ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE

26 DECEMBER 2013 – 1 JANUARY 2014
SYDNEY – HOBART, AUSTRALIA

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Regarded in Australia as one of the nation's greatest sporting events and boasting a global reputation, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is an icon of its sport. An offshore race stretching 628 nautical miles, the contest celebrates its 69th edition this year. Following its annual start from Sydney on 26 December, the famous racecourse leads the fleet down the New South Wales coast of the Tasman Sea and across the Bass Strait to Hobart, capital of Australia's island state, Tasmania. Rolex has sponsored this classic race since 2002.

A REWARDING HISTORY

First run in 1945, the Rolex Sydney Hobart has grown from noble yet humble beginnings to become one of the greatest sailing contests worldwide. Over the years it has attracted politicians, business tycoons, sporting legends and the cream of sailing talent, while remaining true to the spirit of its founders in challenging skilled and enthusiastic Corinthian crews. In recent contests, a fleet of 80 international yachts has typically participated. This year is no exception, with yachts from Cyprus, Germany, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Singapore and the United Kingdom joining representatives from most Australian states.

The event boasts a rich history that is sewn into the fabric of Australian sport and world sailing. Victory in the inaugural edition was claimed by Captain John Illingworth's *Rani*. A British boat, *Rani* was one of nine yachts to compete. As the first to receive the prestigious Tattersall's Cup – awarded to the race's overall winner – Illingworth and *Rani* have become two of the event's most illustrious names.

Other notable recipients of the Tattersall's Cup include British statesman the late Sir Edward Heath with *Morning Cloud* in 1969, media mogul Ted Turner and *American Eagle* in 1972, American sailing guru John Kilroy and *Kialoa II* in 1977 through to business leader Karl Kwok and *Beau Geste* from Hong Kong in 1997, and, more recently, US computer software innovator Roger Sturgeon and *Rosebud* in 2007. No crew has successfully defended the Tattersall's Cup since *Freya*, owned by the Halvorsen brothers, triumphed three times in a row in the 1960s.

The current defending champion is Australian Bob Oatley's *Wild Oats XI*, the imperious 100-ft racing yacht skippered by Mark Richards. In 2012 *Wild Oats XI* made history by securing the triple-crown for a second time: narrowly beating her own race record and setting a new time of 1 day, 18 hours, 23 minutes and 12 seconds, *Wild Oats XI* not only secured line honours but the Tattersall's Cup as overall race winner.

The first boat to finish (line honours) the Rolex Sydney Hobart always receives a rapturous welcome in Hobart. Famous international winners include Larry Ellison and *Sayonara* in 1995 and the notorious 1998 race, Frenchman Eric Tabarlay and *Pen Duick II* in 1967, plus Hasso Plattner and *Morning Glory* in 1996. *Wild Oats XI* has been the fastest boat at six of the last eight Rolex Sydney Hobarts, and will start as favourite for line honours this year. Her crew has another piece of history in her sights – matching the seven line honours victories of *Morna* (later *Kurrewa IV*). The main opposition is currently *Ragamuffin 100* skippered by legendary Rolex Sydney Hobart campaigner Sid Fischer. At 86 years of age, Fischer is participating for the 45th time in a race he has once won overall in 1992, and twice secured line honours – in 1988 and 1990. Two years ago his yacht, then under the ownership of Anthony Bell, beat *Wild Oats XI* by 3 minutes in one of the closest finishes ever.

For most of the fleet, the main target remains overall victory on handicap and the coveted Tattersall's Cup. Any boat, theoretically, has a chance of victory, demonstrated by recent wins by yachts measuring from 40-ft (*Two True*, 2009), through 60-ft (*Loki*, 2011), to 100-ft (*Wild Oats XI*, 2012).

The Rolex Sydney Hobart is organized by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia in conjunction with the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. With the warning signal for the start of the race sounding at 13:00 AEDT on 26 December, in the middle of the Australian summer and end-of-year festivities, the race start is the single most viewed sailing event on the globe as hundreds of thousands of people watch from the festive shores in Sydney, live on television and over the internet.

