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CYCA COMMODORE, ARTHUR LANE

Much to celebrate in 77th race



Dear Members,

With a month now to Boxing Day, it has been very encouraging to see a large fleet of 118 boats entered for this year's 628 nautical mile race south to Hobart. And for the first time since the 75th anniversary back in 2019, the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race can once again be described as an international affair. Boats are coming from as far afield as the USA (*Warrior Won*), the UK (*Sunrise*), Germany (*Orione*), Hong Kong (*Antipodes*), Hungary (*Cassiopeia 68*), New Caledonia (*Eye Candy* and *Poulpito*) and New Zealand (*Caro*).

There has been interest from six states around Australia – this year we have 74 entrants from NSW, 17 from Queensland, six from Victoria, six from Tasmania, four from South Australia and three from Western Australia. It is truly a testament to the quality and breadth of racing in the country and the love for the race across boats of all shapes and sizes.

Four 100-foot maxis will be lining up for Line Honours victory and the John H. Illingworth Challenge Cup this year and are already showing strong form in the lead up Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore events. Last year's winner, *Black Jack*, looked solid scooping all prizes in the recent Bird Island Race; *Andoo Comanche* stormed home in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race to take Line Honours ahead of *Black Jack* and *Hamilton Island Wild Oats* (the former *Wild Oats XI* returning to the Rolex Sydney Hobart for the first time since 2019). *Andoo Comanche* also set a new record in her dominant display in the Tollgate Islands Race. *LawConnect* has been in serious training mode after a significant refit to the boat but as a former record setting boat will definitely pose a threat.

The mini maxis (60-80-foot) are perhaps even more competitive than ever and could feature prominently in IRC & ORCi standings this year. *Money Penny's* Overall victory in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race was backed up with solid results in the other Pointscore races whilst *URM Group* took out the Flinders Islet Race and has been in contention for the other three. *Whisper* has also been looking strong. *No Limit*, *Alive*, *Stefan Racing* and *Willow* (formerly *Maserati*) are also in contention.

The 52-foot fleet has always been very competitive in the Rolex Sydney Hobart and the likes of *Celestial*, *Gweilo* and *Zen* will certainly need to be reckoned

with as are *Maritimo*, *KOA*, *Smuggler*, *Quest*, *Patrice*, and *Denali*. The internationals, *Warrior Won* and *Caro*, will keep the Australian entries honest this year.

In the other fully-crewed divisions, there are countless boats that could feature given the right conditions, including previous divisional and Overall winners.

22 boats make up this year's two-handed fleet and for the first time, they will be eligible for Overall honours and the prestigious George Adams Tattersall Cup. With last year's two-handed Line Honours winner *Sidewinder* now under new ownership as *Yeah Baby* and the Two-Handed Division Overall winner *Disko Trooper*, *Contender Sailcloth* not competing this year, it is a very open affair. *Rum Rebellion*, *Transcendence Crento*, *Crux*, *Sun Fast Racing* and *Philosopher* have been boats to watch to date but the group has been so close in all races this year and the standings fluctuate all race long that any of the boats could realistically podium in 2022.

An international audience will once again tune in on Boxing Day to watch the spectacle, with Broadcast Partner Seven West Media televising 90-minutes of live coverage and a live stream on YouTube globally. The finishes in Hobart will be covered with live updates at 9am and 4pm each day as well as live streams for the key arrivals. The Rolex Sydney Hobart social channels will contain more on board footage during the race itself.

We thank our great friends and Finish Partners at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania once again as well as the many staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to make the race the success it is as well as all 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, with whom we celebrate 20 years of partnership this year. Their contribution to offshore racing and sailing in general is unparalleled and their support of the Rolex Sydney Hobart over the past two decades has provided the foundation on which we have built the race into one of the world's greatest.

Best wishes to all competitors. It will truly be an honour to be in Hobart to welcome in the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race fleet. ⚓

RYCT COMMODORE, RICHARD BEVAN



2022 – Let the racing continue!

The 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race – the 77th edition.

After the cancellation of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 2020 due to COVID and a nervous restart of the iconic race in 2021, it's all systems go for the 77th edition in 2022.

COVID has not gone away but at a general and sailing community level, we now know how to manage the situation, resuming our normal activities as much as possible whilst at the same time keeping ourselves and those around us safe.

The offshore sailing community continues to be very enthusiastic to get back on the water, with an impressive 120 initial entries for this year's race; including 22 entries competing in the Two-Handed Division, which will be eligible to compete for the coveted Tattersall Cup for the first time.

At the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, as long-term Finishing Partner for the race, we have been working hard to make sure our remote communications facilities are in good working order and working closely with the CYCA and local agencies to refine our Safety and Emergency Management Plans.

We have all seen over the past few years how quickly circumstances can change, so we need to be nimble and ready to adapt to meet requirements as they evolve.

“
What will never change is
the traditional very warm
welcome to Hobart you
will receive, regardless of
the hour of the day
or night you arrive.
”

We look forward to seeing the Hobart docks and Race Village buzzing with excitement once again and remember that our RYCT Clubhouse will certainly be open for business. The Club is just a five-minute taxi ride from the docks; come on

down, we'd love to see you!

A constant for the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is the sensational input by a large group of RYCT volunteers in Hobart. Thank you so much for your continued support for this great event in whatever role you play.

Thanks also to our major Tasmanian stakeholders – Hobart City Council, TasPorts, Tasmania Police, and the Tasmanian Government, including Premier Jeremy Rockliff, for your support.

We also acknowledge Rolex's 20 years of major sponsorship for the race; a magnificent contribution.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the RYCT's close working relationship with CYCA Commodore Arthur Lane and his team as we have worked together to ensure the delivery of another world class event.

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An aerial photograph capturing the start of a sailboat race in Sydney Harbour. Numerous sailboats with dark sails are seen racing across the water, leaving white wakes. In the background, the dense residential landscape of Sydney is visible on the hills. The water is a deep blue-green, and the sky is clear.

Another stunning start on Sydney Harbour for the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Photos: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini

Preparations are in full swing for the 77th edition of this iconic race.

There was a tangible sense of relief when Bruce Gould fired the starting cannon to get the 2021 race underway, as the challenges of the pandemic loomed over the build-up to the race.

With restrictions eased and all borders into Australia open, the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart is once again open to the world.

What a spectacle it will be to see more than 100 boats line up for the Boxing Day start, with choppers circling to capture the action and

JOURNEY

The eyes of the sailing world will be fixated on Sydney Harbour for the start of the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

spectator boats lining the exclusion zone.

In hindsight, it was a remarkable effort from all involved to ensure a fleet of 88 started in 2021.

For the first time in a few years, many yachties reflected on a “traditional” Rolex Sydney Hobart, one which posed the questions that make this race so revered and the ocean so respected.



The docks will be back to capacity in 2022.



Matt Allen's Botin 52 Ichi Ban made history in 2022.

Only five times this century have there been more than 100 starters for the race.

An international fleet

The 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart features as many international boats – eight – as the 75th anniversary race in 2019.

They will travel from Germany (*Orione*), Great Britain (*Sunrise*), Hong Kong (*Antipodes*), Hungary

(*Cassiopeia 68*), New Caledonia (*Eye Candy* and *Poulpito*), New Zealand (*Caro*) and the USA (*Warrior Won*).

Of the past 76 races, 13 have been won Overall by international boats, while 27 have been won on Line Honours by foreign entries.

Caro, *Sunrise* and *Warrior Won* are fancied to get their hands on the Tattersall Cup. Read more about their stories on page 24.



Geoff Hill's Santa Cruz 72 Antipodes is one of eight international entrants. Photo: Eyefly Pacifique/Groupama Race



Smuggler takes flight.

What to look out for

At the front end of the fleet, two returning legends of the Rolex Sydney Hobart are capturing much of the pre-race attention.

Wild Oats XI returns, rebranded as *Hamilton Island Wild Oats*, looking to add to an already incredible legacy.

The Oatley Family's Reichel/Pugh 100 holds the record for most Line Honours wins (nine), most consecutive Line Honours wins (four) and has twice claimed the treble of Line Honours, Overall win and race record. Mark Richards, skipper for all of those victories, is back at the helm.

Another 100-foot maxi, *Andoo Comanche*, also returns for the first time since 2019. Skipper John Winning Jr has chartered the current race record holder, which has won Line Honours three times for previous owners.

In favourable conditions, *Andoo Comanche* will be the boat to beat, but the form guide suggests she may be favourite regardless of the forecast.

The defending Line Honours winner, *Black Jack*, has reached peak performance over the last year according to skipper Mark Bradford. Owner Peter Harburg will race this year after sacrificing his place in 2021 to reduce weight on board, though he admittedly got less sleep than if he had been racing, as he nervously followed the tracker.



Stefan Racing, Black Jack and LawConnect battle down the Harbour.



Shane Kearns' small but mighty White Bay 6 Azzurro.

Then there is Christian Beck's Juan-K 100 *LawConnect*, which has been second over the line in the last two races. Will she go one better?

Expect a tight tussle on the water and on handicap between the mini-maxis, which have been prominent atop the standings in the 2022/23 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore so far.

Sean Langman's Reichel/Pugh 69 *Money Penny* and Anthony Johnston's Reichel/Pugh 72 *URM Group* have Overall wins and multiple podiums to their names in the Pointscore, while David Griffith's JV62 *Whisper* – fifth Overall in 2021 – again looks to be a serious contender, and Jim Cooney returns with his Volvo 70 *Willow*, which was forced to withdraw on Christmas Day last year.

The group of 52-foot grand-prix yachts continues to strengthen, with the likes of *Caro* and *Warrior Won* added to a stacked list of entrants.

Matt Allen's Botin 52 *Ichiban* dominated the Overall battle in recent years, winning three of the last four Rolex Sydney Hobarts.

Allen lifted the Tattersall Cup for a record-equalling third time as *Ichiban* joined *Freya* and *Love & War* as the only three-time Overall winners. "I'm in amazing company," Allen reflected on the historic achievement.

Sam Haynes' TP52 *Celestial* – second overall in 2021 after receiving a time penalty – Gordon Ketelbey's *Zen*, Matt Donald and Chris Townsend's *Gweilo*, Craig Neil's *Quest* and Seb Bohm's *Smuggler* are



Four start lines for the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart.



Crux has been a consistent performer.

among the 52s to watch and there are a few familiar boats with new owners and new names, in *Crush* (David Davenport) and *Maritimo* (Bill Barry-Cotter).

The smaller and older boats proved immensely competitive in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart and were within reach of Overall honours until the breeze shifted to ruin any chance of an upset.

Simon Kurts' S&S 47 *Love & War* – not racing this time around – and Shane Kearns' S&S 34 *White Bay* 6 *Azzurro* finished third and fourth on handicap, while Ed Psaltis' Sydney 36 *Midnight Rambler* finished inside the top 10.

An exciting crop of 30-50 foot fully-crewed challengers also features *Enterprise Next Generation*, *Mayfair* and *Sail Exchange*.

The divisional battles are wide open and there will be some fascinating one-design racing, with five Sydney 38s (*Cinquante*, *Eye Candy*, *Hasta la Vista*, *Mondo* and *Poulpito*) and five Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300s (*Hip-Nautic*, *Kraken 111*, *Sun Fast Racing*, *Transcendence Crento* and *Tumbleweed*) entered.

There are six boats under 10 metres in length, including the smallest boat in the fleet *Maluka* – Sean Langman's 9-metre *Ranger*, skippered by his son Peter – *Currawong*, *Gun Runner*, *Blue Planet*, *Rum Rebellion* and *Speedwell*.

Meanwhile, the Armed Services rivalry resumes between *Navy One* and *Gun Runner*, with the Royal Australian Navy boat out to retain the Oggin Cup and plaque.

Two-handers eligible for Overall honours

Following the successful introduction of two-handed crews to the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart, a new record number of two-handed boats will be seeking a slice of history.

22 two-handers entered the race and most will be in contention to win the Tattersall Cup for the first time.

The first ever two-handed competitors across the line in the Rolex Sydney Hobart – Rob Gough and John Saul – return on a different boat, the Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300 *Kraken 111*, having sailed *Sidewinder* to victory last year.



Wendy Tuck and Campbell Geeves on Speedwell.

Kathy Veel and Bridget Canham will be the first all-female two-handed crew in the race, on Kathy's Currawong 30 *Currawong*.

Crux (Carlos Aydos and Peter Grayson) and *Speedwell* (Campbell Geeves and Wendy Tuck) finished second and third respectively in the inaugural Two-Handed Division, behind *Disko Trooper_Contender Sailcloth* (Jules Hall and Jan Scholten), and are among five two-handed boats returning. Read more about the competitive Two-Handed Division on page 29.

Around 1,200 sailors will take on the famous 628 nautical mile journey south – some for the first time, others reaching a significant milestone.

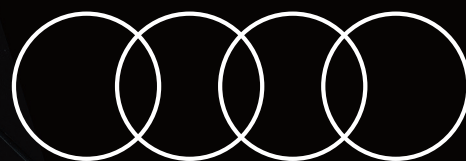
With such a diverse fleet and so many different goals to be achieved, another incredible chapter is set to be added to the much-celebrated tale of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. ⚓



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(L-R) Mark Bradford, Peter Langman, Kathy Veel, Matt Donald and John Winning Jr. Photos: Andrea Francolini

Launching the race to the world



A friendly rivalry between maxi skippers.

The media spotlight was on the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia for the official Media Launch of the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race on Wednesday 23 November.

A panel of five skippers captured the diversity of competitors and boats this race attracts.

Among them were the skippers of the 100-foot maxis *Andoo Comanche* and *Black Jack* – John Winning Jr and Mark Bradford – as well as one of the lead TP52s, *Gweilo* (co-owner/skipper Matt Donald).

By contrast, the two smallest boats in the race – *Maluka* and *Currawong* – sat proudly berthed on the CYCA Marina, as Peter Langman and Kathy Veel discussed the challenges of racing a 30-foot boat in one of the world's most challenging ocean races.

Bradford anticipates a close race between the four 100-foot maxis, but backs *Black Jack* to hold onto the John H Illingworth Challenge Cup.

"We're here to win, just like everyone else is here to achieve their goals," he said. "We wouldn't be doing it unless we thought we were in good shape to win."

Meanwhile, Winning Jr is determined to continue the great legacy of *Andoo Comanche*.

"I have to honour the boat and do it justice; it's had some fine form," he said. "I certainly back myself to be as good as anyone."

"We have to be ambitious and bullish. I've got an amazing crew around me and we're going to be pushing the boat as hard as we can to get the best result possible."

Gweilo retired with forestay damage early on in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart, but that won't stop Donald going full throttle in pursuit of a maiden Tattersall Cup win.

"[The 52s] are in sight of each other the whole race. We will have to perform at our best every day," he said.

“

Each and every inch counts in our division. In the Rolex Sydney Hobart, it's about pushing as hard as you can and we won't hold back if we get the chance again

”

Veel will sail two-handed with co-skipper Bridget Canham on her *Currawong 30*, *Currawong*. Read more about their story on page 29.

Veel admitted she is motivated to not be the last boat over the line, giving a cheeky glance to *Maluka* skipper Langman.

Langman, now 29, skippered *Maluka* in his first ever Rolex Sydney Hobart as an 18-year-old in 2011.

"*Maluka* has a pretty special place in my heart," Langman said. "Whenever I finish a race on *Maluka* I feel it is an accomplishment. That is what dragged me back to the race."

"She is a safe boat and we are all pretty confident she will get there in one piece, she is in great condition."

They may have different expectations of the time they'll spend at sea, but these five boats share an ambition to sail the race of their lives. ⚓



Peter Langman on board the beautiful *Maluka*, which is the smallest and oldest boat in the fleet, having been built in 1932.



Matt Donald and Mark Bradford.

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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 live streams of some of the key 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 7 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 is one 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 9am 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 CYCA TV YouTube channel.

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





STARTER'S ORDERS

The duty of firing the starting cannon, five and ten-minute warning signals has been bestowed upon Norman Hyett, Richard Wilson and Noel Cornish AM for the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.



American Eagle.

Start cannon – Norman Hyett

Norman Hyett will fire the replica start cannon at 1pm on Boxing Day to get the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race underway.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Line Honours and Overall win for Ted Turner's 68-foot sloop *American Eagle*, on which Norman was a crew member.

American Eagle was the first boat to win the coveted double since *Rani* in the inaugural Sydney Hobart.

This will be the second time Norman has been involved in the starting sequence. He was on board Trygve and Magnus Halvorsen's *Freya* for the historic third successive handicap victory in 1965 and fired a five-minute warning signal in 2015, on the 50th anniversary of that race.

"I've been thinking about it for a while now, I can't believe it's been 50 years [since *American Eagle's* win]," Norman reflected.

"It brings back memories of starting the race with the friction and the excitement. It's an honour to do it."

Norman reflects fondly on his time sailing with Ted Turner and the victory in 1971.

"I had a good relationship with Ted," Norman said. "The crew were very good sailors who he trained and it was an honour to be invited to sail with him and then stick with him through all those years."

"We had quite an easy run really. The breaks suited us. It was an honour to sail with Ted Turner because my sailing experience has always been to sail with



Ted Turner's incredible trophy haul from the 1971 Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

someone better than myself and Ted was the pinnacle of that.

"What I remember most is the comradeship and sail-handling. Ted would recite poetry while steering the boat for hours, then suddenly the wind would change and the crew knew exactly what to do and to jump to it.

"He would say 'well done crew', then 'where were we?' and continue with his poetry."

Speaking from his home in the USA, Ted reflected on *American Eagle's* historic achievement.

"The start of the Sydney Hobart on Boxing Day is a festive event in Australia," Ted said. "Australians were very familiar with the 12 Metre Class, having challenged for the America's Cup three times in 12 Metres in 1962, 1967 and 1970.

"The race across the Tasman Sea can be windy with the "southerly busters" challenging the fleet. We were thrilled to win the race!

"More importantly, we had great fun in Australia and enjoyed competing against so many friends from Down Under.

"It is hard to believe that 50 years have passed. I wish good luck to everyone sailing in this year's race."

Five-minute warning signal - Richard Wilson

Richard Wilson will fire the five-minute warning signal. Richard is the son of the late Brin Wilson, who owned and skippered *Pathfinder* to the Overall win in the 1971 Sydney Hobart.

Border closures prevented Richard travelling from New Zealand to be involved in last year's race, but he looks forward to celebrating his father's achievements on Boxing Day.

"It brings closure on my dad's yachting career," Richard said. "I think it was undoubtedly the highlight of his sailing career, a career that he and we expected to continue well beyond where it did.

"[The 1971 win] has been huge in yachting circles locally. Most yachties in my age bracket remember the occasion. It is brought up at yacht clubs, business circles, social occasions and more.



Brin Wilson (left) and Richard Wilson (second from left).

"At the start of this year's race I will reflect on the win, a fantastic crew, captained by Brin Wilson, who we might describe as a winner."

10-minute warning signal - Noel Cornish AM

Noel Cornish AM will fire the 10-minute warning signal in recognition of the extraordinary challenges faced during his two-year tenure as Commodore of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

Noel was elected Commodore in August 2020, amidst the growing uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 restrictions forced the cancellation of all of the CYCA's major races during Noel's time as Commodore, other than the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart.

"It's a great privilege to fire the 10-minute cannon and one I never believed would come about," Noel said. "I'm full of gratitude for the opportunity to do this.

"The greatest relief I felt was when the race got away last year. Up until that point in time, you never knew what would happen.

"We were six days out in the previous year before the race was cancelled so even though we were confident, we didn't know until the start gun went and boats headed out to the ocean, which was a great thrill."

The starting cannons will be fired from the start boat, *Eclipse*. ⚓



Past Commodore Noel Cornish at the Hobart Race Village during the 2021 race. Photo: Salty Dingo



SHORE SIDE ACTIVITIES

The Sydney and Hobart Race Villages will be back in full swing in 2022, capturing the excitement of the race at both ends.

SYDNEY RACE VILLAGE

The Sydney Race Village, located at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, will be open to the general public from early December.

It will host some of the popular build-up events to the race, including the VIP & Skippers Launch, Commodore's Beer & Prawn Night and Crew Party while a Movie Night will be held on Wednesday 21 December, screening the documentary film *Maiden*.

Visit the Musto store, which will sell official race merchandise – from bags and caps, to tees and jackets.

The big screen will be rolling with race footage in the build-up and a live broadcast of the race start on Boxing Day.

Entry to the village is free.



Scan to find out
what's on in the
Sydney and Hobart
Race Villages.





Photos: Salty Dingo

HOBART RACE VILLAGE

The Hobart Race Village will be open from noon on Tuesday 27 December 2022 until 5pm on Sunday 1 January 2023.

Located waterside at Constitution Dock, the village is the perfect location to follow race updates, watch boats cross the line and join the celebrations, or just soak up the sun with a cold drink and some delicious food.

This year, we're bringing you closer to the action in the Hobart Race Village, with live updates broadcast on the big screen at 9am and 4pm, a Q&A on stage with competitors at midday and race footage in real-time.

Competitors can also enjoy Happy Hour from the Devil's Corner Bar at 5-6pm.

There will be face painting for kids in the main marquee, as well as a DJ each afternoon and live bands in the evening.

Get up close to the Tattersall Cup in the Information Centre or visit the Musto store to scoop some merchandise.

There is a great variety of food on offer, including:

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- Authentic Italian from **Mamo Pasta**
- Indonesian street food from **Kaki Lima**
- Loaded fries from **Fried & Loaded**
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Enjoy a meal or drink inside the Hobart Race Village.



Insight from Black Jack owner Peter Harburg as he awaited the arrival of his Line Honours-winning boat last year.

Warrior Won is looking to conquer
yet another major ocean race in 2022.
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A GLOBAL ATTRACTION

The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race has a truly international flavour once again in 2022, with boats travelling from Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Hungary, New Caledonia, New Zealand and the USA to compete in what is described as bucket list item for sailors around the world.

With the Australian border reopened, the Rolex Sydney Hobart is back on the agenda for boat owners based overseas.

Among them are Axel and Peter Baumgartner's Grand Soleil 45 *Orione* from Germany, Tom Kneen's JPK 1180 *Sunrise* from Great Britain, Geoff Hill's Santa Cruz 72 *Antipodes*, which is registered at Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and competed in the 2022 New Caledonia Groupama Race, *Cassiopeia* 68, a Marten 68 from Hungary, two Sydney 38s from New Caledonia – *Eye Candy* and *Poulpito* – Max Klink's Botin 52 *Caro*, based out of Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, and American Chris Sheehan's TP52 *Warrior Won*.

We caught up with three of the international contenders looking to make their mark in the race.

A warrior mentality

Chris Sheehan and the crew on his Pac 52 *Warrior Won* are riding a wave of success.

In less than a year, *Warrior Won* claimed overall wins

in the Transpac Race, RORC Caribbean 600 and Newport Bermuda Race.

Now the owner and skipper is targeting another jewel in the crown of ocean racing – the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Sheehan last raced the Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2017 on his previous *Warrior Won*, an XP44.

A return to the race was always on the cards for Sheehan after purchasing the 52-footer, with the Australian race part of a global campaign which will also see *Warrior Won* feature in the Rolex Fastnet Race and Rolex Middle Sea Race next year.

"I always want to enter events where I'm in way over my head and I'm stacked up against the best competition in the world," Sheehan said from his home in Larchmont, New York.

"I want to go all over the world and compete at the highest level possible against the best ocean racing teams.



The Warrior Won crew celebrate winning the RORC Caribbean 600. Photo: RORC/Arthur Daniel



Chris Sheehan is driven to succeed. Photo: RORC/Arthur Daniel

"I want to see if in fact I am able to surround myself with a team of professional sailors who I can motivate, keep focused and work alongside to beat these other completely refined, legendary professional programmes. That's my hobby in life, to travel the world with this boat and see if I can beat them all."

So far, so good.

Sheehan has assembled a diverse team of international competitors. His crew members hail from Australia, Canada, USA, Antigua, Spain and Ireland.

Among them are five-time Canadian Olympian Richard Clarke, boat captain/project manager Collin Leon, veteran navigator Ignacio 'Nacho' Postigo, Scott Ewing – a former member of the United States Sail GP team – and renowned Australian Ben Lamb.

Sheehan is meticulous in his preparations and has long had one eye on the Rolex Sydney Hobart.

"We trained all summer here [in the US] with Hobart in mind," he said. "We'd get out our IRC sails and do a whole lot of optimisation testing with our IRC set-up."

"We create a sail chart that becomes bullet proof,

so we know what to do in every single situation.

"We get really good data that alleviates a lot of guess work. Every half hour or 45-minute increment in a Hobart race, we'll know exactly what sail combination we should have up and also who should be driving, because we know who our best drivers are in different conditions.

"We'll go out and do 75 gybes in a day, because even though we're professional, we know we don't have it down to an exact science.

"We leave very little to chance. Control the controllables, because there are so many uncontrollables."

This is a relentless pursuit of success for Sheehan and *Warrior Won*.

They're determined to add the Tattersall Cup to their packed trophy cabinet.

"People say 'if everyone is having fun, you're going to sail fast'. No, you can only have one objective and the objective is to win. Winning is fun. Fun is spelt W-I-N," Sheehan said with a smile you can hear through the phone.

"I always say to my team – 'you're not my friend. I'm sailing with you because you're a damn good sailor and if sh*t goes down, I know I can rely on you'."



Max Klink's Botin 52 Caro. Photo: RORC/James Mitchell

Klink returns with prime challenger Caro

Warrior Won isn't the only 52-footer surrounded by plenty of hype heading to Australia.

Caro is a Botin 52 owned and skippered by Swiss Max Klink, registered in Auckland with Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and sailing under a Cayman Islands flag.

Klink only launched the boat in 2021, but *Caro* has shown plenty of early promise with a fourth-place finish overall in the 2022 RORC Transatlantic Race, 11th in the 2021 Rolex Middle Sea Race and victory at the 2022 Australian Yachting Championships.

The elite crew on *Caro* will travel from Ireland, USA, Great Britain, New Zealand, France and Switzerland, with Volvo Ocean Race veterans among them, including Justin Ferris and navigator Jules Salter.

"We have been sailing with the core group for 8-9 years now," Klink said. "Apart from them being some of the best sailors in the world, it is very important that we all get along well. There are no egos and a very coherent team."

"The boat and crew so far have done very well. We are still learning about the boat and we're excited to line-up against the fleet of 52s in Australia, which is very strong and provides some great racing."

Klink raced his former *Caro*, a Botin 65, in the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart, finishing third in Division O.

In 2019 he decided to build a pure racing boat and that's certainly what he's got with *Caro*.

Klink knows it's going to be an enthralling battle between the 52s in this year's race and perfection is essential to victory.

"Our boat seems to have been competitive in all conditions we've had so far," he said. "But if I can make a wish for December, it would certainly

include very little upwind and lots of running conditions.

"It's very hard to get the edge on this fleet of 52s. They're all very good boats and strong crews."

"You need to sail almost without any errors to be on top. So, we are very humble and will try to prepare the boat well to avoid any damage or failure."

"It is a highly competitive race with a lot of very good crews and boats. We're very excited to be part of it, but it will be very tough racing!"



Caro made her Australian debut earlier this year. Photo: Salty Dingo/Hamilton Island Race Week



Caro heads up the NSW east coast.



Sunrise is mixing it with the best around the world. Photo: RORC/Paul Wyeth

A new horizon for Sunrise

Tom Kneen is heading down under from Great Britain with a predominantly Corinthian crew on *Sunrise*.

The JPK 1180 is tipped to challenge for Overall honours, fuelled by her consistency in major offshore races recently.

It's been a whirlwind year for Kneen and his crew. *Sunrise* made the sailing world take notice in August 2021 by claiming a famous win in the Rolex Fastnet Race.

"It was a life changing event for us," said Kneen. "It's everything you expect it to be and more in terms of the consequences.

"I still walk into my living room and see the Fastnet Challenge Cup sitting there and think 'why is that there?!"

"People do dream about winning that race and we did. Also, I did it with my mates. I didn't go and spend a million quid on a boat optimised to win the race and hire 15 professionals to do it.

"We did it with people I'd met in bars in the south coast of England over the last few years!"

Sunrise backed up that result impressively in the Rolex Middle Sea Race, finishing second overall having been in pole position before the unprecedented invoking of an alternative finish line for safety reasons.

Kneen and co. then won their division in the RORC Caribbean 600.

World-renowned sailor Dave Swete is the only pro on board *Sunrise* and the owner is delighted with the crew he's curated.

"The boat is epic. It has been constantly improved by this rather obsessive crew," Kneen said. "We know that if we sail well, we're competitive.

