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**A CUNNING PLAN****SAIL NO:** SM6461**LOA:** 12.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**TYPE:** Cookson 12**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Jon Lechte**CLUB:** Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** J Lechte (0) – Skipper, C Clapp (4) – Navigator, M Chew (1), I Knuckey (0), A Reek (0), A Read (0), A Perri, G Phelan (1), J Donati (15), T Benson (0)

Launched in 2005 as Blackadder, this Cookson 12 was a regular competitor in the CYCA's Short Ocean and Ocean Pointscore Series. The boat was bought by a Victorian syndicate from Sandringham Yacht Club, with the sole objective of training and competing in the Victorian local and offshore races in preparation for the 70th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

**ABRACADABRA****SAIL NO:** 5612**LOA:** 14.33m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Bill Tripp (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1991**TYPE:** Tripp 47**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 6**OWNER:** James Murchison**CLUB:** Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW**CREW:** J Murchison (8) – Skipper, J Francis (7), J Walsh (3), M Formosa (20), P Loxton (2)

James Murchison and crew placed third in the PHS division of this year's Land Rover Gold Coast Yacht Race, following on from their PHS overall win in the 2013 race. They have been building a blue water campaign that has culminated in the 70th edition of the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Previous results include eighth in PHS division of the 2012 CYCA's Cabbage Tree Island Race and fifth in PHS Division 2 in the Rolex Sydney Hobart that year.

She did not compete in last year's race. Murchison has competed in several Sydney Gold Coast Yacht races, eight Rolex Sydney Hobart's, a Melbourne to Osaka, Pittwater to Coffs Harbour and Sydney Mooloolaba races.

**ADA CELESTIAL****SAIL NO:** 421**LOA:** 14m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Rogers (UK)**YEAR BUILT:** 2007**TYPE:** Rogers 46**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 5**OWNER:** Sam Haynes**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** S Haynes (4) – Skipper, D Van Der Wende (4) – Navigator, K Clarkson (7), B Decoster (2), C Janes (10), D Palazzi (4), D McPhee (5), G Bauchop (18), J Cook (3), M Feilberg (3), S Clarkson (4), B Wilmot (7)

Sam Haynes' ADA (Assistance Dogs Australia) Celestial's most recent victory was overall in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Race 2014, followed up by a divisional win on IRC and ORCI in the Club Marine Brisbane to Keppel race 2014. In last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, Celestial finished third overall on IRC, second overall on ORCI and 15th on line.

Previously Celestial has won the 2013 NSW IRC State Championships, at Sail Port Stephens and finished fourth in the 2013 Nationals at Victoria Festival of Sails. She has won ORCi and finished second overall in IRC in the 2012 CYCA Bluewater Series including second in IRC Division of the 2013 Sydney Gold Coast Race, finishing with a third on IRC in the Flinders Islet before going on to place first on IRC, ORCi and PHS in the Bird Island Race ensuring for the third year running that she has had her name engraved on the George Barton trophy for the Bird Island race. Celestial has largely held the same crew for the four years under Haynes' ownership and is supporting and raising funds for Assistance Dogs Australia.

**AFTER MIDNIGHT****SAIL NO:** 8778**LOA:** 12.4m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Bruce Farr**YEAR BUILT:** 2002**TYPE:** Farr 40 MOD**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 11**OWNER:** Mark and Greg Tobin**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** M Tobin (5) – Skipper, G Tobin (4) – Skipper/Navigator, C Preen (1), D Richardson (0), J Rae (0), M Bakewell (0), M Linhart (0), A Ravell (1), J Restall (1)

Owners Mike and Greg Tobin purchased the Farr 40 MOD in March this year. The brothers acquired the yacht from Melbourne John Newbold who had owned her for two years. (Newbold now owns and races Primitive Cool). Racing its first ocean race in the hands of its new owners at the Land Rover Gold Coast Race, After Midnight finished with a sixth overall in IRC Division 2. This boat holds a strong pedigree as a solid performer.

As Primitive Cool, the boat had moderate success, competing across the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria's winter series, RMYS's JH McDonald Series, and winning Cruising Division B at Geelong Week in January of this year. Before Newbold, owners Ed Psaltis and Bob Thomas won the 2006/2007 CYCA's Blue Water Pointscore Series and Short Ocean Point Score with the boat they named AFR Midnight Rambler. The duo also won the Gold Coast race overall in 2009 and were divisional winners three times.

**ALIEN****SAIL NO:** R880**LOA:** 10.9m**CLASS:** IRC, PHS and Corinthian**DESIGNER:** Duthie Lidgard**YEAR BUILT:** 1996**TYPE:** Lidgard 36 one off design**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Justin Brenan**CLUB:** Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, VIC**CREW:** J Brenan (1) – Skipper, A Campbell (0) – Navigator, C Brenan (0), M Noy (0), A Vincent (0), M Drobotko (0), A King (0), J Baker (0)

Alien, only a rare visitor to Sydney, finished second in PHS Division B, in the 1999 Sydney Hobart before competing in the Vanuatu Series in 2006 finishing third in the Melbourne Vanuatu leg and winning Vanuatu Mackay. Purchased by Justin Brenan in 2008, Alien has been an active competitor in the ORCV southern races. She won the Melbourne Hobart East Coast race in 2008 before turning her attention to the "West Coaster".

With the support of Nautilus Marine Insurance, Alien has secured podium positions in the Melbourne Hobart West Coast Race for four of the past five years (retiring in 2012 with a torn mainsail). Her campaigning included the Heemskirk Trophy where she was overall winner in both 2009 and 2011. Alien is by today's standards, a relatively heavy cruiser. She was originally designed for IMS racing but constructed in Hobart with an eye to "southern conditions".

**ALIVE****SAIL NO:** 52566**LOA:** 22.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Reichel Pugh**YEAR BUILT:** 2006**TYPE:** Reichel Pugh 66**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** Phillip Turner**CLUB:** TBC**CREW:** D Hine (1) – Skipper, D Turton (5) – Navigator, W Morgan (0), A Gough (1), B Morrison (3), B Donovan (1), J Torpy (2), M Matthews (0), P Turner (0), M Chew (0)

Alive formerly known as Black Jack, was acquired by Tasmanian businessman Phillip Turner from Peter Harburg early in 2014. Her narrow, light and canting keel combined with a powerful new Southern Spar rig makes her a technically advanced and challenging boat. The new owner and crew have enjoyed consistent success with a first place ORCi and IRC overall in the Brisbane to Gladstone, first IRC overall in Sail Paradise, third over the line in the Brisbane to Keppel, second overall IRC Division 1 at Hamilton Island Race Week and most notably, the 1,850 nautical mile MYC Melbourne to Vanuatu in which she won line honours and IRC as well as cementing a new race record.

The boat was sixth across the line in the 2008 Rolex Sydney Hobart. In 2012 she recorded the second fastest time ever in the Sydney Gold Coast Race, breaking Brindabella's (a conventionally ballasted yacht) 13-year race record, claiming the second fastest time for the Open record after finishing in 26hrs 24 mins and 2 secs. The boat was originally launched in the US in 2006 as Stark Raving Mad.

**ANGER MANAGEMENT****SAIL NO:** 11011**LOA:** 13.1m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** John Corby**YEAR BUILT:** 2007**TYPE:** Corby 43**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** P Arnall**CLUB:** Newcastle Cruising Club, NSW**CREW:** P Arnall (0) – Skipper, R Arnall (0) – Navigator, R Ferguson (0), T Vooles (0), B Dixon (0), B Hardy (1), A Williams (0), J Skeltan (0), J Schute (0)

Owned and campaigned by the Commodore of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Phil Arnall and his son Richard, this Corby 43 is the third for them to campaign under this name. Formerly known as Full Metal Jacket and raced in the South China Seas with distinction, this will be her maiden Rolex Sydney Hobart Race. Not foreign to ocean racing on the eastern seaboard, Anger Management has been a regular entrant in the Sydney Gold Coast where she finished fifth overall in IRC Division 2 in the 2014 race and sixth over the line and sixth overall in 2014 Pittwater Coffs Race.

In home waters, she went on to compete in the NCYC's long and short ocean races, finishing second in IRC Division 1 in the Cross, Lion, Bird and Cabbage Tree Series, second in IRC the Ocean Pointscore and second in IRC Division 1 of the Winter Short Ocean Pointscore and presently holds the Gun Trophy. She finished seventh in IRC Division B of the Australian IRC Championship in April.

**ARIEL****SAIL NO:** A140**LOA:** 12.6m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Bruce Farr**YEAR BUILT:** 2010**TYPE:** Beneteau First 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** Ron Forster**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW / Sydney Amateur Sailing Club**CREW:** R Forster (1) / P Damp (1) – Skipper, J Naylor, I Short, M Short, G Cooper, H Forster

This will be Ariel's third consecutive Rolex Sydney Hobart race. She won her division in the 2014 Land Rover Winter Series and placed second overall in both IRC Division 3 and ORCi Division 2 in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Race. Ron Forster and crew are preparing for this year's race by competing in the BWPS again.

In the 2012 Rolex Sydney Hobart she finished seventh in IRC Division 3 and eighth overall IRC Division 3 in the 2013 race. Forster first sailed a Rolex Sydney Hobart 33 years ago.

**ART EQUITY MAHLIGAI****SAIL NO:** NZL1**LOA:** 14.3m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 1998**TYPE:** Sydney 46**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** Murray Owen and Jenny Kings**CLUB:** Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, New Zealand**CREW:** M Owen (6) – Skipper, J Kings (5) – Navigator, V Chirkov, A Titorenko, D Marievich, E Gazarov, I Kopazov, A Bakhtinov, K Kuroptev, V Reshetov, A Gazarov, A Vodovatov-Abas, S Isdakov, N Titorenko, M Kuropteva, L Alexander

This Sydney 46 has raced to Hobart five times now and has finished every one. In last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart she improved her 2011 assault on the PHS trophy where she finished ninth overall to finish fifth overall and second in PHS Division 1. Her best result was in the 2010 race, when she was fourth overall in PHS and won Division 1, racing as NSC Mahligai. In 2009, was third in Division 1, while in 2008, sailed under IRC and finished 61st overall.

Before Murray Owen and Jenny Kings owned Mahligai, she spent most of her life racing in Asia. She is berthed at the CYCA, but will race under the burgee of the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club in New Zealand, in a nod to Owen and Kings' place of birth.

**AUDERE****SAIL NO:** 4545**LOA:** 13.7m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Philippe Briand (FRA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2011**TYPE:** Beneteau First 45**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Michael Pritchard**CLUB:** Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS**CREW:** M Pritchard –Skipper, M Hutchinson (4) – Navigator, M Souter (5), I Johnston, S Butler, D George, T Steames, B Pritchard, P Reid, J Wilkie, S Bradford

A relative newcomer to ocean racing, Michael Pritchard and his Beneteau First 45 Audere impressed in their debut event, the Maria Island Yacht Race in November 2013 where they finished fourth under IRC. In February 2013, she placed third under IRC in the 89 nautical mile Bruny Island Race, finished eighth in IRC Division 3 of the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in July and second overall and won the ORCI division of the Brisbane to Keppel Island Yacht Race in August.

Pritchard is no stranger to the adrenaline rush, having previously raced in the Targa car rallies, and is hoping that the journey north will be favourable for his Beneteau. Audere has been competing in the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania's twilight races and is also cruised by the Pritchard family around Hobart. The boat was launched in 2011 by South Australian Garry Tucker and competed in the 2011 Rolex Sydney Hobart as Patrice IV, finishing 12th in division.

**AUSREO****SAIL NO:** 6755**LOA:** 14.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2002**TYPE:** Beneteau 47.7**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Ian Creak**CLUB:** Greenwich Flying Squadron, NSW**CREW:** I Creak - Skipper, G Sanford (2) – Navigator, J Lelliott (1), A Lelliott (1), D North (1), I Arnold (1), I Creak, I Sandford (2), L Bryant (1), M Pinter (5), P Atwood, R Glendenning

This boat undertook her maiden Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race last year finishing a respectable 28th overall and seventh in IRC Division 3. Creak has assembled a crew of regular offshore yachties who have been aboard with him in the CYCA's Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race over the last few years. They missed this year's Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast race and their best result to date was in the 2013 race where they finished 22nd overall and 11th in Division 3. Creak and his crew are looking forward to a hard slog to Hobart aboard this Beneteau 47.7 originally campaigned as Caliban II.

**BACARDI****SAIL NO:** SM377**LOA:** 13.4m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Doug Peterson (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1978**TYPE:** Peterson 44**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 28**OWNER:** Martin Power**CLUB:** Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** M Power (11) – Skipper, S Humphres (6) - Navigator, M Beddoe's (2), M De Fina (1), R Eason (3), L Forkes (3), P Rejola (2), D Marquetts (1) M Fox, G Poole (1), B Leighton (1)

Bacardi holds the record for the most Hobart races ever sailed by an individual yacht – 28 – and this year she will break her own record and make it 29. She finished 58th overall and 7th in division in last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, and equaled the record 27 races set in 2007 by Phillips Foote Witchdoctor, a Davidson 44, in 2011. Bacardi has only failed to finish once in her Hobart race history. Sailed by her present owner in 2010, she dropped her rig and the deck disintegrated in heavy seas off the southern NSW coast. Bacardi's best result in the Rolex Sydney Hobart was in 2006 when the 35-year-old finished second overall to the classic yacht Love & War. Skipper Martin Power raced his previous boat, a Swanson 36, Breakaway, to several divisional placings in the Rolex Sydney Hobart, including winning the Gordon Marshall Trophy in 1999.

**BALANCE****SAIL NO:** 52002**LOA:** 15.9m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**TYPE:** FARR TP52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Paul Clitheroe**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** P Clitheroe (7) – Skipper, N Scott Perry (3) – Navigator, A Brown (5), B McRae (3), C Evans, D Keddie (2), M Craig (1), M de Montgolfier (1), N Mrdjen (2), P Hardy, T Brewer (1)

CYCA Director Paul Clitheroe has taken another step up in his ocean racing pursuits, purchasing the TP52 Quest, and 2008 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race overall winner, earlier this year. This makes the money media commentator's fifth yacht called Balance. In the Land Rover Gold Coast he finished seventh over line, second overall IRC Division 1 and fourth overall ORCi. Racing in the CYCA Blue Water Pointscore he is tracking at third overall after race three. Balance placed first overall in the Cabbage Tree Island in November. Under its former name Quest, this boat won every major race/event on the eastern seaboard, including Hamilton Island Race Week, Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and Geelong Race Week, in addition to the Rolex Sydney Hobart.

With his previous yacht, a Beneteau 45, Clitheroe won the 2013 City of Sydney Cup for the Australia Day Race, won Division 1 in both IRC and ORCi in the 2013 Sydney Harbour Regatta, and finished second in Division 1 of the IRC Passage at Hamilton Island Race Week in August 2013. In 2011, Clitheroe achieved some strong podium finishes including second in the Audi Docklands Invitational Production division, winning the Milsons Cup and Division 2 of the NSW IRC Championship, before a divisional third in the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. He also finished second in IRC Division B at Hamilton Island Race Week, then third in IRC Division 3 and second in ORCi Division 2 in the Rolex Sydney Hobart – his best result in the blue water classic.

**BEAR NECESSITY****SAIL NO:** MH115**LOA:** 11.5m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Tim Jackett (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2007**TYPE:** C & C 115**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** John Blair**CLUB:** Balmain Sailing Club, NSW**CREW:** J Blair – Skipper, A Abrosimova (1), A Bailey (3), C Hodgson, D Murray (1), J Blair, L Bavin, J Rowe (1), S Oliver

This yacht has not been seen on the offshore racing circuit for a few seasons and returned to the scene in July under new owner John Blair where she competed in the Land Rover Gold Coast Yacht Race finishing seventh in IRC Division 4. Earlier this year, Bear Necessity finished fourth in division of Balmain Sailing Club's Annual Island Race. Her best result in the Rolex Sydney Hobart was a 13th in division in 2009 with former owners Andrew and Pauline Dally, who launched the yacht in 2007 just prior to the Rolex Sydney Hobart. They finished 23rd in division that year.

**BLACK JACK****SAIL NO:** 52570**LOA:** 21.5m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Juan Kouyoumdjian (ARG)**YEAR BUILT:** 2011**TYPE:** Volvo 70**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1 as Telefonica**OWNER:** Peter Harburg**CLUB:** Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD**CREW:** M Bradford (8) – Skipper, P Elkington – Navigator, P Harburg (3), A Nolan (7), A Smith, A Nossiter (12), B Hilliar (4), B Clarke (15), D Hutchison (5), G Van Lunteren (2), M Von Bribra (3), P Dowdney (13), P Elkington (1), V Prentice (5), W McCarthy (10), C Anderson

Peter Harburg purchased this yacht in early 2013 and continued the Black Jack name for his friend and Formula One legend, the late Sir Jack Brabham. Modifications were made to ensure the yacht was up to Australian standards before she made her Australian racing debut last July. In her maiden Australian ocean race with new owner Peter Harburg, last year's Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, the former 2011 to 2012 VOR entrant Telefonica, finished third on line and third in IRC Division 0 following a tight tussle to the finish with the top two, Wild Thing and Lahana. Just a week later, Black Jack was second on line to Wild Thing in the Club Marine Great Keppel Island Yacht Race. Just two weeks later in the Rolex Sydney Hobart, Black Jack battled with Giacomo, the former Groupama, winner of the VOR in 2011 to 2012, finishing fourth on line just two minutes and 17 seconds ahead of Giacomo, and placed sixth in IRC Division 0. In April in the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, she won line honours and finished second in IRC Division 1 to the Reichel/Pugh 66, Alive, the former Black Jack is now owned by Tasmanian Phil Turner. In July, Black Jack finished second overall in the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and was the third boat to cross the line behind Wild Oats XI and Perpetual LOYAL. She also finished second to Wild Oats XI in the Brisbane to Keppel Island race in August.

