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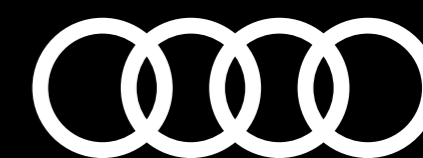
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COMMODORE PAUL BILLINGHAM

At the helm

The 74th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race was once again a classic - the enthralling four-way line honours battle that was only settled in the Derwent; the first overall victory of a Tasmanian boat since 1979; the close second place to an all-female crew and the smallest yacht in the race, fittingly it seems, winning the Corinthian trophy!



As I met the arriving crews, the sense of achievement, the friendly rivalries and the famous Sydney Hobart spirit was there to be seen in each and every case - what a privilege it was to be there.

Congratulations go to all competing yachts, and especially those that took divisional trophies. Of course special congratulations must go to overall winner *Alive* and record ninth-time line honours winner *Wild Oats XI*.

While this year the race attracted a record Australian TV Boxing Day audience (some 1.65m people switched on to see a picture-postcard start), as I mentioned in my closing speech in Hobart, we are already looking at how we can improve - taking feedback from participants, our finishing partner the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT), officials and sponsors - it really is a 12-month effort!

On the cards for this year is a review of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, a review of the TV broadcast format, other media channels and a significant upgrade of the race website.

So thanks once again to our Cruising Yacht Club of Australia & RYCT teams - both volunteers and staff; our event partners; the RMS, TasPorts and Hobart City Council; and of course our major sponsor Rolex whose representatives gave hugely positive feedback on this year's race.

TURNING 75!

With the race over for another year we turn attention to celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Club. Delving into David Colfelt's book "*From Ratbags to Respectability*" it seems we don't know exactly when the founders of the CYCA first met in Monte Luke's photographic studio in Castlereagh Street - but it is

believed to have been in May or June of 1944.

So, while we cannot celebrate our actual birth date, we will certainly celebrate the 75th anniversary of our birth year with numerous events planned.



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These started just recently on Australia Day when we announced a new range of Member discounts coming into effect that go a long way to improving the value proposition of being a Full Member of the Club.

Looking forward we also have the Commodore's Ball on 1 June 2019 which will aim to raise funds for the Youth Sailing Academy and then in December a classic yachts regatta is being planned to celebrate Sydney Hobart Veterans as we head into the 75th anniversary of the race.

The Special Events Committee is driving these and other ideas that will make 2019 a year to remember!

BUILDING WORKS COMPLETION

Virtually all of the rectification work on the Clubhouse redevelopment has now been completed - our builders Belmadar and project managers Colliers have done a fantastic job.

As I mentioned at the Members' Town Hall held before Christmas, we aim to

complete the balance of our building works this year - probably in the quieter winter months. These works include the replacement of the New Beach Road boundary fence to our premises (making them fully secure for the first time); completion of the grading and surfacing of the two car parks and remodelling the end of Marina A Arm to improve berthing (subject to DA).

NEW CEO - EDDIE MOORE

This significant program will be overseen by our new CEO Eddie Moore who started with us on 14 January. Eddie benefitted from an excellent handover from Karen Grega and has hit the ground running - I encourage Members to reach out to him when you see him around the Club.

ON THE WATER

The Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore (BWPS) series has now been decided with Matt Allen's *Ichi Ban* taking out both the IRC and ORCi and Rear Commodore Sam Haynes' *Celestial* winning PHS. This year we had a dedicated Audi Centre Sydney BWPS website which really is worth a visit to see how the fleet fared in our premier annual pointscore event.

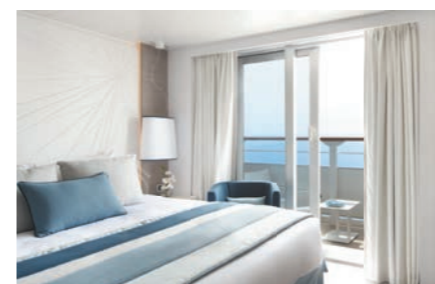
The second part of the summer season is now well underway. So with Monday and Club Marine Wednesday Twilights, Mount Gay Ocean Pointscore, SOPS, Combined Pointscore and Short Haul weekend sailing, there is every opportunity for Members to get out on the water - if you need help getting your boat safety checked, finding crew or even keen for some support from experienced Club Members, reach out to the sailing office.

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CYCA celebrates its 75th birthday



The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2019 – and Members, guests and yachting enthusiasts alike are in for a treat with a year-long celebration planned.

Australia Day marked the start of the Club’s celebrations, and the Club will continue to mark its 75th year and pay tribute to the past, present and future, with a range of other activities, events and offers.

The CYCA has a jam-packed calendar of events spread across the year to help celebrate this historic occasion including a black-tie Commodore’s Ball, the inaugural International Women’s Day Breakfast, a Veterans’ and Founders’ Day, Classic yachts regattas, an historic #75thSydneyHobart crew party, the 75th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and a celebratory book written by Rob Mundle OAM around the Club’s most-famous race.

The Club has also launched a new logo celebrating the 75-year anniversary, which will be used in the Clubhouse, across the Club’s digital platforms, in Offshore magazine and on a select range of merchandise released later in the year.

“The 75th anniversary is a significant milestone for the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia – and a year-long celebration we want to conduct involving Members and guests alike,” Commodore Paul Billingham said.

“We encourage all to come to the Club and join the party and trust this celebration is one befitting of our founders, current Members and the future of the organisation too.

“We can’t wait to celebrate and look forward to seeing you at the Club and on the water to join in the fun.”

For more information on the Club’s special events around the 75th anniversary of the Club as well as the 75th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, visit www.cyca.com.au/celebrating75 ⚓



NEW CEO EDDIE MOORE JOINS CYCA

Experienced sports administrator Eddie Moore has commenced work at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, taking over from Karen Grega as CEO.

Moore was most recently Interim General Manager at Woollahra Sailing Club and prior to that held leadership positions across a number of sporting organisations including the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG), Australian Rugby Union and most recently as CEO of Football NSW.

“Eddie’s appointment was made on the recommendation of our executive search consultants Hattonneale who, after working with the Board to establish the key skillsets of a future CEO of the CYCA, approached more than 50 suitable candidates to determine their interest in the role,” Commodore Paul Billingham said.

“The subcommittee agreed, after several interviews and the taking of references, Eddie to be the stand out candidate. He then successfully met with the full Board and his appointment was unanimously agreed.”

Moore said he was honoured to take up the position.

“The CYCA is a Club steeped in tradition stretching back 75 years and I appreciate this role comes with great responsibility to protect and promote

the values and experiences on which it has been built. I look forward to the challenge of serving you and capitalising on the work done by those who have led before me,” Moore said.

“The Club is in great shape following the superb renovation of the Clubhouse, and I could not feel more privileged to lead the Club at this exciting time in its rich history.”

Billingham paid tribute to the departing CEO and thanked her for an outstanding contribution, culminating in the opening of the redeveloped Club facilities.

“Karen leaves with our heartfelt thanks for her significant achievements over the last three years, notably in delivering our new Clubhouse on time and on budget; building a strong leadership team; and greatly improving the way we run the Club for Members and guests. I suspect we will feel the benefit of Karen’s achievements for many years to come,” Billingham said.

“Karen has decided to take a well-deserved break after a frenetic three years and I take this opportunity to personally thank her for all she has done here at the CYCA.”

Operations Manager Michael Neumann has also left the CYCA, taking up the position of General Manager at Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. ⚓

MEMBERS GET MORE!

Membership of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia now presents better value than ever before, with a raft of new inclusions and discounts implemented as part of the 75th anniversary celebrations.

In addition to current benefits (including 10% off bar and bottle shop sales), Members now receive the following new or increased discounts:

- 5% off food purchases from Café 44
- 25% off function room hire
- 20% off merchandise
- 10% off ticketed CYCA events (excluding events principally aimed at raising funds for the CYCA SOLAS Trusts or the Youth Sailing Academy)

“We are proud to announce these additional Member benefits and discounts that kicked-in on Australia Day 2019,” Commodore Paul Billingham said.

“Membership of the CYCA, which includes access to our sparkling new-look Clubhouse at Darling Point, is now better value than ever before. We look forward to

seeing Members old and new enjoy these increased benefits.”