"The crew coming together at the right time made a huge difference to our performance.

"I've concluded that it's my job to identify who the best people are and put them in an environment where they can do what they're best at.



Sunrise celebrates the Rolex Fastnet Race win. Photo: RORC/Paul Wyeth

"The team is completely emotionally involved in the project and do it for fun.

"That's what's really special, it's because they love it. That sets us apart from pro teams."

This will be Kneen's first trip to Australia and most of his crew will compete in the Rolex Sydney Hobart for the first time.

Although he believes it's "probably unreasonable" to think *Sunrise* can mix it with the 52-footers, he's allowing himself to dream big.

The international contingent is certainly primed to shake up the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart. 🍷



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Crux is proving a perennial contender. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini

The stage is set for an enthralling contest between the two-handed entrants in the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart.

The 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart was a showcase of the skill and determination it takes to complete one of ocean racing's great challenges two-handed.

A relentless sea state for the first 36 hours of the race would have added an extra layer of difficulty for the 17 two-handed entrants compared to their fully-crewed counterparts.

Seven of the 17 starters had their two-handed debut in the race cut short, with a broken backstay, engine

issues, mainsail damage, autopilot issues and rudder damage among the barriers to finishing.

At 8.12pm on 30 December 2021, after more than four days and seven hours at sea, the first two-handed boat to ever finish the Rolex Sydney Hobart crossed the line at Battery Point.

Rob Gough and John Saul enjoyed that historic moment on Rob's Akilaria RC2 *Sidewinder*, which claimed divisional Line Honours.

The second boat over the line was Jules Hall's J/99 *Disko Trooper_Contender Sailcloth*, co-skipped by Jan Scholten.

Hall and Scholten's names were etched into folklore as the inaugural winners of the Two-Handed Division, taking out all three handicap wins.

In its second year, the Two-Handed Division has grown further with 22 boats entered, most of which are for the first time eligible to win the Tattersall Cup.

This is a competitive fleet and there will be little to separate the frontrunners. Among them are the second and third place finishers in the division from last year – *Crux* (Carlos Aydos/Peter Grayson) and *Speedwell* (Campbell Geeves/Wendy Tuck) – and the divisional co-leader after four races in the



Disko Trooper_Contender Sailcloth was the inaugural winner of the Two-Handed Division. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini



Kathy Veel (left) and Bridget Canham are the first all-female two-handed crew in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Photo: Andrea Francolini

2022/23 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore – *Rum Rebellion* (Shane Connelly/Tony Sutton).

KD4 (Joe de Kock/Richard Hooper) made an impression in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, finishing second in the division, while David Henry and Stephen Prince will race Henry's Sydney 36 Cruiser *Philosopher*, which was entered fully-crewed in 2021.

Rupert Henry and Greg O'Shea are back on Henry's Lombard 34 *Mistral*, having competed on the Lombard Class 40 *Eora* last year. Henry campaigned *Eora* in various two-handed and solo races around the world this year.

There are many newcomers to the race, including the likes of *Transcendence Crento* (Martin Cross/John Cross) and *Tumbleweed* (Nigel Natrass/Graham Biehl), which have been preparing through the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore.

Currawong campaign takes flight

The smallest two-handed boat in the fleet is Kathy Veel's *Currawong*, a Currawong 30 which she will race with co-skipper Bridget Canham.

The pair will be the first ever all-female two-handed crew in race history.

Veel purchased the boat from Melbourne last year, without having had the chance to see it in the flesh due to COVID-19 lockdowns.

"I looked at a few of them in Sydney," she says. "I knew that Currawongs are really strong boats and I wanted something I could confidently sail across Bass Strait."

Veel and Canham first met in 1989 and reconnected in recent years through the Making Waves

Foundation. Sitting on the rail together during a twilight race in March, they made the decision to take on the Rolex Sydney Hobart two-handed.

It was a simple conversation. "What about it?" Veel said, to which Canham replied "let's do it!"

After setting up a GoFund Me page to fund new sails and general costs of setting the boat up for Category 1 racing ("there's a trip to Europe I won't ever do, that's for sure", Veel laughs), they were inundated with financial support and encouragement from friends who have become part of the journey through the Facebook page *2Birds2Hobart*.

Asked if there have been any second thoughts along the way, Veel admits: "Heaps! But sailing is something I love doing. I have a boat that is capable and I am in good enough health physically to be able to do it."

"With the Two-Handed Division being introduced, all of a sudden it seemed something that was possible."

Veel and Canham learnt plenty from the build-up races, primarily how to manage exhaustion.

"We are both really aware that is going to be our biggest challenge, apart from getting to the start line," Veel says. "We just have to both be really disciplined, pace ourselves and not sail the way we have been sailing the last couple of races, because that's not sustainable."

"Keeping yourselves adequately fed and hydrated is important, as well as allowing each other as much rest as possible."

A popular design

After winning Two-Handed Division Line Honours in 2021, Rob Gough and John Saul are back with a new boat and renewed ambition.

Gough sold *Sidewinder*, which will race as *Yeah Baby* this time around, and bought a Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300 named *Kraken 111*.

"The idea [behind the purchase] was to try and take out the Two-Handed Division on handicap and be competitive on IRC [overall]," Gough says. "It's the next part of our journey."

Sidewinder's win last year was made all the more impressive given Gough sailed most of the race with five broken ribs.

At about 3am on the first night, he got thrown off his steering position and landed on his back.

Despite the pain getting worse for Gough across Bass Strait, they persevered to finish a very memorable race.

"I didn't realise [the severity] at the time, I thought I had cracked one rib," Gough recalls of the injury which stopped him sailing for four months. "I didn't get an MRI until two weeks after the finish and it showed I had cracked five."

"John did pretty much all the heavy lifting during the race. He managed every sail change. All I could do was steer, navigate and wind a winch very, very slowly."

Gough and Saul won't have much time to get used to their new boat, with unrelenting weather delaying the delivery of the boat to Sydney from Sandringham Yacht Club.

But with many sea miles together, they're confident of pushing for divisional honours.

"The boat was all set up for offshore, so it's not been much of a step up to get her ready for Category 1 racing, which was pretty appealing to us," Gough says. "If we get the right conditions for the boat, we'll be pretty competitive."

The right conditions for *Kraken 111* would also mean an incredibly fierce battle in the Two-Handed Division.

There are five Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300s entered – *Hip-Nautic* (Jean-Pierre Ravanat/Drew Meincke), *Kraken 111*, *Sun Fast Racing* (Lee Condell/Lincoln Dews), *Transcendence Crento* and *Tumbleweed* – as well as a Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600, *Mister Lucky* (Rohan Wood/Todd Giraudo).

Lee Condell and Lincoln Dews have found great synergy on *Sun Fast Racing*.

Both are stand up paddleboarders (a sport in which Lincoln is a world champion) and have plenty of experience sailing two-handed. Condell campaigned a previous yacht in the Shorthanded Sailing Association of Australia's series over five seasons, while Lincoln raced two-handed on *Hells Bells* in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart, unfortunately retiring due to engine issues.



John Saul (left) and Rob Gough on *Sidewinder* ahead of the 2021 race. Photo: Salty Dingo

"Lincoln has done a lot of crew work on bigger boats," Condell says. "Where I might have weaknesses in front of the mast, he does a lot of that work and I stay in the cockpit a lot."

"Given he's half my age, it seems like a fair enough call!"

"He's really good with electronics and navigation, I'm more a 'keep my eyes out of the boat' sailor and it's actually a really good combination, we're really pleased with how it's turning out."

Condell has placed emphasis on "changing gears and responding to changes quickly", inspired by the intensive preparations of Jules Hall and Jan Scholten ahead of their victorious campaign with *Disko Trooper* / *Contender Sailcloth* last year.

"They set the bar very, very high and I think everybody has realised you just have to put the time and effort into changing sails quickly and easily, more so for two-handed sailing than fully crewed," Condell adds.

"If you make a mistake and a sail goes in the water, it's physically shattering but you also lose a lot of time so you have to get these things down pat. We're really happy with where we've got the boat."

Condell is excited by not just the sub-plot of a race between the 3300s, but the close nature of the Two-Handed Division.

"There are so many boats within a pretty narrow rating band," he says. "There is also the 3600, the Beneteau 34.7, J/99s, Sydney 36, we're all within



There is a 33-year age gap between *Sun Fast Racing* co-skippers Lee Condell (left) and Lincoln Dews.

cooe of each other, so that makes it fantastic.”

Crux has the answers

Carlos Aydos’ S&S 34 *Crux*, which is co-skipped by Peter Grayson, has proven to be one of the most consistent two-handed boats on the east coast over the last 18 months.

Crux was second on all divisional handicaps in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart and has been a strong competitor in the 2022/23 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore, notably finishing fourth Overall behind *Andoo Comanche*, *URM Group* and *Money Penny* in the Tollgate Islands Race.

“It’s really cool to see we have increased the number of two-handers,” Aydos says. “I’d love to see the two-handed fleet continue to grow.

“It’s a lot less hectic for us this year. Last year there was so much preparation to get the boat ready. It was our first Hobart together, so we had so many boxes to tick and equipment to buy.

“This year we are able to focus a lot more on the racing side of the things rather than preparation.

“Peter and I have stayed together as a team so we know each other well. We don’t need to talk to teach other too much; we know each other’s strengths and weaknesses.

“This year has been nice in that regard – we’re feeling more comfortable with the boat and with each other.”

Aydos and Grayson are continuously learning about the boat and each other. A key change to their approach in this year’s race will be how they spend energy, admitting to having “a bit left in the tank” after many races in 2021.

If conditions suit the smaller boats, expect *Crux* to be one of the two-handers vying for the Tattersall Cup.

But first and foremost, the focus for all 22 boats will be finishing on top of this exciting division. ⚓



Speedwell was a strong performer in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini

BOAT NAME	DESIGN	SKIPPERS
Ariki Tai	Cigale 16	Denis Doyle/Greg Johnston
Avalanche	Hick 40	James Murchison/James Francis
Blue Planet	J/99	Chris O'Neill/Larry Jamieson
Crux	S&S 34	Carlos Aydos/Peter Grayson
Currawong	Currawong 30	Kathy Veel/Bridget Canham
Hip-Nautic	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300	Jean-Pierre Ravanat/Drew Meincke
Inukshuk	Northshore 38	Robert Large/Cameron Boogaerdt
KD4	Dehler 44	Joe De Kock/Richard Hooper
Kraken 111	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300	Rob Gough/John Saul
Minnie	Jones 42	Michael Bell/Oli Bell
Mister Lucky	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600	Rohan Wood/Todd Giraudo
Mistral	Lombard 34	Rupert Henry/Greg O'Shea
Ocean Crusaders J-Bird	TP52	Ian Thomson/Annika Thomson
Pacman	Young 11	Peter Elkington/Scott Cavanough
Philosopher	Sydney 36 Cr	David Henry/Stephen Prince
Rum Rebellion	J/99	Shane Connelly/Tony Sutton
Rumchaser	J/122e	Andrew Butler/Lee Antill
Speedwell	Beneteau 34.7	Campbell Geeves/Wendy Tuck
Sun Fast Racing	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300	Lee Condell/Lincoln Dews
Transcendence Crento	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300	Martin Cross/John Cross
Tumbleweed	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300	Nigel Nattrass/Graham Biehl
Uprising Brightside Marine	Jeanneau 36	Andrew Miller/Harrison Miller



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MAXI SHOWDOWN

Black Jack on the way to a maiden Line Honours win in the Rolex Sydney Hobart last year. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini

Four 100-foot maxis will lead the charge for Line Honours in the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race: Andoo Comanche, Black Jack, Hamilton Island Wild Oats and LawConnect.



There has been plenty of hype around Andoo Comanche since her return to Australia. Photo: Andrea Francolini

Ask *Andoo Comanche* skipper John Winning Jr about the pressure of the lightning-fast maxi being regarded as outright favourite for Line Honours in this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and he embraces it.

"We have not won a Hobart as a crew; but, the boat has won a few!" replies Winning Jr of the three-time Rolex Sydney Hobart Line Honours winner - 2015, 2017 (in the existing race record time of 1 day, 9 hours, 15 minutes and 24 seconds) and 2019.

"The pressure is great. We put it on ourselves if the boat is seen as favourite. If the crew is 100 per cent focused, I really don't think anything short of gear breakage will stop us."

Winning Jr, a three-times Sydney Hobart competitor, believes the VPLP 100 is getting closer to optimal speed.

"She's as good as ever," says the skipper who has chartered the maxi for two years and re-named her *Andoo Comanche* after his family e-commerce business.



On her last appearance in the Rolex Sydney Hobart, *Andoo Comanche* (then *Comanche*) won Line Honours for Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi

“Every time we’ve sailed her, we’ve learned something. The crew is better and their feel for it is better. The crew and boat are falling into line.

“It’s about getting familiar with the boat. We’re a long way off from sailing the boat at our best.

“We’re not the most gelled crew, but the crew with the most opportunity.”

Winning Jr credits *Andoo Comanche*’s scope of potential to a blend of seasoned world class ocean racing experience with some ‘out of the box’ thinking from newcomers to the crew.

They include Iain Murray, who has joined from one of the three other maxis that will compete in this year’s 77th Sydney Hobart – record nine-times Line Honours winner *Hamilton Island Wild Oats*.

“There is no shortage of legends,” Winning Jr says of his crew that also includes Will Oxley, Colin Beashel, Seve Jarvin, Justin Shaffer and highly-respected Spaniard Pablo Arrarte.

“We also have some out of the box thinking with some non-yachting sailors who sail her like a skiff rather than sail her like a yacht. But there are still pillars that are a benchmark to work by. It is not as if we are working from scratch.”

Winning Jr says Murray’s experience and broad-minded outlook to innovation honed from sailing everything from skiffs, to the America’s Cup and ocean racing has been crucial in this development.

Asked what Murray brings, the skipper answers:

“Where do I start? There is his experience ... with team make-up, boat design, boat set-up, leadership skills and out of the box thinking.

“There may be an original way to do things, but he will think, ‘What if we do this?’ and we try it and it works.”

Winning Jr says a highlight of *Andoo Comanche*’s development, which has yielded early success in winning Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Line Honours and an overall win in the Tollgate Islands Race, is the maxi’s progress in handling the lighter conditions.

“We’ve found a way to go in light air better than before. We’re not the fastest in light air, but we’re not giving away as much difference in it as we did”

Mark Bradford, skipper of Peter Harburg’s Reichel/Pugh 100 *Black Jack*, which won Line Honours in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart, believes *Andoo Comanche* is the boat to beat.

He summed up the competition between the four maxis in this year’s race well.

“It is very close for such different boats,” Bradford said. “The idea [for all four maxis in the race] will be to sail your own race and hopefully the weather will then suit your boat and race plan.

“But ... it would be nice if we were defending without *Andoo Comanche* around. That is a seriously quick boat.”



Owner Peter Harburg will be back on board *Black Jack* this year. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini

For a race hinged so tightly on unpredictability due to weather conditions, Bradford says the one certainty he feels is that *Black Jack* will be ready.

"All the other teams had stops and starts during COVID. We never stopped," he says. "So, she is always ready to go.

"Everyone had a different approach during COVID. Some teams shut down, but Pete (Harburg) always wanted to use the boat. You need to have fun while you can and he did."

The main change for *Black Jack* has been in the crew line-up.

"Because of the border closures, crews last year were all Australian (based), but now the internationals are back," he says. "We have lost crew to *Andoo Comanche* and *Hamilton Island Wild Oats*, but some of those were people we borrowed.

"With the borders open, the internationals are back. No disrespect to those we lost who helped us last year, but our frontline crew is back."

New faces in the *Black Jack* crew include America's Cup Hall of Famer Dean Phipps, a Kiwi, and Brazilian Jao Signorini, who can, Bradford says, "drive a boat as quick as anyone. The Rolex Sydney Hobart is like Bathurst where you switch drivers all the time.

"The secret is getting guys who know how to drive the boat fast.

"You also have to keep rotating to keep people fresh and the boat fast."

Mark Richards, the skipper of the Oatley Family's Reichel/Pugh 100 now named *Hamilton Island Wild Oats* (formerly *Wild Oats XI*), is bursting at the seams to return to the race for the first time since 2019.

During his absence from the Rolex Sydney Hobart, Richards has been busier than ever with work.

However, he admits to missing the race: "I was in a big, empty hole. But I am now so motivated. I am so involved in the boat business; the Rolex Sydney Hobart is the most talked about race on the planet. At every boat show it is the race they talk about, whether at Cannes or Rhode Island."

For *Hamilton Island Wild Oats*' return to the blue water classic, Richards says the 18-year-old boat will have new sails and continual tweaking for extra speed.

"We're stripping down everything that we can, to get her weight down as much as possible," he said.

"There are still a lot of changes we can do."

The crew lost Iain Murray to *Andoo Comanche*, but American star Stan Honey has come on board as navigator.

Richards says the maxi is as ready as ever for its long-awaited return.

"She is as fast as she ever has been," he said. Tell me a boat that has done what she has done.

"She's the most iconic yacht in the history of ocean racing. She's still very fast.

"We're going to have our work cut out against *Andoo Comanche*. She's a very fast boast. She was dominant in the northern series [in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and Hamilton Island Race Week], but there were perfect conditions for her there.

"The Rolex Sydney Hobart is a different kettle of fish ... We'll race to our strengths, as *Andoo Comanche* will race to her strengths.

"If there is a nor'easter she won't be able to touch us. In light air, she won't touch us. If it is [heavier] conditions that suit her, we'll just have to deal with everything thrown at us."

The spirit of the boat's former owner Bob Oatley, who died in 2016, will be there.

"There's a lot of Bob on her. Every time I sail on her I think of Bob, what he has done to keep it going, now with [son] Sandy," says Richards, adding that the Oatley's famous walking stick will "definitely" be on board.

And forget any notion that *Hamilton Island Wild Oats* is aiming only for Line Honours. A repeat of its Line Honours and Overall doubles in 2005 and 2012 is on Richards' mind.

"We'll also be trying to win on handicap," he says.



A fascinating duel awaits between *Black Jack* and *Hamilton Island Wild Oats*. Photo: Andrea Francolini



Hamilton Island Wild Oats holds the record for most Line Honours wins in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi

"You have to win on the line first to do that, but if we can get the right conditions we can win on handicap ... We have before."

Christian Beck, owner/skipper of the Juan-K 100 *LawConnect*, is primed to go one step further on the boat he bought in 2017 from Anthony Bell and initially raced as *InfoTrack*.

LawConnect was runner-up in last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart. A Line Honours win has eluded Beck, but the boat has one win - from 2016 as *Perpetual Loyal* when it was still owned by Bell.

Beck is confident *LawConnect* still has what it takes to win, so long as the weather conditions suit; that being, on the nose and hard.

"It's a very strong boat," he says. "It has run very well in our last three Hobarts. We sail it hard. It is a very reliable boat. Knowing that helps.

"There are still times when we have to pull the throttle back ... when the conditions require it."

Beck says since last year a lot of work has been done to make *LawConnect* about 300 kilograms lighter.

"We've made a range of refinements," he says, citing the galley and general interior below deck as some areas that have been stripped.

"We added a larger bowsprit last year. Unfortunately, there were light conditions and we didn't win. This year, we will still have it, but hopefully we get the conditions to make it effective."

Beck's plan was for *LawConnect's* crew to assemble for its final preparation at the end of November. The program will once again be headed up by sailing master Tony Mutter.

An exciting showdown for Line Honours looms between *Andoo Comanche*, *Black Jack*, *Hamilton Island Wild Oats* and *LawConnect*. Who will be first to Hobart? ⚓



Christian Beck has consecutive second-place finishes over the line in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini



A lighter LawConnect will enter this year's race. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini







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Whisper and Moneypenny. Photo: Salty Dingo

While attention on the 100' Maxis, (by IMA definition, no longer "Super Maxis"), and the pursuit of Line Honours glory inevitably captures much of the press and television coverage of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, it is often the smaller Mini Maxis (60 - 80') and the sizeable group of 52-footers behind them that threaten for Overall IRC victory.

This year's Mini Maxis represent some of the finest racing crews available and combine years of offshore experience from Australia and around the globe with younger talent drawn from Australia's 18-foot skiff and other one-design classes.

Their collective results in the 2022/23 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore as well as other major offshore races this year have been impressive.

Moneypenny

Sean Langman's Reichel/Pugh 69 *Moneypenny*, is one of the most beautifully prepared Mini Maxis going around and was a popular winner of the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race back in July. She then finished 2nd in both the Flinders Islet and Bird Island races and 3rd in the Tollgate Islands Race.

"Everything we've done was to maximise [the boat's] performance. It really enjoys upwind and waterline reaching where the other boats aren't planing."

Langman's crew is a who's who of Australian sailing including long time mates Josh Alexander, Matt

Humphries and Gordon Maguire along with several of his 18-Foot skiff team.

URM Group

Anthony Johnston's Reichel/Pugh 72 *URM Group* (formerly *Shockwave*) is skippered by Marcus Ashley-Jones and has been one of the most consistent performers in the 2022/23 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore, winning the opening Flinders Islet Race, placing second in the Tollgate Island Race and third in the Bird Island Race.

Ashley-Jones is keenly aware though of how closely matched the Mini Maxis are: "Every second counts



Willow. Photo: Andrea Francolini



URM Group. Photo: Andrea Francolini

when you're out there racing. It's a combination of the whole crew working together – from the bow team to the trimmers keeping the boat fast and tacticians putting us in the right position to make the most out of the wind shifts."

The team is comprised of many well-known younger skiff sailors as well as Steve Jarvin, competing in his 33rd Sydney Hobart, and Olympic medallist Jason Waterhouse. All three Johnston brothers are on board and hoping to make their mark this year.

Whisper

The Judel Vrolijk 62 *Whisper*, last year's winner of the Mini Maxi Division at the 2021 Australian Maxi Championship, is fully race-ready after a mishap prevented her from competing in the Flinders Islet and Tollgate Islands races. She finished 4th in both the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and Bird Island races.

According to owner/skipper and CYCA Director David Griffith, "The challenge for the 60-70 footers in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is to try and hang on to the back of the 80'-plus boats and get enough clear air to jump away from the pack of 52s that are always breathing down their necks."

Griffith has assembled a high class crew with a wealth of experience, including Michael Coxon (tactician and sailing master), Grant Simmer (strategist), Noel Drennan (helm and speed specialist), Doug McGain (helm and main sheet), Sam Hunt (pit), Justin 'Juggy' Clougher (bow), Tommy Braidwood (crew boss), David Dickson (navigator), Ian McKillop (trim and main), Nick Beaudoin (trim), Lachie Hornsby, Dave Ward, Rudy Midya, Wil Coxon (son of Michael), Holly Griffith (rookie daughter of 'Griffo') and Luke Watkins (boat captain).

Aside from many RSHYR wins and line honours victories, this team has competed in (and won) a number of Volvo Ocean Races, America's Cups, Etchells World Championships, skiffs and Finns Championships and pretty well every significant ocean race within and out of Australia.

Stefan Racing

The Botin 80 *Stefan Racing*, formerly Karl Kwok's *Beau Geste*, has four owners and is skippered by Grant Wharington who has raced big boats for decades, famously taking Line Honours in the Rolex Sydney Hobart on *Skandia* in 2003.

Wharington is joined again by his son Oliver this trip and there are other father and son combinations onboard in 2022. They placed 3rd in the 2021 Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone Race earlier in the year and are geared for another strong performance on Boxing Day.

The vibrantly hued pink hull will once again be seen chasing the Maxis down the coast and could give them a real shake if conditions are favourable:

"The boat can be very good for many, many years. It's very fast in certain conditions. It's a very powerful boat, it needs a lot of wind and that's why it's good for this race."

Alive

Phillip Turner's Reichel/Pugh 66 *Alive* won the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart and has been a force to be reckoned with for a long time. Her skipper, Duncan Hine, was named Australian Sailing's 2021 Offshore Sailor of the Year after a stellar year and proudly flies the Tasmanian flag.

Alive placed 2nd in the 2022 Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone Race and the crew is hoping to have another solid crack at Overall Victory in 2022.



Money Penny. Photo: Andrea Francolini

No Limit

David Gotze's Reichel/Pugh 63 *No Limit*, (formerly *Limit* and *Voodoo*), has more experience on board for this year's race than most – 266 Hobarts in total, including a phenomenal 53 by Tony Ellis alone.

Placed 10th in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race & an unfortunate retiree in the slow Bird Island Race, she is looking forward to the Cabbage Tree Island Race and will hold her own if she gets the right conditions.

Willow

Owners Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant are no strangers to the Rolex Sydney Hobart, having previously raced the Volvo 70 *Willow* as *Maserati*. They had owned and raced the Jutson 80 "People's Maxi" *Brindabella* for many years and more recently, the 100' Maxi *Comanche*, which won Line Honours in 2017 and 2019 and is the current Race record holder.

The team for 2022 is very similar to previous years with many returning crew from *Comanche*, *Maserati* and *Brindabella*, including Volvo specialists Daryl Wislang, Andrew Cape, Nick Bice, Martin Stromberg, David Burt and Mike Sanderson. It also includes two of their children, James and Douglas who have had lots of experience on the boat.

Preparation is comfortably on track following a major keel hydraulics refit and some minor modifications over winter. The Volvo 70 is not designed for frequent manoeuvres and sail changes, so they have made some of those systems a little quicker and easier to manage.

Cooney notes "It's now three years since our last Hobart race and our team is really looking forward to the challenges of blue water racing. Given a favourable forecast of moderate to strong winds we can demonstrate why the Volvo 70 is such a solid and versatile offshore racer."

"Racing with my children on board for the past 12 years has been the most rewarding part of my sailing career. James and Julia have shared five Hobart races with me including two Line Honours. Doug joined us in the 2019 Transpac winning crew; we are now very excited to have him in the team for his first RSHYR and we hope to put in a solid performance." 🚢



Whisper. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini



Alive. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini



Stefan Racing. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini



No Limit. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini

Milestone journeys

By Rupert Guinness

Milestone participations in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race are always celebrated, and understandably so.

But ask anyone about their achievement, and many of them will say the journey towards it means more.

Australian ocean racing legends Tony Ellis and Ed Psaltis are two such examples. Between them, they have almost 100 starts!



Tony Ellis ahead of the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi

“Keeping active ... keeping an open mind”

Tony Ellis, a 78-year-old from Manly on Sydney’s Northern Beaches, will be sailing on board David Gotze’s 63-footer *No Limit* in his 54th Sydney Hobart- a record number of starts by any sailor in the race.

When he sets sail for Hobart on Boxing Day, that he will have broken his own record for race starts will be the last thing on his mind.

“I don’t even think about it,” says Ellis when asked about the historic benchmark.

Since his Sydney Hobart debut in 1963 on the Arthur Byrne-built 41-foot sloop *Solacia 1*, Ellis

has kept a simple “it’s that time of year again” approach. His first experience in the race just rolled over to the next.

An incredible 41 of Ellis’ Sydney Hobarts have been with sailing icon Syd Fischer, for whom he also crewed in the America’s Cup.

It is a run that Ellis cherishes. He says the only “little disappointment” of his experience in the Sydney Hobart is that “Syd and I parted ways in 2014” when “Syd wanted a smaller lightweight crew”.

What really taps into Ellis’ passion for ocean racing is the camaraderie among crew, especially in tough and unpredictable races like the Sydney Hobart, where the weather plays such a crucial role in the final result; moreso for smaller boats that, unlike the maxis, often have to sail through myriad weather patterns.

Ellis, who is nicknamed ‘Ace’ and began sailing in his early teens on 12-footers and skiffs, has crewed on Fischer’s winning *Ragamuffin* boats three times



Ellis celebrates his 50th race in 2017. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi



No Limit in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Photo: ROLEX/Kurt Arrigo

- twice for Line Honours (1988 and 1990) and once on handicap (1992) on a different boat that had the same name.

His lasting memory of his 1963 debut on board the “relatively big boat” that was *Solacia 1* was of a strong south westerly blowing across Storm Bay, heavy seas and snow falling on Mount Wellington and Mount Robertson nearing the end of the race.

“I don’t know if I had any expectation, but it was fun,” he says today.

