peter Elkington/Scott Cavanough
PATRIOT	SM133	J133	VIC	Jason Close
PHILOSOPHER	020	Sydney 36 Cr	NSW	David Henry/Stephen Prince

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PRETTY WOMAN	545	Farr 45	NSW	Richard Hudson
RAGTIME	RQ130	J130	NSW	Steve Watson
ROCKALL	R62	Jpk 10.80	Ove	Christopher Opielok
RUM REBELLION	1808	J99	NSW	Shane Connelly/Tony Sutton
RUSH	B45	Farr 45	VIC	John Paterson
SALT LINES	GBR5672L	Shipwright 70	NSW	Matthew Harvey
SHE	4924	Olson 40	QLD	Philip Bell
SHES THE CULPRIT	370	Inglis-Jones 39	Nsw	Glen Picasso
SHK SCALLYWAG 100	HKG2276	Dovell 100	Ove	David Witt
SHOWDOWN	8338	Ker 40	QLD	Drew Carruthers/Jim Close
SILVER FERN	NZL6702	Birdsall 72	QLD	David Hows
SMUGGLER	6952	Tp52	NSW	Sebastian Bohm
SOLERA	G1350	Elliott 1350 Tourer	Vic	Stuart Richardson
SON OF A SON	MH31	Farr 1104	Qld	Peter Webster
STICKY	A164	Cookson 50	NSW	Richard Harris
SUPERNOVA	6499	Sydney 36	NSW	Felicity Nelson/Alex Seja
SYLPH VI	1019	Custom Alan Payne Sloop	NSW	Robert Williams/Chris Warren
TEASING MACHINE	FRA8668	Nmyd 54	Ove	Eric De Turckheim
TENACITY	2208	Mills 41	TAS	John Lawrie
TILTING AT WINDMILLS	AUS117	Joubert Mod. 42	VIC	John Alexander
TOECUTTER	R1111	Hick 10	vic	Robert Hick
TUMBLEWEED	AUS077	Jeanneau Sunfast 3300	NSW	Nigel Natrass/Graham Biehl
URM GROUP	AUS72	Reichel/Pugh 72 Maxi	NSW	Marcus Ashley-Jones
VERITE	4411	J99	NSW	Paul Beath/Richard Hooper
WHISPER	AUS-13	Judel-Vrolijk 62	NSW	David Griffith
WHITE NOISE	SM1245	M.A.T 1245	Vic	Daniel Edwards
WILD OATS	4343	Farr 43	NSW	Gordon Smith
WILD THING 100	AUS100	Super Maxi	QLD	Grant Wharington
WINGS	07	Dehler 46	NSW	Ian Edwards
WYUNA	R3600	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600	WA	Hilary Arthure
XS MOMENT BNMH	11744	Xp 44	NSW	Ray Hudson
YEAH BABY	112	Akilaria Rc2	NSW	Louis Ryckmans
ZEPHYR INSURANCE MASTERS	HKG1943	Farr 41 Mx	TAS	Ian Johnston





WHAT'S ON

Many of the traditional build-up events to the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race return in 2023!

Competitors and spectators can soak up the vibrant atmosphere in both the Sydney and Hobart Race Villages, while there will be plenty of on-water action as Rolex Sydney Hobart entrants prepare for the race.

DECEMBER

01 Friday

Cabbage Tree Island Race
(Race 5 of the 2023/24
Audi Centre Sydney Blue
Water Pointscore)

01-05

Raymarine Australian
Maxi Championship

05 Tuesday

SOLAS Big Boat
Challenge



08-10

Sydney
Hobart
Classic Yacht
Regatta



16 Saturday

RSHYR Crew Party

18 Monday

Commodore's
Beer & Prawn
BBQ



19 Tuesday

Women in Sailing

21 Thursday

VIP &
Skippers
Launch



26 Tuesday

Race start and
Family Day in the
Sydney Race Village

27 Wednesday

Hobart Race Village
opens



31 Sunday

Prizegiving at the Grand
Chancellor, Hobart

RYCT New Year's Eve Party



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