In addition to the above new inclusions, Members also receive a raft of other amazing benefits:

- First-hand exposure to the most iconic sailing event in Australia – the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race which has become known as the ‘Everest’ of ocean racing around the world
- Intimate access to the most comprehensive sailing program in Australia, from inshore youth sailing to gruelling offshore challenges
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Ponant extends CYCA partnership



CYCA Sports Marketing & Sponsorship Manager Nicholas Janzen, Vice President PONANT, Asia Pacific Monique Ponfoort, CYCA CEO Eddie Moore and Marketing Manager PONANT Eva Robert

PONANT, Yacht Cruises and Expeditions has extended its support of international sailing, backing the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) and the PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race for a further two years.

PONANT joined the CYCA family as naming-rights Partner for the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race - and they are now sponsors of the CYCA and the event until 2020.

"Following the relaunch and success of the 2018 Sydney Noumea Yacht Race, PONANT has confirmed its commitment to naming-rights Partner of this race for the next two years," Sarina Bratton AM, Chairman PONANT Asia Pacific, says.

"We feel a positive synergy with the CYCA, as yachting is part of our DNA and 30-year heritage. *Le Ponant*, our classic three-masted sailing yacht, is the company's first vessel and she embodies the traditions maintained within our company's ethos."

"We see this as the perfect link between Partner and event. Of course, being a French company, the race ending in New Caledonia adds a certain *je ne sais quoi* to the appeal." Commodore Paul Billingham is excited about the partnership extension and what the future holds. "The PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race is one of the CYCA's truly great events - and it's excellent to see the extension of the great partnership with PONANT," Billingham says.

"PONANT, famous for small-ship cruises and luxury expeditions, are renowned for being of high quality and top class - the fit couldn't be any better!"

"On behalf of the Board and Members, thanks to PONANT for the support."

Monique Ponfoort, Vice President PONANT, Asia Pacific: "The Sydney Noumea race is an exciting event for serious competitors, sailing through a range of challenging navigation and sea conditions for 1,064 nautical miles. Following our involvement last year, and working together, we appreciate even more the benefits both organisations receive through the common goal of optimising our partnership.

"While the classic three-mast yacht, *Le Ponant*, represents and maintains the close ties that the Founder and CEO, Jean-Emmanuel Sauvée continues to have with sailing, this culture is reflected throughout our fleet of modern luxury expedition ships as well."

As part of the PONANT partnership, Members will be provided with a number of exclusive opportunities and offers, ahead of the 2020 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race.

CYCA CEO Eddie Moore and Sports Marketing and Sponsorship Manager Nicholas Janzen recently welcomed PONANT's *Le Lapérouse* into Sydney, with the luxurious small ship headed to Tasmania in December for the historic 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race among myriad other journeys.

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WENDY TUCK JOINS RECORD BOOKS

Record-breaking sailor Wendy Tuck was recently honoured by the Club and its Members, awarded a Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Honorary Membership along with the Commodore's Medal for Outstanding Seamanship and a Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Medallion.

Tuck's amazing achievements in sailing include being the first female skipper to win an around-the-world yacht race, the first Australian to twice skipper yachts in the Clipper Race, nomination for the Rolex World Sailor of the Year and being awarded 2018 Australian Female Sailor and Offshore Sailor of the Year.

Many Members attended the historic occasion with Tuck thanking them for their contribution throughout the years in supporting her and providing opportunities which have assisted in reaching the pinnacle of the sport.

The CYCA's latest Honorary Member will shortly continue her adventures, involved with *The Maiden Factor* which will be making a stop at the CYCA in the coming months.

The Club and all Members would like to wish Wendy the best for all her upcoming endeavours and congratulate her again on her outstanding achievements.



WILD OATS XI TAKE 2018 GRINDERS COFFEE SOLAS BIG BOAT CHALLENGE

It was only a matter of moments after the start when the Oatley family's *Wild Oats XI* exerted her authority and continue on to take line honours in the 2018 Grinders Coffee SOLAS Big Boat Challenge on Sydney Harbour.

"We were lucky enough to get a great start and that put us in a position to take advantage of the course," said *Wild Oats XI* skipper Mark Richards.

"It's always tough racing against *Black Jack* in lighter air and they certainly kept us on our toes. All crews did a great job on all boats out there today and we are very happy with the line honours [Grinders Coffee SOLAS Big Boat Challenge] win."

Behind the pair, Christian Beck's *InfoTrack* was slow to wind up but soon picked up pace, as did Seng Huang Lee's *Sun Hung Kai/Scallywag*. Further back from the supers the battle was on between The Oatley family's *Wild Oats X* raced by the all-female Ocean Respect Racing; *Winning Appliances* skippered by John Winning Jr; and Sean Langman's *Naval Group*.

Winning Appliances kept the pressure on the whole way around the course, sailed in a mostly 8-10 knot sou'easterly, to take the Overall Win from *Wild Oats XI*.

This was the 25th running of the Big Boat Challenge which started in 1994 when George Snow's *Brindabella* took line honours, another yacht with Sydney Hobart pedigree. Grinders Coffee joined with the CYCA in the lead-up to the 2018 race to sign a naming-rights partnership.

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THE 74TH ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE

ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

The 74th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race had a little bit of everything - and the 75th looks equally exciting writes RUPERT GUINNESS



The sweetest thing! Alive celebrate their epic triumph

The 75th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will be a deservedly celebrated affair for a historical benchmark reached. But after a nail-biting battle for line honours and overall victory in 2018, a fever of high expectation should resonate in the lead-up to this iconic event.

The 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race was memorable for so many reasons, from the performances of boats and their crews, from front to back of the fleet. It was a contest that also showcased the increasing impact of women in the race of which more than 80 were in various crews.

A race as open as the 74th Rolex Sydney Hobart should encourage many boats to return, and likewise inspire new campaigns to be launched; no matter the inevitable role that weather conditions can play.

Sure, conditions can be the bane of any crew and boat; but likewise

they can also reward - no matter the size or class of boat.

In the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart, conditions were idyllic for the super maxis and mid-sized boats that savoured 'champagne sailing' after leaving Sydney Harbour following the Boxing Day start, and were catapulted south by a north to nor'easterly breeze.

It was the smaller boats towards the back of the fleet that were given a taste of trademark 'on the nose' punishment as those winds turned to westerlies and increased as they neared the finish.

The one common challenge that all boats faced was the array

of transitions which forced crews to chase pockets of winds as others petered out, turning the race into a tactical tussle for all.

Conditions were in stark contrast to the storm-stricken 1998 race when six lives were lost - and many more were rescued - in a horrific storm and high seas. All were grateful for that, on the 20th anniversary of the tragedy, officially commemorated at sea on day two of the race - at 1700hrs on December 27 - when David Kellett AM, who sailed in the 1998 race and is now head of the Radio Relay Vessel, read out to the fleet on radio the words originally spoken by then Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Commodore, Hugo Van Kretschmar, at the 1998 memorial service at Constitution Dock. Referring to the lost six sailors, the message read:

Mike Bannister, John Dean, Jim Lawler, Glyn Charles, Bruce Guy, Phil Skeggs...

May the everlasting voyage you have now embarked on be blessed with calm seas and gentle breezes.

May you never have to reef or change a headsail at night.

May your bunk be always warm and dry.

This is not to say the 2018 race was spared of any challenge. It was certainly not smooth sailing for all in the 85-strong fleet that lined up for the start. Three waves of yachts with a huge spectator fleet following and thousands of others lining the Harbour shore and its various vantage points.

The race saw six yachts retire, leaving 79 to reach the finish; but in the racing conditions, it turned into a veritable test of open sea smarts, tactical cunning and precise decision making.



Tasmanian boat Alive claimed the Tattersall Cup in an outstanding performance.

WHAT A RACE ... FOUR-WAY FIGHT FOR LINE HONOURS

The race for line honours was astonishingly close. It was highlighted on a Friday morning near the end of day two and the unprecedented sight of all four super-maxis racing up the Derwent River, with *Wild Oats XI* leading after making its winning move at Tasman Light shortly before dawn to pass the race leader, *Comanche*.

From there, *Wild Oats XI*, owned by the Oatley family, sailed up the Derwent River under glorious morning sunshine with a vast spectator fleet in tow following her every move, gybing to port and starboard much of the way up the river before making a final straight line to the finish.

That line she crossed at 0807hrs, ending her 628-nautical-mile journey

in an official time of 1 day 19 hours 7 minutes 21 seconds.