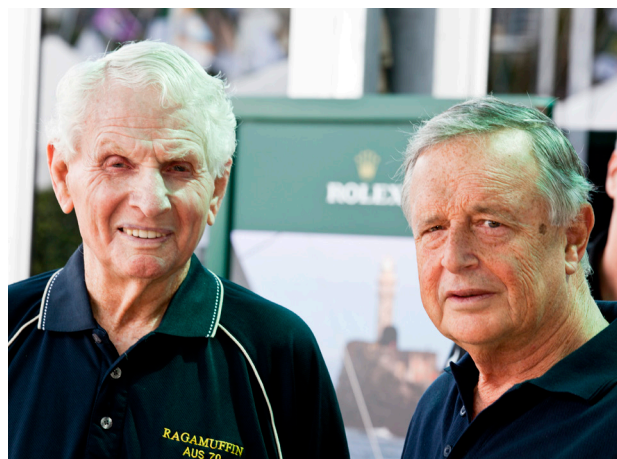
Ellis welcomes the sight of rookie Rolex Sydney Hobart sailors, believing that the event can only grow from young talent.

Although, he warns newcomers who are swept up by racing in one of the world’s toughest and most prestigious ocean races to not forget where most of them came from – sailing in small boats.

“My advice to them is keep sailing in small boats too,” he says, adding that sailing is a sport of different disciplines that offer varying skill sets, and not just one.

As for his own longevity in the Sydney Hobart?

Ellis says the answer to that question is about “keeping active and keeping an open mind.” Hence, when it comes to what expectations he has for this year’s race, Ellis, while always dreaming of another victory, says that there is “nothing special ... it’s best to wait and see what happens. It’s very hard to win this race.”



Ellis with Syd Fischer. Photo: ROLEX/Daniel Forster



Ed Psaltis at the helm of *Midnight Rambler* in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi

“The number isn’t why I keep doing it”

For Ed Psaltis, 62, who moved to Hobart from Sydney four years ago, this year will mark his 40th race. He will sail on his Sydney 36 *Midnight Rambler*.

Psaltis aims to keep sailing in the Sydney Hobart “while I can ... I enjoy a tough race.”

That still means “keeping the standards up ... the number [of starts] isn’t why I keep doing it.”

And he is confident that *Midnight Rambler* can deliver on its promise shown this year from dominating the racing scene in Tasmania.

“I want to have a good campaign,” Psaltis says. “We have every race that there can be ... both long and short. Okay, there is a smaller fish pond in Tasmania, but there are still some very good boats.”

Psaltis remembers his first Sydney Hobart in 1979 clearly. There was the first night when a southerly blew at 25 to 30 knots.

“People were sick on the boat ... it was rough, pretty scary,” he says. “But at 4 or 5am, the sun came out and we just got into another day.”

The highlight of his 39 Sydney Hobarts so far though is his overall win in 1998, notwithstanding the tragedy of that year’s race, when six lives were lost in high seas.



Will Psaltis get his hands back on the Tattersall Cup?
Photo: Andrea Francolini

“It was tragic,” Psaltis says, commending his crew’s feat “to survive that gale, get through it and be in a better position than other boats we idolised.”



Psaltis with his Midnight Rambler crew after finishing the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart.

However, success for Psaltis is not always marked by victory either. The 1991 race, when he sailed on the half tonner *Nuzulu*, was a memorable one for him.

The boat was first in division, but finished eighth overall.

"We almost won that race," he says. "It was a good, hard race. On Bass Strait, we had a great crossing. But then it shut down on Storm Bay and the Derwent."

Psaltis had two debutants on *Midnight Rambler* last year – Anne Stewart and Daniel Matzolik. Both will sail with him on the boat this year.

His advice to them was what he gives any Sydney Hobart rookie: "Don't be overawed by the occasion. Relax and enjoy it.

"You are here because you are good enough to be. So, back yourself. Enjoy the start too ... It is a unique experience. It's huge ... but don't be afraid of it all." ⚓



Midnight Rambler battles rough seas in the 1998 Sydney Hobart. Photo: Richard Bennett

AN ALL-STAR CLASS

By Greta Quealy

The TP52 class yachts will make their presence felt in the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, with an impressive field of 13 entered.

The 52s have achieved outstanding results in the Rolex Sydney Hobart in recent years.

Last year, Matt Allen's Botin 52 *Ichi Ban* claimed a record-equalling third Overall win, with Sam Haynes' TP52 *Celestial* second. In the 2019 race, also won by *Ichi Ban*, the 52s claimed the top three positions, with *Gweilo* second and *Zen* third.

Allen has announced he won't be racing this year as he focuses on his off-water roles with World Sailing and the Australian Olympic Committee. "It's been an enormous privilege and adventure and I've enjoyed every minute of it, but it's time to do other things," he said.

Ichi Ban remains entered, available to borrow, and is part of an exciting group of grand prix racing yachts - *Caro*, *Celestial*, *Crush*, *Denali*, *Gweilo*, *KOA*, *Maritimo*, *Patrice*, *Quest*, *Smuggler*, *Warrior Won* and *Zen*.

Gweilo has been on an upward trajectory since Matt Donald and Chris Townsend bought the TP52 in New Zealand and brought her back to Australia in 2017.

In 2021, any hope of securing a Rolex Sydney Hobart win faded when *Gweilo*'s forestay was damaged on the first evening of the race, forcing her retirement.

"That was a bit unfortunate," Donald said. "Based on the finish positions, we think it would have been a good year for us. But we've got this year in our sights."

Gweilo has had a strong offshore season this year. She had top 10 finishes in three of the first four Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore races, including podiums in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and Flinders Islet Race.



Matt Allen's *Ichi Ban* won three of the last four races.
Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini



Gweilo was second overall in 2019. Photo: ROLEX/Kurt Arrigo

But success isn't easy to come by in this fleet.

"There's such great competition with the TP52s out on the water, that really any one of 10 to 12 boats that are out there can win that division. And we're just hoping that could be us," Donald said.

Sam Haynes' TP52 *Celestial* had a standout race in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart.

Celestial led on corrected time until receiving a discretionary penalty of 40 minutes and ultimately finishing second Overall.

That was Haynes' second podium finish in the race after finishing third Overall with his Rogers 46 *Celestial* in 2013.

He returns to the race with a similar crew to 2021, including navigator James Dagge, as well as four crew who also competed alongside Haynes at the recent J/70 World Championship in Monaco.

"I'm pretty excited to sail with these guys, it's a really good crew we've got on board," Haynes said.

"We have done pretty well this year in conditions which typically don't suit the boat, so we're starting to get to a point where we can still be competitive in light air. That's a pretty big step forward for us."

Gordon Ketelbey's TP52 *Zen* was among the 38 yachts that pulled out of the starting fleet of 88 in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart.

Ketelbey broke his arm after being flung across the boat in rough seas and a raging southerly.

Almost one year later, he is ready to give the race another crack.

"The Rolex Sydney Hobart is a funny one," Ketelbey said. "You always say, 'that's the last one I'll do, I've had enough.' But then you turn up the next year, and the next year and the next year.

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**It has an alluring attraction.
I don't know what it is but,
oh my god, sometimes it can
be a real easy race, sometimes
it can be a real dog.**

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Craig Neil's *Quest* was one of four 52s, out of seven starters, that managed to avoid injury and breakages to finish the 2021 race.

Quest is a two-time winner of the Tattersall Cup - for Bob Steel as *Quest* in 2008, and for Paul Clitheroe as *Balance* in 2015.

This year, Neil, President of the Australian TP52 Sailing Association, aims to better the third place Overall finish he achieved in 2019.

But that means having to deal with *Gweilo*, which Neil claims is “the boat to beat”.

The TP52s will have to contend with other classes for the Tattersall Cup, including the two-handed boats, which are now eligible for Overall victory.

“I think with the Rolex Sydney Hobart, depending on the winds, it is either a big boat or a small boat race,” Ketelbey said. “Quite often these small boats get favourable winds and come up from behind and just take everything.

“Firstly, you’ve got to get the right winds for your type of boat, then you’ve got to beat the boats around about your size. So, it all gets pretty damn hard.”

Ketelbey and his mostly Corinthian crew on *Zen* are hoping to top his best Rolex Sydney Hobart result of fifth on his Sydney 38 *Zen* in 2014.

The 69-year-old has competed in 15 Sydney Hobarts, and would love a win in this year’s race as he considers retirement.

“It’s a young man’s sport, sailing a TP52, it’s a lot of hard work, it’s very bouncy and very wet,” Ketelbey said. “You put your wet weather gear on, you leave Sydney and you wear it all the way to Hobart. It’s probably better downstairs than upstairs at times.



Crush is eager to take on the east coast 52s.

Zen in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Photo: ROLEX/Kurt Arrigo





Craig Neil's Quest, a two-time Tattersall Cup winner. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini

"I'm okay with it. I've done my bit."

By contrast, Western Australian David Davenport's Rolex Sydney Hobart career is still young.

In 2021, the Fremantle Sailing Club member bought the TP52 Crush in Queensland. Previously, he competed in his first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2019 aboard his Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600, also named *Crush*.

"We hadn't really seriously looked at TP52s, apart from in awe as they sailed past us at Hamilton Island Race Week," Davenport said.

Ben Durham, who is a Performance Coach for the Australia SailGP team, convinced Davenport to move to a TP52.

Davenport is now looking forward to racing against the east coast boats.

"We obviously haven't got the depth of experience that the guys on the east coast have," Davenport said.

"We're really coming over for a look. We'll be happy if we're competitive – that's how we're approaching it. We just want to get to Hobart safely with smiles on our faces, and do as well as we can."

International entrants *Caro* and *Warrior Won* are tipped to be among the lead contenders for the Tattersall Cup, while Sebastian Bohm's *Smuggler* will look to back up a sixth place Overall finish in the 2021 race.

Michael Spies will skipper Bill Barry-Cotter's newly-purchased TP52 *Maritimo*, an exciting addition to the class.

After the challenges surrounding the 2021 race on and off water, Craig Neil looks forward to celebrating the fleet's achievements over a cold beverage at Constitution Dock in Hobart.

"It's always rewarding to see your colleagues turn up at the dock. Hopefully, you're ahead of them! I hope we can grab a few tie-up lines and a couple of beers," Neil said with a laugh. "We'll see." ⚓



Seb Bohm's Smuggler. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini

The winners of the Tattersall Cup and John H Illingworth Challenge Cup in the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will receive a Rolex timepiece. Photo: Andrea Francolini

An enduring partnership

The 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race marks 20 years of partnership between Race Organiser, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, and Race Sponsor, Rolex.



Rolex's sponsorship of the race began in 2002, as the CYCA built towards the 60th anniversary race in 2004.

Since then, the CYCA and Rolex have celebrated many milestones, including the 10th race with Rolex as Race Sponsor in 2011 and the 75th anniversary race in 2019.

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The presentation of Rolex timepieces to the Line Honours and Overall winners of the Rolex Sydney Hobart has become an iconic moment of each race.

The CYCA looks forward to welcoming representatives from Rolex to Sydney and Hobart to celebrate 20 years of an enduring partnership. ⚓



Duncan Hine skippered Alive to the Overall victory in 2018. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi



Mark Richards receives another Rolex timepiece after Wild Oats XI's record-extending ninth Line Honours win in 2018. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi



Rolex's support of yachting is unparalleled. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi



The varied conditions and entrants in the Rolex Sydney Hobart makes it one of the world's great ocean races. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi



Matt Allen and the Ichi Ban crew after winning the Tattersall Cup in 2019. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi



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ALEGRIA REPUBLIC

SAIL NO: A6

LOA: 13.1m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Jason Ker (UK)

YEAR BUILT: 2011

TYPE: Ker Sydney GTS 43

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 4

OWNER: Rodney Jones

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Rodney Jones (2) – Skipper, Jay Anderson, David Aplin (4), Joanna Breen (2), Hamish Crossan, Lucas Down (2), Dan Haydon, Lachlan Prentice, Alan Smith (1), Steve Taylor (6), Kai Timm (1)

This is the sixth yacht to campaign offshore under the name Alegria for Rod Jones and team who placed fifth overall in October's Tollgate Islands Race. This Ker GTS 43 is the former *Snowdome Occasional Coarse Language Too*, formerly owned by Warwick Sherman, who contested four Rolex Sydney Hobarts. They won IRC Division 2 in 2012, retired in 2014, placed 28th in 2017 and 41st in 2019 for second in Division 2. Queenslander Jones previously campaigned the Welbourn 50, *Audi Sunshine Coast*, in the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart, but retired with damage. He is a two-time Australian IRC champion, has mastered major races on the east coast of Australia and raced SB20s successfully over a long sailing career. Experienced crew includes Tasmanians Jo Breen and David Aplin.



ALIVE

SAIL NO: 52566

LOA: 22.2m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 2006

TYPE: Reichel/Pugh 66

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 7

OWNER: Phillip Turner

SKIPPER: Duncan Hine

CLUB: Derwent Sailing Squadron, TAS

CREW: Duncan Hine (5) – Skipper, Wouter Verbraak (2) – Navigator, Phillip Turner (5), Logan Andresen, James Chilman (4), Stewart Dodson (1), William Endean (1), Brad Farrand (1), Shane Gaddes (8), Josh Salthouse (1), Nicolai Sehested (1), Sam Tiedemann (3), William Tiller (3)

Alive retired with hull damage from last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, though bounced back to place second over the line and second overall in the 2022 Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race. In 2019, Phillip Turner's *Alive* came close to winning the Rolex Sydney Hobart again, having claimed overall victory in 2018, but finished a credible fourth and won Division 0. She took Line Honours and broke the record in the 2020 TasPorts Launceston to Hobart Yacht Race and won Division 0 of the 2022 Australian Yachting Championships. Always a competitive boat, *Alive* has lost none of her oomph and the international crew is first class, including Wouter Verbraak and others from her 2018 win.



ALLEGRO

SAIL NO: 6723

LOA: 20.3m

CLASS: PHS

DESIGNER: Warwick Yacht Design (NZL)

YEAR BUILT: 2006

TYPE: Warwick 67

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 6

OWNER: Adrian Lewis

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Adrian Lewis (10) – Skipper, Sarah Lewis (5) – Navigator, Sam Hand (7), Tim Humphris (10), Ben Renshaw (5), Glenn Scheen (7), Matthew Shepherd (5), Paul Whybird (8), Peter Young (6)

Allegro last raced to Hobart in 2019 and finished 13th on PHS after Adrian Lewis took her to PHS sixth in 2018, improving on his 16th in 2017. In 2016, *Allegro* was 13th on PHS, following her PHS 14th in 2015. In 2014, sailing as *Geomatic Allegro*, the Warwick 67 limped over the finish line with rig damage, to finish PHS 19th. Early in 2018, Lewis and Glenn Scheen finished second over the line and PHS seventh in the 5500nm double-handed Melbourne to Osaka Yacht Race. *Allegro* is a combination of luxury and carbon fibre, a comfortable boat for the longstanding crew of family and friends.



ANDOO COMANCHE

SAIL NO: CAY007

LOA: 30.5m

CLASS: IRC

DESIGNER: Verdier Yacht Design and VPLP (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2014

TYPE: Vplp 100

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 5

CHARTERER: John Winning Jr

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia/Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: John Winning Jr (3) – Skipper, Will Oxley (17) – Navigator, Richard Allanson (14), Pablo Arrate (4), Julien Cressant (3), Antonio Cuervas Mons (5), Nathan Dean, Peter Dean (1), Damien Dunchon, Fraser Edwards, Sam Fay, Philip Jameson (7), Seve Jarvin (5), Campbell Knox (4), Iain Murray (26), Sam Newton (8), Sven Runow (27), Justin Shaffer (1), Justin Slattery (3), Harry Smith (1), Edward Smyth (2), Matt Stenta, Graeme Taylor (25), Andre Vorster, John Winning Sr (6)

John 'Herman' Winning Jr has chartered the Sydney Hobart record holder, *Comanche*. In their first hit out, Winning took Line Honours from *Black Jack* in the fluky 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. She took Line Honours in

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just under 20 hours and won the inaugural 260nm Tollgate Islands Race. Herman has prefixed the boat's name with 'Andoo' for Andoo Products, which partners with his Appliances Online. This is the boat to beat for Line Honours. American Jim Clark and Aussie wife Kristy bought brand new *Comanche* for her first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2014 and finished 49 mins behind Line Honours victor, *Wild Oats XI*, ahead of her Line Honours victory in 2015 after scoring Line Honours in the light and fluky 2015 Rolex Fastnet Race. She also smashed the 2225 nautical mile Transpac monohull record in 2017. Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant bought her just prior to the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart and as *LDV Comanche*, she took Line Honours and the race record after a protest against *Wild Oats XI*. In 2018, *Comanche* was pipped for second over the Rolex Sydney Hobart finish line by *Black Jack* after a race-long battle between the four 100-footers, won by *Wild Oats XI*. Cooney last took her to Hobart in 2019 and took Line Honours after doing the same in the 2019 Transpac Race.

**ANJO****SAIL NO:** 38117**LOA:** 12.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2012**TYPE:** Beneteau First 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Clayton Craigie**CLUB:** Subic Bay Yacht Club, Philippines**CREW:** Clayton Craigie (1) – Skipper, Joemar Bonquin – Navigator, Steve Bingham, Isa Rosli, Joseph Vilena

Clayton Craigie purchased *Anjo*, a Beneteau First 40, in 2018 in San Francisco when he retired. The retirement wish, on the way to sailing the boat back to Australia, was the Vic-Maui, Cape Town to Rio and Rolex Sydney Hobart races on his own yacht. He's crossed two

off the bucket list and is looking forward to being in Sydney for the last of the trio of races. Craigie, who calls Queensland home these days, is an Aussie who has lived in the US and Hong Kong. Apart from four Vic-Maui races and a Sydney Hobart, he has multiple Pacific and Indian Ocean crossings behind him.

**ANTIPODES****SAIL NO:** GBR2888L**LOA:** 22.0m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Bill Lee (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1997**TYPE:** Santa Cruz 72**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Geoff Hill**CLUB:** Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hong Kong**CREW:** Geoff Hill (18) – Skipper, Alan Tillyer – Navigator, Angel Balladares, Ralph Carlier (36), Grant Chessells (15), Clyde Freeman, John Hallam (12), Michael Heenan (22), Bradshaw Kellett (29), Craig Miller, Cornelio Olis, Bradley Owen, Natasha Parker, Jarrod Sallis (1), Guy Salter, Roger Segovia, Campbell Thornton (16), Bram Van Spengen

Antipodes has been based in Asia since 2012, successfully competing in all major Asian races, including winning her division at the Kings Cup and Raja Muda regatta. Geoff Hill's boat also holds the race record for Darwin to Dili and Darwin to Ambon yacht races. Hill has competed in the Hobart with his own yacht and sailing with others. The 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart will kick-start the Santa Cruz 72's Australian racing program. The yacht is a custom 72-foot carbon hulled racer/cruiser that was completely overhauled and upgraded in 2012.

**ARIEL****SAIL NO:** A140**LOA:** 12.2m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2010**TYPE:** Beneteau First 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 6**OWNER:** Ron Forster/Phil Damp**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** Ron Forster (7) – Skipper, Phil Damp (5) – Skipper, John Naylor (9) – Navigator, Craig Bathie (3), Andrew Scott (11)

Ariel retired from the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart with main damage on the first night. Before that, Ron Forster last took the Beneteau First 40 south in 2017 and placed 34th overall to win Division 3. In 2016, she finished 21st for third in Division 3. Forster and Damp were thrilled to finish third overall in the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart after finishing 29th in 2013 and 28th in 2012. The *Ariel* crew is, as is usual, limbering up in the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore ahead of the main event. They finished a good 11th overall for second in Division 3 in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race.

**ARIKI TAI****SAIL NO:** CIG16**LOA:** 16.4m**CLASS:** IRC/IRC Corinthian/Two-Handed**DESIGNER:** Marc Lombard (FRA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2011**TYPE:** Cigale 16**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Denis Doyle/Lynne Smith**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** Denis Doyle (19) – Skipper, Greg Johnston (28) – Skipper

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Well-known CYCA cruising member, Denis Doyle, has entered the Two-Handed Division of the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Doyle has 18 Sydney Hobarts behind him and has co-opted the service of Greg Johnston, a veteran of 28 Hobarts, inclusive of a Line Honours victory and Overall win. The two have put away a lot of ocean miles between them. Built in France, *Ariki Tai* (Maori for 'Chieftan of the Sea') is a cutter-rigged cruising yacht designed for fast extended offshore cruising. In preparation, she has received an updated sail wardrobe and equipment. Following the race, *Ariki Tai's* owners will resume extended cruising in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.



AVALANCHE

SAIL NO: 2400

LOA: 12.3m

CLASS: ORCi/Two-Handed

DESIGNER: Robert Hick (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 2015

TYPE: Hick 40

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 2

OWNER: James Murchison

CLUB: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW

CREW: James Murchison (13) - Skipper, James Francis (11) - Skipper

This is a third Rolex Sydney Hobart and third owner for *Avalanche*. The Hick 40 was launched in 2015 for Hugh Ellis and Gary Caulfield, and contested the Hobart that year with the designer, Robert Hick, aboard. She retired with hull damage. James Murchison, of *Abracadabra* fame, will now sail her in the Two-Handed Division with his long-time crew, James Francis. The two did many Hobarts on Murchison's *Abracadabra*, including their last in 2019.



BACARDI

SAIL NO: SM377

LOA: 13.4m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Doug Peterson (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 1978

TYPE: Peterson 44

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 28

OWNER: Martin Power

SKIPPER: Brett Averay

CLUB: Sandringham Yacht Club, Vic

CREW: Brett Averay (9) - Skipper, Martin Bridgman (1), Darren Hunter, Marcus Korobacz (3), Terry Kourtis (3), Anthony Mitton (7), Matthew Richards (1), Lorraine Smith (2), Martin Vaughan (5)

Bacardi has sailed more Sydney Hobarts than any other yacht, competing in her 29th this year. Martin Power, who bought the boat in 2008, last took her south in 2014 and placed 64th. The late Graeme Ainley and John Williams were the Peterson 44's original owners, who got the best out of her with second overall to another golden oldie, *Love & War* in 2006, third in 2001 and fourth in 2000. She was also one of the finishers in the 1998 race and incredibly, has retired only once, in 2010, when she lost her rig and the deck delaminated in heavy seas off the NSW coast. Built to the old IOR rule, *Bacardi* weighs in at 12 tonnes and is at her best in heavy weather. Her skipper for this race, Brett Averay, has raced and sailed thousands of ocean miles.



BLACK JACK

SAIL NO: 525100

LOA: 30.0m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 2005

TYPE: Reichel/Pugh 100

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 6

OWNER: Peter Harburg

SKIPPER: Mark Bradford

CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD

CREW: Mark Bradford (14) - Skipper, Juan Vila (9) - Navigator, Peter Harburg (11), Chris Anderson (10), Adam Beashel (2), Scott Beavis (11), Bruce Clark (29), Simon Daubney (7), John Flannery (16), Darren Hutchison (14), Will McCarthy (16), Alex Nolan (10), Silas Nolan (19), Anthony Nossiter (20), Dean Phipps (3), Vaughan Prentice (13), Joca Signorini (2) Liam Woulfe (7), Reece Woulfe (1)

Skipped by Mark Bradford, *Black Jack* took Line Honours in the Rolex Sydney Hobart last year, then took line, record and overall wins in the 2022 Club Marine Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Yacht Race. *Black Jack* took Line Honours and broke her own record in the Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and took line and overall honours in November's Bird Island Race. *Black Jack* was fifth over the line in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart and second on line in 2018 - the top four finished four miles apart.

The boat placed third on line in 2017, inside *Perpetual LOYAL's* 2016 record. She led the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race until late, finishing second to *Andoo Comanche*. Peter Harburg purchased the former *Alfa Romeo/Esimet Europa* in mid-2017 and renamed her for his mate, Jack Brabham. As Neville Crichton's *Alfa Romeo*, the boat took Line Honours from *Wild Oats XI* in the 2009 Rolex Sydney Hobart. The boat has claimed 160-plus line honours wins around the world and broke the 2009 Transpac Race record.



BLINK

SAIL NO: B40

LOA: 12.2m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 2012

BOAT NOTES

TYPE: Beneteau First 40
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 4
OWNER: Mark Gorbатов/Mark Siebert
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: Mark Gorbатов (2) – Skipper, rest TBA

This is the former *Concubine* (original owner Jason Ward finished 43rd in the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart) and *Bravo* (placed 14th in 2016 to win Division 3 under Robbo Robertson ownership). Her latest owner, Mark Gorbатов, joined others retiring on the first night last year after posting 82nd in his first Rolex Sydney Hobart with the Beneteau First 40 in 2019. Placing 15th in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race for fourth in Division 3. An ophthalmologist, one might assume the name 'Blink' comes from Gorbатов's profession, but it was in fact named by his young daughter, for the Dr Who episode titled 'Don't Blink'.



BLUE PLANET
SAIL NO: AUS110
LOA: 9.9m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi/Two-Handed
DESIGNER: Alan Johnstone (USA)
YEAR BUILT: 2022
TYPE: J/99
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0
OWNER: Chris O'Neill
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia/Greenwich Flying Squadron, NSW
CREW: Chris O'Neill (3) – Skipper, Larry Jamieson (35) – Skipper

Chris O'Neill's J/99 arrived in Sydney at the end of October, later than anticipated. Little time was left to make sails, measure and rate the J/99, "But everyone is bending over backwards to help us," says O'Neill. His co-skipper, Larry Jamieson, is a veteran of 35 Hobarts, whose thousands of ocean miles include international yacht deliveries. *Blue Planet* is the first offshore racer O'Neill has owned, but he has sailed since childhood, inclusive of three Sydney Hobarts. The pair will

race in support of the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research, an Aussie company focussed on the prevention and treatment of sleep and respiratory disorders, lung cancer and tuberculosis.



BOWLINE
SAIL NO: 10447
LOA: 13.4m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
YEAR BUILT: 2005
TYPE: Beneteau First 44.7
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 1
OWNER: Ian Roberts
CLUB: Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, SA
CREW: Ian Roberts (1) – Skipper, Peter Hutchison (1) – Navigator, Reid Bosward (1), Peter Christensen, Finn de Bruin, Mary Foster, Jenny Geytenbeek (1), Anthony Pennington (1), Steve Pennington, Nick Smith (1)

Ian Roberts sailed *Bowline* to 33rd in their first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2021 in trying conditions. The RSAYS Commodore has been campaigning the Beneteau First 44.7 in club races in SA, both inshore and offshore. A mix of crew selected for their experience and aptitude for offshore races, and also those who have just begun to sail offshore, Ian fulfils his commitment to stimulate offshore racing programs in South Australia. The former *Le Billet*, with its good track record, was purchased by Roberts in 2021.



CARO
SAIL NO: CAY52
LOA: 15.9m
CLASS: IRC
DESIGNER: Botin Partners (ESP)

YEAR BUILT: 2021
TYPE: Botin 52
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0
OWNER: Maximilian Klink
CLUB: Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, NZL
CREW: Maximilian Klink (5) – Skipper, Mark Bartlett (1), Justin Ferris (6), Ryan Godfrey (15), Cian Guilfoyle, Kelvin Harrap (4), William Parker (8), James Paterson (10), Jules Salter, Jonathan Swain (5)

Caro, launched in 2021, was designed to win classic offshore races and has shown early promise with a fourth overall in the 3000nm Transatlantic Race from Lanzarote to Grenada in July. The Botin 52 scored an IRC CSA 1 victory in Les Voiles de St Barth in April and cleaned up against the other TP52s, including *Ich Ban*, at the Australian Yachting Championships at Hamilton Island in August. Max Klink's previous *Caro*, a Botin 65, came to Australia new in 2014. Her skipper, Mark Bartlett, arrived with the vision of winning the Rolex Sydney Hobart that year, but ultimately finished 57th overall. This is the TP52 to beat; her prospects are excellent.



CASSIOPEIA 68
SAIL NO: HUN68
LOA: 20.7m
CLASS: IRC
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
YEAR BUILT: 2012
TYPE: Marten 68
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0
OWNER: Cassiopeia 68 Ltd
SKIPPER: Demeter Nobilis
CLUB: Almadi Yacht Club, Hungary
CREW: Demeter Nobilis – Skipper, Balint Sipos – Navigator, Kristof Nobilis, Agoston Nobilis, Peter Perenyi, Agoston Sipos, Miklos Ujhelyi, Robert Vador, Szabolcs Weores

A first Rolex Sydney Hobart for this Marten 68 from landlocked Hungary and for her full Hungarian crew. *Cassiopeia 68* is a Reichel/

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Pugh design and the first part of her building process was carried out by the experts of Marten Yacht in Australia. This is not your basic racing yacht, she has three guest cabins, owner's cabin, three bathrooms and a sizeable galley. However, this is a fast yacht that is equipped with modern technology. Her racing includes the 2018 Thousand Mile race, 2019 Rolex Middle Sea Race, 2020 ARC and the 2020 Atlantic Rally. The team says: "We are looking forward with excitement to participate in your prestigious race this year."



