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## Ocean Racing in Australia

Although ocean racing in small yachts, overseas, dates back to the early 1900's, very little interest was taken in deep water races here until the formation in 1944 of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia by a small band of enthusiasts.

Both in Australia and New Zealand one or two attempts had been made to stage ocean races, but it was not until December, 1945, when the newly formed Cruising Yacht Club of Australia inaugurated the now world-famous Sydney-Hobart race, that Australian yachtsmen got their first taste of regular, organised ocean racing.

When the Club, which, incidentally, has become known by its initials as the "C.Y.C.," first published its intention of staging a yacht race from Sydney to Hobart it met with considerable opposition and criticism in view of the failure of previous off-shore events. Tasmanian yachtsmen, however, added their enthusiasm, and with the promise from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania of their support and co-operation, the "C.Y.C." went ahead with its preparations and the date for the start was set down for Boxing Day, 1945.

At this stage the "C.Y.C." was fortunate in having Captain J. H. Illingworth, R.N., as an Honorary Member. Captain Illingworth, an authority on blue water racing in all its ramifications, and a Committee Member of the Royal Ocean Racing Club of Great Britain, was of the greatest assistance to the Club, as he gave freely of his experience and his advice was particularly of value in regard to the use of the R.O.R.C. system of handicapping, which the Cruising Yacht Club introduced to Australia by adopting it for all its races.

Rules compelling competing yachts to carry adequate safety equipment were drafted, the co-operation of the R.A.A.F. in providing air cover, the Weather Bureau for special daily weather forecast and the broadcasting stations for daily news bulletins were sought and

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obtained, and with nine yachts crossing the starting line at 11 a.m. on December 26, 1945, the 680 miles race was under way.

The success of this first race, which was won by Capt. Illingworth in "Rani," is now a matter of history; and with the decision of the C.Y.C. to establish the race as an annual event, Australia's greatest yacht race came into being.

The mother of ocean racing under the British flag, The Royal Ocean Racing Club, has honoured the C.Y.C. by donating a beautiful bronze plaque bearing the R.O.R.C. crest, as a perpetual trophy to be held by the winner on handicap each year. Captain Illingworth, R.N., prior to his departure from this country in 1946 also donated a perpetual trophy for the first yacht to finish. In addition, the estate of the late George Adams presented an extremely handsome "Tattersal Cup," a silver trophy valued at some hundreds of pounds for inter-club competition, whilst the Tasmanian Government very generously donated a cash prize of £100 for the outright winner, a generous gesture which has been repeated each year.

In a few short years the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia has grown from a small band of sailing enthusiasts to an organisation which has achieved world recognition and affiliations throughout Australia.

Through its efforts and by the efforts of the competing yachtsmen, the Sydney/Hobart has become an ocean classic parallel to the Bermuda race in America and Fastnet race in England.

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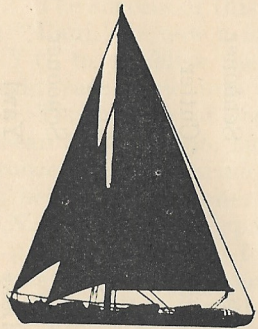
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## ENTRIES