In second place was Peter Harburg's *Black Jack* in 1d 19hrs 35m 6s, followed by the Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant-owned *Comanche* in 1d 19hrs 36m 9s and then *InfoTrack*, owned by Christian Beck, in 1d 19hrs 49m 31s. Incredibly, only 42 minutes separated them all.

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After such a close tussle, the prospect of the 75th Rolex Sydney Hobart being celebrated with an “encore” performance is now very real.

It is hard to believe Mark Richards, the skipper of *Wild Oats XI* and her owners, the Oatley family, will not want to return. After receiving the John H. Illingworth Challenge Cup for line-honours victory, Richards teased the media when asked if the 14-year-old 100-footer would take on her younger challengers again, saying: “Don’t rip up your tickets ... I gotta give you something to talk about later.”

But why would *Wild Oats XI* not race again, knowing one more line-honours title would etch her name as a 10-time winner – officially, that is?

It was not lost on anyone who heard Richards after her latest win, that



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Duende laps up the scenery as she nears the end of her 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart journey



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Unprecedented media interest followed the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart, with more television viewers for the start than ever before

he still regards her in such reckoning. Referring to the 2017 race when she crossed the line first, but fell to second place after being penalised one hour for an incident with *Comanche* shortly after the start. Richards, who labelled the 2018 win as “redemption,” said: “Today was *Wild Oats*’ 10th time over the line first, regardless what anyone else says.

“This is one of the best yachting wins of my life ... not just for myself, but for the whole team (and) the Oatley family. After an event like last year, to come through and redeem yourself, today is a wonderful, wonderful feeling. Money can’t buy that sort of stuff.”

Richards lauded the ageing but “skinny” *Wild Oats XI*, saying: “There are only six grand prix hundred footers in the world. They (the five entries, including *Sun Hung Kai/Scallywag* that retired soon after the race start with a broken bowsprit) are the best 100 footers in the world and to have a boat this old still showing the way is pretty impressive. She is a remarkable machine. She is the Phar Lap of yachting.”

As Richards spoke, he had no idea that a veil of uncertainty was about to fall on the result due to reports from *Black Jack* that inferred *Wild Oats XI* may have breached Special Regulation 4.09 (a) in

Rule 11.4 of the Sailing Instructions that: “An AIS Transponder shall be carried and be switched on, such that it is receiving and transmitting.” But that cloud abated when the Race Committee’s lodged protest was declared invalid by the international Race Jury.

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Wild Oats XI’s future in the Rolex Sydney Hobart aside, it would seem that the owners and crews of *Black Jack*, *Comanche* and *InfoTrack* would want to have another crack at upsetting her grip on the title. Similarly, for the Hong Kong entrant, *Sun Hung Kai/Scallywag* skippered by David Witt that was rated a serious challenger leading up to the race and soon after the Boxing Day start until the moment she retired.



The Winning Appliances crew sailed in memory of those lost in the 1998 race.

We will never know what imprint *Sun Hung Kai/Scallywag* would have left on the 2018 race, but many will be keen to see what she can do this year; and one would think Witt and the owners of *Sun Hung Kai/Scallywag* would be too.

ALIVE AND WELL ... THE RACE FOR OVERALL VICTORY

Much can be said or asked of the rest of the 2018 fleet.

As the sailing fraternity appreciates, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is not just about who can – and does – win line honours. It is also about the battle for the Tattersall Cup as the overall winner.

For many, that contest is what matters most. And 2018 did not disappoint in providing an enthralling battle for the Cup. It should have triggered the interest of many boat owners for this year's race.

The race on handicap in 2018 saw a constant change on the leader-board from the moment *Black Jack* led the

fleet out from Sydney Harbour. But finally, Phillip Turner's *Alive*, a Reichel/Pugh 66, was declared the winner. The last Tasmanian winner was Bob Cumming's *Screw Loose* in 1979. The previous two were G.D. Gibson's *Westward* in 1947 and 1948. *Alive* now becomes the fourth ever Tasmanian entry to win, just the third boat from the Apple Isle.

Alive, also the fifth boat to finish in 2 days 1 hour 40 minutes 36 seconds, won overall with a corrected time of 3 days 6 hours 41 minutes 16 seconds. Second in a corrected time of 3d 7h 55m 11s was the NSW entry *Wild Oats X* also owned by the Oatley family and skippered by Stacey Jackson with an all-female professional crew – as well as former Foreign Affairs Minister Julie Bishop MP as a supporter of the crew's campaign to promote ocean sustainability until she disembarked by jumping off as *Wild Oats X* neared Bondi Beach. In third place was Hugh Ellis' *Voodoo* from Victoria in 3d 8h 44m 20s.

The historical significance of *Alive's* win was not lost on Turner, a retired

professional gambler whose love of the race dates back to his days as a tacker raised in Hobart when his father would take him down to Constitution Dock see the race fleet finish one by one.

"It's great for Tasmania," said Turner who bought *Alive*, formerly named *Black Jack*, in 2014, with the "intention" of winning the race.

"I looked at what was available. I got (Australian boat designer) Fred Barrett to help me and basically we kept coming back to this boat."

Turner was quickly repaid for his investment into the canting keeler. She accrued a number of wins in Australian east coast races leading up to her last Rolex Sydney Hobart start before her 2018 win – that being, in 2016 with eighth place on line honours and 17th overall. In 2017 she went to the south-east Asia circuit. On her return home, in the 2017 Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race she was second over the line, third overall and won ORCi, then third on line in



The Wild Oats XI crew claimed the John H Illingworth Challenge Cup



Ichi Ban had another fine performance but fell short of their 2017 Tattersall Cup triumph



Alive and well! Duncan Hine with the coveted Tattersall Cup and the Rolex Timepiece, alongside General Manager Rolex Australia Patrick Boutellier

“ I looked at what was available. I got (Australian boat designer) Fred Barrett to help me and basically we kept coming back to this boat.

Phillip Turner owner of *Alive*

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the Club Marine Brisbane to Keppel Tropical Yacht Race.

THE 75TH DAWNS

The contest between *Alive* and *Wild Oats X* in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race certainly brought the best out of both boats and crews.

However, *Wild Oats X*'s finish that saw Jackson win the Jane Tate Memorial Trophy as the first female skipper to finish the race, also showcased the increasing influence of women in the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

throughout the fleet, in boats both big and small, and varying class.

Examples were Adrienne Cahalan, in her 27th start, navigating *Voodoo* to eighth on line honours and third overall to win Division 1; Zoe Taylor's *Cookson 12*, *Grace O'Malley*, winning Division 3 and placing ninth on IRC with a crew including Clipper Round the World-winning skipper Wendy Tuck in her 12th start and on bow, former CYCA Youth Sailing Academy sailor Emma May in her fifth; *Wax Lyrical* winning PHS

overall and placing third in the Corinthian division with a crew including four women; and *Audere*, who represented Royal Brighton Yacht Club in Victoria and finished 67th overall, having in its crew of 10 skipper John Cain's wife Jenny Wright and their two daughters, Beth and Milly Cain in an experience that for the mother-and-sister trio was their first Rolex Sydney Hobart.

How this will all impact the role of women in the 75th Rolex Sydney Hobart remains to be seen, but in



Constitution Dock is bustling with spectators and sailors throughout the race



New Year celebrations at Constitution Dock

light of the close race between *Alive* and *Wild Oats X* for the Tattersall Cup, there is sound reason to believe in the prospect of an all-female crew one day winning the race overall.

That is already understood by the crew of *Alive* on which attention will focus on her chances of defending her Tattersall Cup title. History shows how hard a challenge that is, as Matt Allen, the owner-skipper of the 2017 winner *Ichi Ban* was reminded of last year.

No boat has won the race overall two years in a row since *Freya* between

1963-65, and going into the 2018 race, Allen's TP52 was highly regarded as an entry that could add to that chapter of history.

Ichi Ban won almost every race she started last year. The Royal Ocean Racing Club in the UK even named her 'Yacht of the Year'.

But in the Sydney Hobart, the goal of claiming back-to-back wins eluded her, due mostly to conditions slowing her in Storm Bay.

"We never underestimated how challenging it is," Allen said dockside

in Hobart after finishing at 2330hrs 28 December, outside the time needed to have any chance of winning again. "You can be in really good shape but you have to get everything right. The moons have to be aligned.

"That's what makes it such a huge challenge to win this race."