CELESTIAL

SAIL NO: 9535

LOA: 15.9m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)

YEAR BUILT: 2011

TYPE: JV TP52

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 2

OWNER: Sam Haynes

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Sam Haynes (11) – Skipper, James Dagge (2) – Navigator, Lewis Brake (2), Callum Cecil (7), David Chapman (7), Rob Greenhalgh (5), Troy Grafton (19), Jack Macartney (9), Frank O'Leary (9), Malcolm Parker (15), Luke Payne (1), Lindsay Stead (12), Johnny Warren (1), Harry West (1), Wulf Wilkens (2)

Sam Haynes bought his latest *Celestial*, the former *Audi All4One/Beecom/Temptation III/Ambition*, in the run-up to the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart and placed 14th that year. Last year's race ended in devastation for the Sydney vet and CYCA Vice Commodore when his overall win ended in a protest and a drop to second place. *Celestial* has since placed third in the Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone, sixth in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, fifth in the Flinders Islet Race and sixth in the slow Bird Island Race. Haynes is looking to replicate the incredible success he has enjoyed with all his

Celestials in this year's race. In 2018, Haynes sailed his former *Celestial* to 17th in the Hobart (second best placed TP52) to finish second the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore (BWPS). In 2017 he placed ninth and runner-up in the BWPS. In 2016, the yachtsman was 16th for a divisional third, and in 2015 placed 29th for divisional third (his first Hobart with the yacht). With another former *Celestial*, a Rogers 46, Haynes was second in the 2012 BWPS and won all three (IRC/ORCi/PHS) crowns in the 2014 BWPS, including winning the Sydney Gold Coast. He was 11th for second in Division 2 in the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart, following on from third in the 2013 race. Haynes and crew have the runs on the board that make them contenders for the Tattersall Cup.



CHUTZPAH

SAIL NO: R33

LOA: 12.2m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 2007

TYPE: Reichel/Pugh 40

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 14

OWNER: Bruce Taylor

CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, VIC

CREW: Bruce Taylor (40) – Skipper, Kingsley Piesse (38) – Navigator, Lincoln Attersall (5), Peter Fletcher (34), Gavin Gourley (34), James Permezel (34), Paul Sandles (20), Drew Taylor (28), Ian Taylor (20), David Watson (3)

Chutzpah's perennial crew have at least 240 Hobarts between them (bolstered by owner Bruce Taylor's 40) and 22 divisional places, inclusive of six wins. *Chutzpah* placed 11th and won Division 2 last year. The R/P 40 was 50th in the 2019 race and 16th for divisional second in 2018. She won the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast after placing eighth for third in division of the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart and was second in division in 2016, after

placing 18th in the 2015 race. These followed a painful second to *Wild Rose* by a little under 39 minutes in 2014 – with another divisional win. Other best results were fourth overall in 2007 and fifth in 2013. With previous *Chutzpahs*, Taylor's other best results were second overall in 1990 and ninth in 1994 for second in IMS Division (371 boats raced), while sixth in 2001. Since 1986, he has owned six offshore *Chutzpahs* and has clocked up 35 straight Hobarts. Taylor and son Drew are the only father/son combination in history to sail 28 Hobarts together and are unlikely to be superseded. Many would love to see Taylor and crew win the race.



CIAO BELLA

SAIL NO: SM888

LOA: 14.9m

CLASS: PHS

DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)

YEAR BUILT: 2015

TYPE: Hanse 505

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Karl Onslow

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Karl Onslow (1) – Skipper, Barton Bennison (3), Peter Charles (1), Andrew Ebbott (7), Riley Evans, Kym Evans (1), Stirling Keen, Janelle Orth (1), Thomas Picherit, Ellen Sijtsma, Robert Speedy (12), Richard Williams (4)

This is *Ciao Bella's* maiden Rolex Sydney Hobart. Since Karl Onslow purchased the Hanse 505, he and the crew have contested the CYCA's Ocean Pointscore and Short Ocean Pointscore. Onslow contested the drawn out fluky 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, but along with many others, retired. Headed to Hamilton Island Race Week and finished fifth in division. Onslow says he looks forward to competing in his second Hobart. Crew for 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is a happy mix of experienced offshore races and newer recruits.

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**CINQUANTE****SAIL NO:** 5038**LOA:** 11.8m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2002**TYPE:** Sydney 38**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** Kim Jaggat**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** Kim Jaggat (35) – Skipper, Bob Thomas (29) – Navigator, Michael Bencsik (24), Max Cottier (1), Annie Lawrence (16), Chris Rockell (22), Matthew Rockell (1), David Sharp (16), Neil Tavener (17), John Whitfeld (27)

Last year, Kim Jaggat, a veteran of 35 Sydney Hobarts, placed ninth with *Cinquante*, for second in Division 3 and third in IRC Corinthian. In 2019, he was 23rd for third in IRC Division 5 And second in IRC Corinthian, while in 2018 he scored 28th and second in IRC Corinthian after buying *Cinquante* (meaning '50' in French) that year. The Sydney 38 was 18th in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and 20th in the Tollgate Islands Race. The boat's only other Hobart was 2008 when former owner, Ian Murray, won the Sydney 38 division, when the boat was known as *Morris Finance Cinquante*.

**COOPERS****SAIL NO:** 3810**LOA:** 16.1m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Philippe Briand (FRA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2010**TYPE:** Jeanneau 53**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Craig Watson**CLUB:** Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD**CREW:** Craig Watson – Skipper, John Moody (6) – Navigator, Lindsay Atherton, Ian Barr (3), Simon Griffiths (2), Tristan Hamilton (2), Brian Jackson, Jason Muir (1), Christopher O'Shannessy, Andrew Wells, Casper White (6)

Owner Craig Watson named *Coopers*, a Jeanneau 53, after his generous sponsor. The boat is easily recognised when the big green 'Coopers' spinnaker is hoisted. The boat is new to the Hobart, but Watson has spent a lot of time racing her at Hamilton Island, Airlie Beach and SeaLink Magnetic Island race weeks, where he began flotillas from the University of Queensland in 1983. Watson also competed in the 2018 and 2021 Brisbane to Gladstone races, handling the conditions well, winning PHS Modern both years and finishing fifth overall in 2021.

**CRUSH****SAIL NO:** F0052**LOA:** 15.9m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Judel/Vrolijk (GER)**YEAR BUILT:** 2011**TYPE:** TP52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** David Davenport**CLUB:** Fremantle Sailing Club, WA**CREW:** David Davenport – Skipper, Kai Colman, Kevin Costin (12), David Cunningham (1), Simon Cunningham, Ben Durham, Niall Morrow, Kenneth Riley, Adam Shand (4), Dave Spearman, Graeme Spence, Ken Stevenson, Mark Wheeler (4), Justin Wong (2)

David Davenport's newest purchase is a well proven offshore competitor. Davenport, who competed in the 75th Rolex Sydney Hobart in his previous boat, has purchased the TP52 with the goal to provide a platform for West Australians to gain experience on high performance offshore boats.

Last known as *Envy Scooters* from late 2017, the boat placed 16th in the Rolex Sydney Hobart that year. Scored 19th in 2018 and sixth in 2019, dropping from third after a protest. The same year, the boat won the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and Brisbane to Gladstone races. When first Aussie owner, Matt Allen, bought the former *Audi Azzurra/Shogun V*, he adapted it for offshore racing and claimed a divisional win in the 2015 NSW IRC Championship and placed fifth in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart. A competitor to keep an eye on.

**CRUX****SAIL NO:** MYC8**LOA:** 10.1m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian/Two-Handed**DESIGNER:** Sparkman & Stephens (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** S&S 34**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Carlos Aydos**CLUB:** Manly Yacht Club, NSW**CREW:** Carlos Aydos (2) – Skipper, Peter Grayson (3) – Skipper

Crux has been owned by Carlos Aydos since 2018 and placed second in the Two-Handed Division in both IRC and ORCi in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Since then, Aydos has scored second in the Two-Handed Division of the 2022 Flinders Islet Race, fourth overall in the inaugural Tollgate Islands Race, beaten by *Andoo Comanche*, *URM Group* and *Money Penny* – all markedly larger than this reliable boat – and third Two-Handed in the Bird Island Race. This is the last S&S 34 ever built. Under her former name, *Blondie*, this boat won the Fremantle to Geraldton race. Peter Grayson is again Aydos' co-skipper for the race on this capable cruiser/racer.

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CRYSTAL CUTTER III

SAIL NO: 6661

LOA: 11.9m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 2008

TYPE: Beneteau 40.7

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 2

OWNER: Charles Parry-Okeden

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Charles Parry-Okeden (2) – Skipper, David Fair – Navigator, Adam Leeming (2) – Navigator, Mike Cullen (2), Damian Fox (1), Daniel O’Sullivan (2), Doug Sturrock (1), Henry Sturrock (1), Jonathan Ward (1), James Wentworth (2)

Charles Parry-Okeden and *Crystal Cutter III* will do their third Hobart and he is hoping it bears more fruit than last year when his Beneteau 40.7 retired with sail damage. In 2019, when he purchased the former *Tomoka/Bombolo*, both owner and boat contested their first Rolex Sydney Hobart and placed 97th overall. A regular Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore competitor over the years, Parry-Okeden placed 41st in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and 25th in the Flinders Islet Race this year – good practice for the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart. The Sydney yachtsman previously owned a Beneteau Oceanis 38, *Crystal Cutter II*, which he sailed in various CYCA races.



CURRAWONG

SAIL NO: 7374

LOA: 9.1m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/Two-Handed

DESIGNER: Peter Joubert (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 1974

TYPE: Currawong 30

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Kathy Veel

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Kathy Veel (3) – Skipper, Bridget Canham (8) – Skipper

Kathy Veel and Bridget Canham will sail Veel’s Currawong 30, named *Currawong* (the second smallest boat in the fleet), in the Two-Handed Division of the race. Veel sailed the yacht two-handed from Melbourne to Sydney and has owned small yachts and sailed short-handed since her twenties. She was on Christine Evans’ *Belles Long Ranger* crew in 1989; only the second all-female crew to contest the Hobart. Her next was on Kerry Goudge’s all-female crew in 1992 (*Women on Water*). Bridget Canham joined Goudge’s all-female crews for the 1993 and 1994 races and sailed her last Hobart in 2019. The two learned from Goudge to never give up, to finish the race – and they lived up to that in November’s Bird Island Race, finishing last on line for fifth in the Two-Handed Division, when so many others pulled out. They are the first female two-handed crew to compete in the race.

Currawong is the first Joubert Currawong 30 out of the mould in 1973. Commissioned by Will Burrows and launched in 1974, she is a sistership to the famous 1981 Hobart winner, *Zeus II*. A major refit was begun in 2016 and has continued this year, by Veel, with a focus on preparing for the Rolex Sydney Hobart.



CYAN MOON

SAIL NO: B47

LOA: 14.3m

CLASS: PHS

DESIGNER: Groupe Finot (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2003

TYPE: Beneteau Oceanis 473

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Wayne Arnold Seaward

CLUB: Royal Brighton Yacht Club,

VIC

CREW: Wayne Seaward (1) – Skipper, Ian Mounsey – Navigator, Robert Arthur (1), Louise Cotter (3), Maud Demazure (1), Margaret Findlay, Mark Gibbs (5), Mark McAllister (1), Rebecca Wells, Mindy Wilson (1)

Following a long stay at Hamilton Island in 2021, *Cyan Moon*, a comfortable Beneteau Oceanis 473, headed home to Melbourne where she is sailed and raced by the Seaward family and friends on Port Phillip Bay, including the Festival of Sails in Geelong. Boat and crew head for the northern circuit during July-August each year, including Airlie Beach Race Week where they are well known. This will be *Cyan Moon*’s first Rolex Sydney Hobart, where they will be pitted against similar designs.



DENALI

SAIL NO: 52569

LOA: 15.9m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian

DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)

YEAR BUILT: 2007

TYPE: TP52

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 1

OWNER: Damien Parkes

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Damien Parkes (33) – Skipper, Darren Castle (2) – Navigator, Matthew Cassidy (14), Adrian Dunphy (21), Chris Hills (5), Josh Linnegar (5), David McClean (13), Geoff Nash (1), Annemarie Parkes, Hagen Peterson, Fiete Quaschner

Originally built as *Matador* for the world TP52 circuit, the yacht was updated to offshore standards and raced in the US as *Denali*. Last year the boat suffered hull damage in the race and has been in the shed undertaking repairs. Crew this year includes sailing master, Matt Cassidy, whose Hobarts have all been with *Denali*’s owner, Damien Parkes. Parkes’ daughter, Annemarie, joins the crew for

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her first Hobart, replacing her brother Nick, who normally runs and maintains the boat. Father and son achieved a third overall in the Sydney 38 *Next* in 2009 and Damien, with 33 Hobarts achieved, was watch captain on *Vengeance* for her 1981 Line Honours win and *Gretel* for her second overall in 1980.



ENTERPRISE NEXT GENERATION

SAIL NO: F1701

LOA: 12.8m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Carkeek (ESP)

YEAR BUILT: 2009

TYPE: Botin/Carkeek GP42

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Anthony Kirke and Andrew Nuttman

CLUB: Fremantle Sailing Club, WA

CREW: Anthony Kirke (2) – Skipper, Andrew Nuttman (3) – Skipper, Tom Coker, Will Drew, Brenton Edwards, Paul Eldrid (7), Simon Kirke, Mark Robins (1), Christian Stevens (1), Daniel Taylor (2), Josh Wijohn

Captain' Anthony Kirke has upgraded from his Farr 40, *Enterprise* (they finished 21st overall to win Division 4 in 2019), to this faster Botin/Carkeek GP42 which came off the Fast 40 circuit in the UK and has been modified for offshore sailing. West Australians Kirke and Andrew Nuttman brought his boat to Sydney, tested her in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and placed 34th overall, then ninth in the Flinders Islet Race and 14th in the Tollgate Islands Race, as the crew continues to grow in confidence with the boat.



ESPRIT

SAIL NO: 8455

LOA: 14.0m

CLASS: PHS/PHS Corinthian

DESIGNER: Berret Racoupeau Yacht Design (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2003

TYPE: Wauquiez C45

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Rod West

CLUB: Southport Yacht Club, QLD

CREW: Rod West (7) – Skipper, Graham Costello (4) – Navigator, Rohan Birch (2), Robert Brooks (2), Daren Keil, Sheree Lavender, Christopher Leahy (1), Chris Mazur (4), Rob Wibaux (1), Carla Williams, Brent Young

This is the first time to the Rolex Sydney Hobart start line for *Esprit*, a Wauquiez C45 design from France. However, it is not a first for her owner, ex-army colonel Rod West, who contested the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart with a Beneteau First 44.7, *Another Painkiller*, which won him the 2019 Southport Yacht Club Offshore Club Champion title. They finished the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart 87th after placing 60th in 2017. Otherwise, West usually confines racing to his home club where the yachtsman is known as a consistently solid performer.



EYE CANDY

SAIL NO: FRA-9777

LOA: 11.8m

CLASS: IRC/Sydney 38 OD

DESIGNER: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 2002

TYPE: Sydney 38

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Thierry Leseigneur

CLUB: Cercle Nautique Calédonien, New Caledonia

CREW: Thierry Leseigneur – Skipper, Stuart Minchin – Navigator, Tom Carr, Maurice Aymeric Desurmont, Laurent Laroche, Briac Lemoine, Malo Leseigneur, Vincent Trinquet

This is *Eye Candy*'s maiden Sydney Hobart; however, Thierry Leseigneur and his son Malo have raced in Sydney previously, chartering *Faster Forward* for the inaugural Sydney 38

OD International Championship at Middle Harbour Yacht Club in 2017. In June this year, the Leseigneurs won the New Caledonia Groupama Race with *Eye Candy*, also taking ORCi honours. Second and third places also went to local Sydney 38s and third placed *Poulpito* will join *Eye Candy* on the start line in December. The Sydney 38s have great inhouse competition at home in New Caledonia and *Eye Candy* will join a strong fleet of Sydney 38s for the Rolex Sydney Hobart this year.



FLOW SAILS YEAH BABY

SAIL NO: A5

LOA: 15.2m

CLASS: IRC/IRC Corinthian

DESIGNER: Hugh Welbourn (UK)

YEAR BUILT: 2000

TYPE: Welbourn 50

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 5

OWNER: Andy Lamont

CLUB: Southport Yacht Club, QLD

CREW: Andy Lamont – Skipper, Craig Foley – Navigator, Emma Baillie (1), Chris Evans (3), Philip Gadd (1), Jake Gundry (3), Madeline Lyons, David McDonald, Braeden McHugh, Phoebe Reedman, Barry Schoonenberg (2), David Walton (2), Blake Wilson

Andy Lamont has entered *Yeah Baby*, which previously also sailed with sponsor names attached over the years. Lamont has called her *Flow Sails Yeah Baby* and placed second overall in the 220nm South East Queensland Ocean Racing Qualifier in November from another Hobart entry, *Huntress*. The Welbourn 50 last pointed south in 2019 as *Ward Civil Yeah Baby* and placed 77th with former owners, Louis and Marc Ryckmans. Their Hobart results were 27th in 2017, 36th in 2015 and 34th in 2014. Before then, she was Rod Jones' *Audi Sunshine Coast* and retired from the 2013 race. Andy Lamont used to own *Impulse X*, which he sailed mostly single-handed from the Netherlands to Australia.

BOAT NOTES



FLYING CLOUD

SAIL NO: 6808

LOA: 12.2m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 2009

TYPE: Beneteau First 40

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 1

OWNER: David Myers

CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: George Martin (6) – Skipper, Mathew Ackroyd (1), Christopher Bealey, Maggie Debicka, Michael Hurst (1), David Myers (1), Elizabeth Myers (1), Rupert Myers, Jessica Nuel (1), Andrew Stuckey (1)

David Myers purchased *Flying Cloud*, raced her to Hobart last year and placed 24th overall. She subsequently placed 39th in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and 38th in the Flinders Islet Race. The Beneteau First 40 was previously owned by Howard Piggott, a past CYCA Commodore, who raced regularly with many podium results. *Flying Cloud* also competed in the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race, finishing ninth overall. Myers is again competing in the CYCA's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore in preparation for the 628 nautical mile Rolex Sydney Hobart.



FLYING FISH ARCTOS

SAIL NO: 7551

LOA: 15.2m

CLASS: PHS

DESIGNER: Graham Radford (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 2001

TYPE: Radford 55

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 15

OWNER: Flying Fish Online

CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Drew Hulton-Smith (2) – Skipper, Rachel Burgess, Philip Clark (1), Benjamin Deifel, Craig Dyke, Jenny O'Donoghue (1), Gary Offner, David Piggott, Ian Rankine, Brenden Savage (1), David Temperley, Michael Westen

A training vessel for both international competitors and locals, *Flying Fish Arctos* is approaching her 16th Sydney Hobart. Last year she placed fifth on PHS. George Martin skippered the Radford 55 to 12th on PHS in the 2019 race after Andrew Corless steered her to eighth in 2018. Best results include a PHS and PHS Division 2 win, beating all Division 1 yachts in 2017, with Alex Martin at the helm. The yacht also won PHS in 2010, scored second in 2009 and third in 2012. The flagship in the Flying Fish offshore training fleet this cutter rigged yacht was originally built for Don McIntyre to race around the world.



FRUIT SALID 3

SAIL NO: RQ334

LOA: 12.2m

CLASS: IRC/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian

DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 2013

TYPE: Beneteau First 40

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 1

OWNER: Mark Drobitko

CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD

CREW: Mark Drobitko (2) – Skipper, Neil Everson (1) – Navigator, Rebekah Blake (1), Chris Dymalovski (1), Miles Ellery (1), Sam Johnson (1), Daniel Scanlan (1), Geoff Tomlins (4)

Mark Drobitko placed 22nd in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart and contested events up north this year. He bought *Fruit Salid* in the UK in 2016 and sailed it to Australia, arriving in late 2017. Passage highlights included first place in the 2016 ARC+ Atlantic Crossing, Caribbean Sea cruising, Grenada

Race Week, Panama Canal transit, Pacific Ocean, and time enjoying life at sea. The Beneteau 40's crew are working towards the boat's second Sydney Hobart campaign. The boat's intended name was 'Fruit Salad', but a few drinks later and with the paint brush out, the spelling changed...



GUN RUNNER

SAIL NO: 3867

LOA: 9.2m

CLASS: IRC/IRC Corinthian

DESIGNER: John King (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 1988

TYPE: Jarkan 925

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 4

OWNER: Army Sailing Club

SKIPPER: Chris Connelly

CLUB: Army Sailing Club, NSW

CREW: Chris Connelly (1) – Skipper, Shane Nicoll – Navigator, Joel Colling, Aaron Scott, Daniel Sgarano, Trent Spencer

The third smallest boat in the fleet, *Gun Runner* retired from the 2021 race due to time constraints. Prior to that, the Jarkan 925 placed 114th on IRC in 2019, after a best result of 50th for fourth in Division 4 in 2018, when she also won the Corinthian Division. In 2017 as second smallest boat in the fleet, she finished 77th. Owned by the Army Sailing Club, the Army uses the boat to train its personnel and teaches the Army values of courage, initiative, respect and teamwork. Her crew will be out to wrestle the Oggin Cup (awarded to the first armed services yacht on corrected time) back from *Navy One*, winner of the Cup for the past two years.



GUNSHOT

SAIL NO: NZL8425

LOA: 16.0m

BOAT NOTES

CLASS: ORCi
DESIGNER: Greg Elliott (NZ)
YEAR BUILT: 1995
TYPE: Elliott 52
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0
OWNER: David Walsh
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: David Walsh – Skipper, Jay Maxwell – Navigator, Candice Cushway, Stephen Dawson (6), Grant Grant, Kam MacDonald, Stacey McMasters

Gunshot is a canting keeled Elliott 52. Under her former name *Hydroflow*, she performed well but ran aground after breaking her moorings. She has since been restored and continues to compete in the CYCA's offshore races. New owner, David Walsh, won the 1982 Hobart on *Scallywag*, on which they also won the Sydney Mooloolaba race, Short Ocean Pointscore and CYCA Blue Water Pointscore. David Walsh says they are looking forward to building a race-winning crew and mixing in at the front end of the fleet in the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart.



GWEILO
SAIL NO: 052
LOA: 15.9m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi
DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
YEAR BUILT: 2011
TYPE: TP52
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 3
OWNER: Matt Donald/Chris Townsend
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: Matt Donald (3) – Skipper, Andrea Green (10) – Navigator, Adam Barnes (20), Andrew Cribb (14), Simon Cunningham (9), Joseph Ferguson, James Hodgson, Anthony Merrington (13), Peter Merrington (24), Wade Morgan (9), Nicolas Partridge (23), George Richardson, Oliver Scott-Mackie (5), William Sykes (8)

Gweilo damaged her forestay in last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart and

retired but went on to place second in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race to win Division 1 and place third in the Flinders Islet Race. *Gweilo* arrived in Australia in 2018 and owners Matt Donald and Chris Townsend placed 22nd in the Rolex Sydney Hobart that year. The following year they were second overall for second in Division 1, translating to second in the 2019/20 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore. Featuring a solid crew, *Gweilo* is touted as a race favourite, but will have to beat all the other 52s, including new kid on the block, *Caro*, to do so.



HAMILTON ISLAND WILD OATS
SAIL NO: AUS10001
LOA: 30.5m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
YEAR BUILT: 2005
TYPE: Reichel Pugh 30
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 15
OWNER: The Oatley family
SKIPPER: Mark Richards
CLUB: Hamilton Island Yacht Club, QLD
CREW: Mark Richards (18) – Skipper, Stan Honey (7) – Navigator, Cam Baillie (7), Guido Belgiorno-Nettis (1), Rodney Daniel (16), Nathan Ellis (12), Craig Garnett (18), Andrew Henderson (22), John Hildebrand (11), Murray Jones, Kyle Langford (2), Chris Links (8), Paul Magee (9), Matthew Mason (12), Robbie Naismith (25), Steve Quigley (7), Matt Shillington (22), Paul Westlake (9), Josh Whittaker (18), Tim Wiseman (14)

Wild Oats XI returns in 2022 racing under a refreshed name, *Hamilton Island Wild Oats*. Mark Richards and crew recently returned to racing in the fluky 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and finished third on Line Honours behind *Andoo Comanche* and *Black Jack*.

Wild Oats XI last competed in the Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2019 and

finished third over the line, pipping *SHK Scallywag* by 38 seconds, enthralling onlookers. She took Line Honours in 2018 and crossed the line first in 2017 before moving to second on line to *LDV Comanche* following a protest. Damage caused early retirements in 2015 and 2016. In 2014, she beat *Comanche* to obtain her record eighth Line Honours victory, outdoing *Kurrewa IV/Morna's* record seven, held since 1960. *Wild Oats XI's* Line Honours win in 2018 extended that record tally to nine. Other highlights include historical triple victories of line/record/overall wins in the 2005 and 2012 Rolex Sydney Hobarts.



HASTA LA VISTA
SAIL NO: M25
LOA: 11.8m
CLASS: IRCSydney 38 OD
DESIGNER: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
YEAR BUILT: 2000
TYPE: Sydney 38
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0
OWNER: Richard Grimes
SKIPPER: Jessica Grimes/Tom Grimes
CLUB: Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, NSW
CREW: Jessica Grimes – Skipper, Tom Grimes (1) – Skipper, Richard Grimes (30) – Navigator, Matt Hall, Stuart Broom (12), Mackenzie Broom

Owner Richard Grimes' 24 year-old twins, Jessica and Tom, will skipper *Hasta La Vista*. While Tom got a last-minute ride on *Celestial* last year and placed second overall, it is Jess' first Hobart. The twins are graduates of the CYCA's Youth Sailing Academy and are two-time youth world match racing champions. Tom and Jess will be under the watchful eye of their father, an eminent navigator with 30 Hobarts behind him and joined by another father and son team, Stuart and Mackenzie Broom. Despite the small boat, Grimes Sr says: "We're eating real food – none of that freeze dried stuff."

BOAT NOTES



HELsal 3

SAIL NO: 262

LOA: 20.0m

CLASS: PHS

DESIGNER: Joe Adams/Fred Barrett (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 1984

TYPE: Adams 20

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 16

OWNER: Helsal 3 Syndicate

SKIPPER: Rob Fisher

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Robbie Fisher (21), Mike Rose – Skipper/Navigator, Paul Mara (3) – Navigator, Jack Davis, Luke Davis, John Davis (5), John Gallagher, Ryan Gallagher, Ramandeep Kaur (2), Charles Oliver (1), Oliver Penn, Bruce Perry (5), John Preddy, Charmaine Tate (2)

David Stephenson skippered *Helsal 3* to second in their PHS division in 2019, her last Rolex Sydney Hobart. In 2018, she was third on PHS after scoring third and fourth respectively in 2016 and 2017 to win PHS Division 1 both years. In 2014 and 2013, *Helsal 3* was 15th and 11th on PHS. The boat was originally Arthur Bloore's *The Office*, retiring from the 1984 race, before dismasting heading to the 1985 start. Fire damaged in 1986, the Fisher family bought and restored her to place eighth on line in '87 and fifth in the '88 race. John Wertheimer bought her, finishing seventh on line in 1990. Chartered in '91, she was seventh on line. The Fishers repurchased her in 2007 after finding her in decline and she has only missed the 2011 and 2021 races since 2008. Rob Fisher returns to skipper the Adams 20 this time.



HIP-NAUTIC

SAIL NO: 7811

LOA: 10.1m

CLASS: IRC/Two-Handed

DESIGNER: Andrieu Yacht Design (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2020

TYPE: Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 1

OWNER: Jean-Pierre Ravanat

CLUB: Derwent Sailing Squadron, TAS

CREW: Jean-Pierre Ravanat (2) – Skipper, Drew Meincke (21) – Skipper

Jean-Pierre Ravanat and Drew Meincke, a navigator with 21 Sydney Hobarts behind him, were one of the first night retirements last year, when the yacht suffered mainsail damage. *Hip-Nautic* was launched by Ravanat in late 2020. She is one of the many Sun Fast designs in the race that Jeanneau tailor made for short-handed sailing, making them a popular choice. Ravanat is a seasoned sailor and skippered his yacht to third under IRC in the 2020 Launceston to Hobart. *Hip-Nautic* won IRC Division 2 and won the Two-Handed Division of the 2022 Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race.