**BLACK SHEEP****SAIL NO:** 33345**LOA:** 13.7m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Philippe Briand (FRA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** Beneteau 45**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Derek and Martin Sheppard**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** D Sheppard- Skipper, M Kennedy – Navigator, M Sheppard, A Salmon, K Bennett, M Ramsay, M Jones, P Allen, W Taylor, A Veness, Y Heritage, P Ross, P Lee

In their first season campaigning Black Sheep, formerly Honeysuckle, on the ocean racing circuit, brothers Martin and Derek Sheppard competed in the CYCA's 2013-2014 Blue Water Pointscore Series where they finished seventh in IRC and second in the Cape Byron Pointscore (the ORCi category of the Blue Water Pointscore) behind Wild Rose, the Blue Water champion. They finished with an eighth in IRC Division 3 of the 2013 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, third overall in the Flinders Islet Race in September, fifth in October's Bird Island Race, 11th in the Cabbage Tree Island race, 11th in the Port Hacking Bird Island Race and ninth in division in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. In July this year, Black Sheep finished third in IRC Division 3 of the Land Rover Gold Coast Yacht Race.

**BREAKTHROUGH****SAIL NO:** 6834**LOA:** 12.2m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2010**TYPE:** Beneteau First 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 3**OWNER:** Jonathan Stone and Mat Vadas**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** M Vadas (3) – Skipper, B Hunter (3) – Navigator, B Hurley (2), A Carpenter (2), B Hurley, B Hunter (3), C Halpin (1), K Rumball (1), M Vadas (3), D Daley, T Guy (2),

This is the former Chancellor which was purchased by Jonathan Stone and Mat Vadas who sailed the Beneteau First 40 to 35th overall and ninth in IRC Division 3 of the 2012 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. They went on to finish 29th overall and eighth in IRC Division 3 of the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Breakthrough retired from this year's Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race due to time constraints. Previously, Stone owned Illusion (the 1988 Hobart overall winner for her original owner), which he sailed in the 2011 Rolex Sydney Hobart, but retired with hull damage.

Breakthrough's two current owners, Mathew Vadas and Jonathan Stone, have achieved significant breakthroughs in a lifetime of medical research, hence the name the yacht has been christened. They bring the same focus and attention to detail in this their fourth Bluewater and Rolex Sydney Hobart campaign. They will be joined on this campaign by Sydney veterans Ben Hunter and Adam Carpenter and a team of Irish sailors headed by Barry Hurley.

**BRINDABELLA****SAIL NO:** 10000**LOA:** 24.1m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Scott Jutson (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 1993**TYPE:** Jutson 80**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 21**OWNER:** Jim Cooney**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** J Cooney (4) – Skipper, O Schenk (8) – Navigator, B Kellett (22), A Berman, A Simpson (2), B Sykes (25), C Buchanan (4), D Goff (4), D Hislop, F Cooney, J Verheggen (2), M Blake, C Crafoord (29), N Armstrong (1), O Court, R Bott (3), S Wells (2), S Don (10), W Hedberg (2), S King (1), A Peyaud (2),

Brindabella held the open and conventionally ballasted race record for this race for 13 years until it was broken by Wild Oats XI and Loki respectively in 2012. She still holds the record of 1 day, 20 hours, 46 minutes, 33 seconds for a conventionally ballasted yacht for the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, which she set in 1999 after finishing second on line to the water ballasted record breaker, Nokia and won line honours in the 1997 Hobart– all with original owner George Snow. Jim Cooney purchased the maxi in 2010 and campaigns her in the CYCA's offshore and short ocean races.

In this year's Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, she was 19th boat to finish across the line and was seventh in the PHS Division. She finished 17th on line in last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart as well as securing fourth in PHS Division 1. The Scott Jutson design still holds the record for the Sydney Noumea, Sydney Mooloolaba and Sydney Wollongong races, all of which were discontinued, but the latter two were re-introduced this year – Wollongong after a 13 year hiatus and Mooloolaba after leaving the yachting calendar a couple of times.

**C.Q.R.iT INCA****SAIL NO:** F111**LOA:** 12.5m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Lavranos Marine Design (NZL)**YEAR BUILT:** 1999**TYPE:** Vickers 41 MkII**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 3**OWNER:** Noel Sneddon**CLUB:** Whitsundays Sailing Club, QLD**CREW:** N Sneddon (7) – Skipper , I Cooke (5) – Navigator, M Cooke (3), N Cooke (1), B Butcher

C.Q.R.iT INCA (pronounced, secure it Inca) was sailed over from South Africa in 2000, after which Noel Sneddon purchased her as his new floating home residing at Airlie Beach. Since then she has competed in several Audi Hamilton Island Race Weeks and 2008, 2010 and 2012 Rolex Sydney Hobart races. Racing as CIC Secure Inca in 2010 they finished with a third in PHS Division 2 following with a sixth in PHS Division 2 in the 2012 race where she raced as CIC Technology Inca). Aboard for this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart are a father and son trio Ian, and two sons, Michael having done two Rolex Sydney Hobart's with his dad, and now joined by the youngest son Nicholas.

**CADIBARRA 8****SAIL NO:** R420**LOA:** 12.9m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Don Jones (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2001**TYPE:** Jones 42**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** Paul Roberts**CLUB:** Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, VIC**CREW:** P Roberts (9)– Skipper, I Davidson (2) – Navigator, T Godbert (3), C Miller (1), J Mullavey (2), A Gontar, F Obermayer, S Pitt, S Stirling

Roberts purchased the boat in 2010 from its previous Victoria based owner, Don Jones. Roberts embarked on some major modifications in 2012 in preparation for the Melbourne to Osaka Double-Handed Yacht Race winning IRC and finishing second on line in a time of 32:05:09:39. Roberts' most recent Rolex Sydney Hobart was in 2011 where he finished ninth in IRC Division 2. Roberts competed in the ORCV winter series, using the series as crew training before competing in ocean races including the Stanley and West Coaster races, in the lead-up to the Rolex Sydney Hobart.

**CARO****SAIL NO:** CAY65**LOA:** 20.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Botin Partners (ESP)**YEAR BUILT:** 2013**TYPE:** Botin 65**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Roccomare Ltd**CLUB:** George Town Yacht Club, Cayman Islands**CREW:** M Klink – Skipper, I Moore – Navigator, J Ferris, J Langwasser, A Meiklejohn, C Moeller, J Swain, M Bartlett, M Muller, C Salthouse

New to the Rolex Sydney Hobart, Caro is a racer/cruiser. Just after her launch, she competed at Cowes Week, but after starting the Rolex Fastnet Race, ran hard aground. Max Klink and crew went on to break the ARC race record in 2013 crossing the finish line in Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia at 10:10:10 UTC (06:10:10 Local time) and earned a place in the history books, smashing the ARC course record by 8 hours 7 minutes and 20 seconds. This is a high-tech machine light-weight carbon-fibre racer/cruiser, designed for speed and ocean racing. Her pedigree is matched with its elite racing crew who have previously been involved with some of the world's top racing programs including Ian Moore, Andy Meiklejohn, Mark Bartlett, Michael Muller, Jonathon Swain and Justin Ferris whom are all Volvo Ocean Race veterans. Jens Langwasser, a designer from the boat's Kiel-based builders Knierim Yacht-bau will also be on board. This line up of talent is added to with Chris Salthouse from the America's Cup.



**CHANCELLOR****SAIL NO:** 8824**LOA:** 14.8m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2004**TYPE:** Beneteau 47.7**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** Edward Tooher**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** E Tooher (8) – Skipper, P Brockman – Navigator, M Meehan (2), G Hancock, G Smith, L Gook, M Ward (4), P Kenna (2), P May (3), P Drake-Brockman (7), S Dawson (4), J Yuen.

This is the fourth Beneteau owned and sailed by Ted Tooher under the name Chancellor. First a Beneteau 33 then a 40.7 followed by the F40 and now this F47.7. This current Beneteau was formerly known as Pretty Fly II, and the boat was campaigned extensively by her previous owners Colin and Gladys Woods, and clocked up thousands of sea miles along the eastern seaboard. Tooher has given her a refit and is crewed for race success. Tooher finished 18th overall in IRC Division 3 of the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart race. She was 11th over line and 11th IRC overall in this season's Newcastle Bass Island Race.

**CHARLIE'S DREAM****SAIL NO:** RQ1920**LOA:** 13.7m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Holland/Cole/Lowe (IRE)**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** Bluewater 450**NO. OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** Peter Lewis**CLUB:** Royal Queensland Yacht Club, QLD**CREW:** P Lewis – Skipper (4), G Boyd (2) – Navigator, B Pozzey (4), K Kaiser (2), N Everson (2), P Cooper (2), P Zemek (1), R Dawson (3), R Dallimore (2)

Charlie's Dream is a cruising yacht named in memory of Peter Lewis' father-in-law. Since delivery in September 2008, she has mostly cruised, but has competed in four Rolex Sydney Hobarts, two Gosford to Lord Howe Islands, two Brisbane to Gladstones and two Brisbane to Keppel races along the way. In her first Sydney Hobart outing in 2008, Charlie's Dream placed second in the Cruising Division, followed by a fourth in the Cruising Division of the 2009 Brisbane to Gladstone Race. In 2010, she won her PHS Division of the Gosford Lord Howe Island race and went on to finish eighth in PHS Division 2 of the Rolex Sydney Hobart. In 2011-2012 she circumnavigated Australia, and in June, completed the Brisbane to Noumea Rally.

**CHUTZPAH****SAIL NO:** R33**LOA:** 12.32m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Reichel/Pugh (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2007**TYPE:** Caprice 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 6**OWNER:** Bruce Taylor**CLUB:** Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, VIC**CREW:** B Taylor (32) – Skipper, K Piesse (29) – Navigator, P Fletcher (6), A Taylor (21), B Anderson, G Gourley (26), M Bagley (5), P Sandles (13), J Permezel (23), L Attersall

Although he has come so close, with second and third places overall, and an amazing 10 divisional wins, this will be Bruce Taylor's 34th attempt to win the race that has thus far eluded him. He may still be wondering what could have been, after selling his Hick 35 to Ed Psaltis and Bob Thomas in 1998, who went on to win that fatal race, while Taylor had to retire his new boat. Son Drew, has sailed every one of his 21 races with Bruce, flying in from Hong Kong each year. His crew is a solid core who have stuck with Taylor and have serious Hobart cred, with three having notched up 25 races plus, and others nearing that magic milestone. Chutzpah's Victorian owner has 33 **Hobarts** to his credit, 27 with his own boats, his latest being Chutzpah number six. She is a Reichel/Pugh Caprice 40 built by Mal Hart, a builder of note from Victoria. In her first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2007, Chutzpah won Division C and placed fourth overall. In 2008 she scored another IRC 2 Division win, and was third in division in 2009 and 2010.

**CLIPPER VENTURES 10****SAIL NO:** GBR9359T**LOA:** 20.7m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Ed Dubois (UK)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**TYPE:** Clipper 68**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Clipper Ventures**CLUB:** Royal Ocean Racing Club, UK**CREW:** P Dudin – Skipper/Navigator, Wayne Reed (4), Drew Hulton-Smith, K Whyte, K Camilleri (3), A Cavaghan, V Arais, S Quinlan, S Cho, A Sangiorgi, M Ponomarey, P Hill, Y Dickinson, S Nutter, S McKean, B Dowling, J Hollow, Media Berther – TBC

With four circumnavigations and more than 140,000 miles under her hull, Clipper Ventures 10 is a tried and tested ocean racing yacht. The stripped down 68 foot racing yacht comes from the drawing board of renowned yacht designer Ed Dubois and has been designed for fast downwind ocean racing and, with an open deck layout, provide a perfect platform for fleet racing and corporate events. Skipper Piers Dudin has logged some 100,000nm over his sailing career. He competed in the Leg 1 (United Kingdom to China) in the Clipper 09/10 and Leg 8 (New York to United Kingdom in the 11/12 Clipper. The entire crew are well seasoned offshore sailors.

**COMANCHE****SAIL NO:** 12358**LOA:** 34.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Verdier Yacht Design and Vplp**YEAR BUILT:** 2014**TYPE:** VPLP**NO OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Jim Clark/Kristy Hinze-Clark**CLUB:** TBC**CREW:** K Reid – Skipper, S Honey (2) – Navigator, C Smith, K Harrap, W Fluery, T Mutter, M Trubovich, S Clarkson, R Godfrey (10), C Smith (10), J Fanelli, J Von Schwarz, K Keeley (1), C Maxted (2), R Clarke, D Rolfe, K Worthington, G Gendell, J Cressant, L Sinclair,

This is possibly one of the most talked about entries for this 70th Anniversary Race. This new 100-foot supermaxi is designed by Verdier Yacht Design & Vplp to push the boundaries of technology with the ultimate goal of taking line honours this year. The boat is the culmination of a two-year project. Built at Hodgdon Yachts in Maine, Comanche was sailed for the first time on October 13 and will be spiced with Australian flavour partly because her co-owner is Kristy Hinze-Clark, a former supermodel from Australia married to Jim Clark. Her mainsail also reflects Comanche's Australian connection, as does Aussie crew; boat captain Casey Smith, Ryan Godfrey in the pit and Chris Maxted "floating".

Other big names are Stan Honey (navigator) and New Zealand's Kevin Halrap on tactics. Comanche is skippered by renowned US sailor Ken Read with 21 international crew. Jim Clark, an American entrepreneur and computer scientist, founded several prominent Silicon Valley technology companies, such as Silicon Graphics Inc. and Netscape Communications Corporation.

**CONCUBINE****SAIL NO:** B40**LOA:** 12.6m**CLASS:** IRC / ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2012**TYPE:** Beneteau First 40**NO OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Shevaun Bruland / Jason Ward**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club, SA**CREW:** J Ward – Skipper, J Clark – Navigator, J Paterson (5), A Mitton (4), J Mitton, M Hansen, N Deussen (1), J Clark (3), J Ward, S Bruland (1), L Stephens

Concubine is owner Jason Ward's first offshore racing yacht after many years of competing in one design fleets, primarily Etchells and Melges 24's. Since taking the step up a little over 2 years ago, Ward has drummed up some impressive results including second in the 2014 SA IRC Championship, third in her division in the Adelaide to Port Lincoln race, second in division in the Great Southern regatta and second in PHS division of the Island Cup. Earlier this year, the Land Rover Gold Coast Yacht Race marked her first major offshore race outside of South Australia with the 70th Anniversary Rolex Sydney Hobart marking her first in this prestigious event.

**COUGAR II****SAIL NO:** 5200**LOA:** 15.85**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**TYPE:** TP52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 5**OWNER:** Anthony Lyall**CLUB:** Royal Ocean Racing Club, TAS**CREW:** A Lyall (11) – Skipper, C Cecil (2), D Meincke (14), P Brasington (19), S Denholm, T Grafton (13), M Cubit (1), A Sayers, D Watson, G Peacock (5), M Jeffrey (4), O Nicholas (1), R Parker (4), D Woods, R Cohen

Anthony Lyall purchased this boat in late November 2011, making the step up to grand prix racing from his old warhorse Valheru, a modified Elliott 13. In the 2012 Rolex Sydney Hobart, Cougar II finished 13th on line, 11th overall and 6th in IRC Division 1. The boat's previous best result includes a second overall in the 2008 Rolex Sydney Hobart. In 2012 she was raced in the TP52 Southern Cross Cup Regatta on Pittwater, to the north of Sydney.

**DARE DEVIL****SAIL NO:** RF5095**LOA:** 14.3m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2000**TYPE:** Cookson 47**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Sibby Ilzhofer**CLUB:** Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** S Ilzhofer – Skipper, M Rogers, C Latham, J Anderson, K Saladine, E Delaat, J Hendy, S Howe, K Marshall, S Regain Muromatsu

Dare Devil, launched in 2000 was previously known as Sea Hawk and more recently Sled. She was built for the 2000/2001 Kenwood Cup and campaigned by Naohiko Sera and Roy Davies when she placed first and second respectively. She was campaigned in various Asian regattas. More recently, under her West Australian owner, Tony Mitchell, she underwent IRC optimisation and took out the WA IRC Championships in 2013 from the three real contenders.

**DUENDE****SAIL NO:** ESP6100**LOA:** 15.39m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Judel/Vrolijk (GER)**YEAR BUILT:** 2003**TYPE:** Judel/Vrolijk 52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** Damien Parkes**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** D Parkes – Skipper (26), D Graham (7), L Gilbert (2), T Cable (49), M Riding (6), M Cassidy (2)

Duende will once again be the boat that carries the man to have achieved the most Hobart races, Tony Cable, who is coming up for race number 49. In an offshore career that spans over 50 years, this national living treasure remains a dedicated and enthusiastic ocean racer and club man – he is a Life member of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, where he served on the board and continues to play an active role. According to Damien Parkes and his co-sailors, 'Glark' as he is known, is a very capable member of the crew, who the younger members aboard the yacht hold in the greatest esteem. It doesn't hurt that he can tell a good yarn and has a sound knowledge of the race that few can boast. This will be the third time he will head south on Duende. Parkes himself is undertaking Hobart number 27 and his crew includes experienced navigator Donald Graham.

