



Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 2017

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers



1. Do I need my own boat or can I charter a boat? Can you help me with this?

In Australia only yachts that are in Survey can be chartered. Unfortunately, there are not many boats that are in survey and appropriate to compete in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Some international competitors have purchased a boat in Australia to compete with in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Boat brokers that you may like to consider are:

<http://yachtsalesaustralia.com/>

<http://www.yoti.com.au/>

<http://ensignbrokers.com.au/>

2. What are the basic requirements to enter the race - safety, medical, racing experience?

All boats entered in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race must be single hulled, self-righting, have a length overall between 9-30.48 metres and comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations for Race Category 1 (<http://www.sailing.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/161220-Special-Regulations-Part-1-Keelboats-v2.pdf>).

The owner/charterer must also hold a marine legal liability insurance policy for the boat with a sum insured for not less than A\$10 million. The insurance policy shall state the boat is covered for the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race or that its covered for yacht races of a distance greater than 630 nautical miles.

The crew needs to comprise of the following:

- 50 % of the crew shall have competed in a category 1 race or an equivalent passage. If you are unsure whether your crew experience is acceptable please send through your crews experience to Justine.kirkjian@cyca.com.au for verification.

- 50 % of the crew need to have completed an Australian Sailing Sea Safety Survival Course or an approved equivalent (<http://www.sailing.org/training/coursesforcoaches/28911.php>) China does not currently have an approved course.

- At least two of the crew need to hold a current Provide First Aid/Senior First Aid/

Applied First Aid Certificate.

- At least two of the crew need to have a current Long Range Marine Radio Operators Certificate (This certification needs to cover HF/SSB and VHF radios)

3. What proficiency level do I need to enter the race?

It is recommended that the Skipper or Sailing Master have at least an Offshore Certificate Certification.

4. Can you help us with our Visa requirements?

Once a boat has entered and the crew names submitted in the online entry the CYCA can provide a letter to support Visa applications by stating that the boat has entered the yacht race and the names of the crew are listed on the official race website. This letter is available on request.

5. What is the cost of entering?

The entry fee is:

- A\$750 plus A\$75 per crew member
- each additional handicap category (eg IRC/ORCi) incurs a A\$125 fee

Berthing must be booked in advance. Berthing is provided for free for the period 22-26 December and prior to that berthing is charged at a daily rate of A\$1.95 per foot per night. (e.g a 40ft boat would be A\$78 per night)

6. Can amateurs as well as professionals compete?

Yes. The CYCA prides itself on the fact that the race welcomes all people from amateurs to professionals.

7. How can my family and friends watch the start of the race?

The CYCA provides tickets of 2 official spectator vessels – Magistic II and John Cadman III. Magistic II is the only spectator vessel that has access to the exclusion zone. Bookings will open on the official race website -

<http://rolexsydneyhobart.com/spectators/following-the-race/> from the first week of July 2017. For more details, please email cyca@cyca.com.au or call 02 8292 7800.