That should also inspire many to believe in their prospects in this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race amid the celebrations building for its next momentous milestone – that being, the diamond age of 75. 🏆



Once in a lifetime!

The *Lunatix* crew, a family affair, started their 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart journey with an 18,000-nautical-mile mission just to get to the start line writes skipper FRIEDRICH BOEHNERT

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Friedrich Boehnert owner/skipper of the German yacht Lunatix



Friedrich facing the media with other potential overall winners

never seen anything comparable in my life before. Also as we docked we got a very warm welcome, absolutely exciting.

We finished in the middle of the fleet which is absolutely ok for us. We never expected more with a boat that is on a trip around the world and no local knowledge, we are really happy that we made it to the finishing line with everybody safe. It was also a good feeling to be the first Corinthian boat to cross the finish line.

Competing in the Rolex Sydney Hobart is worth all the efforts and you definitely have to do it once in your

lifetime. There is nothing similar, it's known as the most iconic race in the world for a reason.

Meanwhile I will proceed to New Zealand for the rest of the southern summer. When it gets cold here and the Cyclone season is over, I will go to New Caledonia and at the end of July back to Mackay. Then up the Australian coast to Darwin, Indonesia, Christmas Island, Cocos Keeling, Mauritius, Reunion, South Africa, St. Helena, Ascension, Cape Verdes, Canary Islands and then back to Europe. The adventure continues! 📍

Lunatix and her German crew closing in on the finish line in Hobart

For all German race sailors, it's a dream to sail the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race on your own boat - once in a lifetime. I decided to fulfil this dream and, to make it perfect, get to Sydney and back with the boat from Germany on her own bum in a circumnavigation.

I started sailing *Lunatix*, an XP50 Performance Cruiser, on 28 August 2017 in Germany. The boat was brand new - I got her from the boatyard in Denmark the previous month.

First I had to sail around Europe to Portugal and then via Madeira to the Canary Islands. In Lanzarote I joined the Royal Ocean Racing Club Transatlantic Race to Grenada in the Caribbean. After cruising a little bit in the Caribbean, I started from St. Lucia with the World Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC) to Australia. On the way I visited Colombia, Panama, the Galapagos Islands, French Polynesia, Tonga, Fidschi and Vanuatu and ended up in Mackay. Here I left the World ARC and sailed down past the Queensland islands to Southport. There I took the chance to jump over to Lord Howe Island and from there I sailed to Sydney where I arrived at the end of November, just in time to start the preparations for the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart.

I sailed all the way with my family and friends with many crew exchanges, because all of them are working they only had the chance to spend their holidays with me. Fortunately my family shares my passion for sailing. My 27-year-old son and my

26-year-old daughter are keen racers too and of course crew members for the Rolex Sydney Hobart. My wife prefers cruising, especially the island hopping, but of course was backing me up for the Rolex Sydney Hobart as shorecrew.

My son has joined me on all race activities since the age of 14 and also crossed the Atlantic with me. My daughter is very busy with dinghy and match racing, but also did several offshore races with me. The rest of the Rolex Sydney Hobart crew, all Germans, were also very experienced racers and all of them had been racing with me before. Half of them also joined me on the RORC Transatlantic Race.

The 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart was as challenging as expected. On the downwind run along the Australian coast we damaged two kites by overloading them in gusts. Across the Bass Strait we had to cope with many windshifts and sometimes very light winds. But when we were approaching Tasman Island we encountered very strong winds with more than 40 knots on the nose, now I know where Storm Bay gets its name! Entering the River Derwent the wind was dying and we prayed to reach the finishing line before it died completely. We were lucky and crossed the finishing line early that evening.

We were absolutely overwhelmed by the great welcome we received. The crowd on the dock was cheering and celebrating like we had won, I have



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2018 RESULTS

IRC OVERALL

PLACING	YACHT	OWNER/ SKIPPER	DIVISION	HANDICAP	CORRECTED TIME	ELAPSED TIME
1	Alive	Phillip Turner TAS	0	1.584	03:06:41:16	02:01:40:36
2	Wild Oats X	The Oatley Family NSW	0	1.602	03:07:55:11	02:01:53:15
3	Voodoo	Hugh Ellis VIC	1	1.515	03:08:44:20	02:05:17:35
4	Winning Appliances	John Winning Jr NSW	1	1.494	03:09:03:25	02:06:15:18
5	Ichi Ban	Matt Allen NSW	1	1.397	03:09:17:15	02:10:11:14
6	Prospector	Shelter Island Transatlantic Partners USA	1	1.561	03:11:07:46	02:05:15:14
7	Privateer	Ron O'Hanley USA	0	1.386	03:12:06:51	02:12:41:18
8	Black Jack	Peter Harburg QLD	0	1.931	03:12:09:45	01:19:35:06
9	Grace O'Malley	Zoe Taylor NSW	3	1.128	03:12:10:47	03:02:37:39
10	Hollywood Boulevard	Ray Roberts NSW	1	1.42	03:12:35:15	02:11:34:07
11	Wild Oats XI	The Oatley Family NSW	0	1.971	03:12:59:40	01:19:07:21
12	Infotrack	Christian Beck NSW	0	1.944	03:13:11:47	01:19:49:31
13	Enterprise	Anthony Kirke WA	3	1.149	03:13:30:15	03:02:24:58
14	St Jude	Noel Cornish NSW	2	1.186	03:13:44:02	03:00:17:18
15	Chutzpah	Bruce Taylor VIC	2	1.193	03:14:07:06	03:00:11:11
16	Patrice	Tony Kirby NSW	2	1.286	03:14:37:35	02:19:21:40
17	Celestial	Sam Haynes NSW	1	1.371	03:14:47:09	02:15:18:04
18	SailExchange	Carl Crafoord & Tim Horkings NSW	3	1.109	03:15:10:14	03:06:36:10
19	Envy Scooters	Barry Cuneo QLD	1	1.398	03:15:26:35	02:14:32:55
20	Comanche	Jim Cooney & Samantha Grant NSW	0	2.007	03:15:30:37	01:19:36:09
21	Teasing Machine	Eric De Turkheim France	1	1.325	03:16:05:48	02:18:29:17
22	Gwello	Matt Donald & Chris Townsend NSW	1	1.391	03:16:25:14	02:15:33:58
23	Showtime	Mark Griffith NSW	2	1.217	03:16:32:52	03:00:45:33
24	Smuggler	Sebastian Bohm NSW	2	1.258	03:16:38:47	02:22:27:58
25	Black Sheep	Matthew Pilkington and Rob Gourlay TAS	3	1.106	03:16:47:38	03:08:17:02
26	Koa	Peter Wrigley & Andrew Kearnan NSW	1	1.347	03:16:52:59	02:17:59:09
27	Ragamuffin	Brenton Fischer NSW	1	1.344	03:17:12:17	02:18:22:21
28	Cinquante	Kim Jaggar NSW	3	1.095	03:17:53:23	03:10:05:28
29	Frantic	Michael Martin NSW	1	1.341	03:18:10:39	02:19:14:47
30	Kayimai	Rob Aldis NSW	3	1.133	03:18:19:20	03:07:43:10
31	Bush Paul Group	The 5200 Syndicate NSW	1	1.348	03:18:42:13	02:19:17:15
32	Primitive Cool	John Newbold VIC	1	1.349	03:18:51:13	02:19:20:56
33	Sports Bar	Neville & Jo Blair NSW	3	1.1	03:19:32:16	03:11:12:58
34	Matrix	Graham Furtado QLD	3	1.105	03:19:47:23	03:11:04:03
35	Ausreo	Ian Creak NSW	4	1.066	03:19:49:19	03:14:08:13
36	Anger Management	Tim Stewart WA	3	1.116	03:19:54:08	03:10:20:59
37	TSA Management	Tony Levett NSW	3	1.1	03:19:55:27	03:11:34:03
38	Kialoa II	Patrick Broughton NSW	2	1.199	03:20:00:06	03:04:43:55
39	Naval Group	Sean Langman NSW	1	1.558	03:20:17:19	02:11:14:07
40	Papillon	Phil Molony NSW	4	1.08	03:20:49:22	03:13:56:49
41	Noahs II	Ting Lee China	0	1.572	03:21:09:02	02:11:15:22
42	Midnight Rambler	The Rambler Syndicate NSW	4	1.039	03:21:15:57	03:17:45:54
43	Hartbreaker	Antony Walton & Gaye Walton VIC	2	1.285	03:21:24:53	03:00:41:47
44	Extasea	Paul Buchholz VIC	2	1.187	03:21:59:31	03:07:11:04
45	Oroton Drumfire	Phillip Neil NSW	2	1.195	03:22:31:20	03:07:05:53
46	Triton	Michael Cranitch & David Gotze NSW	1	1.438	03:22:39:53	02:17:49:51
47	Wings	Ian Edwards NSW	3	1.142	03:22:54:54	03:11:06:47
48	Lunatix	Friedrich Boehmert Germany	2	1.204	03:22:58:16	03:06:52:47
49	Apsaras	Li Jian Hong Kong	1	1.349	04:00:23:54	02:23:27:33
50	Gun Runner	Maurice Young NSW	4	0.9	04:00:28:31	04:11:11:41
51	Mayfair	James Irvine QLD	4	1.081	04:00:31:27	03:17:17:30
52	Mark Twain	Michael Spies QLD	4	0.968	04:00:38:58	04:03:50:40
53	Komatsu Azzurro	Shane Kearns NSW	4	0.935	04:00:41:00	04:07:24:17
54	Trumpcard	Blake Boulton QLD	4	1.069	04:00:46:59	03:18:32:10
55	Joy Ride	John Murkowski USA	3	1.096	04:01:20:36	03:16:49:01
56	URM	Adrian Dunphy NSW	2	1.263	04:02:10:05	03:05:43:34
57	Dare Devil	Sibby Ilzhofer NSW	2	1.225	04:04:39:49	03:10:10:28
58	Avalanche	Gary Fisher, Andrew McGrath, Chris Auger VIC	3	1.147	04:05:29:46	03:16:29:18
59	Wots Next	Charles Cupit NSW	2	1.178	04:05:51:50	03:14:28:19
60	Pelagic Magic	Simon Dunlop NSW	4	1.053	04:06:30:07	04:01:20:34
61	Sticky	Richard Harris NSW	4	1.042	04:07:24:36	04:03:14:31
62	Jackpot	Robert Hale & Matt Gooden NSW	4	1.073	04:07:26:30	04:00:24:15
63	Great Xpectations	Rod Willis NSW	4	1.071	04:08:12:55	04:01:18:23
64	Arcadia	Peter Davison VIC	4	1.079	04:08:42:09	04:01:02:12
65	Mille Sabords	Robert Frayne NSW	3	1.1	04:10:59:16	04:01:15:42
66	Dreki Sunnan	Ken Holmes NSW	3	1.122	04:11:42:34	03:23:59:52
67	Audere	John Cain VIC	3	1.098	04:11:51:00	04:02:13:27
68	Chancellor	Edward Tooher NSW	3	1.11	05:00:19:54	04:12:24:25
-	2 Unlimited	Greg Prescott TAS	3	1.146	RETIRED	RETIRED
-	Zen	Gordon Ketelbey NSW	1	1.386	RETIRED	RETIRED
-	M3 Team Hungary	Peter Hickson NSW	1	1.347	RETIRED	RETIRED
-	Patriot	Jason Close VIC	3	1.093	RETIRED	RETIRED