Some students from the Pacific Sailing School will also be aboard. From the German based Judel/Vrolijk stable, this TP52 previously raced as Tau Ceramics and Lacoste in Europe, but was modified for Australian conditions and optimised under the IRC rating system. Her crew achieved their goal last year when they sailed over the finish line and into Constitution Dock in one piece. Tenth in IRC Division 1 after being forced to retire from the 2011 race with engine problems heading into Bass Strait, was a great achievement.

**ENCHANTRESS****SAIL NO:** SA346**LOA:** 11.0m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** John Muirhead (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 1983**TYPE:** Muirhead 11**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** John Willoughby**CLUB:** Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, SA**CREW:** J Willoughby – Skipper, G Pearce – Navigator, N Swan, R Large, N Parker, P Bogner, M Lane (1), G Holland (1), P Mumford

Just one of the South Australian yachts in this year's race, Enchantress is a home-designed yacht that was also built locally from cold moulded cedar over frames and stringers and tackled her first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2012 where she finished third overall in IRC Division 4 and ORCi Division 4. She has been raced and cruised since being launched in 1983 by her designer, John Muirhead, competing in 20 Adelaide to Port Lincoln races. Enchantress won the 2010 Melbourne to Hobart West Coaster under IRC, PHS and AMS after finishing sixth on line. Her Hobart crew feature the same guys who sailed her to victory; Roger Harrison, co-owner John Willoughby, Steve Jenkins, Rob Large and Noel Swan. Built to perform downwind, Enchantress can take a bit of hard stuff on the nose, as long as she eventually gets to go downwind.

**ENDORFIN****SAIL NO:** F107**LOA:** 14.3m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2006**TYPE:** Sydney 47**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** Michael Giles**CLUB:** Fremantle Sailing Club, WA**CREW:** M Giles (3) – Skipper, W Batt – Navigator, G Bishop (9), P Mason (3), P Hanson (1), B Best (1), T Bell (2), J Mulcachy (3), R Law (1), M McEvoy, R Coster (2), S Oliver (1), W Batt (2), Karl Civil (1)

Endorfin, another of the West Australian entries was purchased in March 2013 by Kryss and Mike Giles and has been actively racing in the state's blue water races. She holds the IRC title in the Fremantle to Bunbury Race. She is also joint IRC winner of the prestigious Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club's Offshore Farrawa Cup Series. Endorfin, under the previous owner, Peter Mooney competed in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in both 2006 and 2007.

**EUREKA II****SAIL NO:** 6037**LOA:** 18.2m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2000**TYPE:** Sydney 60**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** Malcolm Robertson**CLUB:** Whitsundays Sailing Club, QLD**CREW:** M Robertson (2) / C Stockdale (1) – Skippers, A Stockdale – Navigator, S Hart (4), G Orenshaw (1), E Jansen, J Daly, R McKenzie, S Teudt, P Bennell, X Decomps, H Kanignan, S McKeogh, J Huggins, M Levtova, T Yendell, D Henn.

Eureka II, a performance cruiser/racer with a charter layout to give her the ability to conduct overnight and extended charters, was built by Bob Robertson to a high standard to include USL 2B Survey and launched in October 2000 at Mooloolaba Queensland. Working primarily out of Airlie Beach, the Great Barrier Reef and Australian east coast, Eureka II has been used extensively as a Sail Training Vessel and has introduced hundreds of people to sailing from an introductory level to Yachtmaster Ocean. Eureka II has competed in many blue water classics and is a regular at Hamilton Island and Airlie Beach race weeks.

This will be her fifth Rolex Sydney to Hobart and is being campaigned by Manly Sailing based out of the Manly Yacht Club in Sydney. Eureka II comes out of race retirement to compete in this 70th Edition of the Rolex Sydney Hobart.

**EXTASEA****SAIL NO:** G4646R**LOA:** 14.0**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Mark Mills**YEAR BUILT:** 2004**TYPE:** DK46**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Paul Buchholz**CLUB:** Royal Geelong Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** P Buchholz – Skipper/Navigator, B Carnell, B Robertson (1), B Carnell (6), F Shave (1), P Buchholz (4), S Jacobsen (1), S Treurniet, T Kelly (2), J Boyle (2), A McRae (2), P McCormack

Formerly known as ZEPHYRA, the now named Extasea is a seasoned victor on the Victorian Offshore racing scene having won every offshore race over the past decade culminating in winning the ORCV Offshore Championship four times. She has conquered the notorious Bass Strait before, winning the 100th anniversary Rudder Cup and first east coast Melbourne to Hobart race. She last competed in the Sydney to Hobart race in 2010 and of late has won the last three Melbourne to Hobart West Coast races with line and handicap honours.

**FLYING FISH ARCTOS****SAIL NO:** 7551**LOA:** 15.2m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Graeme Radford (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2001**TYPE:** McIntyre 55**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 6**OWNER:** Flying Fish Online**SKIPPER:** Duncan Macalister**CLUB:** Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW**CREW:** G McGowan – Skipper, I Signorelli (1), P Thornton (1) – Navigator, A Martin (1), G McGowan (1), S Kelly, J Linkova (1), D Jenkins (1), A Donnelly, F McArthur, A Bellchambers, J Arnold

Flying Fish Arctos' best result in the Rolex Sydney Hobart was in 2010 when the crew won PHS overall. Last year she finished fifth overall in PHS Division 2. In 2012 she finished a good third overall under PHS, which converted to second in PHS Division 2 – adding to her two other second places from 2008 and 2009. These are great results for the flagship of the Flying Fish offshore training fleet which is crewed by a number of international trainees who compete in the race as a personal challenge together with some veteran hands from previous Hobart campaigns. The crew will head south under the direction of McGowan again aboard Flying Fish Arctos, a strong and powerful cutter rigged Australian-designed yacht that was originally built to race around the world.

**FRANTIC****SAIL NO:** GBR5211L**LOA:** 15.9m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** James Donovan (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2004**TYPE:** TP52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** Michael Martin**CLUB:** Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, NSW**CREW:** M Martin (6) – Skipper, M Hewitt-Park (7), M Dean – Navigator, A Jenkin (4), B Leask (5), B Davies (4), D Hull (4), J Roberts (6), J Hendy, M Dean (4), M Jensen (3), R Campbell (3), R Carlile (11), S Hunter (4)

This will be Rolex Sydney Hobart number six for ex-Wallabies winger, Mick Martin. Since purchasing the former Strewth in 2012, Mick Martin has notched up some worthy results. In last year's Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, Frantic finished 24th overall, fourth in IRC Division 1 and ninth in ORCi Division 1, going on to finish sixth in IRC Division 1 in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. In last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart she finished 21st on line, 24th on IRC and 18th on ORCi. She went on to compete in this year's Land Rover Gold Coast Race she finished 11th on line, 14th on IRC, and seventh on ORCi. Frantic finished 13th in the CYCA's 2013-2014 Blue Water Pointscore Series after retiring from the Cabbage Tree Island Race and missing the Port Hacking Bird Island Race. The yacht also competed in the Australian IRC Championship, but was outgunned by the newer boats in the fleet.

The Lake Macquarie yachtsman and ex-Wallaby scored his first major offshore success last year when he won the Gosford-Lord Howe Island race overall. He finished fourth overall in this year's race. Martin finished eighth in IRC racing at Airlie Beach Race Week last August and fifth in the TP52 Southern Cross Cup Series. Prior to buying the TP52, Martin owned the Sayer 40, LMR Solar/Frantic, before getting hit with the serious sailing bug.

**GEOMATIC ALLEGRO****SAIL NO:** 6723**LOA:** 20.3m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Warwick**YEAR BUILT:** 2006**TYPE:** Warwick 67**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Adrian Lewis**CLUB:** Mornington Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** A Lewis (3) - Skipper, S Hand (2) – Navigator, T Humphris (3) – P Young (3), P Whybird (1), G Scheen

Geomatic Allegro is the latest addition to the Geomatic line. Following the theme of racing in comfort, Geomatic Allegro is a combination of luxury and carbon fibre that makes for comfortable yet fast passage racing. In January this year, she finished fifth in Cruising Division 1 at the Festival of Sails. Lewis' hands will consist of a mixture of recent and long standing crew who are prepared to go the distance. Once again crewed by the Lewis Family and friends the team looks forward to good racing and ever improving results.

**GIACOMO****SAIL NO:** NZL70000**LOA:** 21.5m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Juan Kouyoumdjian (ARG)**YEAR BUILT:** 2011**TYPE:** Volvo 70**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Jim Delegat**CLUB:** Royal Akarana Yacht Club, New Zealand**CREW:** J Delegat (1)- Skipper, S Cotton(11) – G Mario Mongelli – Navigator, A Reynolds (1), C Dickson (4), D Blanchfield (25), C Main (1), A Crossan (1), C Main (1), D Blanchfield (1), M Hannon (1), P Robinson (1), R Bearda (1), M Kelway (1), N Delegat, A Gair, D Miller, C Williams, C Dunn, C Skinner, R Bicknell

New Zealander Jim Delegat, managing director of Delegat Wine Estate (distributor of Oyster Bay Wines), purchased the 2011-2012 Volvo Ocean Race winner, Groupama early in 2013. Renamed Giacomo, this will be her second Rolex Sydney Hobart race. In 2013 she finished sixth over the line and sixth overall in PHS. In June Giacomo won on handicap taking the SUVA Gold Cup. She will line up against at least two other Volvo 70's amongst the other line honours chasers come Boxing Day.

She features a canting keel, dagger boards and the latest in rigging. She was built for fresh off-the-wind conditions and will be impossible to stop in the right conditions. Established yachtsman, Steve Cotton, a Whitbread Race/VOR veteran joins Delegat for a second year, this time as second-in-charge.

**GUILTY PLEASURES VI****SAIL NO:** 40021**LOA:** 12.4m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1998**TYPE:** Farr 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Joel Bruce**CLUB:** Townsville Cruising Yacht Club, QLD**CREW:** L Thomas – Skipper, G Dorries – J Bruce – Navigator, S Brierly, D Haydon, R Arthur, K Collier, J Smith, R Finucane

This is the maiden race for Bruce and the Guilty Pleasures VI team. Townsville skipper Leon Thomas officially took delivery of this former New South Wales Farr 40 Shaya Moya in April 2014 just in time to compete in the 66th Brisbane to Gladstone Race. The team have enjoyed numerous successful campaigns in previous editions of the Guilty Pleasures yachts including Airlie Beach 2010 and 2011 and Audi Hamilton Island Race Week 2012. They hold line honours and handicap in the 2014 Coral Coast Race.

**HARTBREAKER****SAIL NO:** B330**LOA:** 14.2m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Reichel/Pugh (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2004**TYPE:** Reichel Pugh 46**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Anthony Walton**CLUB:** Royal Brighton Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** A Breidahl (1), A Walton (1), A Delahunt, C Stott (1), G Carr (2), G Buchan (1), J MacDonald, J Whiteside (5), L Irving, M Morris, M Setton (2), P Stewart (5)

Tony Walton and Alan Breidahl having purchased Shamrock in early March 2013, decided on a name change to Hartbreaker and to relaunch the boat to coincide with the first anniversary of the purchase. After much debate, the inspiration for the new name comes from Shamrock's history as the former Secret Mens Business 2 – the HART marine built boat that was somewhat 'broken' in separate incidents at and on the way back from Hamilton Island in 2008, along with Tony's professional interest in hearts. Rebuilt and rebranded as Shamrock, then Mornington-owned until early last year. The boat competed in the Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2010, but pulled out due to rudder problems. Tony and Al decided it's time for the boat to again have a new identity with a suitable nod to it's past.

As Shamrock, she won line honours, IRC and PHS in the 2008 Eastcoast Melbourne to Hobart Race. She has enjoyed many successes competing in the Dockland Invitational, Audi Geelong Race Week, Audi Hamilton Island Race Week and in the 2010 Rolex Sydney Hobart finished 30th over the line.

**HELSAL 3****SAIL NO:** 262**LOA:** 20m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Joe Adams / Fred Barrett (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 1984**TYPE:** Adams 20**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 12**OWNER:** Rob Fisher and Paul Mara**CLUB:** Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS**CREW:** R Fisher – Skipper, J Davis – P Jackson (3), P Hernon-Taylor, C Oliver, C Dollisson (1), K George (1), K Johnson, (1), P Walker (2), R Fisher (1), S Zuehlke (1), Z Leffler (1), J Carver, N Flook, C Rogers, D Park, J Davis

Helsal 3 is back again with a mixed Australian and international crew, competing in the Sydney to Hobart for the 13th time. Fresh from PHS Division 1 honours in the Land Rover Sydney to Gold Coast Yacht Race, Helsal 3 proves it still has what it takes to be competitive.

In the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart she finished sixth in PHS Division 1 with his multi-national crew. The previous year, Rob Fisher sailed her to 31st on line and PHS ninth overall. One of two Tasmanian yachts in this race, Helsal 3 was the fourth boat to finish the Bruny Island race in February. Originally Arthur Bloore's The Office, Dr Tony Fisher (Rob's dad) and his family raced her with success in the late 1980s and early 1990s out of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia when they lived in Sydney. A heavy 30-year old, Helsal 3 is at her best in heavy conditions.

**ICHI BAN****SAIL NO:** AUS01**LOA:** 18.3m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Carkeek Design Partners (RSA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2013**TYPE:** Carkeek 60**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Matt Allen**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** M Allen (24) – Skipper, A Cahalan (21), A Merrington (7), C Garnett (12), D Conigrave (4), G Maguire (15), J Dann (3), J Rae (20), J Drummond, S Nolan (13), T Ryan (7), T Sellars (7), W Sykes (2), S Wells (2)

Yachting Australia President and past CYCA Commodore Matt Allen launched his latest Ichi Ban – a Carkeek 60 – just one month prior to last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart. Built in Dubai at Premier Composites and arriving in Australia in November 2013, Allen had limited time to fully test the boat, but she still impressed finishing eighth overall and third in division in the blue water classic. Allen has since campaigned Ichi Ban in many regattas and offshore races and has achieved some notable results this year, including taking line honours and winning overall at the CYCA's Sydney Newcastle Race in February. He also finished third in division at the Sydney Harbour Regatta and at the Festival of Sails, and fourth in the Australian IRC Championship. In July, Ichi Ban finished fourth on line and fourth overall in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and finished second in IRC racing division of Airlie Beach Race Week in August.

**IMAGINATION****SAIL NO:** 35**LOA:** 14.5m**CLASS:** IRC/PHS**DESIGNER:** Bruce Farr (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2002**TYPE:** Beneteau First 47.7**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Robin/Annette Hawthorn**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** R Hawthorn (1) – Skipper, F Walker (6) – Navigator, C Hawthorn (1), G Holder (2), H Hawthorn (1), H DeTorres, M Henderson (5), M Cross (1), R Firth (1), S Box, P Anderson, W Hicks (1)

Imagination's last Rolex Sydney was in 2009 where she placed ninth on IRC overall and fifth in IRC Division 3. She has competed in CYCA Short Ocean Pointscore series for many years currently placing sixth overall IRC in series after race two. Imagination had a very successful 2013-2014 season with first places IRC in Combined Short Ocean Pointscore and Short Ocean Pointscore Series and second place PHS in the Spring Pointscore and third place IRC in the Autumn Pointscore. She is skippered by Robin Hawthorn with his wife and three of his sons in the crew.

**INDIAN****SAIL NO:** AUS47**LOA:** 14.3m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Shaun Carkeek SOUTH AFRICA**YEAR BUILT:** 2014**TYPE:** Carkeek 47**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Craig Carter**CLUB:** Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, WA**CREW:** C Carter (1) – Skipper, P Eldrid (3) – S Disley (1) – Navigator, S Locke (0), S Hughes (0), D Ward (14), T Lynch (0), J Suriano (0), R Howell (1), T Barton, K Searle (4)

Indian, a Carkeek 47 launched in January 2014 is Craig Carter's new ocean racing yacht. This pre-preg nomex construction yacht was built by Premier Composites in Dubai than leased to the Platoon TP52 team for the ORC Worlds in Kiel Germany. Delivered to the Woolwich dock from Hamburg in late October where it was optimised for offshore racing and had the electronics package upgraded for the demands of this Cat 1 race. This is her first Bluewater event and will provide an indication of how this latest generation HPR can perform offshore. Indian replaces Carter's Archambault 40 in which he secured his current title, WA Bluewater Siska Champion. With five entries from WA, this team is well-organised and will represent one of WA's best prepared teams for many years aboard a current generation powerful grand prix yacht.