HUNTRESS

SAIL NO: 888

LOA: 12.3m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian

DESIGNER: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 2005

TYPE: Sydney 39 C/R Mod

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 1

OWNER: Brent Dowton/Victoria Logan

CLUB: Bellerive Yacht Club, TAS

CREW: Victoria Logan (1) – Skipper, David Jackson (2) – Navigator, Elise Brittingham, Brent Dowton (1), Grace Jolly, Jack McCullum (6), Lucas Upton, Cameron Whitford

Skippered by Victoria Logan last year, while co-owner Brent Dowton looked after navigation in *Huntress's* maiden Rolex Sydney

Hobart, the Sydney 39 Cruiser/Racer was one of the 38 casualties of the harsh southerlies when she suffered mainsail damage. *Huntress* went on to finish the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race 22nd under ORCi. Dowton took delivery of the yacht in late 2020, sailing her to Tasmania from Sydney. *Huntress* won the 220nm South East Queensland Ocean Racing Qualifier in November from *Flow Sails Yeah Baby*.



ICHI BAN

SAIL NO: AUS01

LOA: 18.3m

CLASS: IRC

DESIGNER: Carkeek Design Partners (RSA)

YEAR BUILT: 2013

TYPE: Carkeek 60

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 4

OWNER: Matt Allen

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: TBA

In 2018, *Ichi Ban* was renamed *Winning Appliances* and John Winning Jr skippered the boat to fourth overall for second in Division 1. It is the Carkeek 60's best Sydney Hobart result to-date. Matt Allen scored eighth overall for third in Division 1 with his yacht in the 2013 Hobart, 63rd in 2014, and eighth for second in Division 0 in 2015. He also took line/overall honours in the inaugural Newcastle Bass Island Race, creating the conventionally ballasted race record which he still holds, along with Cabbage Tree Island Race (since 2015) and Port Hacking-Bird Island Race (since 2013).



ICHI BAN

SAIL NO: AUS001

BOAT NOTES

LOA: 15.9m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi
DESIGNER: Botin Partners (ESP)
YEAR BUILT: 2017
TYPE: Botin 52
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 4
OWNER: Matt Allen
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: TBA

This Botin 52 has been hugely successful since Matt Allen launched her in 2017, a winner from the outset of multiple offshore races and regattas. With this fifth *Ichi Ban*, Allen won the 2017, 2019, and 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart, making her just the third boat to win the race three times, joining *Freya* and *Love & War*. She then won her fourth consecutive Adelaide to Port Lincoln Yacht Race in February and the Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race at Easter. She was fifth in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and third at the Australian Yachting Championships. *Ichi Ban* remains the benchmark in Australian racing, but others such as *Gweilo* and the international *Caro* have provided tough competition in recent times.



INSOMNIA
SAIL NO: 65007
LOA: 12.8m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian
DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
YEAR BUILT: 2011
TYPE: J/V 42
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 2
OWNER: Marcus Grimes
CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
CREW: Marcus Grimes (1) – Skipper, rest TBA

This J/V 42 competed in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart as *Elena Nova* when owned by Craig Neil and finished 41st overall. Marcus Grimes purchased and renamed the yacht *Insomnia* for the 75th Sydney Hobart in 2019 and placed 61st. Grimes, who

usually races out of his local Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, has been immersed in club races, including the Pittwater to Paradise. He says the aim was to buy a proven boat and get it to the Hobart finish line in one piece. Before calling Australia home, the yacht raced out of Germany.



INUKSHUK
SAIL NO: SA982
LOA: 11.6m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi/Two-Handed
DESIGNER: Hank Kaufman (AUS)
YEAR BUILT: 1989
TYPE: Northshore 38
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 1
OWNER: Robert Large
CLUB: Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, SA
CREW: Robert Large (4) – Skipper, Cameron Boogaardt (1) – Skipper

South Australian Robert Large retired *Inukshuk* (formerly *New Morning III*) having suffered auto pilot issues in the inaugural Two-Handed Division of the Rolex Sydney Hobart last year. His Northshore 38 is set up for the short-handed sailing she has been doing the past two years. Large's co-pilot this year is Cameron Boogaardt from Queensland, who has skippered and crewed for many others in his local waters. *Inukshuk* means 'a structure of rough stones stacked in the form of a human figure', traditionally used by Inuit people as a landmark or a commemorative sign and symbolises safety, hope and friendship.



JOSS
SAIL NO: RF177
LOA: 12.2m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Alan Johnstone (USA)
YEAR BUILT: 2012
TYPE: J/122
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0
OWNER: Roberto Camacho
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: Roberto Camacho – Skipper, Matthew Creeden – Navigator, Lochlan Beetham, Charlie Cameron, Anton Colak, Colin Dagger (1), Emilie Delalande, Massimiliano Fonzo (4), Piergiorgio Merli (1), Marco Prayer Galletti

Roberto Camacho and Joss are new to the Rolex Sydney Hobart this year. In the lead-up, they finished 20th overall in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in August, eighth in Division 4 at the Australian Yachting Championships, 22nd in the Flinders Islet Race and seventh in the Tollgate Islands Race. The J/122's history includes: Siska Trophy winner 2019/2020 Combined Fleet and runner-up in the 2018/19 Offshore Series 2019/20 when competing in Western Australia's offshore program.



JUCASTA
SAIL NO: E1
LOA: 14.1m
CLASS: IRC
DESIGNER: Philippe Briand (FRA)
YEAR BUILT: 2012
TYPE: Beneteau First 45
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0
OWNER: Stuart McIntyre
CLUB: Esperance Bay Yacht Club, WA
CREW: Stuart McIntyre (2) – Skipper, Chris Ratcliff (2) – Navigator, Robbie Johnston (2), Greg Leaversuch, Graham Maitland, Collin Maloney, Rachel Marris, Todd Quinlivan (1), Simon Staines, David Swan (1)

A new boat last year for West Australian, Stuart McIntyre, who purchased her out of Melbourne and believes, "it's one of the best things I've ever done in my life." This will be *Jucasta's* first Rolex Sydney

BOAT NOTES

Hobart but not for some of her crew, including McIntyre who raced on *Anger Management* in the 2018 and 2019 races. *Jucasta* has been set up for Category 1 racing and her crew are looking forward to the 628 nautical mile Rolex Sydney Hobart.



KD4

SAIL NO: 99

LOA: 13.7m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/Two-Handed

DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)

YEAR BUILT: 2007

TYPE: Dehler 44

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Joe de Kock

CLUB: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Joe de Kock (14) – Skipper, Richard Hooper (3) – Skipper

Joe de Kock and Richard Hooper completed their first CYCA two-handed offshore race in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, on De Kock's Dehler 44, *KD4*. They scored 16th overall and second in the Two-Handed Division. De Kock is an experienced sailor in skiffs and yachts with 14 Hobarts to his credit on notable yachts, while Hooper sails regularly out of Newcastle. Expect to see this pair do well overall and in the Two-Handed Division.



KHALEESI

SAIL NO: 46

LOA: 14.1m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Mark Mills (IRE)

YEAR BUILT: 2005

TYPE: DK46

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 5

OWNER: Rob Aldis/Sandy Farquharson

CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Rob Aldis – Skipper, Sandy Farquharson (2) – Skipper, Peter Winter (1) – Navigator, Brad Allen (1), Elizabeth Charles (2), Andrew Forbes (7), Alastair Hunter (1), Adam Law, Katie O'Mara (1), Skye Paton (2), Gerard Smith (1)

Owned by Rob Aldis and Sandy Farquharson, Khaleesi broke her forestay in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, causing her retirement. The DK46 regularly contests Middle Harbour Yacht Race events including the Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship and Sydney Harbour Regatta with good results. Khaleesi finished third in her division in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and 11th in the Flinders Islet Race. Previously owned by Andrew and Pauline Dally, she placed 24th in the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart and 48th in 2017, before placing third in Division 2 of the 2019 Australian Yachting Championships in Melbourne. Before that, the boat was known as *Shogun* and *Exile*.



KIALOA II

SAIL NO: AUS7742

LOA: 23.0m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 1964

TYPE: S&S Yawl

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 5

OWNER: Patrick and Keith Broughton

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Patrick Broughton (13) – Skipper, Lindsay May (48) – Navigator, Keith Broughton (6), Jeff Beaton (13), Danielle Blackmore, Dave Cummins (5), Andrew Cutler (15), Ian Goldsworthy (5), Chris Harmsen (11), Mallee Lambert (1), Aero Leplastrier (1), Ek Lambert Leplastrier (1), Stephen McCullum (25), Alex McWilliam, Paul Runyan (2), Richard Snow (13), Genevieve White (8)

Brothers Paddy and Keith Broughton purchased the classic S&S *Kialoa II* in 2016, gave her a makeover and placed 134th overall from over 300 entries in the Rolex Fastnet Race. They sailed her to Australia and placed 56th in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart, with a focus on beating *Kialoa II*'s 1971 finish time. They did, shaving seven hours off it. In 2018, they placed 38th and almost an hour faster than in 2017. Going back to the UK, she was second in Division 5 of the Transpac Race, then raced in the 75th Sydney Hobart, placing 70th for third in the Grand Veterans division. She retired with rig damage last year. Lindsay May will sail a record 49th consecutive Hobart this year on *Kialoa II*.

This famous aluminium boat was launched for American, Jim Kilroy, who converted her from a sloop to a yawl in 1968, brought her to Australia in 1971 for just one Hobart and took Line Honours in little more than three and a half days. She has also taken Line Honours and won many other major races overseas.



KING BILLY

SAIL NO: 4966

LOA: 11.5m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian

DESIGNER: John King (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 1992

TYPE: John King/Custom

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 6

OWNER: Philip Bennett

CLUB: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW

CREW: Philip Bennett (8) – Skipper, Bill Wright (19), Vanessa Dudley (23), Barclay Gillett Alvaro Maz (2), Michael Scott (1), John Taylor (17), Joshua Thomson (1)

Phil Bennett's *King Billy* retired with a damaged chainplate last year, one of the many casualties of the harsh southerlies. In 2019's 75th race, the 38-footer placed 75th! Designed by Australian John King and built from

BOAT NOTES

King Billy pine in Northbridge, the aptly named boat's other Hobarts resulted in 50th in the 50th race in 1994 for fourth in Division F and 50th in 1995. Along with the bulk of the fleet, Bennett retired from the 1998 race. Boat and owner returned for the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart and placed 14th overall and second in the Corinthian division.



KOA
SAIL NO: 52152
LOA: 15.9m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
YEAR BUILT: 2004
TYPE: TP52
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 5
OWNER: Peter Wrigley/Andy Kearnan
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: Andy Kearnan (5) - Skipper, Nicole Butcher (5) - Navigator, Adam Cameron (2), Robert Carlile (16), Brad Dodds (1), Stuart Holdsworth (19), Simon Hunter (9), Josh Marks, Emma May (6), Warren Miller (15), Phillip Smith, Chris Way, Edwin Wray (1), Peter Wrigley (5)

Koa last went to Hobart in 2019 and placed 95th overall, not her usual standard. She was 26th in 2018, 14th in 2017 and retired in 2016 with a broken starter motor - her second retirement in a row. She scored 24th in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and eighth in the Flinders Islet Race. Peter Wrigley and Andy Kearnan took their TP52 to the treble in the 2017 Flinders Islet Race, breaking *Loki's* seven-year-old conventional yacht record. The two bought *Koa*, formerly known as *Sjambok/Lucky*, in 2015 after she had won the 2010 Middle Sea Race and placed second in the 2014 China Sea Race. *KOA* will have a great battle with the record number of TP52s in the race.



KRAKEN 111
SAIL NO: D3300
LOA: 10.0m
CLASS: IRC/Two-Handed
DESIGNER: Andrieu Yacht Design (FRA)
YEAR BUILT: 2019
TYPE: Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0
OWNER: Rob Gough
CLUB: Derwent Sailing Squadron, TAS
CREW: Rob Gough (2) - Skipper, John Saul (10) - Skipper

This was Todd Giraudo's *Kraken*, now in the hands of Tasmanian's Rob Gough and John Saul, who last year raced two-handed with the larger 12 metre *Sidewinder* and took Two-Handed Division Line Honours, placing fourth on PHS in the division. Looks like these two experienced sailors are aiming for gold in the Two-Handed Division and won't hold back. With at least a handful of other Jeanneau 3300s being sailed two-handed in the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart it will be on for young and old.



KRAKEN 42S
SAIL NO: D099
LOA: 11.9m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian
DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
YEAR BUILT: 2003
TYPE: Cookson 12
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 5
OWNER: Mark Bayles/Andrew Sinclair
CLUB: Derwent Sailing Squadron, TAS
CREW: Mark Bayles (2) - Skipper, John Wearne (1) - Navigator, Sam Dobie, Ty Dobie, Courtney Howard,

David MacGill, Paul Nanscawen (2), Andrew Sinclair (1), Amos Wherrett, Tadgh Williams

Tasmanians Mark Bayles and Andrew Sinclair purchased the Cookson 12 formerly known as *Pazazz* and *Grace O'Malley* and have been racing their renamed *Kraken 42S* locally with numerous Launceston to Hobarts, Maria Islands and Bruny Island races under their belt. In mid-November, the pair won all three handicap divisions in the 180nm Maria Island Race. As *Grace O'Malley*, the boat was 40th in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart after winning the Cabbage Tree Island Race. She placed ninth to win Division 3 in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart. In 2012 when known as *Pazazz*, she finished the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart 22nd, retired in 2015, then placed 23rd to win Division 2 in 2016.



LAWCONNECT
SAIL NO: SYD1000
LOA: 30.5m
CLASS: IRC
DESIGNER: Juan Kouyoumdjian (ARG)
YEAR BUILT: 2008
TYPE: Juan K 100 Custom
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 8
OWNER: Christian Beck
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: Christian Beck (4) - Skipper, Curtis Blewett (2), Lucas Chapman (8), Dylan Clarke (2), James Connelly, Graeme Dunlop (5), Alexander Gough (3), Carlos Hernandez Robayna, Mustafa Ingham (3), Brad Jackson (11), Christopher Lewis, Tony Mutter (6), Chris Nicholson (8), Ty Oxley (16), Payal Pattanaik, Matt Pearce (22), Ryan Phillips (2), Gavin Smith (1), Troy Tindill (12), Mitch White (18), Rachel Williams (1), Charlie Wyatt (1)

Last year, *LawConnect* finished second over the line to *Black Jack*. In 2019, when known as

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InfoTrack, she caused a sensation with her brilliant second over the line; 44 minutes 18 seconds astern of *Comanche* after a five-way 100-footer battle to Hobart. She finished fourth over the line in 2018 as *InfoTrack*, after a protracted battle with the rest in conditions not suited to her heavy weight. With a larger bowsprit to enhance performance, she took 2021 Cabbage Tree Island Race Line Honours. Beck bought the former *Speedboat/Rambler/Perpetual Loyal* from Anthony Bell in 2017, renamed her *InfoTrack* and finished fourth on line in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart (but an infringement dropped her to 24th), inside the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart record set by this yacht.

Despite a few bumps along the way, this boat continues to defy her critics. When owned by Bell, it retired from the 2014 and 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobarts after finishing second on line in 2013. Beck continues the tradition of taking a few employees along for their first taste of the race, an unbelievable opportunity for these non-sailors.



LLAMA II

SAIL NO: 7126

LOA: 14.0m

CLASS: IRC/ORC **DESIGNER:** Judel/Vrolijk (GER)

YEAR BUILT: 2017

TYPE: Dehler 46

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Jon Linton

CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Jon Linton (1) – Skipper, Adam Holloway, Richard Howes, Hendrik Jansen van Nie (1), Niall Powers (1), Morten Seiersen (1), David Thomas (17), Michael Twomey (1), Flynn Twomey, Kate Twomey (1), Wes Wessels

Unknown to the Rolex Sydney Hobart and other major offshore races, *Llama II* has mainly been

raced by her owner, Jon Linton, at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. The Dehler 46 ventured north to Hamilton Island Race Week where she won her division this year. Linton was among those who kindly stepped in for the Firefighter Family Day in 2020, taking volunteers for a sail to thank those who were involved in fighting the catastrophic bushfires in 2019.



MAKO

SAIL NO: N40

LOA: 12.0m

CLASS: PHS

DESIGNER: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 1999

TYPE: Sydney 40

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 2

OWNER: Paul O'Rourke

CLUB: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Greg Busch (8) – Skipper, Adrian Kiely (8) – Navigator, Marcus Busch, Hugh Dodds (1), Tim Dodds (1), Simon Macks (3), Mark Nugent, Oonagh O'Donovan (4), Steve Robinson (5)

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club CEO, Paul O'Rourke, chose the 75th running of the Sydney Hobart to debut *Mako* in the race and placed 60th overall. He returned in 2021 but retired with mainsail damage. *Mako* is a regular at home events after a large syndicate from NCYC bought the boat in 2018, to compete in races and regattas on the east coast. The owners now take it in turns to skipper at the various events on the east coast of Australia. The Sydney 40 was built for the 1999 Admiral's Cup, where she was part of the winning Dutch team, sailing as *Trust Computer Products*. She is the former *Questionable Logic*, and as *Pride* has raced in several Fastnet races.



MALUKA

SAIL NO: A19

LOA: 9.0m

CLASS: IRC

DESIGNER: Cliff Gale (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 1932

TYPE: Ranger

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 7

OWNER: Sean Langman

SKIPPER: Peter Langman

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Peter Langman (8) – Skipper, Sam Carter, Zachariah Guilfoyle, Shaun McKnight (11), Odhran O'Reilly, Andrew Woodward (2)

At 18, Pete Langman skippered *Maluka* in his first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2011, with his dad, Sean, backing him up. Pete went on to race on *Maluka* with Sean on three other occasions. At 29, he will return to *Maluka*, this time as skipper, and race against Sean who will be competing on his yacht *Moneypenny* who he competed with in 2019.

Maluka was built in 1932 from Tasmanian Huon pine and is the oldest boat in the fleet. Gaff-rigged, she was rebuilt by Noakes head, Sean Langman, and contested her first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2006. She scored her best result to-date of eighth overall; the first boat under 9.5 metres to finish (the year-older yachts *Love & War* and *Bacardi* finished first and second overall). She was 49th in 2008, then sixth in Division 4 in 2017 and was 76th over the line from 83 finishers and placed 12th overall to win Division 4 in 2016, after scoring 13th in 2014 for third in Division 4.

In the right conditions for a Division 4 winner, this boat is an overall contender.

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**MARITIMO****SAIL NO:** SYC52**LOA:** 15.9m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Reichel/Pugh (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**TYPE:** TP52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Bill Barry-Cotter**SKIPPER:** Michael Spies**CLUB:** Southport Yacht Club, QLD

CREW: Michael Spies (44) - Skipper, Murray Spence (21) - Navigator, Kendal Barry-Cotter (11), Mat Belcher, Peter Britt (12) (Stuart Graham (3), Michael Hughes (15), Steven Jackson (3), Peter Jones (25), Scott Kaufman (15), Matt Levings, Richard Roberts (9), Neil Sherring (3)

Bill Barry-Cotter has bought *Patches* and renamed her *Maritimo* after his successful business. Michael Spies is in the skipper role again and crew includes sailing luminaries, multiple Olympic 470 medallist, Mat Belcher and Scott Kaufman, while Matt Levings represented Australia in swimming at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. After acquiring the TP52 from fellow Mexican, Jorge Ripstein, in 2014, Eduardo Porter Ludwig campaigned her to a third-place class finish at the 2015 Transpac Honolulu Race in which he finished third last year. In between, the TP52 has also raced in the Rolex Big Boat Series. Before the Mexicans, Irishman Eamon Conneely won the inaugural TP52 Global Championship in 2006. This is just a snapshot of the boat's impressive results under three owners.

**MAYFAIR****SAIL NO:** M16**LOA:** 14.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian**DESIGNER:** Simon Rogers (UK)**YEAR BUILT:** 2006**TYPE:** Rogers 46**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** James Irvine**CLUB:** Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD

CREW: James Irvine (5) - Skipper, Steve Brierley (5), Shawn Butt (5), Mark Carter (2), Jarrod Cook (2), Ben Davis (7), Lucy Irvine, Kate Kenny (2), Jamie Pirret (5), Justin Smith (2)

James Irvine's latest *Mayfair* was one of the long list of well-known British yachtsman, Robin Aisher's, yachts by the name of *Yeoman*. The Rogers 46, next known as *Shakti*, was purchased in 2020 by Queensland's James Irvine from Doug Coulter. 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 previously owned a Beneteau First 40, also named *Mayfair*, with which he contested the 75th Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2019 and finished 48th overall.

**MIDNIGHT RAMBLER****SAIL NO:** ST36**LOA:** 10.8m**CLASS:** IRC/IRC Corinthian**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**TYPE:** Sydney 36**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 3**OWNER:** Ed Psaltis**CLUB:** Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS

CREW: Ed Psaltis (39) - Skipper, Andrew Davison (10) - Navigator, Tim Hampton (2), Zachary Johnson, Daniel Matzolic (1), Brendan Murphy, Anne Stewart (1), Glenn Stewart (2)

The seventh *Midnight Rambler*, a Sydney 36, placed seventh overall for second in IRC Corinthian last year. This followed a disappointing 74th in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart, followed by fifth in Division

C of the 2020 Australian Yachting Championships. He scored third in Division 4 in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart and has won every major offshore race on the east coast with various *Midnight Ramblers*, his standout victory in the 1998 Sydney Hobart with a Hick 35. Ed Psaltis revels in harsh conditions and won February's Bruny Island Race under AMS and IRC. Psaltis also won the tough 180nm 2021 Maria Island Race, backing up his 2020 win.

**MILLENNIUM FALCON****SAIL NO:** M888**LOA:** 11.9m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian**DESIGNER:** Sparkman & Stephens (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1992**TYPE:** S&S 39**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Robert Griffiths**CLUB:** Lake Macquarie Yacht Club/ Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Robert Griffiths - Skipper, David Ireland, Stephen Lipman (6), Keith Rixon, Gary Rusbourne, Kate Troup (1), Pieter Wood

Millennium Falcon was built in 1975, but not launched until 1992, following a meticulous shipwright fit out. She has spent many years sailing on Port Phillip Bay in Melbourne, but after a change of owner in 2020, underwent an extensive update. Owner, Robert Griffiths, is a Lake Macquarie local, while the boat lives on Sydney Harbour. The crew is a mixture of those new and experienced ocean racers who have sailed extensively on a range of other boats. Fortunately, says Griffiths, "We have obtained the services of the very experienced Stephen Lipman." *Millennium Falcon* is one of the reliable S&S designs, tailor made for ocean racing. She joins other S&Ss in the race.

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MINNIE

SAIL NO: 424

LOA: 12.9m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/Two-Handed

DESIGNER: Don Jones (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 2001

TYPE: Jones 42

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 4

OWNER: Michael Bell

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Michael Bell (13) - Skipper, Oliver Bell - Skipper

Michael 'Zappa' Bell purchased the ex *Cadibarra 8*, a Jones 42 that was originally owned and raced by Don Jones himself, who retired her from the 2001 Sydney Hobart. Zappa re-named her *Minnie*, in honour of his late mother. He will do the race with son, Ollie, this year. In 2021, he raced two-handed with his other son Matt on the borrowed *Kayimai* but retired with electrical failures. As a former rigger, Zappa knows boats well and is looking forward to the new challenge of two handed racing. Paul Roberts was the boat's last owner and he competed in the 2010 Rolex Sydney Hobart and placed 34th, followed by 50th in 2011. In 2012, she underwent major modifications for the 2013 Melbourne Osaka, in which Roberts and Martin Vaughan won IRC after finishing second on line. The boat last saw Hobart waters in 2014 when she finished 15th for third in Division 2.



MISTER LUCKY

SAIL NO: RQ3600

LOA: 11.3m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/Two-Handed

DESIGNER: Andrieu Yacht Design (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2016

TYPE: Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 2

OWNER: Rohan Wood

CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD

CREW: Rohan Wood (6) - Skipper, Todd Giraudo (2) - Skipper

This Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600 had her first Sydney Hobart experience in 2017 and finished 33rd overall for fourth in Division 4. This was in preparation for the 2018 Melbourne Osaka Yacht Race, in which she placed fifth on IRC. In 2019, she was 78th with Deb Fish as skipper. Crew members from the 2019 race, Rohan Wood and Todd Giraudo, will sail *Mister Lucky* in the Two-Handed Division. Wood has the Hobart miles under his belt, while Giraudo has more short-handed experience. In August, they placed second of two boats in the Two-Handed division of the Brisbane to Hamilton Island Yacht Race. *Mister Lucky* was launched for two-handed sailing in the UK in 2016 and has competed in the UK and Australia.



MISTRAL

SAIL NO: 1

LOA: 10.5m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/Two-Handed

DESIGNER: Marc Lombard (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2018

TYPE: Lombard 34

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 1

OWNER: Rupert Henry

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Rupert Henry (5) - Skipper, Greg O'Shea (2) - Skipper

Mistral was built by original owner, Pierre Gal and placed 17th for second in Division 5 in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Rupert Henry bought the yacht in early 2021 and competed in CYCA offshore races, including winning the Two-Handed Division of the 2021 Summer Offshore Series. In 2022, Henry and co-skipper Greg O'Shea also won the Montague Island Race Two-Handed division

and placed second overall. The pair has raced thousands of miles together, including winning the 5500nm 2018 Melbourne Osaka Yacht Race in record time on Henry's former yacht, *Chinese Whisper*. Henry launched the Class 40 *Eora* in 2021, but her backstay broke on the first night of the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart. He was doing well in the 3543nm Route du Rhum single-handed race from Brittany to Guadeloupe on *Eora* but withdrew in mid-November with structural damage.



MONDO

SAIL NO: 5656

LOA: 11.8m

CLASS: IRC/Sydney 38 OD

DESIGNER: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 2003

TYPE: Sydney 38

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 4

OWNER: Lisa Callaghan and

Stephen Teudt

CLUB: Manly Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Stephen Teudt (2) - Skipper, Lisa Callaghan - Skipper, Helen Buckland (5), Bob Day, John Hodgkinson, Adrian Jones, Philip Dawson, Matthew McKenzie, Ellis Teudt

This Sydney 38 was launched as *Easy Tiger* and rebranded *Mondo* by Ray Sweeney in 2009. She has done a lot of racing over the last ten years, including four Sydney Hobarts, the last in 2017 when she placed 45th. *Mondo* was 38th and third in the Sydney 38 division in 2013, 42nd in 2011 and retired in 2009. In 2018, a new consortium bought the boat and moved to its new home at Manly Yacht Club. The new owners have raced in all Sydney 38 Championship events. In the PHS Division, they placed sixth in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Race and 20th in both the Flinders Islet and Tollgate Islands races. This is Lisa Callaghan's first Hobart.

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**MONEYPENNY****SAIL NO:** AUS1**LOA:** 21.5m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Reichel/Pugh (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** Reichel/Pugh 69**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 3**OWNER:** Sean Langman**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Sean Langman (30) – Skipper, Matthew Humphries (11) – Navigator, Josh Alexander (18), Geoff Bauchop (23), Harry Hall (1), Gordon Maguire (21), Tom Maidment, Rhys Mara (1), Josh Porebski (1), Ed Powys (3), Brett Van Munster (7), Keagan York

Money Penny retired with a broken headstay last year. Langman bought the yacht from the US to Australia in 2018 and raced her as *Naval Group* to 39th with many green sailors aboard. He lengthened the RP design from 65 to 69ft in 2019, added regular sailors and placed 10th for second in Division O. Langman went on to win the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, sponsored by his company. He has since had a number of podium finished in the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore, finishing second in the Flinders Islet Race, third in the Tollgate Islands Race and second in the Bird Island Race to currently lead overall. Langman is a skilled and versatile sailor with a solid crew that includes Matt Humphries and Gordon Maguire, along with a handful of 18ft skiff sailors, including Langman's own crew, Ed Powys and Josh Porebski. Her great form puts her in contention to win the Hobart.

**NAVY ONE****SAIL NO:** 0404**LOA:** 12.6m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2011**TYPE:** Beneteau First 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** Royal Australian Navy**CLUB:** RANSA, NSW

CREW: Tori Costello (2) – Skipper, Nick Greenhill (1) – Skipper, Paul Garai – Navigator, Jack Barber (1), Mark Butler (4), Grace Corboy-Stevens, Kieran Davis (2), Alix de Caritat, Damon Jackson (1), Abby Pusey

Navy One is a Beneteau First 40 based out of Sydney. She is owned and used by the RAN for Sail and Adventure training, sailed solely by serving Navy personnel and regularly sails and races as part of the Navy's sporting program for recreation and building resilience. This will be a third Hobart on this boat for the Navy. She placed 32nd overall last year and won the Oggin Cup (for the first Armed Services Yacht on corrected time) from *Gun Runner* for a second year running. The former *Lunchtime Legend* was owned by Robbo Robertson and scored third in IRC Division 4 in the 2011 Rolex Sydney Hobart.