LINE HONOURS

PLACING	YACHT	OWNER/ SKIPPER	ELAPSED TIME
1	Wild Oats XI	The Oatley Family NSW	01:19:07:21
2	Black Jack	Peter Harburg QLD	01:19:35:06
3	Comanche	Jim Cooney & Samantha Grant NSW	01:19:36:09
4	Infotrack	Christian Beck NSW	01:19:49:31
5	Alive	Phillip Turner TAS	02:01:40:36
6	Wild Oats X	The Oatley Family NSW	02:01:53:15
7	Prospector	Shelter Island Transatlantic Partners USA	02:05:15:14
8	Voodoo	Hugh Ellis VIC	02:05:17:35
9	Winning Appliances	John Winning Jr NSW	02:06:15:18
10	Ichi Ban	Matt Allen NSW	02:10:11:14
11	Naval Group	Sean Langman NSW	02:11:14:07
12	Noahs II	Ting Lee China	02:11:15:22
13	Hollywood Boulevard	Ray Roberts NSW	02:11:34:07
14	Privateer	Ron O'Hanley USA	02:12:41:18
15	Envy Scooters	Barry Cuneo QLD	02:14:32:55
16	Celestial	Sam Haynes NSW	02:15:18:04
17	Gwello	Matt Donald & Chris Townsend NSW	02:15:33:58
18	Triton	Michael Cranitch & David Gotze NSW	02:17:49:51
19	Koa	Peter Wrigley & Andrew Kearnan NSW	02:17:59:09
20	Ragamuffin	Brenton Fischer NSW	02:18:22:21
21	Teasing Machine	Eric De Turkheim France	02:18:29:17
22	Frantic	Michael Martin NSW	02:19:14:47
23	Bush Paul Group	The 5200 Syndicate NSW	02:19:17:15
24	Primitive Cool	John Newbold VIC	02:19:20:56
25	Patrice	Tony Kirby NSW	02:19:21:40
26	Smuggler	Sebastian Bohm NSW	02:22:27:58
27	Apsaras	Li Jian Hong Kong	02:23:27:33
28	Chutzpah	Bruce Taylor VIC	03:00:11:11
29	St Jude	Noel Cornish NSW	03:00:17:18
30	PYR Jarhead Wot Eva	Performance Yacht Racing United Kingdom	03:00:21:58
31	Hartbreaker	Antony Walton & Gaye Walton VIC	03:00:41:47
32	Showtime	Mark Griffith NSW	03:00:45:33
33	Enterprise	Anthony Kirke WA	03:02:24:58
34	Grace O'Malley	Zoe Taylor NSW	03:02:37:39
35	Kialoa II	Patrick Broughton NSW	03:04:43:55
36	URM	Adrian Dunphy NSW	03:05:43:34
37	SailExchange	Carl Crafoord & Tim Horkings NSW	03:06:36:10
38	Lunatix	Friedrich Boehmert Germany	03:06:52:47
39	Oroton Drumfire	Phillip Neil NSW	03:07:05:53
40	Extasea	Paul Buchholz VIC	03:07:11:04
41	Kayimai	Rob Aldis NSW	03:07:43:10
42	Helsal 3	Helsal 3 Syndicate NSW	03:08:15:26
43	Black Sheep	Matthew Pilkington and Rob Gourlay TAS	03:08:17:02
44	Pekjuss	David Suttie NSW	03:08:48:52
45	Cinquante	Kim Jaggar NSW	03:10:05:28
46	Dare Devil	Sibby Ilzhofer NSW	03:10:10:28
47	Anger Management	Tim Stewart WA	03:10:20:59
48	Wax Lyrical	Les Goodridge NSW	03:10:23:17
49	Matrix	Graham Furtado QLD	03:11:04:03
50	Wings	Ian Edwards NSW	03:11:06:47
51	Sports Bar	Neville & Jo Blair NSW	03:11:12:58
52	TSA Management	Tony Levett NSW	03:11:34:03
53	Allegro	Adrian Lewis NSW	03:11:48:10
54	Papillon	Phil Molony NSW	03:13:56:49
55	Ausreo	Ian Creak NSW	03:14:08:13
56	SeaVentus Mahligai	Murray Owen & Jenny Kings Russia	03:14:11:14
57	Wots Next	Charles Cupit NSW	03:14:28:19
58	Duende	Damien Parkes NSW	03:14:30:45
59	Avalanche	Gary Fisher, Andrew McGrath, Chris Auger VIC	03:16:29:18
60	Joy Ride	John Murkowski USA	03:16:49:01
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62	Midnight Rambler	The Rambler Syndicate NSW	03:17:45:54
63	Trumpcard	Blake Boulton QLD	03:18:32:10
64	Dreki Sunnan	Ken Holmes NSW	03:23:59:52
65	Jackpot	Robert Hale & Matt Gooden NSW	04:00:24:15
66	Quetzalcoatl	A Bruce, J Lee Warner, A Sweetapple NSW	04:00:26:31
67	Arcadia	Peter Davison VIC	04:01:02:12
68	Mille Sabords	Robert Frayne NSW	04:01:15:42
69	Great Xpectations	Rod Willis NSW	04:01:18:23
70	Pelagic Magic	Simon Dunlop NSW	04:01:20:34
71	Flying Fish Arcos	Flying Fish Online NSW	04:01:51:41
72	Audere	John Cain VIC	04:02:13:27
73	Sticky	Richard Harris NSW	04:03:14:31
74	Mark Twain	Michael Spies QLD	04:03:50:40
75	Reve	Kevin Whelan NSW	04:03:52:51
76	Komatsu Azzurro	Shane Kearns NSW	04:07:24:17
77	Relish IV	Leeann Lynch NSW	04:07:56:21
78	Gun Runner	Maurice Young NSW	04:11:11:41
79	Chancellor	Edward Tooher NSW	04:12:24:25
-	2 Unlimited	Greg Prescott TAS	RETIRED
-	Calypso	Flying Fish Australia NSW	RETIRED
-	M3 Team Hungary	Peter Hickson NSW	RETIRED
-	Patriot	Jason Close VIC	RETIRED
-	Scallywag	Seng Huang Lee Hong Kong	RETIRED
-	Zen	Gordon Ketelbey NSW	RETIRED