**INNER CIRCLE****SAIL NO:** M762**LOA:** 12.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Bruce Farr**YEAR BUILT:** 1987**TYPE:** FARR 40 IOR**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Darren Cooney**CLUB:** Royal Motor Yacht Club, TAS**CREW:** D Cooney (6) – Skipper/Navigator, C Davidson, M McDonald (3), C Wilson, C Davidson (6), C Greenhaugh (3), E Wilson (2), M Hayward (1), N Wilson (6), S MacDonald (1)

Inner Circle, a 27-year-old Farr designed 40-foot yacht sports a long history of ocean racing. The last Rolex Sydney to Hobart Inner Circle competed in was in 2008. This was a disappointing race for the owner and crew who had to retire into Eden. Remembering his late father's comments on what a great boat she had been, was inspiration for Darren to clean her up and give her another go after five long years of sitting on her mooring in Lake Macquarie. He is joined by a few neighbours and friends who have previously declared that they would never do another Hobart. They have all worked tirelessly and sacrificially to make this dream a reality.



**ISABELLA****SAIL NO:** 6654**LOA:** 12.10m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Judel Vrolijk**YEAR BUILT:** 2007**TYPE:** Hanse 400e**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** John Nolan**CLUB:** Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW**CREW:** J Nolan (3) – Skipper/Navigator, G Butler (3) – J Nolan – Navigator, H Murray-Walker, M Freeman, M Nolan (2), T Saunders

Isabella is a Hanse 400E which Nolan launched in 2007 to replace his previous Isabella, a Northshore 380S which he raced at several Sydney Hobart races. In his new Hanse he has competed in several offshore events including the Pittwater Newcastle, Cabbage Tree Island, Sydney Hobart and Pittwater Coffs races. She last raced the 2008 Rolex Sydney Hobart where they finished 85th on line and 19th in PHS. She is owned and skippered by John Nolan ably assisted by Gavin Butler who has sailed extensively with him on a number of ocean races. Others in the crew will include Michael Nolan, Marc Freeman, Tom Saunders and Hugh Murray-Walker.

**JAFFA****SAIL NO:** R39**LOA:** 12.0m**CLASS:** ORCi**DESIGNER:** Malcolm Runnells**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** Runnalls 39**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 13**OWNER:** Terry Posma**CLUB:** Royal Perth Yacht Club, WA**CREW:** T Posma – Skipper, S Crafers (12), R Hudson (9), M Powell, C O'Brien, R Caterton, A Knowles, A Knowles, S Vaquez.

Jaffa was constructed by Peter Milner and launched in 2008. Since then she has competed in most offshore races held in Western Australia. She was designed specifically for conditions off the WA coast as well as cruising between Rottnest and the small ports up and down the coast. This is Jaffa's first Rolex Sydney Hobart Race. Jaffa's best results have come from the more difficult upwind races. She has twice been runner up in the Siska trophy, the overall blue water racing championship trophy in Western Australia. Seven of her crew are from Western Australia and have completed in all the major races on the west coast.

This is their first Hobart Race. Posman has secured talent, Richard Hudson and Sue Crafers from Sydney, who add knowledge and skills for competing in this 70th Anniversary Race.

**KATHARSIS II****SAIL NO:** 7209**LOA:** 21.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Rod Humphrey**YEAR BUILT:** 2009**TYPE:** Oyster 72**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Marius Koper**CLUB:** TBC**CREW:** M Koper – Skipper, T Grala, M Barasinski – Navigator, H Leniec, W Malecki, R Kibart, M Magon, I Kaminski, M Zuchelkowska, A Zuchelkowski

Mariusz Koper launched Katharsis II, an Oyster 72 in August 2009 to share his passion of sailing in remote waters with his family and friends. He logged on board of Katharsis II almost 70000 nm, exploring the extreme corners of our globe, including the North West Passage in the icy Arctic Ocean and the South Polar Circle.

Katharsis II and her Polish crew proved their skills in Atlantic Rally for Cruisers 2009 3rd in invitation division, 10th line of honors and BVI Oyster Regatta 2010 2nd before the circumnavigation of both Americas. The next challenge after the participation in 70th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will be the Ross Sea Polar Expedition to reach the furthest south place on earth.

**KHALEESI****SAIL NO:** 46**LOA:** 14.1m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Mark Mills (IRE)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**TYPE:** DK46**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Andrew Dally**CLUB:** Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW**CREW:** A Dally (5) – Skipper, D Bridges (2), S Williams (12), P Dally, (2), A Slocam (1), A Chauvel (10), M Scott (12), D Dalziel, L Pryor, M Scott, S Prince, P Vranitch

New owner Andrew Dally purchased the former Exile from Rob Reynolds earlier just recently and renamed her Khaleesi meaning Tamer of Dragons in the spirit of the friendly rivalry between its sister boat Nine Dragons. Dally has drawn his crew from his former yacht Bear Necessity and the crew of Exile. She is competing in the CYCA Short Ocean Pointscore where she has notched up two overall second places in IRC.

As Exile and under the command of Rob Reynolds, this optimised DK46 had finished a successful 2013-2014 summer racing program. She finished the 2014 Club Marine Pittwater and Coffs Harbour Passage Race with a 2nd overall IRC and first in IRC in the five race regatta series. She won the Australian PHS Championships. This yacht was previously owned by Nick George and was also Rob Hanna's former DK46 Shogun.

**KRAKEN****SAIL NO:** HY3600**LOA:** 10.8m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Daniel Andrieu (FRANCE)**YEAR BUILT:** 2014**TYPE:** Jeanneau Sunfast 3600**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Todd Giraud**CLUB:** Hillarys Yacht Club, WA**CREW:** T Giraud – Skipper, D Giraud, D White, P Aoustin

Officially launched at the 2014 Sydney International Boat Show, this new build First Sunfast 3600 will make its maiden voyage in this 70th Anniversary edition. Giraud, from Perth, has owned the smaller Sunfast 3200 for the past three years and have pioneered double handed offshore sailing in the west having competed in the Blue Water Offshore Series for that period. Giraud has had his eye on competing in the Rolex Sydney Hobart and with the launch of the 3600 he could expand his to the six required to make the race. Karken's name has come from the Kraken Rum, a non-descript bottle shop in Denver, Colorado. The rum sports old double glass rings in the neck of the bottle. Kraken is also a "sea beast of myth and legend". So this new yacht sports a historic thread, "a sea beast and the rum".

**LANDFALL****SAIL NO:** 554**LOA:** 13.4m**CLASS:** ORCi**DESIGNER:** Sparkman and Stephens (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1935**TYPE:** Sparkman and Stephens**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** Michael Strong**CLUB:** Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS**CREW:** T Dillon (6) – Skipper, M Strong – D Smith (1)– Navigator, J Staniford, D Rauch, G Brooks (1),

Landfall, built in 1935, is the first Sparkman and Stephens yacht built outside of the USA. S&S was then at the beginning of what was to become the most famous yacht design firm in the world. Olin Stephens, just 25 at the time, was extremely surprised to find his first overseas commission came, not from Europe, but from Tasmania.

Built by Percy Coverdale at Battery Point and launched in 1935, the yacht has been sailed continuously ever since. Landfall finished 7th in the 1952 Sydney Hobart and at 40 years of age she competed in the 1976 race. To celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Rolex Sydney Hobart and her 80th birthday she is racing south again.

**LAST TANGO****SAIL NO:** 8975**LOA:** 13.6m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** J&J**OWNER:** TBC**TYPE:** Salona 44**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** P King (15) – Skipper, W Tuck (7), P King – Navigator, C Flood (6), C Wightwich (6), D Murchison (3), J Atkinson, P Baker (5), R Blanch (5), R Cooper (12), T Scott (1), V Whitby (4), W Hus (4)

Last Tango is a cruising design from AD Boats in Croatia, based on their Salona45 series. Last Tango was specifically modified to gain greater up wind performance and a down hill race will not entirely suit her. She performs best in 15 to 25 knots on the nose.

**LET'S GO****SAIL NO:** 4883**LOA:** 15.2m**CLASS:** IRC / ORCi**DESIGNER:** Joe Adams and Graham Radford (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 1986**TYPE:** Adams/Radford 52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 3**OWNER:** Danielle Ovenden**CLUB:** Royal Motor Yacht Club, Toronto, NSW**CREW:** D Ovenden (3) – Skipper, P Hewson (3), P Walsh (18) – Navigator, B Penfold (5), J Robinson (4), D Johnson

Let's Go last raced in a Sydney Hobart in 1992, 1993, and 1994. In the 50th Anniversary race in 1994, Lets Go (then sponsored by Collex Onyx), finished a credible 29th over the line out of 374 boats, and second in Division A. The crew also won the Customs House "Bundy Jug Drinking Competition" each of those years, with the plaque still proudly hanging on the wall at Customs House in Hobart. In early 2002, Let's Go had a rest from sailing and was trucked to her owners yabby farm and literally "put out to pasture", awaiting a full conversion from a racer/cruiser, into a cruising boat that still goes pretty quick. This makeover took just under 8 years, and since then Let's Go has cruised up and back to the Whitsundays twice, winning Airlie Beach Race Week in 2010, with the owners border collie onboard as the navigator, then the boat cruised the Louisiade Archipelago in Papua New Guinea, and went onto circumnavigate Tasmania in 2012. In preparation for this year's race the boat has been stripped of all its external cruising items such as the dodger and davits, and most of the live-aboard longtime cruising items have also been removed, but has retained all of the internal cruising comforts such as air conditioner, TV, fridge, freezer, washing machine and watermarker, to name a few.

**LOCAL HERO****SAIL NO:** 1236**LOA:** 11.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Murray, Burns & Dovell**YEAR BUILT:** 1995**TYPE:** Bashford Howison 36**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Peter Mosely**CLUB:** North Harbour Sailing Club /Manly Yacht Club**CREW:** M Miller (10), P Mosely – Skipper, A Sims (4), M Bassett (5), M Daniels (1)

Local Hero is not new to the Rolex Sydney Hobart and neither is her skipper and owner Peter Mosely. Local Hero last raced in 2012 finishing with a fourth overall in PHS. In 2010 she placed a third in IRC Division 4.

This team is back and fully energised after another good result at Audi Hamilton Island Race Week in August, first in IRC Division 3 and the prestigious "Yacht of the Regatta".

**LOUISE****SAIL NO:** GBR72L**LOA:** 22.0m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Berrett Racapeau**YEAR BUILT:** 2013**TYPE:** Berrett Racapeau**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** SY Bouganville Limited**CLUB:** Royal Ocean Racing Club, UK**CREW:** G Gordon – Skipper, M Morice, E Smyth (4) – Navigator, D Slater (1), M Greville, S Reffold (14), D Tydeman, C Roche, L Gordon, S Vos, T Spithill (1), M Gordon, R Human (19), S Shaanessy

The Sydney Hobart will be the first opportunity for Louise Racing, sponsored by Glenfiddich, to put the boat through her paces on the racing circuit. Since her launch in June 2013 Louise has sailed over 20,000 miles, successfully rounding Cape Horn in February on passage to the South Pacific. This new Berret-Racoupeau 72-foot custom designed yacht was built in Holland by Claasen Shipyards. Skipper Grant Gordon successfully campaigned the Swan 45 Fever for over a decade. His offshore record includes class first and best Swan in the Fastnet (2003) and top-ten result in the Middle Sea Race (2009). Louise Racing will be sailing under the RORC burgee with seasoned offshore club members on board, including Commodore Michael Greville. The afterguard includes team tactician Dan Slater, navigator Ed Smyth with other crew positions are filled by talented local sailors.

**LOVE & WAR****SAIL NO:** 294**LOA:** 14.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/PHS**DESIGNER:** Sparkman and Stephens (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1973**TYPE:** Sparkman and Stephens 47**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 15**OWNER:** Simon Kurts**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** S Kurts – Skipper, L May (30) – Navigator, E Adriaanse (30), L May, P Kurts (2), S Kurts (5), S McCullum (1), H Baker, J McCullum, J Henderson (1), P Sheldrich (1)

Love & War is the 41-year-old classic Oregon and Maple wooden boat that has won the Hobart three times; 1974, 1978, 2006 and won the 20 Year Veteran Division of the 50th anniversary race in 1994. She was the second of five yachts owned and raced to Hobart by Peter Kurts, but Love & War held a special place in his heart and she has now passed to his son, Simon, who allowed Peter's long time navigator to take the boat in the Hobart Race in 2006 – the rest is history. As in 2009 when they finished 24th overall "when we got becalmed in light air in Bass Strait". She last went to Hobart in 2012 where she finished 15th overall and second in IRC Division 4. Simon Kurts will again skipper the yacht, with May aboard as navigator to sail his 41st Hobart race and Simon's 23 year-old son Phillip. Heavy breeze on the nose is the preferred option for this boat.

**LUNA SEA****SAIL NO:** 8339**LOA:** 10.5m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Robert Hick (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 1994**TYPE:** Hick 35**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 9**OWNER:** James Cameron**CLUB:** Drummoyne Sailing Club, NSW**CREW:** J Cameron (3) – Skipper, A Mahoney (3), D Smith (4), G Nosworth (5), J Sanderson, N Pearson (1), T Golding, M Mahoney (3)

James Cameron raced Luna Sea in the 2012 Rolex Sydney Hobart last year and scored a good 26th overall and fifth overall in division. It was good, because the race really did not play into the hands of the little boats, which were buffeted on two different parts of the course. He finished third overall in the 2013 Gosford-Lord Howe Island Race and since, Cameron has been racing in local events and in the CYCA's Blue Water Pointscore Series.

Despite her diminutive 35-feet, Luna Sea has proved her worth, time and again, thanks to Australian designer, Robert Hick, so Cameron knows he has a good boat in the former AFR Midnight Rambler purchased from Ed Psaltis and Bob Thomas, who won the tragic 1998 Hobart overall. They in turn purchased from the original owner, Bruce Taylor, when known as Chutzpah.

**MAGIC MILES****SAIL NO:** TYC4**LOA:** 19.81m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Philippe Briand (FRA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1985**TYPE:** Dynamique 62**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Michael Crew**CLUB:** Bellerive Yacht Club, TAS**CREW:** M Crew – Skipper/Navigator, M Woodward (2), P Maguire (1), C Atkins (2), B Bruce (1), R Geissler (1), G Rowlings (1), B Woodroffe, N Haddow, A Nelson, C Park

Magic Miles is a beautifully crafted and impeccably maintained luxury cruiser/racer sloop hailing from Tasmania. From the drawing board of renowned French designer, Philippe Briand, she was built in 1985 and underwent a major refit in 2007-2008. Owner Mike Crew owns the Theatre Royal Hotel in Hobart.

Primarily used for corporate match racing on the Derwent River in Hobart and for select private charters in the southern waters of Tasmania, Magic Miles is the same design as another Hobart based yacht, Dr Tony Fisher's Helsal IV, which last raced to Hobart in 2008. The heavy yacht, more designed for creature comforts and cruising, finished 67th out of 92 on line. In last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart she finished seventh in PHS Division 1.

**MALUKA OF KERMANDIE****SAIL NO:** A19**LOA:** 9.0m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Cliff Gale**YEAR BUILT:** 1932**TYPE:** Ranger**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 3**OWNER:** Sean Langman**CLUB:** Port Huon Yacht Club, TAS**CREW:** S Langman (2), P Langman (3), J Crawford (4), P McCorquodale, H Armstrong

Originally built 80 years ago of Huon pine, the gaff-rigged Maluka was lovingly rebuilt by Sean Langman, better known for his high-octane yachts AAPT and Loyal. He sailed Maluka in the 2006 Rolex Sydney Hobart and was the first boat under 9.5m LOA to finish. In fact, she was the smallest boat to compete, placing eight overall, the year of the 'golden oldies' when Love & War won, Bacardi was second and Impeccable fifth.

In 2011 and 2012 she had the distinction of being last on line (but finished 34th overall in 2011), the irony being Langman was listening when his former Loyal sailed to a line honours win in 2011. While she carries a Sydney Amateur Sailing Club sail number, Maluka of Kermandie is representing the Port Huon Yacht Club in southern Tasmania, where Sean has extended his business interests.

**MARTELA****SAIL NO:** 7075**LOA:** 11.3m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Niels Jeppesen**YEAR BUILT:** TBC**TYPE:** X-Yachts**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Anthony Williams**CLUB:** Bellerive Yacht Club, TAS**CREW:** A Williams (4) – Skipper, A Davidson (5), A Nunn (1), B Green (5), N McMillan (1), Z Williams (2)

The distinctive dark blue hull and name, Martela has been easy to spot on the second start line of the last two Rolex Sydney Hobart races. Tony Williams and his crew, including his 21 year-old son Zach, who will be aboard again this year, have continued to be pleased with their ongoing performance. In 2012 they finished, seventh in IRC Division 4 and ninth ORCi Division 3. They bettered their performance of 2011 and the plan is to up the ante again this year. In 2013 they finished third overall in IRC Division 4 and 12th Overall ORCi.

In February, Martela finished IRC second overall in Tasmania's Betsey Island Race. And in the Combined Clubs Long Race Series in March, after she got an early break on the fleet as it sailed down the Derwent in light winds, Martela led the fleet to the Iron Pot and went on to win the treble of AMS, IRC and PHS in Group 1 on corrected time. The final race victory gave Martela the summer season long race pennant under the major AMS scoring system, second overall under IRC and fourth under PHS scoring.