ORGANIZERS: CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) is regarded as one of Australia's premier yacht clubs. Located in Rushcutters Bay on Sydney Harbour since 1951, the CYCA was established in 1944 following a meeting at a photography studio belonging to the father of one of the founders.

Originally an association of cruising enthusiasts, the CYCA initially had no clubhouse, but members still met regularly to discuss nautical matters and organize short cruises and races along the New South Wales coast. Over the subsequent 69 years, the CYCA developed into Australia's leading exponent of ocean racing and now has 2,700 members.

The CYCA established its position of authority early on when, in 1945, a group of members were discussing the possibility of a cruise to Hobart over Christmas. When asked to join, British Royal Navy officer John Illingworth, a highly regarded offshore yachtsman, reportedly replied: "I will, if you make a race of it." This response helped found the Rolex Sydney Hobart, quickly captivating the public's imagination and setting the CYCA on its current course.

While the CYCA is best known for its annual race south, members also enjoy being part of an active club with state-of-the-art facilities, an extensive year-round sailing programme, a remarkable Youth Sailing Academy and an international reputation.

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TASMAN SEA

Bass Strait

628 nautical miles

Tasmania

Hobart

Hobart

Derwent River

Tasman Island

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EVENT PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER

Race Briefing(s)

THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER

Weather Briefing

13:00 Race start (AEDT)

FROM SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER

Arrival of the first boats in Hobart

WEDNESDAY, 1 JANUARY

Final prizegiving, Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT)

ENTRY LIST

Yacht name	Country	Type
41 SUD	NCL	Archambault 40
Ariel	AUS	Beneteau First 40
Audacious	AUS	Sydney 38
Audi Sunshine Coast	AUS	Welbourn 50
Bacardi	AUS	Peterson 44
Balance	AUS	Beneteau 45
Beau Geste	HKG	Botin 80
Black Adder	AUS	Sigma 41
Black Jack	AUS	Volvo 70
Black Sheep	AUS	Beneteau 45
Brannew	AUS	Beneteau First 40 Cr
Breakthrough	AUS	Beneteau First 40
Brindabella	AUS	Jutson 79
CV10	GBR	Clipper 68
CV5	GBR	Clipper 68
Canute	AUS	King 40
Celestial	AUS	Rogers 46
Chancellor	AUS	Beneteau 47.7
Chutzpah	AUS	IRC 40
ColorTile	AUS	Sayer 44.9
Copernicus	AUS	Radford 12
Deja Vu	AUS	Dufour 38
Derry-Londonderry-Doire	GBR	Clipper 70
Dodo	AUS	Andrews 52
Duende	AUS	JV52
Enchantress	AUS	Muirhead 11
Flying Fish Arctos	AUS	McIntyre 55
Frantic	AUS	TP52 Donovan
GREAT Britain	GBR	Clipper 70
Geomatic	AUS	Hanse 495
Giacomo	NZL	Volvo 70
Halcyon	AUS	Beneteau First 40
Helsal 3	AUS	Adams 20
Henri Lloyd	GBR	Clipper 70
Ichi Ban	AUS	Carkeek 60