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PLACING	YACHT	OWNER/ SKIPPER	ELAPSED TIME
1	Relish IV	Leeann Lynch NSW	04:07:56:21



2018 RESULTS

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PLACING	YACHT	OWNER/ SKIPPER	HANDICAP	CORRECTED TIME	ELAPSED TIME
1	Gun Runner	Maurice Young NSW	0.803	03:14:04:39	04:11:11:41
2	Cinquante	Kim Jaggat NSW	1.0532	03:14:27:30	03:10:05:28
3	Wax Lyrical	Les Goodridge NSW	1.0589	03:15:14:27	03:10:23:17
4	Sports Bar	Neville & Jo Blair NSW	1.0624	03:16:24:32	03:11:12:58
5	Ausreo	Ian Creak NSW	1.0418	03:17:44:15	03:14:08:13
6	Wings	Ian Edwards NSW	1.0831	03:18:01:11	03:11:06:47
7	Lunatic	Friedrich Boehnert Germany	1.145	03:18:19:02	03:06:52:47
8	Dare Devil	Sibby Ilzhofer NSW	1.1349	03:21:15:35	03:10:10:28
9	Midnight Rambler	The Rambler Syndicate NSW	1.05	03:22:15:12	03:17:45:54
10	Komatsu Azzurro	Shane Kearns NSW	0.9151	03:22:37:32	04:07:24:17
11	Pelagic Magic	Simon Dunlop NSW	0.9905	04:00:25:05	04:01:20:34
12	Reve	Kevin Whelan NSW	0.9697	04:00:51:16	04:03:52:51
13	Allegro	Adrian Lewis NSW	1.1572	04:00:58:36	03:11:48:10
14	Wots Next	Charles Cupit NSW	1.1334	04:02:00:26	03:14:28:19
15	Sticky	Richard Harris NSW	1.0088	04:04:06:55	04:03:14:31
16	Mille Sabords	Robert Frayne NSW	1.0317	04:04:20:42	04:01:15:42
17	Great Xpectation	Rod Willis NSW	1.0337	04:04:35:08	04:01:18:23
18	Quetzalcoatl	A Bruce, J Lee Warner & A Sweetapple NSW	1.0465	04:04:55:35	04:00:26:31
19	Avalanche	G Fisher, A M	1.1513	04:05:52:36	03:16:29:18
20	Chancellor	Edward Tooher NSW	1.0154	04:14:04:35	04:12:24:25

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PLACING	YACHT	OWNER/ SKIPPER	DIVISION	HANDICAP	CORRECTED TIME	ELAPSED TIME
1	Alive	Phillip Turner TAS	1	1.507	03:02:51:46	02:01:40:36
2	Wild Oats X	The Oatley Family NSW	1	1.5562	03:05:38:06	02:01:53:15
3	Voodoo	Hugh Ellis VIC	2	1.4934	03:07:35:16	02:05:17:35
4	Black Jack	Peter Harburg QLD	1	1.883	03:10:04:14	01:19:35:06
5	Ichi Ban	Matt Allen NSW	2	1.4127	03:10:12:04	02:10:11:14
6	Wild Oats XI	The Oatley Family NSW	1	1.9173	03:10:40:44	01:19:07:21
7	Prospector	Shelter Island Transatlantic Partners USA	2	1.5755	03:11:54:05	02:05:15:14
8	Grace O'Malley	Zoe Taylor NSW	4	1.1336	03:12:35:52	03:02:37:39
9	Privateer	Ron O'Hanley USA	1	1.3989	03:12:53:49	02:12:41:18
10	St Jude	Noel Cornish NSW	3	1.1796	03:13:16:17	03:00:17:18
11	Enterprise	Anthony Kirke WA	3	1.1519	03:13:43:12	03:02:24:58
12	Chutzpah	Bruce Taylor VIC	3	1.2024	03:14:47:49	03:00:11:11
13	SailExchange	Carl Craford & Tim Horkings NSW	4	1.1051	03:14:51:50	03:06:36:10
14	Patrice	Tony Kirby NSW	3	1.2902	03:14:54:34	02:19:21:40
15	Celestial	Sam Haynes NSW	2	1.377	03:15:09:56	02:15:18:04
16	Black Sheep	Matthew Pilkington and Rob Gourlay TAS	4	1.0981	03:16:09:35	03:08:17:02
17	Envy Scooters	Barry Cuneo QLD	2	1.4104	03:16:13:07	02:14:32:55
18	Gwelo	Matt Donald & Chris Townsend NSW	2	1.3913	03:16:26:22	02:15:33:58
19	Showtime	Mark Griffith NSW	3	1.2171	03:16:33:19	03:00:45:33
20	Smuggler	Sebastian Bohm NSW	3	1.2585	03:16:40:54	02:22:27:58
21	Koa	Peter Wrigley & Andrew Kearnan NSW	2	1.3471	03:16:53:22	02:17:59:09
22	Ragamuffin	Brenton Fischer NSW	2	1.3442	03:17:13:04	02:18:22:21
23	Ausreo	Ian Creak NSW	4	1.0443	03:17:57:10	03:14:08:13
24	Kayimai	Rob Aldis NSW	4	1.1302	03:18:05:56	03:07:43:10
25	Kialoa II	Patrick Broughton NSW	3	1.175	03:18:09:36	03:04:43:55
26	Teasing Machine	Eric De Turckheim France	2	1.3563	03:18:10:40	02:18:29:17
27	TSA Management	Tony Levett NSW	4	1.083	03:18:30:13	03:11:34:03
28	Matrix	Graham Furtado QLD	4	1.0916	03:18:40:35	03:11:04:03
29	Naval Group	Sean Langman NSW	2	1.5338	03:18:51:18	02:11:14:07
30	Bush Paul Group	The 5200 Syndicate NSW	2	1.356	03:19:14:31	02:19:17:15
31	Hartbreaker	Antony Walton & Gaye Walton VIC	3	1.2667	03:20:05:04	03:00:41:47
32	Komatsu Azzurro	Shane Kearns NSW	4	0.8935	03:20:23:32	04:07:24:17
33	Triton	Michael Cranitch & David Gotze NSW	2	1.4117	03:20:56:00	02:17:49:51
34	Lunatic	Friedrich Boehnert Germany	3	1.1826	03:21:16:59	03:06:52:47
35	Extasea	Paul Buchholz VIC	3	1.1883	03:22:05:42	03:07:11:04
36	Oroton Drumfire	Phillip Neil NSW	3	1.1983	03:22:47:00	03:07:05:53
37	Mayfair	James Irvine QLD	4	1.0678	03:23:20:44	03:17:17:30
38	Joy Ride	John Murkowski USA	4	1.0771	03:23:39:53	03:16:49:01
39	Apsaras	Li Jian Hong Kong	2	1.3622	04:01:20:30	02:23:27:33
40	Dare Devil	Sibby Ilzhofer NSW	3	1.1925	04:01:59:35	03:10:10:28
41	Anger Management	Tim Stewart WA	3	1.2113	04:03:45:01	03:10:20:59
42	Avalanche	Gary Fisher, Andrew McGrath, Chris Auger VIC	4	1.1276	04:03:46:46	03:16:29:18
43	Wots Next	Charles Cupit NSW	3	1.1747	04:05:34:43	03:14:28:19
44	Sticky	Richard Harris NSW	4	1.0281	04:06:01:50	04:03:14:31
45	Jackpot	Robert Hale & Matt Gooden NSW	4	1.0596	04:06:08:59	04:00:24:15
46	Arcadia	Peter Davison VIC	4	1.0722	04:08:02:34	04:01:02:12
47	Great Xpectations	Rod Willis NSW	4	1.0716	04:08:16:25	04:01:18:23
48	Dreki Sunnan	Ken Holmes NSW	4	1.1132	04:10:51:53	03:23:59:52
49	Chancellor	Edward Tooher NSW	4	1.1083	05:00:08:51	04:12:24:25
-	2 Unlimited	Greg Prescott TAS	3	1.146	RETIRED	
-	Zen	Gordon Ketelbey NSW	1	1.386	RETIRED	
-	M3 Team Hungary	Peter Hickson NSW	1	1.347	RETIRED	
-	Patriot	Jason Close VIC	3	1.093	RETIRED	