**MERLIN****SAIL NO:** 93**LOA:** 15.6m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Forbes / Kaiko**YEAR BUILT:** 2000**TYPE:** Kaiko 52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 3**OWNER:** David Forbes**CLUB:** Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW**CREW:** J Earl (2) – Skipper, D Forbes (15), R Brooks (5) – Navigator, A Cameron (2), A Briscoe, A Heenan (3), C Thornton (8), J Meggison (1), K Hegarty, M Brixel, M Heenan (15)

David Forbes, the owner, is 80-years old and has a pedigree yacht racing history having competed in three Admirals Cup's, an America's Cup and two Kenwood Cup's. Merlin has not been seen of recent on the start line for a Rolex Sydney Hobart although she has competed in three. Her best result was 2nd IRC Division A in 2003. Merlin is competing in CYCA 2014 Blue Water Pointscore where she is currently placing ninth overall up to race 4. She finished the recent Cabbage Tree Island Race with a 13th in IRC and 12th in ORCi. She had a terrific 2013/2014 result with a 2nd IRC overall in the CYCA's Ocean Pointscore and 1st overall in PHS. She has notched up a few notable results in her history of ocean racing – first IRC 2003 Gosford to Lord Howe race, 3rd in the 2012 Coffs Harbour Race, 2nd 2013 Coffs Harbour Race.

**MISTRAAL****SAIL NO:** 6515**LOA:** 17.8m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2006**TYPE:** Beneteau 57**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Brett and Jacinta Cooper**CLUB:** Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS**CREW:** J Cooper – Skipper, B Cooper, Frazer Read (5), Amanda Read (0), Scott Brain (1), Chris Keil (0), Fred Barrett (9)

Brett and Jacinta Cooper purchased this Beneteau 57 cruising yacht in November 2011. She has been cruised by her owners and two children up the East Coast of Australia. She competed in 2013 Audi Hamilton Island Race Week finishing 10th overall in Cruising Division 1 and fourth in Magnetic Island Race Week. This 70th Anniversary edition is the maiden voyage for Mistraal and as her fitout is for cruising she will join the cruising division fleet in the race south.

**MOODY BUOYS****SAIL NO:** G54**LOA:** 17.2m**CLASS:** ORCi**DESIGNER:** Judel Vroeljik**YEAR BUILT:** 2014**TYPE:** Moody 54ds**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Trevor Richardson**CLUB:** Royal Geelong Yacht Club, VIC.**CREW:** S Richardson – Skipper, P Hrones (1) – Navigator, T Richardson, D Richardson, A Bridge, N Jones, R Hawkins

Moody Buoys is a new boat for Trevor Richardson. It replaces his former yacht, Local Buoys. Preparations have been underway for getting the boat to CAT 1. She is sister ship to Trybooking.com who has also entered in this year's Rolex Sydney to Hobart.

**NAMADGI****SAIL NO:** C444**LOA:** 13.9m**CLASS:** ORCi**DESIGNER:** Humphreys Yacht Design (UK)**YEAR BUILT:** 2011**TYPE:** Elan 444**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Canberra Ocean Racing Club, ACT**SKIPPER:** Michael Martin**CLUB:** Canberra Ocean Racing Club, ACT**CREW:** M Martin (1) – Skipper, S Dunlop, P Jones (9) – Navigator, P Ottensen (2), M Morely (1), S De-Lorenzo (2), P McDonald, P Saunders, S McDonald, G Brice

Namadgi is an Elan Impression 444 launched in June 2011, that was added to the Canberra Ocean Racing Club fleet last year. Under skipper Paul Jones, Namadgi had the honour of being the last boat to arrive in Hobart, just over an hour shy of New Year's Eve and finished ninth in PHS division of the CYCA's 2013 Flinders Islet race. With Michael Martin at the helm this year, she finished sixth in non-spinnaker Division 1 at Audi Hamilton Island Race week after a third last year. The CORC was founded in 1979 to allow Canberra people to compete in ocean races, which the Club did successfully for four years with the yachts Mercedes IV and Nadia IV. In 1988, the Club's focus was changed to allow members to spend more time cruising. Most years, Namadgi, the CORC's yacht, remains in New South Wales during the summer months, before undertaking a major winter cruise between May and November. Typically, this takes the yacht as far afield as New Caledonia, Vanuatu, and North Queensland. When not cruising, the Club opts to compete in major ocean races on the eastern seaboard.

**NINETY SEVEN****SAIL NO:** S9797**LOA:** 14.3m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1993**TYPE:** Farr 47**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Alan Saunders**CLUB:** Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, VIC**CREW:** A Saunders (2) – Skipper, N May, L Brendan-Smith – Navigator, R Brown (3), D Prosser (2), D White (1), K Rowe (2), I Bray (1), A McGuigan, B Gaiotto, L Maclean, J Healey

Alan Saunders purchased Ninety Seven in September 2006 and brought her back from Fremantle to Melbourne's Royal Brighton Yacht Club. Ninety Seven took line honours in the 1993 Sydney Hobart, the smallest boat in 45 years to achieve this result. Ninety Seven has achieved some good Rolex Sydney Hobart results including 1st overall (IMS) in 1994, 4th overall (IMS) in 2000 and 2nd overall (IMS) in 2001. Since 2006, after being optimised for IRC, Ninety Seven has competed in every ocean race out of Melbourne taking line honours in the Melbourne to Port Fairy race just outside race record time. Ninety Seven last competed in the in 2009 Rolex Sydney Hobart finishing with a 49th on line and 14th IRC Division 2. Her most recent successes have been line honours and 1st in IRC, AMS and PHS 2012 ORCV.

**NOT A DIAMOND****SAIL NO:** RQ2404**LOA:** 12.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design**YEAR BUILT:** 2012**TYPE:** Beneteau First 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** David Redfern**CLUB:** Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD**CREW:** D Redfern – Skipper, N Harrison, S Reader – Navigator, D Fife, D Smith (6), F Kinsman (1), G Baker (1), M Williams (6), N Harrison, P Carr, P de Gannes.

One of three Queensland entrants in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, Not a Diamond is a Beneteau First 40 owned by David Redfern. It was launched in October 2012 and competes out of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. Last year it finished fifth in IRC Passage Division 2 at Audi Hamilton Island Race Week and was fourth in the IRC Racing Division at Magnetic Island Race Week. The Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast was a maiden race where she placed a 13th Overall IRC Division 3, 28th ORCi and 48th over the line. This 70th Anniversary Rolex Sydney Hobart will be its first.

**OBSESSION****SAIL NO:** M45**LOA:** 12.5m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Mills Design**YEAR BUILT:** 2012**TYPE:** Mat 1245**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** David Creese**CLUB:** Bellerive Yacht Club, TAS**CREW:** D Creese (1) – Skipper, B Batt, P Turner – Navigator, A Ozols (9), C Gray (8), A Goode (6), Merf Owens

Creese commissioned the building of this quality 40-foot IRC cruiser racer to MAT yachts in Turkey in 2012. It is designed by well-known yacht designer, Mark Mills. Obsession has been lightly raced since arriving in Hobart in 2013 with this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, her first major offshore race. The crew of nine is made of mainly local experienced Hobart sailors, most of whom have competed in at least six of the iconic Sydney Hobart's races.

This race will be Creese's second Rolex Sydney Hobart, following on from his 2009 voyage as owner/skipper of the DK46 Dekadence. Joining this primarily local crew is Merfyn Owen from the United Kingdom. Owen will embark on his first Rolex Sydney Hobart. As a senior partner in race boat development for well-known international firm Own Clarke Design and his extensive international major offshore racing experience, there is little doubt he will add a wealth of knowledge to this team.

**OCCASIONAL COARSE LANGUAGE****SAIL NO:** 8008**LOA:** 13.1m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Ker**YEAR BUILT:** 2011**TYPE:** Ker GTS 43**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Warwick Sherman**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** W Sherman (1) - Skipper, Richard Howard (5), A Paterson (15), G Van Dijk (5), M Wrigley, P Tarimo (5), B Filby (9), P Williams (14), L Chapman (2), D Sutter (5), T May (5)

In the first year of her launch (July 2011), Warwick Sherman's latest yacht, a Ker designed Sydney GTS43, Occasional Coarse Language, he spent getting to know the boat and how she performs in all conditions and now has his boat up to speed. In that same year Occasional Coarse Language 2 finished second in the Grant Thornton Short Ocean Spring Pointscore and won Division A2 of the 2012 Audi Winter Series. Her first major offshore outing, the Audi Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, Sherman was forced to retire with a steering problem. However, he finished fifth and 10<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Flinders Islet and Bird Island races. Occasional Coarse Language went on to win 1st overall in PHS Gascoigne Cup in October.

His last Hobart was 2012 where he won IRC Division 2, placed 16th overall IRC and 22nd over the line. In January 2014 he competed in the Pittwater and Coffs Harbour Race finishing third in Division 1. Sherman is undertaking his second Rolex Sydney Hobart after some 18 years of ocean races, including a dozen Gosford to Lord Howe Island races.

**OCEAN AFFINITY****SAIL NO:** RQ64**LOA:** 15.0m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Reighel Pugh**YEAR BUILT:** 2009**TYPE:** Marten 49**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** Stewart Lewis**CLUB:** Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD**CREW:** S Lewis – Skipper, M Vickers – 2IC, S Lewis – Navigator, A Torpelund (2), C White (15), C Alcock (3), C Duffield (3), D Alcock, J Pirret (2), J Woolerton, M Vickers (2), R Wood (1), S Brown (2), S Lewis (9), W Bailey.

Ocean Affinity is a comfortable yet responsive Marten 49, owned and campaigned by Queenslander Stewart Lewis. She has competed each consecutive race since 2010. In last year's race she placed 13th overall IRC, 6th in IRC Division 2 and 10th in ORCi. In the 2012 Rolex Sydney Hobart, Lewis placed seventh in IRC Division 2 against tough competitors such as Occasional Coarse Language 2 (Warwick Sherman), Midnight Rambler (Psaltis, Thomas and Bencsik) and Celestial (Sam Haynes), the top three in that division. Not to mention the experienced Bruce Taylor (Chutzpah) who has 32 Hobart's to his credit and finished fifth in Division 2. Lewis' other results with Ocean Affinity include: back to back line honours victories in the Gosford to Lord Howe Island Yacht Race (2009 and 2010) and second overall in the 2011 race; third overall in the 2011 Brisbane to Keppel Island Tropical Yacht Race, second in division at the 2012 Audi Hamilton Island Race Week and first in IRC Cruising at the 2010 Airlie Beach Race week.



**ONESAILS RACING****SAIL NO:** AUS8899**LOA:** 16.8m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** Farr 55**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Ray Roberts**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** R Roberts (18) – Skipper, S McConaghy (10), M Spies (37), C Watson (16), G Johnston (26), J Bennett (14), B Anson (15), R Hudson (9), B Anson (10), F Pietrzak, B Ashby, J Bennet, W Miller, P McEarny, A Coates, T Connal, S Hinton, T Quick

Former Ocean Racer of the Year, Ray Roberts, recently purchased the Farr 55 IRC racer Living Doll, which has been renamed and optimised as OneSails Racing. In 2011, as Living Doll and in the hands of Michael Hiatt, she finished 2nd Overall in IRC Division 1 and Ray will be looking to improve on that with a win. Ray and his team are coming off a recent win in the China Coast Regatta so with this top flight crew, to add to his countless wins in all other major oceans races.

Launched in 2008, the boat has a strong pedigree in achieving podium results. 1st Skandia Geelong Week in 2009, 2nd Audi Hamilton Island Race Week 2010, Airlie Beach Regatta 2010, 1st Line Honours, Audi Victoria Week 2010, 1st IRC overall, Sydney Gold Coast 2011.

**OPTIMUS PRIME****SAIL NO:** CR1**LOA:** 15.1m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Reichel/Pugh (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** Marten 49**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** Trevor Taylor**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Western Australia, WA**CREW:** T Taylor – Skipper, L Beckley (1), P Jones,– Navigator, A McPhee (5), G Woods (3), J Weeden (3), P Thompson (2), P Tunnard (3), P Jones (4), S Ballantyne (1), T Taylor (4), P Baker, T Carter, B Moore, J Kelly (1).

Owner Trevor Taylor is an experienced offshore racing skipper, including winning the Siska Trophy as WA Offshore Champion, and returns to the Rolex Sydney Hobart after a two year break. In the 2011 race, Optimus Prime placed tenth in IRC Division 2, following on from her sixth in IRC Division 2 and 24th overall in the 2008 race. Other impressive results include: a fastest time and second overall in the Fremantle to Carnarvon Race, first and fastest in the first leg of the Valmadre Series and first and fastest in the Dolphin Race, the first leg of the Farrawa Cup. Optimus Prime is one of five yachts from Western Australia making their way across the Great Australian Bite and on to Sydney to get ready for this year's race.

**PAPILLON****SAIL NO:** 6841**LOA:** 12.0m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Joubert Nivelte Mercier**YEAR BUILT:** TBC**TYPE:** Archambault A40rc**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Phil Molony**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** P Molony – Skipper, R Makin (4), P Molony (24) – Navigator, B Cormack (4), B Schutz (2), I Fenna (1), J Mitchell, J Plant (1), L Molony (4), M Tilden (3), M Sheehy (1).

Phil Molony and his Papillon crew came into their own in 2013 with some of their best work since they started ocean racing the yacht in 2010. Taking part in the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's 2013-2014 Blue Water Pointscore Series, Crew Molony finished second overall in the opener, the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in July 2013, no mean feat in some very tricky weather, they backed up with a third overall in the Bird Island Race and fourth IRC Division 3 of the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Disaster struck on returning home after the Hobart race earlier this year, when the yacht sustained rudder damage, meaning Papillon spent the early part of the year having her rudder repaired. She competed in the Land Rover Winter Series to warm up for her first major offshore event since the incident. In the Land Rover Gold Coast Race she finished 45th on line, 10th in Division 3.

**PASSION 4 C****SAIL NO:** GER6262**LOA:** 12.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Bill Tripp**YEAR BUILT:** 2001**TYPE:** Tripp 57**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Stefan Lehnert**CLUB:** TBC**CREW:** S Lehnert (1) – Skipper, B Hartnett, R Morton, B Hartnett, B Morris, M Reid, A Jafari, P Lehnert, V Marchetto, T Miller (1)

In 2009 Stefan Lehnert from Germany acquired the boat from Newport RI's Bob Morton and has been campaigning her in the waters of New England /USA (Bermuda Race, Annapolis Newport Race, Marblehead-Halifax race) and in the Caribbean races of St. Maarten, Antigua and Virgin Gorda. Passion 4 C has won her class in the 2012 Halifax Race, first overall in the Yachting World Antigua Round the Island race 2011, first in class in 2012 Antigua Race Week and she had also several wins in the Heineken Cup/St Maarten races. After this year's Caribbean 600 race the boat started the journey to Sydney on her own keel leaving Antigua in March 2014 to arrive in Sydney with enough preparation time for this 70th Anniversary race. This crew is a true tapestry of talent and has accumulated vast experience over the years in ocean races.

Stefan Lehnert has been part of the winning German Admiral's Cup teams of 1973 (Saudade, deck captain and foredeck, 1983, Outsider as skipper and 1985 as navigator again on board Outsider). As a student working in Lucas Heights near Sydney as a nuclear engineer he competed in the 1975 Sydney- Hobart race. Bob Morton, Scientist out of Newport/RI and former owner of Passion 4 C, then called Brigadoon is navigator. Bob is renowned as one of the most experienced sailors from New England. Bill Hartnett has been a watch captain on Passion 4 C for many years and has campaigned one tonners in their prime time. Passion 4 C's crew is of international fame from Germany, England and the USA and includes a father/son team of Stefan Lehnert/Skipper and son Philipp on the foredeck.

**PATRICE****SAIL NO:** 360**LOA:** 13.9m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Ker Yacht Design (UK)**YEAR BUILT:** 2013**TYPE:** Ker 46**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Anthony Kirby**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** A Kirby (27) – Skipper, R Grimes – Navigator, P Messenger (5), A Harland, J Mulkearns (2), M Brown (5), R Grimes (24), T Woodcock (1)

Tony Kirby launched his latest Patrice, a Ker 46, in November 2013 just prior to the CYCA's Cabbage Tree Island race, in which he finished fourth overall after leading the fleet to the Island. Next he won the Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship and finished second in IRC Division 1 of the CYCA Trophy Series. Kirby was devastated when he felt it prudent to retire from the Rolex Sydney Hobart when he discovered minor hull damage, but his earlier results from the CYCA Trophy and the Port Hacking to Bird Island Race were enough to help claim the newly reinstated Southern Cross Cup with team members Victoire and Wild Rose. Back racing at the Festival of Sails in January, Kirby was second in IRC Division 1 and placed second in division at both the NSW and Australian IRC Championships.

In July, Patrice finished ninth overall and third in IRC Division 1 in the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race; placed seventh overall in the Brisbane to Keppel Island Race in August and won IRC at Airlie Beach Race Week. She is holding consistent form with a seventh IRC Division 1 in the recent Cabbage Tree Island Race. In the CYCA Bluewater Pointscore she holds fourth overall IRC up to race 4.

**PAZAZZ****SAIL NO:** 99**LOA:** 17.27m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Bill Tripp**YEAR BUILT:** 2001**TYPE:** Cookson 12**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Rob Drury**CLUB:** Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW**CREW:** R Drury (1) – Skipper, B Whitbourne – Navigator, D Spring, R McLaughlin, D Barker, B Collis (8), E Bray, D Thomas, G Sundberg

Pazazz, formerly known as Siena IV, is a Moody Blue 3 that was imported from Auckland in September 2008 by a syndicate of three, where she competed in a variety of Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Division 1 races and the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Race 2009 and 2010. She also competed in the CYCA Bluewater Pointscore series in 2008/09. New owner, Drury, purchased her in August 2012 and her name was changed to Pazazz. Drury competed in the CYCA Ocean Pointscore series 2013/14 finishing with an 11th overall PHS and 7th in Division 1. He also raced the 2014 Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Winter Series 2014. Drury is again racing the CYCA Ocean Pointscore and is tracking with an eighth overall IRC up to Race 2, 6th in ORCi and 9th PHS.