Yacht name	Country	Type
Illusion	AUS	Davidson 34
Invest Africa	GBR	Clipper 70
Jamaica Get All Right	GBR	Clipper 70
Jazz Player-Think Pink Foundation	AUS	Bakewell - White 39
Kerumba	AUS	Ker 50 C/R
Knee Deep	AUS	Farr 49
Last Tango	AUS	Salona 44
Loyal 100	AUS	Juan-K 100
Luna Sea	AUS	Hick 35
Magic Miles	AUS	Dynamique 62
Mahligai	AUS	Sydney 46
Martela	AUS	IMX 38
Midnight Rambler	AUS	Ker 40
Mille Sabords	AUS	Sydney 38
Minerva	AUS	DK 43
Mission Performance	GBR	Clipper 70
Mondo	AUS	Sydney 38
Namadgi	AUS	Elan 444
Nautical Circle	AUS	Archambault 40
Nikata	GBR	Swan 82
Ocean Affinity	AUS	Marten 49
Old Pulteney	GBR	Clipper 70
One DLL	GBR	Clipper 70
One For The Road	AUS	A40
PSP Logistics	GBR	Clipper 70
Papillon	AUS	Archambault 40RC
Patrice	AUS	Ker 46
Pennant Hills Ford	AUS	Beneteau 47.7
Pretty Fly III	AUS	Cookson 50
Primitive Cool	AUS	Bermudian Sloop
Qingdao	GBR	Clipper 70
Quiros	AUS	Pawtucket 35
Ragamuffin 100	AUS	Elliott 100
Rush	AUS	Corel 45
Sailors With Disabilities	AUS	Lyons 54
Senna	AUS	Beneteau First 45
She	AUS	Olsen 40

Yacht name	Country	Type
She's The Culprit	AUS	Inglis Jones 39
Shepherd Centre	AUS	Beneteau 40.7
Shining Sea	AUS	Beneteau First 45
Southern Excellence II	AUS	Volvo 70
Spirit of Mateship	AUS	Volvo 60
St Jude	AUS	Sydney 47
Switzerland	GBR	Clipper 70
TSA Management	AUS	Sydney 38
Team Garmin	GBR	Clipper 70
The Banshee	AUS	MBD41
Tilting at Windmills	AUS	MOD J. Dory 41
Titania of Cowes	GBR	Swan 68
Varuna	GER	Ker 51
Veloce	AUS	Elliott 44CR
Venture 2	AUS	Elliott 50
Victoire	AUS	Cookson 50
Wedgetail	AUS	RP 55
Wild Oats XI	AUS	RP100
Wild Rose	AUS	Farr 43
Wild Thing	AUS	Jones 100 Maxi
Wilparina	AUS	S&S 34
Wind Walker II	AUS	Beneteau 473
Zanzibar	SIN	Humphreys 42
Zefiro	CYP	Farr 100
Zen	AUS	Sydney 38

RACE WINNERS SINCE 2002

Year	Fleet Size	Line Honours	Overall Winner
2012	76	*Wild Oats XI* (AUS) Bob Oatley	*Wild Oats XI* (AUS) Bob Oatley
2011	88	*Investec Loyal* (AUS) Anthony Bell	*Loki* (AUS) Stephen Ainsworth
2010	87	*Wild Oats XI* (AUS) Bob Oatley	*Secret Men's Business* (AUS) Geoff Boettcher
2009	100	*Alfa Romeo II* (NZL) Neville Crichton	*Two True* (AUS) Andrew Saies
2008	100	*Wild Oats XI* (AUS) Bob Oatley	*Quest* (AUS) Bob Steel
2007	82	*Wild Oats XI* (AUS) Bob Oatley	*Rosebud* (USA) Roger Sturgeon
2006	78	*Wild Oats XI* (AUS) Bob Oatley	*Love & War* (AUS) Simon Kurts & Lindsay May
2005	85	*Wild Oats XI* (AUS) Bob Oatley	*Wild Oats XI* (AUS) Bob Oatley
2004	116	*Nicorette* (AUS) Ludde Ingvall	*Aera* (GBR) Nicholas Lykiardopulo
2003	56	*Skandia* (AUS) Grant Wharington	*First National Real Estate* (AUS) Michael Spies & Peter Johnston
2002	57	*Alfa Romeo* (NZL/AUS) Neville Crichton	*Quest* (AUS) Bob Steel

HISTORY OF ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART MONOHULL RACE RECORD