**NO LIMIT****SAIL NO:** AUS98888**LOA:** 19.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Reichel/Pugh (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** Reichel/Pugh 63**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 6**OWNER:** David Gotze**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of

Australia, NSW

CREW: David Gotze (10) – Skipper, Steve Kemp (23) – Navigator, David Allen (9), Declan Brennan (19), Aaron Cole (19), Paul Eakins (1), Tony Ellis (53), Julian Freeman (32), Lucas Geddes (1), Rowan Leaper (18), Duncan Macleod (24), Maïke Muth (5), Adam Schlipalius (5), Andrew Simpson (9), Stefan Treurniet (8), Ian Walker (33)

No Limit retired last year when a crew member was injured. David Gotze bought this RP63 in 2019 and took it to a great seventh overall for second in Division 2 in the 75th race that year. *No Limit* placed 10th in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, a good start to this year's campaign. On board with Gotze again is Tony Ellis, who will sail his 54th Sydney Hobart, a remarkable achievement. This is an excellent all-round boat, and a near sistership to the 2011 Hobart winner, *Loki*. Launched as *Limit* by Alan Brierty three weeks prior to the 2008 Rolex Sydney Hobart, she finished seventh, but retired from the 2009 race, then placed 14th in 2010. The Reichel/Pugh 63 was sold and renamed *Aszhou* and *Voodoo*. As *Voodoo*, she finished the 2018 Sydney Hobart third overall to win Division 1, after Hugh Ellis bought the boat out of the US.

**OCEAN CRUSADERS J-BIRD****SAIL NO:** OC52**LOA:** 15.8m**CLASS:** IRC/Two-Handed**DESIGNER:** Alan Andrews (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2001**TYPE:** Andrews52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** Ian & Annika Thomson**CLUB:** Whitsunday Sailing Club, Qld

CREW: Ian Thomson (1) – Skipper, Annika Thomson (1) – Skipper

J-Bird III is TP52 hull #2 and has also competed under the names *Flash*, *FfreeFire 52* and *Dodo*. She competed in the 2011 Sydney Hobart as *FfreeFire* but retired and returned as *Dodo* in 2013, retiring

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with main damage. Hopefully third time lucky for Two-Handed couple, Ian and Annika Thomson, who raced on John Warlow's *Ocean Crusaders Dodgeball* in 2019 and placed third in Division 6.

Thomson found *J-Bird III* rotting and spent three years restoring it and converting it to an electric drive powered purely off renewable energy. "She is now the ultimate racer/cruiser and our mission is to break down barriers so electric engines become the norm, while having a vessel capable of sailing the world and competing at the front of races," says Thomson. He founded Ocean Crusaders in 2010 after smashing the solo circumnavigation of Australia record by 26 days, using this to launch the campaign and in turn raise his profile so he could speak with people around the world about his passion for the issues our oceans are facing.



ORIONE

SAIL NO: ITA16054

LOA: 13.9m

CLASS: ORCi

DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)

YEAR BUILT: 2008

TYPE: Grand Soleil 45

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Axel and Peter Baumgartner

CLUB: Spandauer Yacht Club, Germany

CREW: Axel Baumgartner - Skipper, Peter Baumgartner - Skipper, Elisa Baumgartner, Paul Baumgartner, Tobias Brackmann, Robert Nowatzki, Michael Schuetz

This will be a first Sydney Hobart for *Orione* and her owners who hail from Germany. With this Grand Soleil 45 and previous boats, Axel and Peter Baumgartner have contested international events, such as the 2020 Rolex Middle Sea Race and the 2021 RORC Main Series. They also race in Germany and will sail this attractive and comfortable yacht

in the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Previous Germans to contest our race include Jens Kellinghusen, who did well to finish fourth overall in 2013 with *Varuna*.



PACMAN

SAIL NO: 110

LOA: 11.0m

CLASS: IRC/IRC Corinthian/Two-Handed

DESIGNER: Jim Young (NZL)

YEAR BUILT: 1988

TYPE: Young 11

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Peter Elkington

CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld

CREW: Peter Elkington (15) - Skipper, Scott Cavanough (7)

Well-regarded navigator, Peter Elkington, did his last three Hobarts on Barry Cuneo's *Envy Scooters* in 2017, 2018 and 2019, with a best result of sixth overall after a two-hour penalty dropped her from third. Elkington previously raced on Peter Harburg's *Black Jack* team, his last in 2016 on the Volvo 70, when they claimed fourth place over the line. Elkington is taking a new direction, entering the Young 11, *Pacman* in the Two-Handed Division. *Pacman* is a Young 11, a good all-round performer. His co-skipper is Scott Cavanough, an offshore sailor with serious shorthanded sailing credibility, including winning the 2014 double-handed Class40 Global Ocean Race.



PAPILLON

SAIL NO: 6841

LOA: 12.0m

CLASS: IRC/IRC Corinthian

DESIGNER: Joubert/Nivelt (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2009

TYPE: Archambault A40 RC

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 8

OWNER: Dale Price

CLUB: Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, SA

CREW: Dale Price - Skipper, James Gordon (1) - Navigator, Sophie Bishop, Foucauld Dalle, Lauren Davison (1), Mitchell Mead (4), Derek Morrison, Barbara Parker, Karen Van Riet, Lambert Ward

Papillon is an Archambault A40RC that has recently arrived in Adelaide at the RSAYS after being purchased by Dale Price, who is bringing the yacht back to Sydney for the race. *Papillon* competed in eight Sydney Hobarts with her former owner, Phil Molony, who took her to 26th in 2019, his last Hobart. Before that, he placed 40th for second in Division 4 in 2018, 59th in 2016, 28th in 2015 and 17th in 2014.



PATRICE

SAIL NO: AUS52

LOA: 15.9m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Botin Partners (ESP)

YEAR BUILT: 2015

TYPE: TP52

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Tony Kirby

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Tony Kirby (36) - Skipper, Michael Bellingham (29) - Navigator, Carolijn Brouwer, Mark Brown (12), Ashley Deeks (13), Kyle Dodds (2), Mark Edmonds (3), Mitch Evans, Stevan Gajic (5), Adam Goode (11), Stacey Jackson (14), Matt Johns, Matthew Leung (2), Steven Thomas, Anthony Young (20)

Tony Kirby returns with his latest *Patrice*, a TP52 previously known as *Hooligan* and before that, *Azzurra*, which was the 52 Super Series champion in 2017. He has warmed up placing seventh in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and then sixth in the Flinders Islet Race. Kirby last skippered his own boat, *Patrice*, a Ker 46, to 16th overall for third in Division 2 in the 2018 Hobart. The same year he

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placed third in both the Australian Yachting Championships and the PONANT Sydney Noumea Race and was third over the line in the Groupama Race to be crowned overall winner. His best Hobart results with the boat were third overall in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart, which won him the Blue Water Pointscore and ninth in 2014, winning Division 1.

Kirby has the runs on the board to win the Rolex Sydney Hobart. This year, the Sydney yachtsman celebrates the 14th anniversary of raising money and awareness for The Kids' Cancer Project, which undertakes childhood cancer research. Teddy bears on the rail of *Patrice* and other supporting boats are a feature, as are the dockside money tins at both ends of race.

**PATRICE SIX****SAIL NUMBER:** 7779**LOA:** 12.3m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Niels Jeppesen (DEN)**YEAR BUILT:** 2007**TYPE:** X-41**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 9**OWNER:** Alexander Flecknoe-Brown**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Alexander Flecknoe-Brown (1) - Skipper, Peter Gothard (1) - Navigator, Andrew Byrne (9), Michael Jackson (11), Jonathan Low (2), Grant Parkhurst (4), Greta Quealy (1), Duncan Sim (1), Michael Tilden (10)

As *Oz Design Patrice Six*, she retired from the 2021 race with engine issues. However, the team, who have come together from several other crews continue to improve in 2022, scoring 11th in the Tollgate Islands Race. Prior to Flecknoe-Brown's ownership, Shaun Lane raced the X-41 to Hobart in 2016, placing 30th, after finishing 43rd in 2015. Originally, the boat was one of Tony Kirby's many *Patrice*'s, which he skippered to 32nd in the

2012 race and her best result of fifth, translating to third in IRC Division 3 in 2009, after placing 31st in 2008.

**PEKLJUS****SAIL NO:** 6419**LOA:** 15.3m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Graham Radford (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2001**TYPE:** Radford 50**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 5**OWNER:** David Suttie**CLUB:** Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: David Suttie - Skipper (3), Hans Holz - Navigator, Brad Anson (20), John Edwards (3), Garry Holder (6), Michael MacDonald (1), Adam Phillips (2), Robert Suttie (3)

Pekljus returns after finishing sixth in PHS Division 1 in 2019. Father and son, David and Robert Suttie, were thrilled with *Pekljus*' 2nd on PHS in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart after their sixth in PHS Division 2 in 2017. David Ferrall started building *Pekljus* in 2001 for Don McIntyre's solo around the world race, but the event was cancelled, so he put the project on hold. Instead, she was launched in 2004, in time for the Rolex Sydney Hobart that year, but the Radford 50 was one of 57 retirees. The boat has been set up for easy handling and for fast passages, so will hold up well in a blow.

**PHILOSOPHER****SAIL NO:** 020**LOA:** 11.3m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian/Two-Handed**DESIGNER:** Sydney Yachts (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** Sydney 36CR**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** David Henry**CLUB:** Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron/Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** David Henry (8) - Skipper, Stephen Prince (5)

David Henry bought this Sydney 36CR, *Philosopher*, which he races out of Sydney and retired from the 2021 Hobart. This time he will sail the boat in the Two-Handed Division, against son and rival, Rupert, with *Mistral*. With his broad sailing experience, Henry should do well. Racing two-handed, he placed third and fifth respectively in the 2022 Flinders Islet and Tollgate Islands races. This yacht was formerly *The Philosopher's Club*, then *Philosopher* and *Willie Smith's Philosopher* and scored 15th to win Division 6 and IRC Corinthian in the 2019 Hobart. With her former owners, the yacht scored top three places in 2008, 2011, 2018 and 2019 at the Australian Yachting Championships.

**POULPITO****SAIL NO:** FRA6900**LOA:** 11.8m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/Sydney 38 OD**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2002**TYPE:** Sydney 38**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** David Treguier**CLUB:** Cercle Nautique Calédonien, New Caledonia

CREW: David Treguier - Skipper, Thomas Boussiron, Boris Colas, Camille Desurmont, Cecile Hellingner, Judicael Hillion, Mathilde Le Houerou, Olivier Muret, Quentin Salasca

Like her New Caledonian sistership *Eye Candy*, this will be *Poulpito* and her owner, David Treguier's first Rolex Sydney Hobart. *Poulpito* finished third overall in the 2022 Groupama Around New Caledonia

BOAT NOTES

Race, which was won by *Eye Candy*. The two Sydney 38s will have great competition from the other Australian Sydney 38s in the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. *Poulpito* is the former *X Cubed*. She arrived in New Caledonia in 2011 and won two Groupama Races with the previous owner. In 2019 she was bought and renamed by David and Mathilde Treguier, who refitted the boat.



PRETTY WOMAN

SAIL NO: 545

LOA: 13.8m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian

DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 1996

TYPE: Farr 45

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 3

OWNER: Richard Hudson/David Beak

CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Richard Hudson (12) – Skipper, Rob Buchanan (11) – Navigator, Liam Bennett (2), Juliet Costanzo (1), William Dargaville, Matthew Gerethy (2), Antony Hawke, Jemma Hodgson, Steve Howe, Sarah Parker, Alistair Read, Georgia Tuckey

Richard Hudson leads *Pretty Woman*'s fourth tilt at the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Last year she placed 14th for third in Division 2 and in April, was second in Division 2 of the Pittwater to Coffs Race. From there, placed sixth in Division 2 in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race (Hudson's 33rd) and 16th in the Flinders Islet Race. In the 2019 Hobart, the Farr 45 was 58th after placing 25th in 2007. Hudson again blends experience with younger sailors from the RPYC, allowing them to experience offshore racing at its toughest. Among them are Alice Tarnawski, a versatile former Youth matching racing champion and 23-year-old 2018 Australian Women's Match Racing champion, Juliet Costanzo.



QUANTOCK

SAIL NO: 1195

LOA: 13.0m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Greg Elliott (NZ)/Fred Barrett (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 1994

TYPE: Elliott 13 Mod

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 10

OWNER: David Hobbs

CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: David Hobbs (1) – Skipper, Jonathan Turner (1) – Navigator, Daniel Barnett, Tom Fountain, Alison Hobbs, Tom Kallio, Sean Mullin (1), Matt Smith (1), David Taylor (6), Robert Woodman (3)

David Hobbs mainly races *Quantock* in club races and finished third in RPYC's 2022 Bird Island Race. She placed 31st in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and 20th in the Flinders Islet Race. This modified Elliott 13 is the former *Valheru* which raced out of Hobart and contested ten Sydney Hobarts between 1995 and 2010. Her best result with then owner, Anthony Lyall, was 10th under IRC in 2001 (when IMS still decided the winner) and scored 15th in the tough 1998 race. In 2001, the yacht was optimised by Fred Barrett to improve performance. She retired from the 2002 Rolex Sydney Hobart following a collision just after the start.



QUEST

SAIL NO: 52002

LOA: 15.9m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Farr Yacht Design (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 2005

TYPE: TP52

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 9

OWNER: Craig Neil

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Craig Neil (4) – Skipper, James Walker (2) – Navigator, Mike Green (42), Erik Alston (2), Tom Brewer (1), Ryan Brook (2), Adam Brown (34), Davin Conigrave (11), Timothy Dawson, Ben De Coster (18), Clinton Evans (8), Peter Jenkins (4), Don McPhee (2), Rick Plain

Craig Neil and his crew, including veteran Mike Green, placed 16th for third in Division 1 last year. In the 2019 nail-biter, *Quest* led at Tasman Island but fell into a hole and placed third for third in Division 1 and third in the CYCA's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore. She placed eighth in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and seventh in the Flinders Islet and Bird Island races. Bob Steel originally owned *Quest* and won the 2008 Hobart with her. Paul Clitheroe won the 2015 Hobart with her as *Balance* and took out the BWPS. Steel/*Quest* also placed second to *Ichiban* in the 2017 Hobart, just 20 minutes separated them overall. Back with Clitheroe as *Balance*, she was fourth overall, winning Division 1 in the 2016 Hobart. This boat has enjoyed remarkable results.



REVE

SAIL NO: 5930

LOA: 14.0m

CLASS: PHS/PHS Corinthian

DESIGNER: Philippe Briand (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 1991

TYPE: Beneteau 45 F5

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 5

OWNER: Kevin Whelan

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Kevin Whelan (4) – Skipper/Navigator, Simon Barrington, Pierre Briand (2), Eleanor Heathcote-Morris, Steve Kidson, Kate Lynch, Lisa McPhee, Gordon Smith, Charles Todhunter (1), Alexis Whelan

BOAT NOTES

Kevin Whelan sails *Reve* under PHS and placed fourth last year, his best Hobart result with this Beneteau 45 F5. In the 2019 race, she was 16th after scoring fifth in 2018, eighth in 2017 and 11th in 2016. Whelan was thrilled to win the PHS Division in the 2017 and 2018 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Races. Ready to race in a more relaxed mode, *Reve's* crew placed fourth in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, 23rd and sixth respectively in the Flinders Islet and Tollgate Islands races. This year Kevin's daughter Alexis joins him for her first Rolex Sydney Hobart.

**RUM REBELLION****SAIL NO:** 1808**LOA:** 9.9m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/Two-Handed**DESIGNER:** Alan Johnstone (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2021**TYPE:** J/99**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Shane Connelly**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** Shane Connelly (4) - Skipper, Tony Sutton (4) - Skipper

Rum Rebellion placed fifth in the inaugural Two-Handed Division in her first Hobart in 2021. She placed third in the Two-Handed Division of the 2022 Club Marine Pittwater to Coffs race, third overall in Division 2 of September's Flinders Islet race, winning the Two-Handed division and won Two-Handed in the Bird Island Race. The J/99 was also third in the Two-Handed division of the Tollgate Islands Race. Shane Connolly launched *Rum Rebellion* last year, following on from his two-handed campaign with *Local Hero* (which he sailed fully-crewed in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart). His co-skipper is Tony Sutton, who raced in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart with Connolly.

**RUMCHASER****SAIL NO:** 0122**LOA:** 12.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/Two-Handed**DESIGNER:** Alan Johnstone (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2016**TYPE:** J/122e**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Andrew Butler**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** Andrew Butler (1) - Skipper, Lee Antill (1) - Skipper

Rumchaser is to contest her first Rolex Sydney Hobart. Andrew Butler placed third in ORC and PHS in the RPYC's 2021 Lion Island Series Two-Handed division and was second under ORC in the CYCA's 2021/22 Two-Handed Series. *Rumchaser* placed sixth in Two-Handed division in November's Bird Island Race. Butler previously campaigned the Farr 40, *iQKomodo* in major races and scored 27th in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Co-skipper is Lee Antill, from the well-known Antill sailing family, who is proving a good asset for Butler.

**RUSH****SAIL NO:** B45**LOA:** 13.8m**CLASS:** IRC/IRC Corinthian**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1997**TYPE:** Farr 45**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 9**OWNER:** John Paterson**CLUB:** Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Vic

CREW: John Paterson (13) - Skipper, Robert Case (35), Nick Fahey (2), Peter Gardner (1), Paul Greenwood (7), Kate Jenkins (4), Thomas Jenkins (1), Darren Mackay (1), Andrew McCole (7), Katherine Oldfield, Simon Tedstone (4), Alexis Valenza (2)

John Paterson's *Rush* is looking down the barrel of her 10th Sydney Hobart. She last headed south in 2019 and placed 57th overall. In 2015 she scored 24th to win Division 2, a great result for the Victorians. Prior to that, the Farr 45 placed 49th in 2012, but retired from the 2013 race in gale force winds off the Tasmanian coast. *Rush* also placed 30th in the 2005 race; 45th in 2006; 19th in 2007; 23rd in 2008 and 18th in 2009. Paterson regularly does well in Victorian events, both offshore and inshore.

**SAIL EXCHANGE****SAIL NO:** 7709**LOA:** 12.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2000**TYPE:** Cookson 12**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** Carl Crafoord/Tim Horkings**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Carl Crafoord (35) - Skipper/Navigator, Hugh Brodie (29), John Crockett (2), Martin Rosandic, Edward Smith, Drew Spring, Cameron Walker

Carl Crafoord and Tim Horkings purchased this Cookson 12 in 2018 and placed 18th for third in Division 3 in Crafoord's first Hobart as an owner. Most recognised as a navigator with 35 Sydney Hobarts behind him, inclusive of wins on *Sagacious*, *Raptor* and two *Quests*. He is also one of three fathers/sons to rack up 30 plus Sydney Hobarts each. In 2019, *Sail Exchange* placed 16th for second in Division 5. She won Division 2 of the 2022 Flinders Island Race and was eighth in the Tollgate Islands Race. The boat is the former *About Time*, which won a record nine CYCA Ocean Point Scores.

BOAT NOTES



SALT LINES

SAIL NO: GBR5672L

LOA: 21.0m

CLASS: PHS

DESIGNER: Laurent Giles (UK)

YEAR BUILT: 1990

TYPE: Shipwright 70

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Matthew Harvey

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Matthew Harvey – Skipper, Richard Buchta, Viv Clements, John Cook, Declan Coughlan, Joanne Gordon, Rudi Hertzke, Kevin Holland, Alison Kirkwood, Chi Wai Lam, Anne McConnachie, Steve Norris, Kelly Packer, Matthew Ward (1), Charlie Watts

Matthew Harvey and crew will have a more comfortable ride to Hobart than most on this attractive Shipwright 70. She is steel-hulled, 30-ton, ketch-rigged and was built for the Ocean Youth Trust. Launched as *John Laing* in Poole, UK, she departed the UK in October 2019 as *TravelEdge* and made it to Tahiti by March 2020, when COVID restrictions brought the voyage to a halt. She was partially decommissioned and kept at a marina in Papeete. There she was bought by Harvey, who renamed her *Salt Lines* and brought to Australia to join the Ocean Sailing Expeditions fleet. This is her first Hobart.



SECRET MENS BUSINESS

SAIL NO: 8300

LOA: 12.8m

CLASS: IRC/IRC Corinthian

DESIGNER: Murray & Associates (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 1996

TYPE: Murray Burns Dovell 42

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 11

OWNER: David De Coster/Sally Armati

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: David De Coster (17) – Skipper, Bruce Morrow – Navigator, Brian Aldridge (1), Thomas Eizinger, Steven Ewin (1), Michael Formosa (28), Michael Giles, Stephanie Lyons (1), Julia Owens (9), Brett Smith, Francesca Sophie

David De Coster and Sally Armati bought *Secret Mens Business (SMB)* in 2018, when the MBD 42 was optimised and placed 63rd in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart, scoring a much improved 23rd last year. The original *SMB*, she was first owned by Geoff Boettcher who had little luck with it in the race, retiring in 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2001. She placed 18th in 1997 and 20th in 2003 before being sold to Melbourne interests. Sold again in 2006, her Hobart results were: 2007 (55th), 2008 (63rd) and 2010 (41st). She was sold to a West Australian owner where she spent the next six years before the current owners bought her.



SHE

SAIL NO: 4924

LOA: 12.2m

CLASS: PHS/PHS Corinthian

DESIGNER: Gary Mull (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 1982

TYPE: Olsen 40 Mod

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 20

OWNER: Philip Bell

CLUB: Southport Yacht Club, QLD

CREW: Philip Bell (3) – Skipper/Navigator, Andy Denniss, Chad Grafton (10), Rob Longstaff, Mark Maddison (1), Dale Sims (3), Anthony Sly (1), Jeff Weir (1)

The enduring *She* is racing her 21st Sydney Hobart and her fourth with owner, Philip Bell. Apart from her first three Hobarts, the modified Olsen 40's others have been under PHS. She was 13th in her division in 2019, 6th in 2017 and 8th in 2016. Peter Rodgers owned her through

17 Hobarts and a few updates and last raced her south in 2013 when she won the PHS Division. She also won in 2009 and 2012 and was fourth in the tough 2004 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Other divisional PHS results are: second (2011); fifth (2010); seventh (2008); second (2007); fourth (2006); 12th (2005); eighth (2002); seventh (2001); second (2000); retired from the 1998 race. Under IMS, she placed 12th in Division E (1995); 20th in Division F (1994) and 20th overall (1993).



SILVER FERN

SAIL NO: NZL6702

LOA: 21.3m

CLASS: PHS

DESIGNER: Beau Birdsall/Brett Bakewell-White (NZL)

YEAR BUILT: 1981

TYPE: Birdsall 72

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: David Hows

CLUB: Southport Yacht Club, QLD

CREW: David Hows (2) – Skipper, Simon Alexander, Kester Crellin, John Geange, Sergej Gratchev, Taku Hewitt, Rob Holdsworth, Kris Hook, Alex Lomakin, Kenton Shaw, Mark Stevens, John Tisdell, Lena Wilderang, Timothy Wolff

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 and 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.

BOAT NOTES

**SINTARA****SAIL NO:** YC110S**LOA:** 14.5m**CLASS:** IRC/IRC Corinthian**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2001**TYPE:** Beneteau 47.7**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Derek Morrison**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia, SA**CREW:** Derek Morrison (1) – Skipper, Robert Human (15) – Navigator, Craig Fleming (1), Mary Louise Hicks (2), Paul Hicks (1), Mark Hutton, Paul Judge, Aaron Low, Dan O’Connell, Joanne Pilmore, Andrew Saies (9)

South Australian, Derek Morrison, bought this Beneteau 47.7, *Carte Blanche*, in late 2017 and gave her back her original name, *Sintara*. In the 2019 Hobart she placed 104th overall. Morrison uses the yacht for a mix of racing and cruising, including contesting the last three Adelaide to Port Lincoln races with mixed results. Aboard is the 2009 Rolex Sydney Hobart winner, Andrew Saies (*Two True*, a Beneteau 40), along with his then navigator Robert Human and crew Mark Hutton. This could be another winning combination.

**SMUGGLER****SAIL NO:** 6952**LOA:** 15.9m**CLASS:** IRC/ORC**DESIGNER:** Judel/Vrolijk (GER)**YEAR BUILT:** 2007**TYPE:** TP52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 10**OWNER:** Sebastian Bohm**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** Sebastian Bohm (8) – Skipper, David Van Der Wende (7) –

Navigator, Nicholas Armstrong (8), Garth Bickford, Timothy Davis (15), Koen De Smedt, Bradley Madders (2), Steve McConaghy (22), Tony McRae (2), Albert Mead (2), Robert Palazzi (3), Sam Price (15), Peter Tarimo (15), Morgan White (9), Tom Wormald (2)

Sebastian Bohm took *Smuggler* to sixth for second in Division 1 last year and scored third in the 2022 Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone race and eighth in November’s Bird Island Race. *Smuggler* was eighth in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart and Bohm returns for the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart, having campaigned his TP52 consistently since 2019. He says: “The boat and crew are in top shape and looking to have a good crack at the race.” Bohm bought the former *Celestial* from Sam Haynes’ who scored 17th in the 2018 Hobart, ninth in 2017, 16th in 2016 and 29th in 2015. Her best Hobart result was third overall as *Wot Now* in 2008, when owned by Graeme Wood.

**SOUTH BRITTANY****SAIL NO:** 7447**LOA:** 13.4m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2004**TYPE:** Beneteau First 44.7**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 7**OWNER:** Tanguy Fournier Le Ray**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** Tanguy Fournier Le Ray (5) – Skipper, Alexis Loison (1) – Navigator, Tanguy Caradec, Vincent Fertin, Jerome Fournier Le Ray (1), Matthieu Fournier Le Ray (1), Gautier Normand, Yves Pelletier, Samuel Prietz, Arthur Psaltis (16), Xavier Vandame (2)

South Brittany enters the 2022 Hobart with a new name and new skipper, Tanguy Fournier Le Ray, who in the past contested the race on other peoples’ yachts.

His crew comprises French family and friends, along with Sydney local, Arthur Psaltis. The Beneteau First 44.7 last raced to Hobart as *Another Painkiller* in 2019, finishing 87th, after placing 60th in 2017. Formerly known as *Alacrity* and owned by Matt Percy, she retired from the 2011 race, but scored 20th for third in division in 2007 and 16th for third in division in 2006. Was launched as *Prime Time* for David Mason, who retired from the 2004 Hobart but finished 31st in 2005.

**SPEEDWELL****SAIL NO:** B347**LOA:** 9.9m**CLASS:** IRC/Two-Handed**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2006**TYPE:** Beneteau 34.7**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Colin Geeves**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** Campbell Geeves (12) – Skipper, Wendy Tuck (14) – Skipper

After placing third in the inaugural Two-Handed division in 2021, Campbell Geeves and Wendy Tuck return on *Speedwell*, kindly loaned to them again by Geeves’ father, Colin. The pair took the 9.9 metre Beneteau to 24th overall in the Flinders Islet Race and fifth in the Two-Handed division and fourth Two-Handed in the light Bird Island Race. Tuck’s background includes three Clipper Around the World races, winning overall in 2018 and becoming the first female skipper to win a round the world yacht race. She is also one of only two women to have won the Jane Tate Memorial Trophy (for the first female skipper to cross the Hobart finish line) twice, among her other accolades.

BOAT NOTES



STEFAN RACING

SAIL NO: AUS80

LOA: 24.0m

CLASS: IRC

DESIGNER: Botin Partners (ESP)

YEAR BUILT: 2015

TYPE: Botin 80

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 4

OWNER: AUS 80 Pty Ltd

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW/Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD

CREW: Grant Wharington (28) - Skipper, David Turton (6) - Navigator, Peter Cosman (17), Xavier Doerr (1), Brian Donovan, Rhyce Layton, Adrian Seiffert (1), Lisa Seiffert, Curtis Skinner (10), Theodore Somssich, Josh Torpy (7), Greg Torpy (8), Alexander Watson, Oliver Wharington (1), Paul Wyatt

This Botin 80 was bought in 2020 by a syndicate headed by Grant Wharington. Renamed *Stefan Racing* for hairdressing sponsor, Stefan Ackerie, she finished the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart fourth over the line and was third over the line in the 2022 Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone race. With his former 100ft *Skandia*, Wharington took Hobart line honours in 2003. This Botin 80 was built for Karl Kwok who named her *Beau Geste* and finished fifth on line in the 2017 Hobart, the last of five inside the 2016 race record. She was also fifth over the line in 2016 and 2013. Designed to chase down the 100 footers, she has a similar displacement to a Volvo 70 but a larger sail area.