RETIREMENTS AND PENALTIES:

2 Unlimited	Retired - Broken Rudder
Black Sheep	A protest lodged by Helsal 3 against Black Sheep in relation to an alleged breach of RRS Rule 41 (Outside Help) was found to be invalid by the International Jury.
Calypto	Retired - steering issues
M3 Team Hungary	Retired - Dismasted
Patriot	Retired - Broken Rudder
Sallywag	Retired - Broken Bow Sprit
Wild Oats XI	A protest by the Race Committee against Wild Oats XI in relation to an alleged breach of Special Regulation 4.09(a) (refer Sailing Instruction 11.4) was found to be invalid by the International Jury.
Zen	Retired - Rig Damage



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Lindsay May, who has now competed in 46 Sydney Hobart Yacht Races, with the ultimate prize - the Tattersall Cup

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Lindsay May OAM

A veteran sailor, master navigator and mentor to the next generation.

My introduction to sailing began in 1973 when flatting with a navy midshipman serving on *HMAS Sydney*, the 'Vung Tau Ferry' which was taking troops and supplies to Vietnam. We started sailing out of Royal Australian Navy Sailing Association (RANSA) where we would take a barbecue chicken, a flagon of red and two nurses from Royal North Shore Hospital, which we each respectively married mid-70s. Sundays in winter saw me racing on the Army's *Balandra*.

Des Kelly of RANSA, who owned *Diva Jana*, was looking for younger hands to cruise to New Zealand departing 2 December 1972, the day Gough Whitlam became Prime Minister. This led to five weeks around Lord Howe and New Zealand before I flew back to work. On his return Des said, "You did a great job, I'll get you a ride to Hobart". True to his word, in 1973 he linked me with Peter Rysdyk on *Onya of Gosford* for my first two races on a Frans Maas 40, then a Cole East Coast 31.

Gordon Marshall taught hundreds the dark art of celestial navigation and in 1975 when Peter sold 'Onya', Gordon placed me as navigator on *Dancing Mouse*. Even in thick fog we still found Tasman Island and my navigation path took off from there. When other navigators couldn't make a race, I received invitations.

I met sailmaker Bob Fraser in 1979 on the yacht *Deception* who had a highly capable bunch of sailors in his stable. Through the 80s I raced mainly on boats that Bob outfitted, including the Admiral's Cup in 1983 on *Once More Dear Friends* and my first win on *Indian Pacific* in the atrocious 1984 race.

I treasure the seven races I did with Peter Kurts as I learned so much from him about sailing, business and life. He was taciturn, but came out with gems that I still use, like, "crew shirts - will they make the boat go faster?"



Kialoa II during the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

Madeline's Daughter became *Atara* with a 1991 win then in 1994 another lifelong friendship started with George Snow and the *Brindabella* family. I sailed nine races with George including line honours 1997, plus the 2006 *Love and War* win.

The last 10 years I've cycled through *Love and War* and *Brindabella* with Jim Cooney, and now *Kialoa II* with Paddy and Keith Broughton and a lot of *Brindabella* mates. We're having a ball offshore and onshore.

My most memorable moment was in 2006 skippering *Love and War* with a *Brindabella* crew to an overall win, 32 and 28 years after her previous wins. This was an incredibly generous gesture by Simon Kurts giving us the yacht and we've since done four Hobarts together, with 2019 on the dance card. She can win again!

Everything about this iconic event appeals to me. It's why I keep coming back after all these years. It's a fierce competition in demanding circumstances. It requires meticulous planning and preparation, throws up significant challenges, although you have a fair idea of what's coming, you sail with talented people and arrive in Hobart knowing that you and your crew mates have achieved something unique and rewarding.

My 46 races are consecutive and now a compulsive enjoyable obligation, not to be broken. Of course, this relies on my ability to stay relevant, healthy and with owners and crew who want me on board.

In 2017 I was honoured to be recognised on Australia Day with a Medal in the Order of Australia (OAM). My

adult life has had a strong focus on community support. I have been involved with swimming club competitions, water polo, local learn-to-sail programs and Rotary since 1978 which has offered a remarkable array of service opportunities, including serving on the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia board and Director of the Fundraising Institute. I have spent more than 30 years helping my clients raise millions of dollars. Trekking the Kokoda Track with my two sons was a highlight in 2017 where we raised \$30,000 for The Salvation Army.

My latest achievement is recently turning 70 and marrying Tania after 13 years together. I plan to sail the Transpac in July on *Kialoa II* and the delivery back, plus Paddy and Keith have exciting plans for the northern hemisphere over the next 10 years. For the 2019 Rolex Sydney Hobart I will be back on *Love and War* and there's an invitation for the Mediterranean Classics series from May to September 2020.

In between I'm on an advisory committee for Rotary International that sees me in Chicago twice a year until 2022. I continue writing articles and adding to more than 450 Sydney Hobart race presentations to service and interest groups.

Finally, I'll keep tagging along behind Tony Cable and Tony (Ace) Ellis until they hang up their sea boots, then try to surpass their ultimate tally.

After all, what else do you do on Boxing Day?



Zoe Taylor (centre) with her excited crew of Emma May (left) and Wendy Tuck (right) after completing the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.



Zoe's yacht Grace O'Malley during their preparation for the Rolex Sydney Hobart.



Grace O'Malley taking on the challenges of the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

OFFSHORE: Zoe, before we get into your recent successes and your meteoric rise to the top ranks of ocean racing, could you tell us how this caper of sailing, and ocean racing began for you?

When I was younger I always had this dream about going to sea, even though I had no idea how to sail and no one in my family was a sailor. I grew up in a very sporting family and was previously a very competitive rower. Very contradictory to the sailing scene and routines! I started rowing when I was about nine, but when I got to about 18 I wanted to try something different.

Then through work I met some people that sailed and I instantly fell in love with it. It was a massive journey learning to sail from scratch, but I love challenges, so it ignited me and I just wanted to keep going.

I then had the opportunity to sail around the world two handed, we made it about three quarters of the way around before we stopped. It was just cruising but that's where I really fell in love with being out on the ocean. I love being out at sea, I find it really relaxing and calming. You're just looking after yourself and the boat and I just love that. It was an awesome opportunity and for me that trip is still one of the best things that I have done in my life. I took a big risk in doing it, walking away from a great job but I just wanted to go and went along with the adventure.

This led on to working on super yachts, which is very different to ocean racing and corinthian sailing but was a great experience. When I came back to Sydney I really wanted to get in to racing. I'm quite competitive and sporty so I started to compete in the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's Blue Water Pointscore Series (BWPS). I sailed on a few different boats which led to my first Hobart race in 2002. Following on from that I started to work on boats

around Sydney and did lots of tours up and down the coast to various races and regattas.

Then I decided I should go back and pursue my career. I always had it in my head that I wanted my own race team and drive that team to be very competitive. I wanted to go away and then come back with a boat. So that's what I did, I went away and worked hard so that I could make it happen.

So about two years ago it all started. I'd been wanting to do it for ages, I'd been missing sailing, I had been working a lot, I was so heartbroken every time I saw the start of the Hobart or all the boats racing on Sydney Harbour. I knew right then that it was now or never. I knew that if I didn't do this, it would be something that I would always regret, not going back out to sea and fulfilling this dream.

OFFSHORE: In December of 2017 you joined the CYCA with a mission - you'd just purchased your boat, you were going to race, and you were going to win. And you did just that! Tell us what it's like to make that step, set those goals, and ultimately get out there and strive for them.

Coming back to the waterfront was like coming back to family, seeing all those people that you used to know and feeling like it was all just yesterday.