Year	Yacht	Owner	Elapsed Time
1945	*Rani* (GBR)	Capt. John Illingworth	6 days, 14 hrs, 22 mins, 0 secs
1946	*Morna* (AUS)	Claude Plowman	5 days, 2 hrs, 53 mins, 33 secs
1948	*Morna* (AUS)	Claude Plowman	4 days, 5 hrs, 1 min, 21 secs
1951	*Margaret Rintoul* (AUS)	A.W Edwards	4 days, 2 hrs, 29 mins, 1 sec
1957	*Kurrewa IV* (AUS)	F&J Livingston	3 days, 18 hrs, 30 mins, 39 secs
1962	*Ondine* (USA)	Huey Long	3 days, 3 hrs, 46 mins, 16 secs
1973	*Helsal* (AUS)	Tony Fisher	3 days, 1 hour, 32 mins, 9 secs
1975	*Kialoa III* (USA)	Jim Kilroy	2 days, 14 hrs, 36 mins, 56 secs
1996	*Morning Glory* (GER)	Hasso Plattner	2 days, 14 hrs, 7 mins, 10 secs
1999	*Nokia* (DEN)	Stefan Myralf/ Michael Spies	1 day, 19 hrs, 48 mins, 2 secs
2005	*Wild Oats XI* (AUS)	Bob Oatley	1 day, 18 hrs, 40 mins, 10 secs
2012	*Wild Oats XI* (AUS)	Bob Oatley	1 day, 18 hrs, 23 mins, 12 secs

ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE KEY DATES

1944 Event organizers Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) founded in Sydney.

1945 Inspired by the United Kingdom's Fastnet Race, the idea of an ocean classic in Australia is conceived. The first 628-nm Sydney-Hobart race is organized, with the start taking place on 26 December. British naval captain John Illingworth, one of the founding fathers of the event, skippers the winning yacht, *Rani*. Nine boats take part.

1946 The second running of the event. A large crowd awaits the race start on Boxing Day in Sydney following the excitement generated by the first race. Claude Plowman's *Morna* claims the first of its three successive line honours victories and is the first yacht to complete the race before the year's end.

1948 For the only time in its history and due to restrictions imposed by 'Sunday laws', the race start does not take place on Boxing Day.

1951 The first time that all race starters complete the course before the end of the year.

1959 The race attracts a fleet of 30 boats.

1960 *Kurrewa IV* (formerly *Morna*) secures her fourth line honours victory under the ownership of Frank and John Livingston, following wins in 1954, 1956 and 1957. The yacht now has a combined total of seven line honours titles.

1962 In breaking the race record, Huey Long's *Ondine* becomes the first boat to complete the course in under four days. Her time: 3 days, 3 hours, 46 minutes, 16 seconds.

1965 Trygve and Magnus Halvorsen's *Freya* makes history, becoming the first and only yacht to win the Tattersall's Cup, awarded to the overall race winner, three times in a row.

1969 Sir Edward Heath, who would become British Prime Minister the following year, skippers *Morning Cloud* to overall victory.

1975 The event attracts in excess of 100 boats. To mark the occasion, American Jim Kilroy's *Kialoa III* sets a new race record: 2 days, 14 hours, 36 minutes, 56 seconds. A remarkable time that will stand for 21 years. 1975 also witnesses the participation of the first all female crew, onboard *Barbarian*.

1992 Syd Fischer, one of the legends of the event having competed 44 times, claims overall victory with *Ragamuffin* adding to line honours victories claimed in 1988 and 1990.

1994 The 50th edition of the race witnesses a record 371 starters. *Raptor* of Germany claims overall victory.

1996 The 21-year-old race record is finally broken by German yacht *Morning Glory*, owned by Hasso Plattner. Her time: 2 days, 14 hours, 7 minutes, 10 seconds.

1998 Tragedy marks a turning point in the race's proud history. Severe storms, similar in strength to a low-class hurricane, cause the sinking of five yachts and deaths of six sailors in the Bass Strait. The response of the organizers is proactive: with new safety measures and regulations introduced immediately following the disaster.

2005 Bob Oatley's *Wild Oats XI* claims the first of its line honours successes. In doing so, she sets a new race record of 1 day, 18 hours, 40 minutes and 10 seconds, and claims overall victory on handicap. It is only the second time in the race's history – the other occasion being the inaugural event – that a yacht has claimed the famous triple crown.