**PERPETUAL LOYAL****SAIL NO:** SYD1000**LOA:** 30.48m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Juan Kouyoumdjian (ARG)**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** Juan Kouyoumdjian 100**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Anthony Bell**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** A Bell (5) – Skipper, T Addis – Navigator, P Merrington (11), G Telford (6), J Flannery (4), J Morris (2), L Hornsby, M Coxon (4), N Beaudoin (4), N Burrige (4), P Westlake (1), P Caligeros (14), T Braidwood (4), T Slingby (1), T Oxley (4), W Parker (2)

The rivalry between Perpetual LOYAL and Wild Oats XI is still going strong with Bell once again, the bridesmaid to the Mark Richards skippered Wild Oats XI in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht conducted in July. This was the first time they had met since last year's Hobart race. Bell will compile some of Australia's most well known celebrities to join his heavyweight team that includes America's Cup and VOR sailors all with the aim to generate funds for the LOYAL Foundation, which has raised over \$4 million for children's charities to date. On purchasing the yacht early in 2013, Bell had to literally re-build her after the keel snapped off, causing her capsize in the 2011 Rolex Fastnet Race when under charter to an American who named her Rambler. She was originally christened Speedboat and took line honours in her debut outing, the Newport Bermuda Race. More modifications took place this year, including reducing the weight of the keel bulb and some other tweaks designed to increase performance. Bell will be looking closely at the new Comanche along with the other seasoned maxi's to determine the biggest threat in her quest to claim line honours in this 70th Anniversary race.

**PMA YEAH BABY****SAIL NO:** A5**LOA:** 15.2m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Hugh Welbourn**YEAR BUILT:** 2000**TYPE:** Welbourn 50**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Louis Ryckmans**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** M Ryckmans (6) – Skipper, J Walker (2) – Navigator, L Stead (3), C Geeves (3), E Vieytes (4), L Ryckmans (7), N Hodgson (3), L Antonini (4), O Anderson

Marc and Louis Ryckmans latest Yeah Baby is a Welbourn 50, and was the winner of IRC Division 1 in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. The yacht, formerly known as Heaven Can Wait, was acquired from Rod Jones, earlier this year and will race her under the moniker of Yeah Baby, as per the twins' previous yachts. The former Audi Sunshine Coast was revamped using a 2000 designed Welbourn 50, combining it with the keel, rudder and deck from Warren Johns' 1989 IOR 50 footer, Heaven Can Wait and optimising and tweaking it. In last year's protracted Gosford Lord Howe Island Yacht Race, the yacht finished third overall and won PHS. She won Division 1 of last year's Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race after featuring at the top of the overall rankings early on, but her luck ran out in the Hobart race, when she retired shortly after the start with rig damage. The Ryckmans' won the Sydney 38 One design division of the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht three times – 2004, 2007 and 2009, so have a lot to live up to with their latest purchase.

**PRETTY FLY III****SAIL NO:** 10007**LOA:** 15.24m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**TYPE:** Cookson 50**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** Colin Woods**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** C Woods (5) – Skipper, G Hendry (5), G Norman, B Gladwell (1), D Taylor (3), G Clare (6), G Marshall (4), J Harper (3), J Leppard (3), C Hornell, S McCarthy (4), E Haagh (3)

Pretty Fly III made a return to ocean racing in last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, finishing 14th on line, 10th overall and second in division behind the race winner, Victoire, also a Cookson 50 and finished fifth overall in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast race in July. Beforehand, Colin and Gladys Wood took a break from ocean racing and spent 12 months cruising, but in June last year, Pretty Fly III broke the race record for the Coral Coast Race, re-igniting the couple's passion for ocean racing. This canting keel Cookson 50 is the third Pretty Fly for the Woods' who purchased this yacht in 2009. They last competed in the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht race in 2011, finishing eighth overall and fourth in division. They also finished third in the CYCA's 2010/2011 Cape Byron Series (the ORCi category of the Bluewater Pointscore Series).

**PRIMITIVE COOL****SAIL NO:** S777**LOA:** 15.64m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNERS:** Reichel/Pugh (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2008**TYPE:** Reichel Pugh 51**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 5**OWNER:** John Newbold**CLUB:** Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, VIC**CREW:** J Newbold (2) – Skipper, D Sudano, M Fahey (4), A Cooper (1), C Howard (7), G Boettcher (24), M Lawrence (4), P Knight (1), R Pollock (2), T Cembala (6), T Bardon (2), T Pedler (1), T Duckmanton (2)

Following moderate success with the modified Farr 40 formerly known as Midnight Rambler, Victorian John Newbold stepped up his campaign by purchasing the 2010 Rolex Sydney Hobart winner Secret Men's Business 3.5 from South Australian Geoff Boettcher last October. The team put in a solid performance in last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, finishing 15th overall and fourth in IRC Division 1.

In March, Primitive Cool set a new record of 9 hours, 50 minutes and 21 seconds in the 2014 Melbourne to King Island Race, taking 17 minutes off the previous record and scored the triple of record, line honours and overall win. In the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in July, Newbold finished 13th overall and fifth in IRC Division 1.

**PX****SAIL NO:** HKG2238**LOA:** 15.8m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Alan Andrews**YEAR BUILT:** 2001**TYPE:** TP52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** A Dunphy**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** A Dunphy – Skipper

Skipper Adrian Dunphy has competed in the Sydney Hobart race under many entries, last in 2009 and as far back as 2003, including Next and Dodo (both Sydney 38's). This year he races PX previously named FreeFire, a TP52. Dunphy has competed previously in this race as a helmsman/trimmer on Grundig and has also sailed in the 18-foot skiff class and is a former World Windsurfing champion.

**QUICKPOINT AZZURRO****SAIL NO:** 3430**LOA:** 10.4m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Sparkman and Stephens (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1981**TYPE:** Sparkman & Stephens 34**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 9**OWNER:** Shane Kearns**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** S Kearns (10) – Skipper, J Nixon – Navigator, A Seja – Navigator, M Doherty (15), J Nixon (20), F Nelson (19), A Seja (13), D McRae (13)

Previously raced as Shenandoah II in the 80s and 90s, under owner Victorian Ron White, she had some success including a divisional win in the 1994 Sydney Hobart race. Veteran sailor, Shane Kearns came across her in Queensland in early 2014, unearthing a jewel in an idle and sadly unloved state. To say she had seen better days was an understatement, but unable to dismiss the classic and evocative Olin Stephens lines, Kearns, obsessed, pursued the opportunity and kicked off a major resurrection project, restoring pride and respect to this feisty little S&S 34. Kearns thanks the many expert contributors, the months of planning, restoration and replacement of almost every component, has seen this boat awaken from dilapidated and unseaworthy to stylish and fearless, and ready to taunt all challengers at the start line of the 70th Rolex Sydney Hobart.

**QUETZALCOATL****SAIL NO:** 2001**LOA:** 12.3m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Don Jones**YEAR BUILT:** 2001**TYPE:** Jones 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4**OWNER:** Antony Sweetapple, James Lee-Warner and Anthony Bruce**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** A Sweetapple (5) – Skipper, A Bruce (4) – 2IC, M Ayto (4) – Navigator, D Ulm (2), J Lee Warner (5), R Hincks, T Roarty (3),

Beautifully built of King Billy pine, this well performed former Tasmanian boat is improving with every outing. Under her Sydney owners Antony Sweetapple, Anthony Bruce and James Lee Warner, Quetzalcoatl will undertake her fifth Hobart – returning after a two year break especially for the 70th Anniversary. In her last major offshore racing season for the boat won the PHS Division of the 2011 Gosford Lord Howe Island Yacht Race (and finishing third on line), winning the PHS Division of the Audi Sydney Offshore Newcastle Yacht Race, and placing third in her division in the Audi Winter Series.

**RAGAMUFFIN 100****SAIL NO:** SYD100**LOA:** 30.48m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Andy Dovell (AUST)**YEAR BUILT:** 2014**TYPE:** 100ft Supermaxi**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Syd Fischer**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW and Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW**CREW:** S Fischer (45) – Skipper, D Witt (19), M Humphries (1), A Crowe (17), C Knox (1), C Wild (1), C Malouf (7), D Witt (17), F Galleta (1), J Macartney (1), J Fisher (3), J Shave (2), L Woulfe (1), M Fullerton (1), M Pearce (18), P Britt (1), T Clout (1), V Dudley (15), G Warrington (24)

Fischer has had a new hull fitted to this Ragamuffin. Fischer's team have been working quickly now to ready the 100-foot boat for this year's race. The first big job was to attach the heavily modified deck of the previous Ragamuffin 100 (which took line honours in the 2011 race as Investec Loyal) and add the new keel. Water ballasted, the virtually new super maxi boasts twin rudders, a 6-metre beam, 6-metre draft and has been refitted with the rig from the previous Ragamuffin. Fischer, who took line honours in the 1988 and 1990 Hobart races, with an overall win in 1992, aboard previous Ragamuffins, is hoping this is the yacht to secure him the trifecta of line honours wins.

Fischer will clock up his 47th Hobart race this year. He and the crew have sailed the slightly smaller Ragamuffin 90 to successive line honours victories this year in the Rolex South China Sea Race and the Okinawa Tokai Race, in which they also broke the race record. Originally launched in 1989 as Maximus, the yacht underwent a major rebuild in 2004, and was then lengthened from 98-feet to 100-feet in 2009 and renamed Investec Loyal. Last year, Fischer raced her as Ragamuffin Loyal and this year she will head south as Ragamuffin 100.

In October, Fischer was honoured with Yachting Australia's President's award. Among the Sydney yachtsman's many achievements are taking Hobart line honours with his German Frers maxi in 1988 and 1990, and winning it overall in 1992 with the former Will, a Farr 50. He has also been victorious in the CYCA's Blue Water Pointscore Series a record nine times, last winning in 2007/2008. He has finished top three since, until late last year, when he changed his TP52 for the super maxi while sitting in second place. These results culminated in Fischer winning Ocean Racer of the Year on multiple occasions.

**RAY WHITE SPIRIT OF KOOMOLOO****SAIL NO:** 2170**LOA:** 14.5m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNERS:** Sparkman & Stephens**YEAR BUILT:** TBC**TYPE:** Sparkman & Stephens**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Mike Freebairn**CLUB:** RQYS**CREW:** M Freebairn (8) – Skipper, A Reed (8) – Navigator, P White (8), D Casson (4), A Turton (5), J Harvey (3), S Buchanan

Ray White Spirit of Koomooloo is one of Australia's most famous yachts having represented Australia in the Admirals Cup and won the famous United Kingdom Fastnet Race. She has competed in more than 20 Sydney to Hobart races with her most recent success being a division win and past Queensland State IRC Championship. She is crewed by a devoted and amateur crew included Ray White Chairman Paul White, owner Mike Freebairn, Adrian Reed and Andrew Turton, who recently returned from the European TP52 circuit. Ray White Spirit of Koomooloo is sailing south this year to raise the profile of the Australian Melanoma Research Foundation.

**RIO 100****SAIL NO:** USA 2121**LOA:** 30.5m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Bakewell-White**YEAR BUILT:** TBC**TYPE:** Bakewell-White 100**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Manouch Moshayedi**CLUB:** SYC, USA**CREW:** M Moshayedi – Skipper, M Howard, P Isler (1), R Greenhalgh (1), R Bouzaid (1), M Mottl (1), P Van Niekerk, S Courvieux, B Jenkins, G Brady (1), J Penrod, T Wolk, J Messano, J Freeman, S Kemp, M Gutenkunst, N Partridge, D Macleod, M Van Dyke, N Vindin (1), M Pentecost, N Hislop

RIO 100, is an American entry known better to the Hobart race as Zana, Konica Minolta and Lahana. Built as a 98-footer named Zana for its New Zealand owner in 2003, RIO 100, according to new proprietor Manouch Moshayedi, has been extensively modified and lengthened to 100-feet. She is also sporting a new silver/grey paint job, magnifying an undeniably sleek appearance.

The yacht's water ballast was removed by cutting off the back 50 foot section and a new wider, longer stern has made it six to seven tonnes lighter than it was as Lahana. It also sports a new, longer boom, a new longer bowsprit and the wheels have been pushed back. Some other modifications, undertaken by Cooksons in New Zealand and overseen by Moshayedi's boat captain Keith Kilpatrick, include a lifting keel (14-19-feet) so it can be taken into western US marinas, and twin rudders. The refit took nine months with around 20 to 25 people working on it seven days a week.

Although his yacht has experienced the Rolex Sydney Hobart seven times under her various names and owners, it will be Moshayedi's debut. The 2014 will be the yacht's last Rolex Sydney Hobart. Moshayedi, a computer technology magnate from the USA, will base his new acquisition at Newport Beach, California.

**SAMURAI JACK****SAIL NO:** 88888**LOA:** 11.9m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1996**TYPE:** Farr 39 ml Mod**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Michael Lazzarini**CLUB:** Moreton Bay Yacht Club, QLD**CREW:** M Lazzarini (2) – Skipper, R Cassidy, T Crane / P Komarowski – Navigator, B Sneddon (1), C Ching, G Berry, N Dagan, A Salter, T Craner (2), P Komarowski (1),

Samurai Jack, a modified Farr39 that is a close relation to the current crop of Farr40s – has an international history after being built in USA, competing in Japan and New Zealand, before the current owners sailed her over to Brisbane in January 2009. Under Michael Lazzarini's stewardship, Samurai Jack has competed in the 2011 Brisbane Gladstone, the Brisbane to Great Keppel and the 2011 Rolex Sydney Hobart. She then went on to compete in the Melbourne to Hobart West Coast Two Hander before tackling the 2013 Melbourne Osaka 2013; where she was forced to retire with structural damage.

Owner Michael and co-skipper Ryan Donladson worked hard to repair the damage that caused the Melbourne-Osaka Race retirement and competed in this year's Brisbane to Gladstone race but retired from the light air race. The duo is looking forward to some strong competition with the other forty footers.

**SCARLET RUNNER****SAIL NO:** SM11**LOA:** 16.0m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Reichel Pugh**YEAR BUILT:** 2009**TYPE:** Reichel Pugh 52**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNER:** Robert Date**CLUB:** Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** R Date (4) – Skipper, B Averay (6), J Sweeney – Navigator, B Acaster (3), C Hawes, D Clarke (3), J Sweeney (4), D Van Teylingen (2), D Knightsbridge, R Leaper

This is the eighth Scarlet Runner for the Date family and was launched in 2009. The name originates to a boat purchase 44 years ago where the yacht was in the paddock covered by a Scarlet Runner climbing bean plant. She has just completed a circumnavigation of the globe, whilst competing in a variety of high profile international yacht racing events. They finished the Cape Town to Rio de Janeiro Yacht Race with a second place and first place in the Guadeloupe to Antigua Race. They followed on the place second in the Around Antigua Race and first in the Pacific Cup which is staged from San Francisco to Hawaii.

Scarlet Runner's best result in a Rolex Sydney Hobart is eighth. She has been very successful winning three Adelaide to Port Lincoln races and three Melbourne to King Island races.

## **SELMA EXPEDITION**

**SAIL NO:** POL8855

**LOA:** 20.3m

**CLASS:** IRC

**DESIGNER:** G Auzepy-Brenneur

**YEAR BUILT:** 1981

**TYPE:** G Auzepy-Brenneur

**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0

**OWNER:** Piotr Kuznair

**CLUB:** TBC

**CREW:** P Kuzniar – Skipper, D Zycki – Navigator, A Skrzyszowski, P Madryn, K Jasica, D Zycki, A Skrzyszowski, M Slusarek, P Obidzinski, T Brymora, B Gnatowski, A Knapik, J Kaczorowski, P Kosminski, Zenon Jankowski, J Matuszak, T Wesolowski, T Berzynski

Selma Expeditions is a steel ketch designed by well-known naval architect Georg Auzepy-Brenneur. She was built in the shipyard CM Merret in Brittany in 1981 and since 2006 has been registered under the Polish flag. Selma is known for her very good seaworthiness in heavy weather sailing and has completed 26 expeditions and 80,000 nautical miles of safe and accident-free sea navigation on the waters of Antarctica, South Georgia and Cape Horn.

In order to get to the start line of the 70th edition of Australia's blue water classic Selma has sailed from Ushuaia via Cape Horn, Robinson Crusoe Island, Easter Island, Tahiti, Samoa, Tonga, Fiji and Vanuatu. This year she is being refitted and the team will be training throughout December in the build up to the start.

The combined crew experience includes a variety of expertise drawn from their participation in the Olympic Games, The Race (Round the World Maxi Catamaran Race), Mini-Transat, Fastnet Race, Around Britain and Ireland, the Middle Sea Race as well as a previous edition of the Sydney Hobart Race and several ocean crossings. Selma Expeditions is the first Polish yacht, with Polish crew in the history of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Race.