STELLA POLARIS

SAIL NO: 8339

LOA: 10.5m

CLASS: PHS

DESIGNER: Robert Hick (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 1994

TYPE: Hick 35

OWNER: Sebastian Hultin

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 11

CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Sebastian Hultin - Skipper, rest TBA

Stella Polaris was originally one of Bruce Taylor's *Chutzpahs*. He contested four Sydney Hobarts with her as *JLW Chutzpah* before Ed Psaltis and Bob Thomas bought her and won the renowned 1998 race. They did three further races before the Hick 35 became *Luna Sea*, with James Cameron taking her to Hobart four times, the last in 2014. Enter Sebastian Hultin, who renamed her *Stella Polaris* and gave her a full refit at the end of 2020. *Stella Polaris* sails out of Middle Harbour Yacht Club with an enthusiastic new skipper and crew.



SUN FAST RACING

SAIL NO: RQ3301

LOA: 10.0m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/Two-Handed

DESIGNER: Andrieu Yacht Design (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2022

TYPE: Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Lee Condell

CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Lee Condell (1) - Skipper, Lincoln Dews (2) - Skipper

Lee Condell is racing a new Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300, *Sun Fast Racing*, launched in June. He contested the inaugural Tollgate Islands Race and finished an impressive sixth overall and runner-up in the Two-Handed Division. Condell, who is the Head of Performance Boating Sales, has extensive offshore experience and raced short-handed for five seasons. Co-skipper is Lincoln Dews, who retired his Two-Handed

entry, *Hells Bells*, last year. There are competitive sisterships in the race for the two to gauge their performance against.



SUNRISE

SAIL NO: GBR888X

LOA: 11.8m

CLASS: IRC

DESIGNER: Jacques Valer (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2018

TYPE: JPK 11.80

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Thomas Kneen

CLUB: Royal Ocean Racing Club, UK

CREW: Thomas Kneen - Skipper, Adrienne Cahalan (29), Thomas Cheney, Angus Gray-Stephens, George Kennedy, David Swete, Victoria Tomlinson

Tom Kneen won the 2021 Rolex Fastnet Race with *Sunrise* after building a huge lead in IRC Division 2. He followed up with a second in the Rolex Middle Sea Race and a divisional win the RORC Caribbean. This will be Kneen and his yacht's first trip Down Under. The majority of his crew are 'first timers' in our race too. This productive JPK 11.80 is at her best in big seas and windy conditions. Brings back memories of Gery Trentesaux who bought his JPK 10.80, *Courier Leon*, from Europe and finished the 2015 Hobart second Overall. Watch this space!



SUPERNOVA

SAIL NO: 6499

LOA: 11.0m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian

DESIGNER: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)

YEAR BUILT: 2005

TYPE: Sydney 36

BOAT NOTES

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 1**OWNER:** Alex Seja/Felicity Nelson**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** Alex Seja (18) - Skipper, Felicity Nelson (25) - Skipper, Owen Kenny (2) - Navigator, Michael Doherty (19), William King (2), Frederico Momigliano (1), Michael Westaway, Greg Wilkins (4)

Supernova was a bright light around Sydney Harbour for over ten years when Alex Seja and Felicity Nelson made their move from racing on other people's yachts and bought the Sydney 36 to make their own mark on the race. They placed 13th for fourth in Division 4 in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Nelson also won the Jane Tate Memorial Trophy as the first female skipper to finish, a fitting way to mark her 25th Hobart - she is only the second female in the history of the race to make the '25 Hobarts' board. In the lead-up, *Supernova* has placed 37th in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast race and 17th and 13th respectively in the Flinders Islet and Tollgate Islands races.

**TOYBOX2****SAIL NO:** MH442**LOA:** 13.3m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian**DESIGNER:** Niels Jeppesen (DEN)**YEAR BUILT:** 2012**TYPE:** XP44**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Ian Box**CLUB:** Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW**CREW:** Ian Box - Skipper (2), Bryan Northcote (17) - Navigator, Tom Box, Michael Coffee (1), Andrea Gambacorti (2), Jeremy Green, Michael Grundy, Tom Hogan (2), Miles McLennan, Craig Simpson (21), Mattias Svensson, Oli Zuk

Ian Box raced his *ToyBox2* new in the 2012 Sydney Hobart and finished 43rd. He is keen to race again, missing out after losing the

rig before the race last year and with the 2020 race cancelled. A past Commodore of MHYC, Box has sailed his XP44 to solid results, including in MHYC's SSORC and Sydney Harbour Regatta. Box also contested the 2022 Australian Yachting Championships to finish eighth overall. Box did the 2006 Hobart with his former *ToyBox* and finished 25th. His 25 year-old son, Tom, waiting patiently for two years, will finally get to do his first Hobart.

**TRANSCENDENCE CRENTO****SAIL NO:** AUS3300**LOA:** 10.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/Two-Handed**DESIGNER:** Andrieu Yacht Design (FRA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2020**TYPE:** Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Martin Cross**CLUB:** Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW**CREW:** Martin Cross - Skipper, John Cross - Skipper

Transcendence Crento is a Sunfast 3300 with water ballast designed for offshore short-handed racing. Martin Cross bought the boat in late 2021 and competed in the RPYC Coastal Blue Water Series, including the Club Marine Pittwater to Coffs Race, in which Cross and his son John placed eighth overall and won the Short-Handed Division, then scored 10th overall and fourth in the Two-Handed Division of October's Tollgate Islands Race and second Two-Handed in the Bird Island Race. Impressive, considering they are new to two-handed racing. This will be the boat and her skippers' first Rolex Sydney Hobart and they will have other same designs to race against.

**TROUBLE & STRIFE****SAIL NO:** 8009**LOA:** 12.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2000**TYPE:** Cookson 12**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Matthew Williams**CLUB:** Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD**CREW:** Matthew Williams (9) - Skipper, Brady Lowe - Navigator, David Austin (4), Saul Davidson, Ben Green, Eric Hoeger, Tom Jarecki, Brady Lowe, Melanie Peasey, Adrian Smith, Ashleigh Swadling

Trouble & Strife, a Cookson 12, was built in New Zealand and is the sistership to *Sail Exchange*. Matt Williams' yacht is based at RQYS where it is crewed by an enthusiastic mix of youth and experience, competing in both inshore and offshore events, including the Brisbane to Gladstone, Brisbane to Keppel and Brisbane to Hamilton Island yacht races, the last proving her best offshore result of first in IRC and ORCi. This will be her first Rolex Sydney Hobart, but with a couple of expat Tasmanians on board, she should find her way.

**TUMBLEWEED****SAIL NO:** 077**LOA:** 10.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian/Two-Handed**DESIGNER:** Andrieu Yacht Design (FRA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2021**TYPE:** Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Graham Biehl**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of

BOAT NOTES

Australia, NSW/San Diego Yacht Club, USA

CREW: Graham Biehl – Skipper, Nigel Nattrass – Skipper

Graham Biehl and Nigel Nattrass will sail *Tumbleweed* in her first Rolex Sydney Hobart. In the lead-up, the pair placed 23rd in the Flinders Islet Race for fourth in the Two-Handed Division, was sixth two-hander in the Tollgate Islands Race and eighth two-handed in the Bird Island Race. Biehl is an American sailor who represented the USA in the Men's 470 at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics. He is the nephew of triple Olympic medallist Mark Reynolds and recently moved to Australia where he works at Woollahra Sailing Club. Co-skipper is Nigel Nattrass, a nifty Etchells sailor who has skippered *Tumbleweed* to good results. Both will enjoy racing against other Jeanneaus in the fleet.



UPRISING BRIGHTSIDE MARINE

SAIL NO: N5915

LOA: 10.9m

CLASS: IRC/Two-Handed

DESIGNER: Marc Lombard (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 1998

TYPE: Jeanneau 36

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Andrew Miller

CLUB: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Andrew Miller – Skipper, Harrison Miller – Skipper

Andrew Miller is a shipwright/boat builder and the owner of Brightside Marine in Lake Macquarie – a handy occupation for a yachting, especially sailing two-handed. He has skippered boats on long trips, experiencing different methods of boat building and repairs along the way. Miller did his first Sydney Hobart over 40 years ago as a 19-year-old. His son, Harrison, an up-and-coming match racing skipper, is co-skipper. *Uprising Brightside Marine* is a family

boat that normally races out of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.



URM GROUP

SAIL NO: AUS72

LOA: 21.8m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh (USA)

YEAR BUILT: 2008

TYPE: Reichel/Pugh Maxi 72

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 2

OWNER: Anthony Johnston and David Johnston

SKIPPER: Marcus Ashley-Jones

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Marcus Ashley-Jones (14) – Skipper, Anthony Johnston (3), David Johnston (2), Paddy Bannon (6), James Corrie (9), Bryce Edwards (1), Phil Harmer (13), Peter Harris (5), Steve Jarvin (32), Andrew Johnston, Nick Johnston (2), Philip Marshall (5), Aron Ormandlaki (5), Dick Parker (2), Ben Piggott (6), Alice Tarnawski, Matiu Te Hau (5), Joel Turner, Jason Waterhouse (1)

Anthony and David Johnston's *URM* suffered main damage and retired last year. The Reichel/Pugh 72 took Line Honours, race record and won the 2022 Flinders Islet Race. She finished second over the line and second overall to *Andoo Comanche* in the 260nm Tollgate Islands Race and second on line to *Black Jack* for third overall in the slow Bird Island Race. Johnston bought the boat which arrived in Australia in late 2019 and finished ninth on line in the Rolex Sydney Hobart that year. She is skippered by Marcus Ashley-Jones.

The top heavy crew again includes Olympic medallist Jason Waterhouse along with previous Sydney Hobart line and overall winners and Johnston's good luck charms – his brothers. *URM Group* was originally Neville Critchton's *Shockwave* and only raced overseas, winning her division in the 2010 Rolex Giraglia race. Her next

owner won her division in the 2015 Giraglia Cup among the yacht's other solid results.



WARRIOR WON

SAIL NO: 60564

LOA: 15.9m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)

YEAR BUILT: 2017

TYPE: TP52

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Christopher Sheehan

CLUB: Larchmont YC/New York YC/Storm Trysail Club, USA

CREW: Christopher Sheehan (1) – Skipper, Richard Clarke (5), Shane Diviney (1), Scott Ewing, Hartwell Jordan, Ben Lamb (11), Collin Leon, Tristan Louwrens, Malcolm Parker (9), George Peet (4), Ignacio Postigo, Mark Spearman, Henry Vogel, Chris Welch

Chris Sheehan returns after placing 47th in the 2017 race with his former *Warrior Won*. The American updated in 2019 to a TP52, the former *Bad Pak*. With his Connecticut-based team, Sheehan won the 238nm Stamford-Vineyard Race in 2020. In 2022, he won the RORC Caribbean 600 and the Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division of the Newport Bermuda race, taking monohull line honours in the process. Some of those crew from his wins are aboard again, including tactician, Richard Clarke, a Canadian four-time Olympian and Volvo Ocean Race winner. A couple of handy Australians, Ben Lamb and Mal Parker, are also aboard.



WHISPER

SAIL NO: AUS13

LOA: 18.9m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

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DESIGNER: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
YEAR BUILT: 2009
TYPE: JV62
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 4
OWNER: David Griffith
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: David Griffith (9) – Skipper, David Dickson (14) – Navigator, Grant Simmer (20) – Navigator, Nick Beaudoin (9), Tom Braidwood (23), Justin Clougher (14), Michael Coxon (31), Wil Coxon, Noel Drennan (34), Holly Griffith, Lachlan Hornsby, Sam Hunt (27), Doug McGain (13), Ian McKillop (3), Rudrakhya Midya, David Ward (16), Luke Watkins (3)

David Griffith skippered *Chinese Whisper* to fifth to win Division 0 in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Following a major refit, she was renamed *Whisper* and scored fifth for second in division in 2021. Placed second in division at the 2022 Australian Yachting Championships, missing the win by one point and placed fourth in this year's Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and Bird Island Race. Griffith's daughter, Holly, and Michael Coxon's son, Wil, make their Hobart debuts alongside a hot crew who will give it a red hot go. Previous owner, Rupert Henry, skippered the JV62 to ninth in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart and fifth overall for first in Division 0 in the 2015 race to finish runner-up in the CYCA's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore after buying the former *Jethou* from Europe.



WHITE BAY 6 AZZURRO
SAIL NO: 3430
LOA: 10.1m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian/PHS Corinthian
DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
YEAR BUILT: 1981
TYPE: S&S 34
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 9
OWNER: Shane Kearns
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of

Australia, NSW
CREW: Shane Kearns (16) – Skipper, Duncan McCrae (18) – Navigator, Ben Gray, Adrian Herington (5), Jim Nixon (26), Michael Rowe

The darling of the fleet, *White Bay 6 Azzurro* and owner Shane Kearns continue to impress. They placed fourth for second in division and won IRC Corinthian last year, coming close again to winning overall – and like the 2016 race, let down by conditions on rounding Tasman Island.

Under the name *Komatsu Azzurro*, she placed 52nd to win her division in the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart after placing 53rd in the previous two races. In 2016, she was 13th for second in division and in 2015, was third for second in division, with a Corinthian division win. Her first Rolex Sydney Hobart was as *Quikpoint Azzurro* in 2014 and she placed 33rd. This year, the S&S 34 placed second at the ORC Championship and 33rd in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. Kearns continues to turn up in top places in races that otherwise favour the big boats.



WHITE NOISE
SAIL NO: SM1245
LOA: 12.5m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi
DESIGNER: Mark Mills (IRE)
YEAR BUILT: 2019
TYPE: M.A.T. 1245
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 2
OWNER: Daniel Edwards
CLUB: Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC
CREW: Daniel Edwards (2) – Skipper, John Neville – Navigator (2), Blake Anderson (10), Ben Frecheville (4), David Richards (5), Andy Roper (2), William Sheers (2), Stuart Stirling (3)

The Rolex Sydney Hobart is unfinished business for Daniel Edwards and his *White Noise* after retiring with damage last year.

Edwards has enjoyed success with this M.A.T. 1245 since launching, including blitzing the field in the ORCVs 49th King Island Race last year and placing third in the ORC division of the King Island Race. She won Division 2 in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and placed second in Division 2 of the Flinders Islet Race. With his previous *White Noise*, a Beneteau, Edwards was crowned the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria's Offshore Champion for 2016-2017.



WILD OATS
SAIL NO: 4343
LOA: 13.1m
CLASS: IRC/ORCi
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr & Associates (USA)
YEAR BUILT: 1985
TYPE: Farr 43
NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 18
OWNER: Brett Eagle/Gordon Smith/Marc Skjellerup
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: Brett Eagle (4) – Skipper, Greg Scarlett (5) – Navigator, David Alais (1), Marike Koppenol (4), DJ McCready, Nick Potter, Greg Scarlett, Marc Skjellerup (1), Gordon Smith (4)

Brett Eagle bought *Wild Rose* in 2020 and reverted to her original name *Wild Oats*. With partners, Gordon Smith and Marc Skjellerup, the Farr 43 placed 26th in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart. When owned by Roger Hickman, she won the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart, with division wins the previous three years. With partners Bruce Foye and Lance Peckman, the Farr 43 won the tough 1993 race in conjunction with IMS winner, *Cookoos Nest*.

Hickman was a forerunner in bringing women into ocean racing before his untimely death, so the Wild Rose Series Pointscore in the CYCA's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore has been named in his honour to promote women in sailing. Wild Oats is competing

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in the pointscore. The boat was originally owned by Bob Oatley, hence her name.



WILLOW

SAIL NO: ITA70

LOA: 21.5m

CLASS: IRC

DESIGNER: Juan Kouyoumdjian (ARG)

YEAR BUILT: 2007

TYPE: Volvo Open 70

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 3

OWNER: Jim Cooney/Samantha Grant

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Jim Cooney (10) – Skipper, Andrew Cape (24) – Navigator, David Burt (9), Douglas Cooney, James Cooney (4), David Gilmour (1), Ted Hackney, Robbie Kane, Josh McKnight, Joey Newton, Corrado Rossignoli (1), Tim Sellars (11), Martin Stromberg, Daryl Wislang (5)

Having sold *Comanche* after a stellar run, including the standing race record, Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant return with the former *Ericsson3/Maserati*, renamed *Willow* for the Australian Technology Company Cooney is a board member of. Skippered by Cooney, this Volvo Open 70 finished sixth on line and seventh overall in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart – the last big boat to finish before the breeze shut down. In 2019, he chartered the yacht to Polish sailors, who finished 12th over line. Cooney and Samantha Grant bought the boat in 2016, after legendary Italian Giovanni Soldini raced her as *Maserati* to fourth on line and 22nd overall in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart. If it is a traditional hard race, *Willow* could do well over the line and overall. A star cast covers America's Cup winners, Olympic campaigners, Volvo Ocean Race competitors and World Champions.



XS MOMENT BNMH

SAIL NO: 11744

LOA: 13.3m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi/IRC Corinthian

DESIGNER: Niels Jeppesen (DEN)

YEAR BUILT: 2011

TYPE: XP44

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 2

OWNER: Ray Hudson

CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Ray Hudson (2) – Skipper, Frank Walker (16) – Navigator, Greg Edwards (2), Mike Hecht (1), Sean Inkley (1), Alex Lyons, Robert McClung (2), Lucy Rohr, David Walker (7), Michael Welsby, Ian Westlake (2), Chris Zonca (5)

Ray Hudson's *XS Moment BNMH*, an XP44, placed 59th in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart after debuting in the race in 2017 and placing 50th. The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club boat is competing in the Blue Water Series at her home club and the CYCA's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore. She placed 15th in the 2022 Flinders Islet Race and 12th in the Tollgate Islands Race. Hudson, who does well with this luxury 44-foot racer/cruiser constructed in Denmark, says: "We're looking forward to the challenge of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race."



YEAH BABY

SAIL NO: 112

LOA: 12.0m

CLASS: IRC/IRC Corinthian

DESIGNER: Marc Lombard (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2011

TYPE: Akilaria RC2

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 1

OWNER: Louis and Marc Ryckmans

CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Marc Ryckmans (9) –

Skipper, Louis Ryckmans (9), rest TBA

Twins Louis and Marc Ryckmans, who always race together, last went to Hobart with the former *Yeah Baby* (entered this year as *Flow Sails Yeah Baby*) in 2019. Their best result was 27th in 2017 and they crossed the line second and placed second overall in the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race. They return with the Akilaria RC2 that sailed last year's race in the Two-Handed Division as *Sidewinder* and took Two-Handed Line Honours for Rob Gough and John Saul. Originally *Jasmine Flyer* she successfully raced out of Britain.



YOLLA

SAIL NO: R1030

LOA: 10.3m

CLASS: IRC/ORCi

DESIGNER: Jacques Valer (FRA)

YEAR BUILT: 2022

TYPE: JPK 10.30

NUMBER OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER: Patrick Clarke

CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, VIC

CREW: Patrick Clarke – Skipper, Tim Metherall – Navigator, Dan Kennedy, Peter Roberts, rest TBA

This is Patrick Clarke's new JPK 10.30, the first of its type in Australia and currently the smallest JPK model from Jacques Valer, specifically designed for short-handed ocean racing. As she is so new, Clarke has done little racing, but did finish second in the ORCV Overnight Challenge in October. JPK yachts have cleaned up in international offshore races, including the Rolex Fastnet Race, the Transatlantic race, IRC European Championships, Rolex Middle Sea Race and more, so like the JPK entry, *Sunrise*, this one bears watching.

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**Z7****SAIL NO:** AUS7771**LOA:** 13.7m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Beneteau (FRA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2007**TYPE:** Beneteau First 45**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 7**OWNER:** Laurie McAllister**CLUB:** Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW

CREW: Laurie McAllister – Skipper, Stuart Milne (1) – Navigator, Matt Berry, Innes Briscoe, Tom Burgess, Clive Ferris, David Keddle (7), D'Arcy Kemp, Graeme Lee (4), Stephen MacKay, Roderick Maley, Chris Matthews (15), Stuart Milne (1), Phil West (1)

Z7 is a Beneteau First 45 recently bought by Laurie McAllister. She was last known as *Highly Sprung* (Mark Spring) and placed eighth to win Division 3 in last year's race and was 44th in 2019. Before that, she contested her first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2008, her then-owner, a Frenchman placing 37th. Paul Clitheroe bought her and placed 62nd in 2009, 18th in 2011 and 37th in 2013 as *Balance*. Chartered in 2012, she placed 21st as *Peugeot Surfrider*. McAllister, a gregarious Scotsman living in Australia, is new to the race, but tried his hand in November's protracted Bird Island Race, but like others, retired because of time constraints.

**ZEN****SAIL NO:** 52001**LOA:** 15.9m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Botin Partners (ESP)**YEAR BUILT:** 2011**TYPE:** TP52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 3**OWNER:** Gordon Ketelbey

CLUB: Middle Harbour YC/Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Gordon Ketelbey (12)

– Skipper, Tom Barker (12) –

Navigator, Tim Austin (4), Chris

Dagger (1), Mark Griffith, Shane

Guanaria, Richard Howard, Sean

Kirkjian (24), Mark Langford (1),

Tony Powell (17), Daniel Williams

(6), Christo Worchurst

Gordon Ketelbey joined the TP52 class with his latest *Zen*, purchased in 2018 out of Europe. He retired on the first night last year with an injury but placed 11th in 2019, after damage caused retirement in 2018. Since then, *Zen* has been pushing the top TP52s in various races and regattas. She scored third in the 2022 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, fifth at the Australian Yachting Championships, fourth in the Flinders Islet Race and fifth in the light Bird Island Race, best placed of the TP52s. Ketelbey raced Sydney 38s in previous Hobarts and with his solid crew, he looks well set up for the race.

**RADIO RELAY VESSEL JBW****LOA:** 20.0m**DESIGNER:** Ian Perdriau (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 1997**TYPE:** Long Range Displacement Motor Yacht**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 17**OWNER:** John Winning**SKIPPER:** Andrew Copley**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

CREW: Andrew Copley 28 (15 on RRV), Doug Cameron 7 (6), David Davies (1), Donald Graham 16 (5), Damon Lambert (1) Radio Crew: David Kellett 46 (20), John Woodford 34 (16), Colin Tipney 37 (18), Colin Wildman 52 (20)

The Radio Relay Vessel, JBW, was conceived by master craftsman Ian Perdriau, with the lines drawn by Faustman, resulting in a very sea-kindly and comfortable vessel of 20 metres. She is built of Oregon planking on Queensland

maple frames, covered with epoxy fibreglass sheathing and is beautifully appointed below decks. Since 2005, John Winning AM has kindly loaned the vessel to the CYCA.

The Chief Radio Operator aboard the Radio Relay Vessel since 2000, CYCA Past Commodore and Life Member, David Kellett AM, is back on board after filling the role of Deputy Race Committee Chair for last year's race. The current Radio Crew members have gone the distance with Kellett, racking up more than 30 Sydney Hobarts each, combining their races with RRV duties. ⚓

Woolly weather for the 2021 Sydney
Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta.
Photos: Andrea Francolini

Great Sydney Hobart classic yachts

Many classic yachts have graced the race over the last 77 years.

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia will regularly profile some of the greats in its quarterly magazine, *Offshore*.

The first in the series is *Kialoa II*, the 1971 Line Honours winner now owned by brothers Patrick and Keith Broughton, which is once again entered into the race this year.

A striking start to the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart.





Inside Kialoa II.

Kialoa II was built in 1964 for owner Jim Kilroy by Yacht Dynamics in Harbor City, California.

The yacht has an overall length of 22.4m, a beam of 4.5m and draft of 3.3m. *Kialoa II* is constructed from aluminium, an unusual material for a yacht of this size at the time. Originally a sloop, *Kialoa II* was converted to a yawl rig in 1968.

Sparkman & Stephens designed *Kialoa II* to Jim Kilroy's design goal of competing and winning in the maxi ocean racing category. This the yacht did fairly successfully, winning most major ocean races at least once during a racing career that spanned nearly a decade.

Kialoa II took line honours in the 1965 Transpac Race, Los Angeles to Honolulu, in a maxi division which included *Ticonderoga*, *Audacious* and *Stormvogel*. The winning margin over *Ticonderoga* after nine days at sea was 14 minutes.

Other notable line honours included the 1966 Newport Bermuda Race, the 1966 San Diego Acapulco Race and the 1969 Mazatlan Race. *Kialoa II* also won the 1969 Trans Atlantic Race on corrected time.

In 1971 *Kialoa II* came to Australia for the Sydney Hobart. As DD McNicholl reported in *The Australian*, "when... Jim Kilroy first tied up his new yacht *Kialoa II* at the CYCA marina in Sydney, he emptied the bar. Grizzled sailors were shouldering each other out of the way as they struggled to get a good look at this revolutionary aluminium-hulled racing yacht that was then the largest Sydney Hobart race entrant anyone had seen. At just over 73 feet, *Kialoa II* made most of the yachts on the marina look like kids' dinghies."

Kialoa II raced in the 1971 Sydney Hobart with a US crew and CYCA legend Mick York added in for local knowledge.

The race started in a moderate nor'easter, however on the second day the wind came in hard from the south, later southwest and gave the fleet of 78 entrants a gruelling slog upwind.

Kialoa II was the first yacht to finish, in 3 days 12 hours 46 minutes, and was followed over the line by



the New Zealand yacht *Buccaneer* and Huey Long's *Ondine*. The tough conditions placed *Kialoa II* 9 hours outside of the record, set by an earlier *Ondine* in 1962.

In 2016, Sydneysider Paddy Broughton and his brother Keith bought *Kialoa II* with a plan to compete in the classic ocean races, just as the yacht had under Jim Kilroy.

After a refit, including replacing standing and running rigging and adding new sails, the Broughtons competed in the 2017 Rolex Fastnet Race.

They then sailed *Kialoa II* to Sydney via the Cape of Good Hope for the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Since then they have regularly taken part in the Rolex Sydney Hobart and in 2019 sailed to *Kialoa II*'s birthplace in Los Angeles to participate in the 50th TransPac Race to Honolulu.

Kialoa II continues to turn heads on Sydney Harbour and is a regular competitor in the CYCA's classic yacht events. ⚓



An enduring part of the Rolex Sydney Hobart.
Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini



Always in the mix

By Rupert Guinness

The smaller boats in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race are perennial challengers for the Tattersall Cup.

Year in, year out, their presence on the start line against the maxis, TP52s and other larger and faster racing yachts stands as a reminder of the opportunity this race provides for boats of all sizes.

Here's a look at some of the smaller boats that will no doubt make their mark in this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart.

Chutzpah won IRC Division 2 in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Photo: ROLEX/Carlo Borlenghi

A Reichel/Pugh-designed Caprice 40, *Chutzpah* is owned by Bruce Taylor. This will be *Chutzpah's* 15th Sydney Hobart start and Taylor will be hoping for the downwind conditions that favour her chances of Overall victory. However, so often that has not been the case, even though *Chutzpah* has been a regular high-placed finisher in Division 2 with previous overall bests of fourth in 2007 and fifth in 2013. Last year, *Chutzpah* was the 12th boat to finish over the line, to take 11th position on handicap.

Cinquante is a Sydney 38 owned by Kim Jaggar, for whom this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart will his 36th start. *Cinquante* has been a regular player in the Sydney 38 and Corinthian divisions, since Jaggar bought her in 2018, when she placed second in the Corinthian division. *Cinquante* came to Jaggar with pedigree. When owned previously by Ian Murray, the boat won



Midnight Rambler during the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart.



Cinquante sealed a top 10 finish in the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart.



Sail Exchange during the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Photo: ROLEX/Kurt Arrigo



Alegria Republic has had a strong Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore campaign.

the Sydney 38 Division in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Last year, *Cinquante* placed ninth overall, sixth on ORCi, third in the Corinthian IRC division and second in the Corinthian PHS division.

The Ed Psaltis-owned *Midnight Rambler* is a Sydney 36 registered with the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. This is the seventh iteration of *Midnight Rambler*, which will make her third start in the Rolex

Sydney Hobart. Last year, *Midnight Rambler* finished an impressive seventh Overall, and second in the Corinthian IRC division. Psaltis, who won the 1998 Sydney Hobart on his Hick 35 AFR *Midnight Rambler*, is excited about his prospects after a strong season of racing in Tasmania.