2006 *Love & War*, a Sparkman & Stephens 47, becomes only the second boat to win the race three times. She also won the Tattersall's Cup in 1974 and 1978.

2012 *Wild Oats XI* claims an unprecedented second triple crown. She beats her own race record by a mere 16 minutes, 58 seconds.

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ROLEX: THE CROWN IN YACHTING

As the crown in sailing for over 50 years, Rolex is proud to be a major force at play behind yachting's finest events, players and organizations. Whether supporting extreme challenges such as the ultra-competitive Rolex Sydney Hobart or maintaining tradition with the glamorous Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup, Rolex has cultivated a privileged relationship with the elite world of yachting.

EVENTS

Rolex is the proud sponsor of three of the world's most renowned offshore races: the Rolex Sydney Hobart, the Rolex Fastnet Race and the Rolex Middle Sea Race. All three racecourses measure in excess of 600 nautical miles and have much in common.

The Rolex Fastnet Race was founded in 1925 on the back of an idea launched by Weston Martyr who had competed in the 630-nm Newport-Bermuda Race, which had started in 1906. Organized by the Royal Ocean Racing Club and initially held annually, the Fastnet has been a biennial event since 1931, save for a break during World War II. The 608-nm race, running from Cowes to Plymouth in the United Kingdom via Ireland's Fastnet Rock, has been sponsored by Rolex since 2001. The Rolex Fastnet has achieved legendary status and may lay claim to helping inspire two other famous offshore races.

The Rolex Sydney Hobart was launched in 1945. Originally planned as a cruise, history recounts that John Illingworth, a British Navy officer who had competed in the Fastnet in 1937, only agreed to take part if the other participants would "make a race of it", which they did and another legend was born. Illingworth went on to win the inaugural Sydney-Hobart with his yacht *Rani*. No one realized at the time that the 628-nm race was destined to provide the southern hemisphere with its own great sailing contest, one to rival the Rolex Fastnet. The annual race is organized by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia. Rolex began its association in 2002.

The Fastnet was the spark behind the Mediterranean's own 606-nm adventure: the Rolex Middle Sea Race, created in 1968 and almost unique in offshore yacht-racing, given that it begins and ends in the same place. The course, which starts and finishes in Malta, comprises a circumnavigation around Sicily and other islands. Two of its founders, Jimmy White and Alan Green, had both previously raced in the Fastnet and their stated wish was to replicate that challenge in both the distance and the test of seamanship. The race is organized annually by the Royal Malta Yacht Club, whose partnership with Rolex began in 2002.

These three events share similar ideals, folklore and legends. Sailors cut from every cloth – professional, Corinthian, experienced and intrepid – have been drawn to the challenges they present. Their values of sportsmanship, adventure, determination, courage and discovery set these offshore races apart from other yacht-racing events, and reflect a rigorous sporting ethos with which Rolex is honoured to be associated.

In addition to offshore races, Rolex is title sponsor of the Rolex Farr 40 World Championship and the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup. The World Championship attracts the best sailors from around the world in the highest-level, one-design competition organized for boat owners and their teams, while the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup is one of the singular highlights of the Mediterranean yachting season. Against the backdrop of the luxurious Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, a sizeable fleet of top-quality, technologically advanced yachts gather each September in Porto Cervo, Italy, for intense competition. Also in Porto Cervo is the prestigious Rolex Swan Cup, a favourite among those looking for an exciting contest among worthy opponents.

OFF THE WATER

Off the water, Rolex participates in the development of yachting through its support of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the sport's governing body, and the annual ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards, recognizing male and female sailors who have distinguished themselves over the course of a year.

Rolex has also cultivated close relationships with the most prestigious yacht clubs around the world, including the New York Yacht Club (USA), the Royal Yacht Squadron (Cowes, UK), the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (Porto Cervo, Italy) and the Yacht Club Italiano (Genoa, Italy).

Driven by a passion for excellence and a great appreciation for yachting, Rolex, the world's leading Swiss watchmaker, is committed to furthering the strong ties that bind these two prestigious worlds in their shared pursuit of perfection.

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