## **SEXTANT**

**SAIL NO:** 9242

**LOA:** 13.8m

**CLASS:** PHS

**DESIGNERS:** Nels Jeppesen

**YEAR BUILT:** TBC

**TYPE:** XC42

**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC

**OWNER:** Denis Doyle

**CLUB:** CYCA

**CREW:** D Doyle (17) – Skipper, G Miles (15) – Navigator, L Smith, J Allan (12), H Midgley

Long term members of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Denis and Lynne have cruised and raced their boats extensively in Australia and the South Pacific and out of the CYCA for many years. Since purchasing this latest Sextant, an XC42, in 2011 they have cruised to Tasmania and Lord Howe Island. They are now taking this opportunity to sail with their long term friend Glenn Miles in the Cruising Division of the 70th Anniversary Rolex Sydney Hobart for this unparalleled experience. It is their intention to undertake more cruising around Tasmania and attend the famous Wooden Boat Festival.

## **SHE'S THE CULPRIT**

**SAIL NO:** 370

**LOA:** 11.96m

**CLASS:** PHS

**DESIGNER:** Inglis/Jones (AUS)

**YEAR BUILT:** 1994

**TYPE:** Inglis/Jones 39 Mod

**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 4

**OWNER:** The Culprit Syndicate

**CLUB:** Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, NSW

**CREW:** G Bulmer (4) – Skipper, G Picasso (8), B Jarvie – Navigator, D O'Dowd (3), R Jarvie (1), T Butler, A Boslem (1), A Kiely (4), M Graham (6), T Budden, S Robinson, G Benson, G Parker

In last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, She's The Culprit finished third in division and backed this up in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht race, with a second in the PHS Division. The yacht's first major race for the syndicate of four mates from Lake Macquarie and Newcastle was the 2012 Pittwater to Coffs, where she won PHS Division 2. She also scored a PHS divisional win in the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race that year and was third in the 2012 to 2013 LMYC and NCYC offshore point scores where she quickly earned a reputation of being a very social boat.

Built in 1994 by Hart Marine and launched as Top Cat for the Melbourne Osaka Yacht Race. She then raced in Tasmania under the name 42 South, before being sold to Todd Leary, who changed her name to She's The Culprit and campaigned her in all the long distance races, including three Hobart's from 2008 to 2010.

**SIMPLY FUN****SAIL NO:** SM42**LOA:** 12.6m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Judel/Vrolijk (GER)**YEAR BUILT:** 2013**TYPE:** HH42**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Philip Coombs**CLUB:** Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** P Coombs (5) – Skipper, D Eickmeyer (4), C Coombs – Navigator, G Smith (5), L Hore, M Bunyard (4), S Schafer (3), T Bilham (3), B Coventry (7), C McKenzie (6), I Johnson (16)

Simply Fun, built in China, was launched Christmas 2013 and is a HH42 and a joint venture between Hakes marine and Hudson marine. Her first ocean race was the Melbourne to Launceston in which the boat won line honours, IRC, performance and came second in AMS. The next ocean outing was the Apollo Bay race which the boat won on line honours and IRC and only missed breaking the race record by 5 minutes. Simply Fun recently competed in the Sandringham Yacht Club Winter Series finishing with a second. They were entered into October's Portland Race however the race was cancelled due to severe weather. This is a very experienced offshore racing crew.

Coombs competed in the 30th Anniversary race in 1984 on his then boat Triad, Coombs wife will make her maiden voyage in this 70th Anniversary race. They are joined by notable Quantum sailmaker David Eichmeyer. Johnson and Coventry are well known on the offshore maxi boat circuit with 16 and 13 Hobarts respectively, under their belt and not forgetting the rest of the crew Smith, Hore, Bunyard, Schafer, Bilham and McKenzie who bring talent and experience to this competitive crew.

**SOUTHERN EXCELLENCE II****SAIL NO:** AUS03**LOA:** 21.5m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Don Jones (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 9**TYPE:** Volvo Open 70**OWNER:** Andrew Wenham**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** A Wenham (8) – Skipper, D Burt, (5), A Burt – Navigator, A Chase (2), A Mathers (1), B Blanchard (1), C Greenhill (4), D Wenham (1), D Hogben (2), I Broad (1), J Turner (1), K Swiney (5), G Meldrum, J Wilby, R Shreeve

Since buying the former Ichi Ban in March last year, Andrew Wenham has breathed new life into the yacht now known as Southern Excellence II, upgrading a number of systems on the boat to improve her IRC rating and to suit his requirements. In July, Southern Excellence II was the fifth boat to cross the finish line in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, resulting in a seventh place in IRC Division 0. In April, she claimed her second consecutive line honours win in the Gosford Lord Howe Island Yacht Race in a time of 35 hours, 41 minutes and 34 seconds – just over half the time she took in the protracted light air 2012 race. The Wollongong businessman also took line honours in the re-invigorated Sydney Wollongong race, conducted by the CYCA in March, falling just 23 minutes and 49 seconds short of the 14-year old race record set by Brindabella.

In last year's Hobart, Wenham and crew finished 12th on line and ninth in division after coping with gale force winds and rough seas off Tasman Island after placing fifth on line and fifth in IRC Division 0 in the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. Wenham ended the CYCA's 2013 to 2014 Blue Water Pointscore Series with second in the newly created Line Honours division.

**SOUTHERN MYTH****SAIL NO:** SA06**LOA:** 12.5m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Laurent Giles**YEAR BUILT:** 1953**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**TYPE:** Laurent Giles Design 162**OWNER:** Peter Riddell**CLUB:** Royal South Australia Yacht Squadron, SA**CREW:** P Riddell (1) – Skipper, J Taylor (16), P Rabbitt – Navigator, R Brown (1), M Korobacz, M Mead, H Hancock.

Southern Myth, a wooden Laurent Giles designed 40-foot sloop was built by Searles Shipwrights for Norm Howard in Adelaide in 1953 and competed in 13 Sydney to Hobart's skippered by her original owner, the first in 1954. Many prominent South Australian yachtsmen, including a young Sir James Hardy in 1955, and other South Australian greats such as John Wigan, Gerry Hargraves, Mark Tostevin, David Judell and John Taylor, have sailed upon her.

Southern Myth and Norm introduced three generations of South Australians to ocean racing with over 280 crew members in her 1954 to 1994 years, as well as hundreds of Sea Scouts and other visitors. In 1993 to 1994 the current owner Peter Riddell essentially rebuilt Myth, sailed her in the 1994 Sydney to Hobart (50th Anniversary race) and now 20 years later, and 60 years after her first Hobart, this beautifully reconditioned ship, is competing in her 15th start, the 70th Anniversary race.



**SPIRIT OF MATESHIP****SAIL NO:** NOR 2**LOA:** 19.5m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Laurie Davidson (NZL)**YEAR BUILT:** 2001**TYPE:** Volvo 60**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 10**OWNER:** RSL QLD**SKIPPER:** Russell McCart**CLUB:** Southport Yacht Club, QLD**CREW:** R McCart (9) – Skipper, P Huybers (3), P Jones (19) – Navigator, K Spencer (12), R Roberts (8), L McLean (4), S Wallace (3), M Cardeanals (1), K Vinnicombe (0), C Davies (0)

A new group of serving and former Australian soldiers will take on one of the most gruelling long ocean yacht races in the world as part of their rehabilitation and to raise awareness of the challenges facing young service men and women today. It's only the second time in the 70 year history of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race that a serious challenger will be crewed by wounded, injured and ill Australian current and ex-Defence members.

The Spirit of Mateship and its unique crew captured the imagination of Australia last year when it first entered the blue water classic after the yacht was launched by Prime Minister Tony Abbott. Skipped by nine-time Rolex Sydney Hobart veteran, Brisbane's Russell McCart and with the help of several experienced yachtsmen the pocket maxi went on to win in its division. 2014 will be the first time this group of mates from Mates4Mates will compete in the prestigious race as part of the not-for-profit's broader sailing rehabilitation program. More information can be found at [www.everydayhero.com.au/event/mates4matesydneytohobartyachtraceadventurechallenge2014](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/mates4matesydneytohobartyachtraceadventurechallenge2014)

**ST GEORGE MIDNIGHT RAMBLER****SAIL NO:** 8338**LOA:** 12.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Ker Yacht Design (UK)**YEAR BUILT:** 2011**TYPE:** Ker 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 2**OWNERS:** Ed Psaltis, Bob Thomas and Michael Bencsik**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** E Psaltis (5) – Skipper, M Bencsik (5), T Barker – Navigator, A Taylor (7), A Psaltis (1), B Dixon, B Psaltis, C Rockell (5), M Watson (2), T Hampton, T Barker (5)

Since launching the latest Midnight Rambler mid-2011, Psaltis, Thomas and Bencsik, who won the storm ravaged 1998 Sydney Hobart race with a Hick 35, AFR Midnight Rambler, have scored various podium finishes. They include second overall in this year's Gosford Lord Howe Island Yacht Race; second in IRC Division 2 in last year's Hobart; third in the CYCA's 2012-2013 Blue Water Pointscore Series, second in the Cape Byron Series (ORCi division of the BWPS) and second in IRC and PHS of the 2012/2013 Grant Thornton Short Ocean Pointscore Series. The trio, whose crew is a well-melded one with many regulars, added a new sail wardrobe to help lift the boat's light-wind performance and went on to place 5th Overall IRC in the CYCA's 2013-2014 BWPS.

This year they race as St George Midnight Rambler. They completed the 2014 Land Rover Gold Coast Yacht race finishing 16th on line, 10th overall IRC and first place IRC Division 2. Between them, the owners and their crew have over 120 Hobart races under their belts. As well as their Hobart victory, Psaltis and Thomas have won every offshore race on the east coast including the Gosford Lord Howe Island and Sydney Mooloolaba races twice, and finally succeeded in winning the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in 2009 with a former Midnight Rambler (a modified Farr 40), having previously won their division three times.

**ST JUDE****SAIL NO:** 6686**LOA:** 14.2m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2007**TYPE:** Sydney 47**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 5**OWNER:** Noel Cornish**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** N Cornish (7) – Skipper, A Liddle (5) – Helm, J Lowe – Navigator, J Liddle (1), A Milln (1), M Loneragan (2), M Ivaneza (3), P Liddle (1), J Neuhaus (5), N Bradley, E May, S Russell (3)

Noel Cornish is looking forward to the challenge of his eighth Rolex Sydney Hobarts – his sixth with this Sydney 47 with a best result a fourth place in IRC Division 2 in 2009. Among others St Jude will do battle with in the race are Black Sheep, whose owners, brothers Derek and Martin Sheppard, used to be part of the St Jude crew before taking ownership of their Beneteau First 40. It is sure to add to the excitement for Emma May and Nicky Bradley, 19-year-olds from the CYCA's Youth Sailing Academy, who made their ocean racing debut aboard St Jude in the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in July.

CYCA director Cornish is a regular competitor in the CYCA's Ocean Pointscore Series (OPS) and has achieved some notable results including: third overall for the 2013/2014 season and third overall in the 2010/2011 season, following on from her PHS win in 2009/2010 OPS. St Jude won her first ever offshore race, the 2008 Australia Day Ocean Pointscore Race to Botany Bay return.

**TAKANI****SAIL NO:** 6981**LOA:** 15.4m**CLASS:** PHS**YEAR BUILT:** 2012**TYPE:** Hanse 495**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** James Whittle**CLUB:** Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW**CREW:** J Whittle – Skipper/Navigator, T Whittle, R Gregson (1), R Moore, P Townsend, A Shaw

Takani the luxurious Hanse 495 came into Debbie and Jim Whittle's lives in August 2012 and is named after their three children Taylah, Kasey and Nicholas. Takani has recently enjoyed participating in Hamilton Island Race Week where she finished well up in her division. Several of the crew who have signed up for this year's Rolex Sydney to Hobart were aboard to share in this great experience. Taylah their 19-year-old daughter will be on board, along with two more experienced sailors who have signed up for the race. They are all looking forward to participating in this year's event. Jim will also celebrate his 50th Birthday on Boxing Day. Here's hoping the cake survives the start line!

**TERRA FIRMA****SAIL NO:** SM24**LOA:** 15.4m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**TYPE:** Cookson 50**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Nicholas Bartels**CLUB:** Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** N Bartels (8) – Skipper, Jeff Casley (3) – Navigator, A Cole (12), P Cosman (14), A Cribb (8), F Forbes (4), R Cox (2), B Fowler, B Fresville, M Bayliss, J Mare

Terra Firma, since winning the race in 1995, has always been a strong competitor. After winning the Summer and Winter series in Melbourne, Terra Firma is looking for a good result in this year's RSHYR. The skipper and crew have complete faith in their Cookson 50 as a tough boat that is very capable of success in the difficult conditions normally experienced in the south east coast. The 50-foot division is one of the best positioned for IRC success and has well campaigned yachts all competing very hard. Terra Firma is a fixed keel version of the Cookson 50's and is keen to do well with an experienced close crew with great camaraderie.

**TEVAKE II****SAIL NO:** H101**LOA:** 13.7m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Radford Yacht Design**YEAR BUILT:** 2000**TYPE:** Radford 13.7**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Angus Fletcher**CLUB:** TBC**CREW:** A Fletcher – Skipper/Navigator, R Blackstock, A Bartle (2), R Blackstock, A Blackstock, R Langham, S Sutton, Sahhar

Since commencing its offshore career in 2006, Tevake II has gone on to become a seasoned campaigner. Races successfully completed include the 2006 and 2010 Melbourne to Vanuatus, the 2006 Vanuatu to Mackay, the 2006 and 2010 Sydney to Hobarts, six Melbourne to Hobart West Coasters and numerous shorter Bass Strait races. Notable results in recent years include Line Honours in the 2010 Melbourne to Vanuatu and back to back overall wins in the 2012 and 2013 Melbourne to Hobart West Coasters. As always, they will be looking for a reasonable serving of fresh downwind conditions in this year's Hobart race.

## **THE GOAT**

**SAIL NO:** 7027

**LOA:** 11.8m

**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi

**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell

**YEAR BUILT:** TBC

**TYPE:** Sydney 38

**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC

**OWNER:** The Goat Syndicate

**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

**CREW:** B Foye (4) – Skipper, M Gordon, T Clift – Navigator, A Bryne (5), A Clift (1), D Hawkins, M Gordon (2), S Price (4), S Bohm (2), S Leslie (2)

The Goat is arguably the most successful Sydney 38, winning the 2011 Sydney 38 National Regatta Titles in Melbourne, the 2007 Rolex Sydney Hobart One Design Class and the 2008 Sydney Gold Race Race, plus numerous club races and championships. Recent modifications now allow The Goat to compete with other competitors such as the First 40's.

In 2013, The Goat crew represented the CYCA at the prestigious New York Yacht Club's International Invitational Cup with a top 10 finish. The Goat ownership has now been expanded with the addition of three new owners from Gunnedah, Tony Clift, Andrew Byrne and Daniel Hawkins. Tony owns a "small" 1,500,000 cattle property in the middle of Australia which he boasts as being the furthest property to any ocean in Australia! The enthusiasm of the new owners and the experience of long time partners Mitchell Gordon and Bruce Foye will ensure that The Goat will be a serious contender for a divisional win.

## **TILTING AT WINDMILLS**

**SAIL NO:** SM117

**LOA:** 12.8m

**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi

**DESIGNER:** Peter Joubert (AUS)

**YEAR BUILT:** 1994

**TYPE:** Joubert Modified 42

**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 7

**OWNER:** Thorry Gunnersen

**CLUB:** Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC

**CREW:** J Alexander (4) – Skipper, A Roberts (3), C Rebecchi, J Havukainen, S Battin, C Green, S Dempsey

Tilting at Windmills is a timber yacht designed by Professor Peter Joubert and was built in 1994 by Norman Wright and Sons. She was launched in time for the anniversary 50th Hobart race where she finished 12th in IMS Division E. Her best result in the Hobart was in 2003 when she finished second overall in IMS for second in division, and seventh overall under IRC. She competed in the 2012 Hobart after a seven-year absence and finished sixth in ORCi division 3.

In 2013 she finished fifth overall in IRC Division 4. Tilting at Windmills is a timber yacht designed by Professor Peter Joubert and was built in 1994 by Norman Wright and Sons. Last entering the Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2005, Tilting at Windmills finished 18th overall under PHS. This time around, she will be in the capable hands of John Alexander. Her Victorian timber merchant owner, Thorry Gunnersen, has raced and cruised the yacht extensively in Australia, Europe and New Zealand.

## **TINA OF MELBOURNE**

**SAIL NO:** S3

**LOA:** 11.2m

**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi

**DESIGNER:** Sparkman and Stephens

**YEAR BUILT:** 1968

**TYPE:** S & S 37

**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC

**OWNER:** Andy Doolan

**CLUB:** Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, VIC

**CREW:** A Doolan (2) – Skipper, S Tait, R Hibbert (1) – Navigator, A Hibbert (1), C Jeffers, J Tully, M Rimington (1)

Tina of Melbourne, a beautiful classic yacht was launched in 1968 after being built by Henk Groen for Barry and Ernie Scott. A Sparkman and Stephens design built to that era's one tonne rule. She comes to the start line for the sixth time to compete in this 70th anniversary race, fully restored. She is both beautiful and fast for her class.

To date, her best result in a Rolex Sydney Hobart Race is a fifth overall on handicap in 1969, with several divisional wins. The history of the boat continues to build and competing in this year's race adds to its colourful history.