Another Sydney 36, *Supernova* is co-owned by Alex Seja and Felicity Nelson. Nelson and Seja are both experienced ocean racers. Their experience in the Sydney Hobart had been built from crewing on other boats like *Azzurro* and *Arch Rival*. They made their debut as owners last year when they sailed *Supernova*, after buying it from Matthew Hanning; and they fared very well as first time owners. On handicap, *Supernova* placed 13th, also finishing fourth in the Corinthian IRC division.

The Shane Kearns-owned *White Bay 6 Azzurro* is a Sparkman & Stephens 34. It is one of the most popular boats and almost always in the fray for handicap victory, as she was last year, having led until conditions shifted on her final day at sea. *White Bay 6 Azzurro* settled for a brilliant fourth place on handicap, third on ORCi, first in the Corinthian IRC division and fourth in the Corinthian PHS division.



White Bay 6 Azzurro was right in the mix for much of last year's race. Photos: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini

The Farr 43 *Wild Oats* is owned by Brett Eagle, Gordon Smith and Marc Skjellerup. *Wild Oats* placed 26th on handicap last year, however the boat is a proven winner. When owned by the late Roger Hickman, named *Wild Rose* and crewed by male and female amateurs, she won the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart, as well as many other premier offshore races in Australia.

Other boats to keep an eye out for include the Rodney Jones-owned *Alegria Republic*, a Ker

Sydney Gts43 registered with the CYCA that has been faring well in this year's Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore races; *Sail Exchange*, a Cookson 12 owned by Carl Crafoord; and the Botin Carkreek GP42, *Enterprise Next Generation*, a Western Australia entry from the Fremantle Sailing Club that is co-skipped by owners Anthony Kirke and Andrew Nuttman and has been performing well in home state races. ⚓



Supernova in the distance. Photo: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini

Eyes on the prizes

Completing a Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is something to celebrate in itself, but there is plenty of silverware to which all competitors aspire.

As well as the major prizes – the George Adams Tattersall Cup, awarded to the overall winner on IRC rating corrected time, and the John H Illingworth Challenge Cup, awarded to the Line Honours winner – there are many historic trophies which recognise the achievements of boats throughout the fleet.

To challenge for the Tattersall Cup, a boat must first win its division and the divisional trophies are highly sought after.

Then there are the individual accolades, recognising the first female skipper across the line (Jane Tate Memorial Trophy), the navigator of the Overall winner (Bill Owen Memorial Trophy) and the navigator of the first Tasmanian yacht on handicap (City of Hobart Trophy).

Three boats are also in contention to win the Plum Crazy Trophy, awarded to the first yacht under 9.5 metres LOA to finish. The Lou Abrahams Trophy will be introduced in 2022, awarded to the first Victorian boat on IRC. The trophy acknowledges the late Victorian yachtsman Lou Abrahams, who claimed Overall wins in the Sydney Hobart with Challenge (1983), and Ultimate Challenge (1989).

The Official Prizegiving will be held on Saturday 31 December 2022 to acknowledge the endeavour of competitors in the 77th edition of the race. ⚓



Matt Allen lifts the Tattersall Cup for a fourth time, the third time as skipper of Ichi Ban. Photos: ROLEX/Andrea Francolini



Felicity Nelson collects a medallion to commemorate her 25th race.



Ed Psaltis' Midnight Rambler scooped multiple trophies in 2021.



The inaugural winners of the Two-Handed Division – Jan Scholten and Jules Hall (Disko Trooper_Contender Sailcloth).



The perpetual trophies on offer in the 2022 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
Charleston Trophy	for the winner of ORCi Division 1
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

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's Youth Sailing Academy (YSA) has prepared many young sailors for their first Rolex Sydney Hobart.

We caught up with two YSA Alumni – Jess Grimes, preparing for her first, and Tom Barrington, who completed his first in 2021 – to get an insight into the biggest offshore race of their lives.



The Grimes family on *Hasta la Vista*.

You never forget your first Hobart



Jess is a proud product of the Youth Sailing Academy.

After a false start in 2021, Jess Grimes is raring to go for her first ever Rolex Sydney Hobart.

The Grimes family bought the Sydney 38 *Hasta la Vista* last year and attempted to get the boat ready for Boxing Day in just a few weeks.

But time proved the enemy as a result of keel damage which was unable to be fixed in time for the race.

It should be second time lucky for *Hasta la Vista* and its crew which has many family ties.

Jess will co-skipper alongside her twin brother Tom, under the guidance of their father Richard – a veteran of 30 Sydney Hobarts.

Following *Hasta la Vista*'s late withdrawal ahead of the 2021 race, Tom was able to jump on Sam Haynes' TP52 *Celestial* for his first Hobart – a very impressive one for both *Celestial* and Tom.

This race has always been a major part of the Grimes' lives.

"Both of my parents are successful offshore racers, with Mum also completing five Sydney Hobarts," Jess said. "They actually met when both navigating onboard *Fujitsu Dealers* in the 1989 Hobart.

"Listening to their stories growing up made me really excited - and a bit nervous - to complete the race when I had the right opportunity. I never thought I would have the opportunity to do it on our own boat with Dad and Tom.

"Tom and I love sailing together and have a really good team dynamic.

"It's special and close to my heart to be able to do my first Hobart with them both and particularly Dad, even though I'm sure he will be still doing Hobarts in his eighties!"

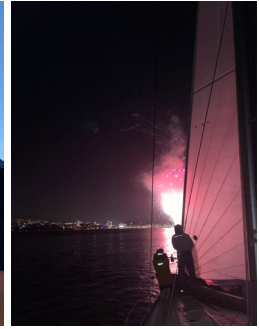
Jess and Tom have shared many special moments together on water, including being crowned Youth Match Racing World Champions in 2019.



Jess (centre) and Tom Grimes (right) celebrate victory at the 2019 Youth Match Racing World Championship.



Tom Barrington completed his first Rolex Sydney Hobart on Reve.



Reve's view of the New Year's Eve fireworks while finishing the race.

Jess also competed on board Tim Ryan's *Vamos* at the J/70 World Championship in Monaco this year and credits the YSA for much of her development.

"The YSA is the best sailing program I have been involved in," she said. "When I first joined in 2016 I was on the verge of quitting sailing for good, but decided to give one year in the Advanced Squad a go.

"The tremendous amount of support afforded by Pam [Scrivenor], Jordan [Reece] and the Club of their youth athletes is unparalleled. The squad has not only made me a better athlete, but I have also made my best mates there.

"The squad also does a great job of integrating you with Club Members for further opportunities in yachting."

Hasta la Vista is one of five Sydney 38s competing in the race, alongside *Cinquante*, *Eye Candy*, *Mondo* and *Poulpito*.

"We have a great and experienced crew on *Hasta la Vista* this year for the race," Jess said.

"I expect to learn a lot from them and hopefully perform well stacked against the other Sydney 38s.

"As long as the party is still in full swing when we arrive, I will be stoked with our performance.

"Dad has given Tom and I plenty of wisdom throughout the years, but he says that Hobart races are pretty simple - turn right out of Sydney Heads and don't hit Australia."



The Reve crew pose for a team photo during the race. That's Tom bottom right.

First race revelry

Fellow YSA Alumni Tom Barrington picked a tough year to make his Rolex Sydney Hobart debut.

He was on board Kevin Whelan's Beneteau 45f5 *Reve* for the 2021 race.

After enduring the rough conditions that led to many retirements in the first 36 hours, Tom and *Reve* had plenty more sailing remaining.

Reve was the penultimate boat over the line after more than five-and-a-half days at sea, taking in the New Year's Eve fireworks from a perfect vantage point as she approached the finish line.

"The first 36 hours was a bit of a blur," Tom recalls. "You just do your job and do the best you can.

"We ended up in three sets of watches - four hours on deck, four hours sailing the boat and four hours sleep. It was a bit of everything, whatever needed to be done.

Tom, also an experienced match racer, hadn't planned on moving into offshore racing.

But although he won't be doing the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart, he will certainly be adding to his tally in future.

"Offshore sailing was something I never thought I'd want to do," he said. "I tried a couple of the short races to Bondi or Botany Bay and back, then I did a few longer ones.

"I'm surprised I enjoyed it, but I did."

Tom's abiding memory from his first race was the electrifying start on Sydney Harbour.

"It was everything I imagined and more," he said. "The start was impressive; watching the spectator fleet, it was a real spectacle.

"I've watched the start a number of times. It was a hell of an experience being part of it and it made it feel really special. It felt like you were doing something important."

Tom's sage advice to those preparing for their first Hobart? "Stay warm!"

Good luck to all Youth Sailing Academy products heading south this year. ⚓

Race through the lens

Carlo Borlenghi, Kurt Arrigo, Daniel Forster and Andrea Francolini have captured some incredible moments for Rolex over the last 20 years.

The photographers have provided us with a unique view of the Rolex Sydney Hobart and shared some of their favourite photos they have taken.

KURT ARRIGO

“The energy that the sailors bring to this event is unparalleled. There is such camaraderie and also a strong sense of respect towards mother nature and what she chooses to throw at them.”



CARLO BORLENGHI

“The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is one of the best offshore races in the world. The weather conditions during the race are constantly changing and give photographers incredible lighting effects.”



Shortwave passes the Organ Pipes during the 2009 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.



The powerful LDV Comanche en route to winning Line Honours in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.



Wild Oats XI takes flight.



The wonders of nature are on full display in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

DANIEL FORSTER

“The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is my favourite yachting event and also the toughest to cover. But it has always been a pilgrimage: meeting old sailing and non-sailing friends, getting excited for the unknown and ever-changing conditions and seeing land and seascapes no tourist has ever seen.”



Titania of Cowes battles through volatile seas in 2013.



Capturing the incredible determination of Rolex Sydney Hobart sailors.



ANDREA FRANCOLINI



“It would seem too strange to not be on the water on Boxing Day shooting the fleet in this great race.”

*Top: Wings through the Organ Pipes.
Below: Seeing through Smuggler.*



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WINNERS 1945 - 2021

*Denotes new race record

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

WINNERS 1945 - 2021

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Year	Overall Winner	Designer	Fleet	Line Honours	Designer	Elapsed Time (Line Honours)
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 Cmte, NZL	Bruce Farr, NZL	102	NEW ZEALAND, NZ Round the World Cmte, 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 Cmte, 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/	Farr/Beneteau, France	56	SKANDIA, Grant Wharington, Victoria	Don Jones, VIC	2:15:14:06

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Year	Overall Winner	Designer	Fleet	Line Honours	Designer	Elapsed Time (Line Honours)
	Peter Johnston, NSW					
2004	AERA, Nicholas Lykiardopulo, UK	Jason Ker, UK	116	NICORETTE, Ludde Ingval, 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	02:07:37:20
2011	LOKI, Stephen Ainsworth, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	88	INVESTEC LOYAL, Anthony Bell, NSW	Greg Elliott, NZL	02:06:14:18
2012	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	76	*WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	01:18:23:12
2013	VICTOIRE, Darryl Hodgkinson, NSW	Farr Yacht Design, USA	94	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	02:06:07:27
2014	WILD ROSE, Roger Hickman, NSW	Farr Yacht Design, USA	117	WILD OATS XI, Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW	Reichel/Pugh, USA	02:02:03:26
2015	BALANCE, Paul Clitheroe, NSW	Farr Yacht Design, USA	108	COMANCHE, Jim and Kristy Clark, USA	Verdier Yacht Design & VPLP, USA	02:08:58:30
2016	GIACOMO, Jim Delegat, NZL	Juan Kouyoumdjian, ARG	88	*PERPETUAL LOYAL, Anthony Bell, NSW	Juan Kouyoumdjian, ARG	01:13:31:20
2017	ICHI BAN, Matt Allen, NSW	Botin, ESP	102	*LDV COMANCHE, Jim Cooney/Samantha Grant, NSW	Verdier Yacht Design & VPLP, FRA	01:09:15:24
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

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

6,307 yachts have completed the race
(1,074 retired or were disqualified).

An estimated **60,922 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	117	116
2019;	2014;	2004;
154 finished	103 finished	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):

Freya (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	Abrahms*	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	
John	Benetto*	44	1	1
Colin	Betts	34	3	2
David	Blanchfield	31	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	29	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	35	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	53	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	42	3	1
Robert	Green	25		
Peter	Green*	35	1	
Steve	Grellis	30		
Richard	Grimes	29		
Josko	Grubic*	27		
Magnus	Halvorsen*	30	5	3
Richard	Hammond*	40	2	2
John	Harris	31	2	2
Tony	Harder	33		3
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	Jaggard	34		
Larry	Jamieson	35	2	1
Steve	Jarvin	32	2	14
Greg	Johnston	28	1	1
Fraser	Johnston	35	2	
Peter	Joubert*	27		
Bradshaw	Kellett	29	1	1
David	Kellett	47	1	2
Tony	Kirby	36		
Peter	Kurts*	30	2	
Don	Lang*	32	1	
Sean	Langman	27		
David	Lawson*	34		1

* Denotes deceased sailors

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

		Races	Wins	Line Honours
Gordon	Maguire	25	*	*
Lindsay	May	48	3	1
Stephen	McCullum	25	*	*
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	Parkes	33		1
James	Permezel	34		
Kingsley	Piesse	37		
Tony	Poole	25		
Ian	Potter	30		1
Greg	Prescott*	29		
Ed	Psaltis	39	1	
Jeremy	Rae	28	2	1
Bill	Ratcliff	50		
Toby	Richardson	25	3	3
Bill	Riley	25		
Geoff	Rouvray	33		
Sven	Runow	29	4	7
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	44	1	1
Bill	Sykes	32	1	
Andrew	Taylor	28		
Bruce	Taylor	40		
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	27		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	25		
Louise	Stevenson	15		
Wendy	Tuck	13		
Jackie	White	10	*	*
Amanda	Wilmot	12		

The George Adams Tattersall Cup Winners

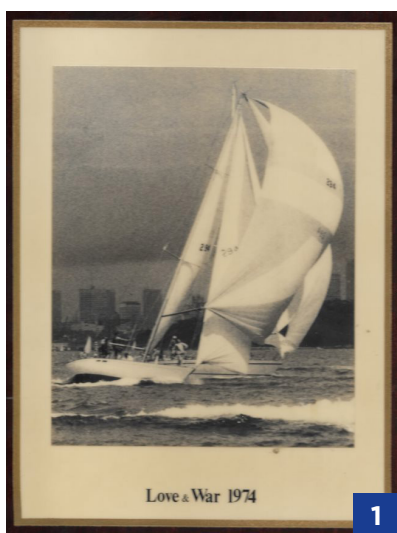
A pictorial celebration of those boats that have won the coveted Overall Honour on multiple occasions.

The Three-Times Winners

Freya (1963 – 1965)

Love & War (1974, 1978, 2006)

Ichi Ban (2017, 2019, 2021)



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



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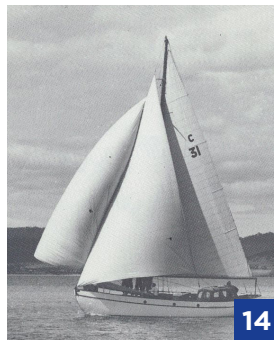
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The Two-Times Winners

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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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

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Boat Name	Sail No	Design	State	Owner/s	Skipper/s
ALEGRIA REPUBLIC	A6	Ker Sydney Gts43	QLD	Rodney Jones	Rodney Jones
ALIVE	52566	Reichel/Pugh 66	TAS	Phillip Turner	Duncan Hine
ALLEGRO	6723	Warwick 67	VIC	Adrian Lewis	Adrian Lewis
ANDOO COMANCHE	CAY007	VPLP 100	NSW		John Winning Jr
ANJO	38117	Beneteau First 40	QLD	Clayton Craigie	Clayton Craigie
ANTIPODES	GBR2888L	Santa Cruz 72	NSW	Geoff Hill	Geoff Hill
ARIEL	A140	Beneteau First 40	NSW	Ron Forster/Phil Damp	Ron Forster/Phil Damp
ARIKI TAI (TH)	CIG16	Cigale 16	NSW	Denis Doyle	Denis Doyle/ Greg Johnston
AVALANCHE (TH)	2400	Hick 40	NSW	James Murchison	James Murchison/ James Francis
BACARDI	SM377	Peterson 44	VIC	Martin Power	Brett Averay
BLACK JACK	525100	Reichel/Pugh 100	QLD	Peter Harburg	Mark Bradford
BLINK	B40	Beneteau First 40	NSW	Mark Gorbатов/ Mark Siebert	Mark Gorbатов
BLUE PLANET (TH)	AUS110	J/99	NSW	Chris O'Neill	Chris O'Neill/ Larry Jamieson
BOWLINE	10447	Beneteau First 44.7	NC	Ian Roberts	Ian Roberts
CARO	CAY52	Botin 52	NZL	Maximilian Klink	Maximilian Klink
CASSIOPEIA 68	HUN68	Marten 68	HUN	Cassiopeia 68 Ltd	Demeter Nobilis
CELESTIAL	9535	TP52	NSW	Sam Haynes	Sam Haynes
CHUTZPAH	R33	Caprice 40	VIC	Bruce Taylor	Bruce Taylor
CIAO BELLA	SM888	Hanse 505	NSW	Karl Onslow	Karl Onslow
CINQUANTE	5038	Sydney 38	NSW	Kim Jaggarr	Kim Jaggarr
COOPERS	3810	Jeanneau 53	QLD	Craig Watson	John Jugz Moody
CRUSH	F0052	J/V TP52	WA	David Davenport	David Davenport
CRUX (TH)	MYC8	S&S 34	NSW	Carlos Aydos	Carlos Aydos/ Peter Grayson
CRYSTAL CUTTER III	6661	Beneteau 40.7	NSW	Charles Parry-Okeden	Charles Parry-Okeden
CURRAWONG (TH)	7374	Currawong 30	NSW	Kathy Veel	Kathy Veel/ Bridget Canham
CYAN MOON	B47	Beneteau Oceanis 473	VIC	Wayne Arnold Seaward	Wayne Arnold Seaward
DENALI	52569	TP52	NSW	Damien Parkes	Damien Parkes
ENTERPRISE NEXT GENERATION	F1701	Botin Carkeek GP42	WA	Anthony Kirke/ Andrew Nuttman	Anthony Kirke/ Andrew Nuttman
ESPRIT	8455	Wauquiez C45	QLD	Rod West	Rod West
EYE CANDY	FRA-9777	Sydney 38	NC	Thierry Leseigneur	Thierry Leseigneur
FLOW SAILS YEAH BABY	A5	Welbourn 50	QLD	Andy Lamont	Andy Lamont
FLYING CLOUD	6808	Beneteau First 40	NSW	David Myers	David Myers



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FLYING FISH ARCTOS	7551	McIntyre 55	NSW	Flying Fish Sailing	Drew Hulton-Smith
FRUIT SALID 3	RQ334	Beneteau First 40	QLD	Mark Drobitko	Mark Drobitko
GUN RUNNER	3867	Jarkan 925	VIC	Army Sailing Club	Chris Connelly
GUNSHOT	NZL8425	Elliott 52	NSW	David Walsh	David Walsh
GWEILO	052	TP52	NSW	Matthew Donald/ Chris Townsend	Matthew Donald
HAMILTON ISLAND WILD OATS	AUS10001	Reichel/Pugh 100	NSW	The Oatley family	Mark Richards
HASTA LA VISTA	M25	Sydney 38	NSW	Richard Grimes	Richard Grimes
HELSAL3	262	Adams 20	NSW	Helsal 3 Syndicate	Rob Fisher
HIP-NAUTIC (TH)	7811	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300	TAS	Jean-Pierre Ravanat	Jean-Pierre Ravanat/ Drew Meincke
HUNTRESS	888	Sydney 39 Cr	QLD	Brent Dowton/ Victoria Logan	Victoria Logan
ICHI BAN	AUS001	Botin 52	NSW	Matt Allen	Matt Allen
ICHI BAN	AUS01	Carkeek 60	NSW	Matt Allen	Matt Allen
INSOMNIA	65007	JV42	NSW	Marcus Grimes	Marcus Grimes
INUKSHUK (TH)	SA982	Northshore 38	SA	Robert Large	Robert Large/ Cameron Boogaardt
JOSS	RF177	J/122	NSW	Roberto Camacho	Roberto Camacho
JUCASTA	E1	Beneteau First 45	WA	Stuart McIntyre	Stuart McIntyre
KD4 (TH)	99	Dehler 44	NSW	Joe De Kock	Joe De Kock/ Richard Hooper
KHALEESI	46	DK46	NSW	Rob Aldis/ Sandy Farquharson	Rob Aldis/ Sandy Farquharson
KIALOA II	AUS7742	S&S Yawl	NSW	Patrick Broughton	Patrick Broughton
KING BILLY	4966	Custom/John King	NSW	Phil Bennett	Phil Bennett
KOA	52152	TP52	NSW	Andy Kearnan/ Peter Wrigley	Andy Kearnan
KRAKEN 111 (TH)	33	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300	TAS	Rob Gough	Rob Gough/John Saul
KRAKEN 42S	D099	Cookson 12	TAS	Mark Bayles	Mark Bayles/ Andrew Sinclair
LAWCONNECT	SYD1000	Juan-K 100	NSW	Christian Beck	Christian Beck
LLAMA II	7126	Dehler 46	NSW	Jon Linton	Jon Linton
MAKO	N40	Sydney 40	NSW	Paul O'Rourke	Greg Busch
MALUKA	A19	Ranger	NSW	Sean Langman	Peter Langman
MARITIMO	SYC52	TP52	QLD	Bill Barry-Cotter	Kendal Barry-Cotter
MAYFAIR	M16	Rogers 46	QLD	James Irvine	James Irvine
MIDNIGHT RAMBLER	ST36	Sydney 36	TAS	Ed Psaltis	Ed Psaltis
MILLENNIUM FALCON	M888	S&S 39	NSW	Robert Griffiths	Robert Griffiths



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MINNIE (TH)	424	Jones 42	NSW	Michael Bell	Michael Bell/Oli Bell
MISTER LUCKY (TH)	RQ3600	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600	QLD	Rohan Wood	Rohan Wood/ Todd Giraudo
MISTRAL (TH)	1	Lombard 34	NSW	Rupert Henry	Rupert Henry/ Greg O'Shea
MONDO	5656	Sydney 38	NSW	Lisa Callaghan/ Stephen Teudt	Lisa Callaghan/ Stephen Teudt
MONEYPENNY	AUS1	Reichel/Pugh 69	NSW	Sean Langman	Sean Langman
NAVY ONE	0404	Beneteau First 40	NSW	Royal Australian Navy	Tori Costello/ Nick Greenhill
NO LIMIT	AUS98888	Reichel/Pugh 63	VIC	David Gotze	David Gotze
OCEAN CRUSADERS J-BIRD (TH)	OC52	TP52	QLD	Ian Thomson	Ian Thomson/ Annika Thomson
ORIONE	ITA16054	Grand Soleil 45	GER	Axel Baumgartner/ Peter Baumgartner	Peter Baumgartner
PACMAN (TH)	110	Young 11	QLD	Peter Elkington	Peter Elkington/Scott Cavanough
PAPILLON	6841	Archambault A40rc	SA	Dale Price	Dale Price
PATRICE	AUS52	TP52	NSW	Tony Kirby	Tony Kirby
PATRICE SIX	7779	X-41	NSW	Alexander Flecknoe-Brown	Alexander Flecknoe-Brown
PEKLJUS	6419	Radford 50	NSW	David Suttie	David Suttie
PHILOSOPHER (TH)	020	Sydney 36 Cr	NSW	David Henry	David Henry/ Stephen Prince
POULPITO	FRA6900	Sydney 38	NC	David Treguier	David Treguier
PRETTY WOMAN	545	Farr 45	NSW	Richard Hudson/ David Beak	Richard Hudson
QUANTOCK	1195	Elliott 13	NSW	David Hobbs	David Hobbs
QUEST	52002	TP52	NSW	Craig Neil	Craig Neil
REVE	5930	Beneteau 45F5	NSW	Kevin Whelan	Kevin Whelan
RUM REBELLION (TH)	1808	J/99	NSW	Shane Connelly	Shane Connelly/ Tony Sutton
RUMCHASER (TH)	0122	J/122e	NSW	Andrew Butler	Andrew Butler/Lee Antill
RUSH	B45	Farr 45	VIC	John Paterson	John Paterson
SAIL EXCHANGE	7709	Cookson 12	NSW	Carl Crafoord/ Tim Horkings	Carl Crafoord
SALT LINES	GBR5672L	Shipwright 70	NSW	Matthew Harvey	Matthew Harvey
SECRET MENS BUSINESS	8300	Murray-Burns- Dovell 42	NSW	David De Coster	David De Coster
SHE	4924	Olsen 40	QLD	Philip Bell	Philip Bell
SILVER FERN	NZL6702	Birdsall 72	QLD	David Hows	David Hows
SINTARA	YC110S	Beneteau 47.7	SA	Derek Morrison	Derek Morrison
SMUGGLER	6952	TP52	NSW	Sebastian Bohm	Sebastian Bohm
SOUTH BRITTANY	7447	Beneteau First 44.7	NSW	Tanguy Fournier Le Ray	Tanguy Fournier Le Ray



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SPEEDWELL (TH)	B347	Beneteau 34.7	NSW	Colin Geeves	Campbell Geeves/ Wendy Tuck
STEFAN RACING	AUS80	Botin 80	QLD	AUS 80	Grant Wharington
STELLA POLARIS	8339	Hick 35	NSW	Sebastian Hultin	Sebastian Hultin
SUN FAST RACING (TH)	SM3301	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300	NSW	Lee Condell	Lee Condell/ Lincoln Dews
SUNRISE	GBR888X	JPB 1180	GBR	Thomas Kneen	Thomas Kneen
SUPERNOVA	6499	Sydney 36	NSW	Felicity Nelson/Alex Seja	Alex Seja
TOYBOX2	MH4	XP 44	NSW	Ian Box	Ian Box
TRANSCENDENCE CRENTO (TH)	AUS3300	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300	NSW	Martin Cross	Martin Cross/John Cross
TROUBLE & STRIFE	8009	Cookson 12	QLD	Matthew Williams	Matt Williams
TUMBLEWEED (TH)	AUS077	Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300	NSW	Graham Biehl	Nigel Nattrass/ Graham Biehl
UPRISING BRIGHTSIDE MARINE (TH)	N5915	Jeanneau 36	NSW	Andrew Miller	Andrew Miller/ Harrison Miller
URM GROUP	AUS72	Reichel/Pugh 72	NSW	Anthony Johnston/ David Johnston	Marcus Ashley-Jones
WARRIOR WON	60564	TP52	USA	Chris Sheehan	Chris Sheehan
WHISPER	AUS-13	JV 62	NSW	David Griffith	David Griffith
WHITE BAY 6 AZZURRO	3430	S&S 34	NSW	Shane Kearns	Shane Kearns
WHITE NOISE	SM1245	M.A.T 1245	VIC	Daniel Edwards	Daniel Edwards
WILD OATS	4343	Farr 43	NSW	Brett Eagle	Brett Eagle
WILLOW	ITA70	Volvo 70	NSW	Jim Cooney/ Samantha Grant	Jim Cooney
XS MOMENT BNMH	11744	XP 44	NSW	Ray Hudson	Ray Hudson
YEAH BABY	112	Akilaria Rc2	NSW	Louis Ryckmans/ Marc Ryckmans	Marc Ryckmans
YOLLA	R1030	JPB 1030	VIC	Patrick Clarke	Patrick Clarke
Z7	AUS7771	Beneteau First 45	NSW	Laurie McAllister	Laurie McAllister
ZEN	52001	TP52	NSW	Gordon Ketelbey	Gordon Ketelbey



WHAT'S ON

Many of the traditional build-up events to the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race return in 2022! 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

02 Friday

Cabbage Tree Island Race
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Audi Centre Sydney Blue
Water Pointscore)

02-06

Australian Maxi
Championship

06 Tuesday



**SOLAS Big Boat
Challenge**

09 Friday

Rolex Sydney
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Race Corporate
Luncheon

09-11

Sydney
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Classic Yacht
Regatta



10 Saturday

CYCA Trophy

15 Thursday

Official
VIP &
Skippers
Launch



17 Saturday

Crew Party

19 Monday

Commodore's
Beer & Prawn
Night



21 Wednesday

Movie night in the
Sydney Race Village
(Screening of
Maiden)

26 Monday

Race start and
Family Day in the
Sydney Race Village

27 Tuesday

**Hobart Race Village
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31 Saturday

Prizegiving at the Grand
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