I had some good advice and knew what I wanted to put in, but even though there was the 10 years of working up to it, that hardest is once you've bought the boat. It really hits you. You're like 'wow, I've got this boat, I've got no crew, what do I do next?'

It's that journey of actually building up not just the crew, but a competitive crew. I wanted to go for it, I really wanted to give it the best possible opportunity to succeed.

I think the hardest bit was the first six months and thinking 'how am I going to do this?'

I did attract some great crew which I was really appreciative of and humbled by. We had a very good first season, we won the Cabbage Tree Island Race, took third overall in the BWPS and were very competitive.

I have a project manager background so I'm used to running teams, I work in very challenging environments, work to tight deadlines and that really helped with the process of building the team and the boat. My sailing complements my work and my work complements my sailing.

OFFSHORE: You took a very experienced crew with you to Hobart this year, the likes of David Ward (18 races), Matt Bassett (13 races) and Wendy Tuck (11 races) amongst a brace of first-to-fourth timers including past YSA sailor Emma May (four races) - how did you crew gel, and how important were they to Grace O'Malley's success?

At the end of the previous year's race, my navigator went on to buy the sister ship to mine and start his own program which meant that some of the crew moved across with him. So it was a bit like building the team from scratch again, which is an evolution process of getting the right mix. With these races it's always eyes on the prize, best for the boat and best for result, but along the way you are always developing the team.

I have known Wendy from when I used to work on the dock but we had never sailed together before. The nice thing was we had a really good mix of experience with youth, we ran a pretty open forum with everyone bringing something to the table which I really liked. It takes a bit to get there but it worked well. Everyone has

something to contribute, so you listen to them and then make the decisions.

You go through a learning curve as a team and it's about getting that right mix. The great thing was we peaked at the right time.

OFFSHORE: Your Cookson 12 is named 'Grace O'Malley' after the formidable 15th-century 'Pirate Queen of the Seas'. Could you tell us more about the inspiration you draw from her?

The story of Grace O'Malley is she was just formidable in breaking through barriers, leading her clan and protecting her clan, but she was also in it for adventure.

I like what she stands for and represents. What she achieved and what she did in the 15th century, she was well ahead of her time! Everybody onboard loves that spirit of Grace and I think she is fantastic.

I'm a person who believes anything is possible. I just love that about life, anything *is* possible. Grace embodied that spirit, didn't get held back and just kept going for it.

OFFSHORE: So what's next for Zoe Taylor? With this meteoric rise to the top ranks of ocean racing, what's the next big challenge?

That's the million-dollar question! At this stage it's just having a bit of a break after the last two years, especially with work and trying to keep the sailing program going. I think I have a good foundation in the team and am now just going through the process of deciding which boat and how to do it this year. Obviously, it's always pretty high aspirations of what we want to achieve, so we will see where it goes. ⚓



From the archives...

In 2019 the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia celebrates its 75-year anniversary. As part of this historic celebration, Offshore will also celebrate the Club's illustrious past - starting this month with a look at the first ever issue of this publication, from June 1971.



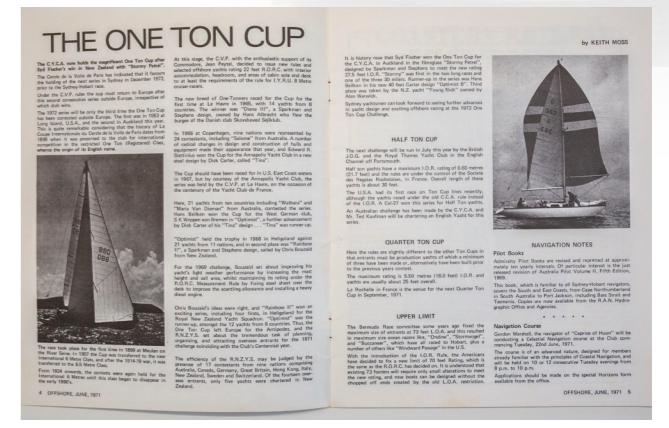
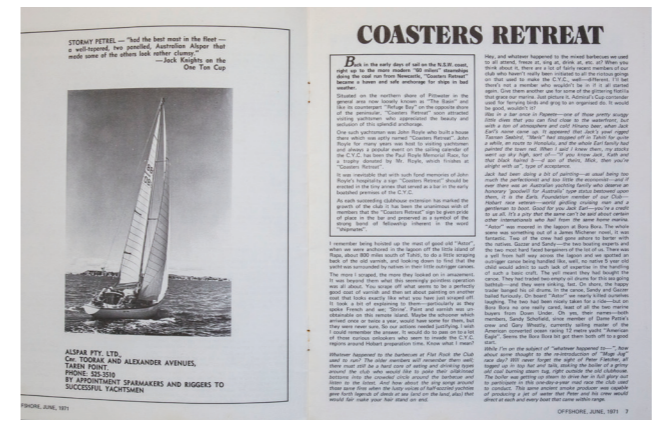
2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia hosted a number of major events across the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race - including the official Corporate Luncheon, VIP Launch, Commodore's Beer & Prawn Night and the Crew Party, in addition to a number of media conferences and functions.

Thanks to all who attended these functions, and to the likes of Mumm, CUB, Oatley Wines, Tourism Tasmania, JANUS et Cie, Audi Centre Sydney, Truffles of Tasmania, National Pies and the Seafood Smokery who supported these events.

Special thanks, however, must go to Rolex for their generous and long-standing support as naming-rights Partners of our major race.

With 2019 marking the 75th year of both the Club and the race, a jam-packed schedule of events and functions is planned - watch this space for even more fun! ⚓



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01 Warren Jones International Youth Regatta (SWS) (Jan 27 - Feb 1)	02 Mount Gay Ocean Pointscore - Port Hacking Race
03 Hardy Cup Match Racing Regatta (RSYS) (3-7th)	04 Monday Twilight \$15 Barramundi & chips	05 \$15 Pasta Special	06 Club Marine Wednesday Twilight \$15 Café 44 Special	07 \$20 Angus rump & chips	08 MyState Australian Wooden Boat Festival	09 Short Ocean Race (MHYC)
10	11 Monday Twilight \$15 Barramundi & chips Royal Hobart Regatta	12 \$15 Pasta Special	13 Club Marine Wednesday Twilight \$15 Café 44 Special	14 Valentine's Day \$20 Angus rump & chips	15 SailGP Sydney (15-16th)	16 Mount Gay Ocean Pointscore - Sydney Newcastle Race Short Haul Race - Sydney Pittwater
17 Short Haul Race Pittwater Sydney RANSA Regatta	18 Monday Twilight \$15 Barramundi & chips Caribbean 600 (RORC)	19 \$15 Pasta Special	20 Club Marine Wednesday Twilight \$15 Café 44 Special	21 \$20 Angus rump & chips	22 SCA (NSW) Sailing Day	23 Short Ocean Race (CYCA)
24	25 Monday Twilight \$15 Barramundi & chips	26 \$15 Pasta Special	27 Club Marine Wednesday Twilight \$15 Café 44 Special	28 \$20 Angus rump & chips		

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02 Sydney Harbour Regatta (MHYC) (2-3rd)
03	04 Monday Twilight \$15 Barramundi & chips	05 \$15 Pasta Special	06 Club Marine Wednesday Twilight \$15 Café 44 Special	07 \$20 Angus rump & chips	08 International Women's Day Breakfast SWD Making Waves Regatta	09 Short Ocean Race (MHYC)
10	11 Monday Twilight \$15 Barramundi & chips	12 \$15 Pasta Special	13 Club Marine Wednesday Twilight \$15 Café 44 Special	14 \$20 Angus rump & chips	15 Property Industry Regatta (MHYC)	16 Mount Gay Ocean Pointscore - Lion Island Race
17 St Patrick's Day	18 Monday Twilight \$15 Barramundi & chips	19 \$15 Pasta Special	20 Club Marine Wednesday Twilight \$15 Café 44 Special	21 Harmony Day \$20 Angus rump & chips	22 Ocean Racer of the Year Awards & Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore Series Prizegiving	23 Short Ocean Race - Milson Memorial Cup (RSYS)
24	25 Monday Twilight \$15 Barramundi & chips	26 \$15 Pasta Special	27 Club Marine Wednesday Twilight \$15 Café 44 Special	28 \$20 Angus rump & chips	29	30 Mount Gay Ocean Pointscore - Bearing Course 6 or 7

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