**TRITON****SAIL NO:** 6377**LOA:** 18.3m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/PHS**DESIGNER:** David Lyons (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** TBC**TYPE:** Lyons Cawse 60**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Michael Cranitch**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** M Cranitch – Skipper, D Gotze – Skipper, Nick Chambers, Kurt Griffiths, Peter McAdam, Colin OConnor, David Gotze, Michael Cranitch, Matt Gregory, Darren Macpherson, Tim Colclough, Serge Jook, Philippe Mengual, Robert Sturch, Francisco Orozco, Nicolas Graveline, Nicolas Denman Craddock, Robert Case, Christine Koole

Triton is the former Vanguard, a Lyons 60. Although built in 2004, it has not been engaged in any serious offshore racing since 2005. It has required an extensive program to make it offshore ready since August when it was bought by David Gotze and Michael Cranitch. This is its maiden Hobart.

**TRYBOOKING.COM****SAIL NO:** B1**LOA:** 17.2m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** Dixon Yacht Design**YEAR BUILT:** 2014**TYPE:** Moody 54DS**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 0**OWNER:** Grant Dunoon**CLUB:** Royal Brighton Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** G Dunoon – Skipper, M Hosking, L Cotter – Navigator, J Walton, A Geysen, L Hulley (2), S Davies, C Longmuir, P Fecht, K Jenkins (1)

TryBooking.com, is a new Moody 54' DS launched in November 2014, and makes her maiden voyage in the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart. She replaces the Elan Impression 434. Tipped to be one of the most luxurious yachts in this year's race, she sports four main cabins which can comfortably accommodate a crew of twelve. She is fitted with both jib and in-mast furling. Skipper Grant Dunoon and various crew members competed in this year's ORCV Melbourne to Vanuatu Race. Grant was awarded the AMSA SAR award in 2012 and this year the AMSA Rescue Coordination Centre Chief, Craif Longmuir will join the crew along with former president of Yachting Victoria, Scott Davies.

**TSA MANAGEMENT (ELENI)****SAIL NO:** MH60**LOA:** 11.78m**CLASS:** IRC/One Design**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2003**TYPE:** Sydney 38 OD**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 7**OWNER:** Tony Levett**CLUB:** Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW**CREW:** T Levett (9) – Skipper, S Williams (7) – Navigator, A Tompson (2), D Griffin (1), D Swales (2), F Kreis (1), M Shoebridge, K Mackenzie

TSA Management/Eleni won the Sydney 38 One Design division of the 2010 and 2011 Rolex Sydney Hobarts, but retired last year after its rudder broke. She spent most of the last year under repair and competing in club racing. Last year she finished fourth overall in the Sydney 38 Class and 14th in IRC Division 3. Tony Levett will again skipper TSA Management, a Sydney 38 one-design yacht that has been popular with yachties because they are competitive inshore and offshore and can be handled easily by males and females alike, resulting in many husband and wife and family crews.

This yacht has proven herself several times over, including finishing third in the Sydney 38 One-Design division in the 2008 Rolex Sydney Hobart when she returned to offshore racing with owner Levett. She was third in the Ocean Passage Series of the 2011 Sydney Harbour Regatta and previously raced as Horwath BRI, with a fourth in the CYCA's Blue Water Pointscore Series 2006 to 2007, and third in the Tasman Performance Series. Levett and his crew will be aiming for gold again and will have at least three other Sydney 38's to gauge their performance against.

**TWITCH****SAIL NO:** B44**LOA:** 13.4m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/PHS**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2007**TYPE:** Beneteau First 44.7**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Hugh Ellis**CLUB:** Royal Brighton Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** H Ellis – Skipper, G Caulfied (3) – T Klestadt – Navigator, B Bult (9), D Miles (12), L Smith (13), P Cannon (1), P Cox, R Antill, R Jaroszczuk, T Stanford, T Klestadt(1), R Hick

Hugh Ellis bought this Beneteau First 44.7 last year from Tasmania where she had been campaigned for the last four years, under the name Auch, by Phillippa Calvert and Richard Scarr. The two won both IRC and PHS overall in the 2011 Maria Island Race and placed in other local races. Before that, Tasmanian David Bean raced the yacht as Honeysuckle and scored a divisional eighth in the 2009 Hobart and won the 2010 Bruny Island race overall.

Under Ellis' ownership, Twitch won line honours in the 2014 Melbourne to Port Fairy race, also placing second in IRC and AMS. She competed in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and finished 11th in IRC Division 3.

**VICTOIRE****SAIL NO:** AUS5299**LOA:** 15.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2006**TYPE:** Cookson 50**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 7**OWNER:** Darryl Hodgkinson**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia**CREW:** D Hodgkinson (2) – Skipper, M Slinn, S Francis (3), S Kirkjian (17), S Guanaria (6), T Tubman (2), A Hawkins (3), C Kosecki (4), D Rutherford (4), K Groves, M Ramaley (6)

Making the step up to the former Jazz last year proved the perfect choice for Darryl Hodgkinson when he won IRC Division 0 in last year's Sydney Gold Coast race and was declared overall winner of the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, which helped him win the re-ignited Southern Cross Cup with team members Patrice and Wild Rose.

Earlier this year, in the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Race he finished ninth on line, seventh on IRC overall fifth on IRC Division 0. The canting Cookson 50 finished second to Wild Rose in the CYCA's Blue Water Pointscore (BWPS), was third under ORCi and claimed the series' newly created line honours division. In April, Victoire won the Gosford Lord Howe Island Yacht Race after crossing the finish line second, just two hours behind the line honours winner, Southern Excellence II.

In December 2011, Hodgkinson was named the CYCA's Ocean Racing Rookie of the Year and in a first, a year later was named Ocean Racer of the Year after winning the 2011 to 2012 BWPS and successfully defending his class victory at the 2012 IRC Australian Championship with his previous Victoire, a Beneteau 45. For the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, he has added Mike Green to his already top crew, which can only enhance their performance.

**WAX LYRICAL****SAIL NO:** 248**LOA:** 15.2m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Nels Jeppesen**YEAR BUILT:** 2012**TYPE:** X50**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Les Goodridge**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** L Goodridge(5) – Skipper, D Decoster (2), A Orszulok (2), L Stevenson (8), M Michell, T Griffin (0)

Wax Lyrical is a Danish design X-50 cruiser/racer built for Les Goodridge, who previously owned and raced the famous timber 8-metre yacht, Erica J. Her first offshore race was the 2014 Land Rover Gold Coast Yacht Race, and this will be her first Hobart, however Goodridge has previously competed in five Hobarts. Since the boat's arrival in Australia, Goodridge has campaigned her in the CYCA's Ocean Pointscore Series (OPS), Grant Thornton Short Haul and Club Marine Twilight Series races.

Wax Lyrical finished second overall in PHS of the 2013 to 2014 CYCA Ocean Pointscore series and won the Monica Geddes Memorial Trophy in 2012. Using the Land Rover Winter Series as a test bed for crew trials, Goodridge has built his offshore campaign towards this 70th Anniversary Rolex Sydney Hobart.

**WEDGETAIL****SAIL NO:** AUS11888**LOA:** 16.8m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Reichel/Pugh (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2006**TYPE:** Reichel/Pugh 55**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 6**OWNER:** Bill Wild**CLUB:** Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD**CREW:** B Wild (7) - Skipper, K Costin (1), TBC – Navigator, J Gower (1), C Skinner (2), I Davis (2), R Chamberlain (6), S Hunt (2), A Deeks (5), J Alexander (2), N Pryde (1), A Hunn (3), D Jowett (1)

Bill Wild returned to ocean racing with Wedgetail last year after an 18-month hiatus from the sport and immediately reaped rewards, securing line honours and finishing second overall to Syd Fischer's TP52 Ragamuffin in this year's Pittwater to Coffs Harbour race. The Queenslander went on to finish fourth on line and second in IRC Division 1 of the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in July and it was enough to convince Wild to give the Rolex Sydney Hobart another crack. However Wedgetail's fortunes changed as she was dismasted off Tasman Island in gale force conditions.

Taking ownership of Wedgetail, originally known as Yendys, in 2010, Wild sailed her in the Rolex Sydney Hobart that year and finished ninth on line, sixth overall and third in IRC Division 1. The custom Reichel/Pugh 55 has an impressive race record including podium places in the Rolex Trophy Series and the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. In the Rolex Sydney Hobart, scored a sixth in IRC Division 1 in 2009, sixth IRC overall and first in Division 1 in 2006 and scored a Division 1 third in 2007. Wild's previous Wedgetail, the Welbourn 42, also had a strong offshore race record, including sixth overall in the 2005 Hobart wins and places in the majority of offshore races.

**WHISTLER****SAIL NO:** L77**LOA:** 11.0m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 2000**TYPE:** MBD 36**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** David Rees**CLUB:** Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS**CREW:** D Rees (14), J Linscott (2) – skipper, J Rees (2), D Alpin (1), D Cromarty, I Smith, J Guy (1), N McKim (1), L Rees, D Rees

Whistler, a Murray Burns Dovell 36-foot IRC boat, from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, has had great success in Tasmanian offshore racing. In the 2010/2011 season, Whistler was the winner of the Combined Clubs Offshore Series, Three Islands Series AMS and IRC, 1st Maria Island AMS and winner of the Britannia Trophy. Sailed as Creative Intension in the 2006 Rolex Sydney Hobart, she was the first boat under 11-metres and the first Tasmanian boat to finish on IRC.

In the 2011 Rolex Sydney Hobart, co-skippered by David Rees and Jory Linscott, Whistler finished 10th overall and second in Division 4. The boat also won the prestigious Tilman Trophy in the 2013 Australian Three Peaks race.

**WILD OATS XI****SAIL NO:** AUS 10001**LOA:** 30.48m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Reichel/Pugh (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 2005**TYPE:** 100-foot Maxi**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 9**OWNER:** Bob Oatley**SKIPPER:** Mark Richards**CLUB:** Hamilton Island Yacht Club, Qld.**CREW:** M Richards (12) – Skipper, J Vila (1) – Navigator, I Murray (20), A Henderson (3), C Links (2), D Senogles (2), G Taylor (5), J Hildebrand (6), J Whittaker (4), M Shillington (8), M Mason (3), N Ellis (7), P Magee (3), R Naismith (8), R Daniel (8), S Newton, S Jarvin (4), S Bannatyne (3), T Wiseman (8)

Wild Oats XI is the most successful yacht in the 70-year history of the Rolex Sydney Hobart race. She secured her seventh line honours victory under the guidance of Mark Richards in last year's race. In 2012 she broke her own race record, which now stands at 1 day, 18 hours, 23 minutes 12 seconds, and won the race overall. It was the second time the supermaxi had achieved this historic treble, and the only boat to do so twice in the race's history.

Once again, Wild Oats XI has been modified for the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Her bow has been streamlined, she will carry a new hydrofoil wing, and will be fitted with two new high-tech sails – a mainsail and a 'code zero' headsail. These modifications are aimed at keeping the nine-year-old yacht competitive against more recent designs. Richards and the crew now affectionately refer to their charge as the 'Swiss Army Knife', because of the number of appendages she boasts: a hydrofoil wing, a retractable forward centreboard, two retractable daggerboards, a canting keel, and the conventional rudder at the stern.

Wild Oats XI still holds the record for the most consecutive line honours wins – four – from 2005 to 2008, surpassing Morna's record of three in a row achieved from 1946 to 1948. She also holds the race record for the CYCA's Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race (22 hours, 3 minutes, 46 seconds, set in 2012) and the CYCA's Cabbage Tree Island Race (12 hours, 15 minutes, 55 seconds, set in 2012). Richards and his crew will need to muster all their resources this year as four other supremely competitive supermaxis and their crews – including the new Comanche 100-footer from America – will be vying for a line honours win. Wild Oats XI's navigator, Juan Vila, was navigator for the victorious Alinghi crew in the 2007 America's Cup match.

**WILLYAMA****SAIL NO:** 335**LOA:** 12.2m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design**YEAR BUILT:** 2009**TYPE:** Beneteau First 40**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Richard Barron**CLUB:** Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW**CREW:** R Barron (12) – Skipper, S Sanlorenzo (1) – Navigator, A Mead (2), G Robinson (1), I Campbell (1), Tuan Duong (1), S Sanbrenzo (1)

Willyama is a Beneteau First 40 owned by the Barron/Sanlorenzo/Stanley partnership racing out of Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. She last raced a Rolex Sydney Hobart under her current owners in 2011 and she finished 52 on line, 33rd overall IRC and seventh IRC Division 4. Willyama has competed in an additional two Rolex Sydney Hobart races.

She comes to the start line of this 70th anniversary race having used the RSYS 2014 Spring Series as its warm-up and preparation.

**WILD ROSE****SAIL NO:** 4343**LOA:** 13.1m**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi**DESIGNER:** Bruce Farr (USA)**YEAR BUILT:** 1985**TYPE:** Farr 43**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 5**OWNER:** Roger Hickman**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** R Hickman (37) – Skipper, P Inchbold, J Wells (3) – Navigator, A Scott (9), D Williams (4), D Morris (13), J White (4), K Ketelbey (2), P Sayer (1), P Inchbold (2), P Endersbee (2), P Warburton (8)

The words 'age shall not weary them' rings true for this 29-year-old Farr 43 when you look at this yacht's past and the epic 2013 Roger Hickman had with Wild Rose, originally christened Wild Oats for Bob Oatley. At the conclusion of last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, Wild Rose was crowned Blue Water Pointscore Series (BWPS) champion of the CYCA. She was also in the winning Southern Cross Cup team with Victoire and Patrice, the title riding on the trios Hobart race results, in which Hickman finished 11th overall for his third consecutive Division 4 win.

Hicko's BWPS season scorecard reads like a dream: third in the Sydney Gold Coast, followed by consecutive wins in the Flinders, Bird and Cabbage Tree Island races. His worst result for the series was third in the Port Hacking Bird Island race. It was a fifth time in the BWPS winner's seat - the second as an owner, with Wild Rose. He also claimed the BWPS Cape Byron Series (sailed under ORCi) and the Tasman Performance Series (PHS) of the BWPS.

So far in 2014 he has won Division 2 of the NSW IRC Championship and one week later was declared winner of Class C in the Australian IRC Championship. Looking to maintain their winning streak, the tight-knit crew now have the Land Rover Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race.

**WILD SIDE****SAIL NO:** SM360**LOA:** 11.0m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)**YEAR BUILT:** 1988**TYPE:** Sydney 36CR**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 1**OWNER:** Martin Vaughan**CLUB:** Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC**CREW:** M Vaughan (3) – Skipper, G Arthur, C Pope – Navigator, C Pope (4), G Onions (1), G Arthur (2), S Moseley (1), T Vaughan, P Chalkley (1),

Wild Side, one of the smallest yachts in the fleet, will be competing this year for a second time, hoping to improve on their previous 30th place on IRC. Aiming for an improved result the Wild Side crew is not short on experience having previously won the Melbourne to Hobart on AMS.

Skipper Martin Vaughan has competed in three Rolex Sydney Hobarts and recently competed in and won IRC division in the 2013 Melbourne to Osaka two-handed ocean race on Cadibarra 8. Backed up by watch lead Graeme Arthur, who has two Rolex Sydney Hobart's under his belt, helps lead a crew of extremely experienced, multi-talented ocean racers. Regular racers in Bass Strait, this small but capable boat could well surprise.

**ZEN****SAIL NO:** 3838**LOA:** 11.8m**CLASS:** IRC**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell**YEAR BUILT:** 2004**TYPE:** Sydney 38**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** G Ketelbey**CLUB:** Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW**CREW:** G Ketelbey (8) – Skipper, C Haskard (1), D Barton (1), D Elliott (1), M Donnan (4), A Schlipalius

Zen is the second Sydney 38 owned by Gordon Ketelbey, the previous one being Wadadli. Over the years they have campaigned in one design yachts and blue water ocean racing series. Zen finished first overall in the Sydney 38 Division of the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart.

In 2012 race Zen finished 11th in IRC Division 3 and 10th in ORCi Division 3. She went on to compete in the Premier Racing Class at the Festival of Sailing and finished fourth in class. On the return journey to Sydney, the yacht suffered keel damage that put her out of action for most of 2013. She returned to her campaigning and finished first overall in the Sydney 38 Division of the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart. She went on to secure a third overall in the Geelong Sydney 38 Nationals in January. She triumphed at Port Lincoln Week 2014 winning on IRC.



**ZORA****SAIL NO:** 8975A**LOA:** 13.6m**CLASS:** PHS**DESIGNER:** J&J**YEAR BUILT:** TBC**TYPE:** Salona 45**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** TBC**OWNER:** Philip King**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW**CREW:** P King – Skipper/Navigator, R Blanch

Zora was built in 2006 by AD Boats in Croatia. The Salona 45's are designed as a range of fast cruising boats and this one certainly lives up to it. Whilst they are on the heavy side, for a cruiser, they perform well in heavy weather. Originally competing in New Zealand, Zora came to Australia in 2009 and competed in several races including Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, Rolex Sydney Hobart races and shorter coastal races.

Her best results were a podium finish in the SGCYR and a win in the Cabbage Tree Island race. Her crew this year is made up of long time crew members with one Hobart virgin. The 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart will be her last for a while as Zora will be heading to a new home in Airlie Beach for the next year or so.