Sail No.	Yacht	Yacht Club	Owner	Rig	L.O.A.
CYC43	ELLIDA	Cruising Yacht Club	J. Halliday	Sloop	34 ft.
2	FORTUNA	Royal Prince Alfred Y.C.	W. Fesq	Cutter	37 ft.
M19	IRENE	Lake Macquarie Y.C.	H. & W. Hughes	Schooner	41 ft.
	KATWINCHAR	Royal Naval S.A.	E. J. Mossop	Ketch	32 ft.
CYC22	LAHARA	Port Moresby Aquatic Club	D. N. Ashton	Sloop	34 ft.
89	LASS O'LUSS	Cruising Yacht Club	J. Colquhoun	Cutter	41 ft.
CYC5	MARGARET RINTOUL	Cruising Yacht Club	A. W. Edwards	Yawl	44 ft.
122	NIMBUS	Royal Prince Alfred Y.C.	A. L. Cohen	Cutter	34 ft.
CYC14	NIRVANA	Cruising Yacht Club	S. G. Heaton	Cutter	64 ft.
CYC3	NOCTURNE	Cruising Yacht Club	J. R. Bull	Cutter	35 ft.
SA4	PAVANA	Pt. Lincoln Y.C. (S.A.)	G. Mayne	Schooner	52 ft.
B16	RANGI	Royal Akarana Y.C. (N.Z.)	M. Anthony	Cutter	38 ft.
CYC54	SOLVEIG	Cruising Yacht Club	T. & M. Halvorsen	Sloop	36 ft.
117	STRUEN MARIE	Cruising Yacht Club	T. A. Williamson	Sloop	35 ft.
B18	WANDERER	Royal Y.C. of Tasmania	E. Massey	Schooner	47 ft.
CYC7	WAYFARER	Cruising Yacht Club	P. M. Luke	Yawl	40 ft.

## Types of Yachts

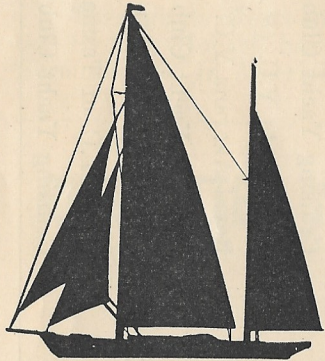


CUTTER

One mast,  
two or more headsails.

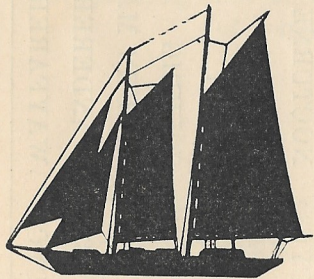
SLOOP

One mast. One headsail.



KETCH

Two masts.  
After mast (mizzen) stepped forward of rudder stock.



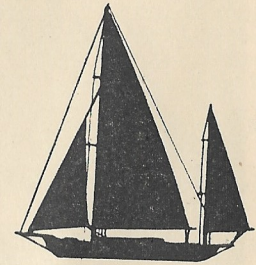
SCHOONER

Two masts, of which the larger (mainmast) is stepped aft.

## According to Rig

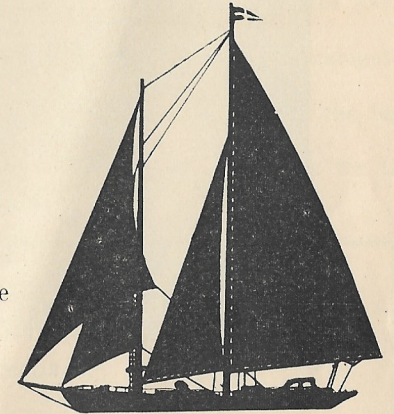
YAWL

Two masts.  
After mast (mizzen) smaller than in ketch and stepped aft of rudderstock.



STAY SAIL SCHOONER

Two masts as schooner. Difference is in sail between two masts.



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## Principal Trophies

1. *R.O.R.C. Trophy*.—Presented by the Royal Ocean Racing Club as a trophy for the Sydney-Hobart race. To be held by the winner on corrected time for twelve months. Won in 1946 by Mr. J. R. Bull's "Christina"; in 1947 and 1948 by Mr. George Gibson's "Westward"; in 1949 by Mr. M. E. Davey's "Trade Winds" and in 1950 by Mr. C. P. Haselgrove's "Nerida."

2. *Tattersall's Cup*.—Presented by the Executors of the Estate of the late George Adams as a trophy for the Sydney-Hobart race. To be held for twelve months by the club nominating the winning yacht on corrected time. A replica of the Derwent Light is presented annually to the owner of the winning yacht. Won in 1946 by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia nominating Mr. J. R. Bull's "Christina"; in 1947 and 1948 by the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania nominating Mr. George Gibson's "Westward"; in 1949 by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia nominating Mr. M. E. Davey's "Trade Winds," and at present held by the Royal

South Australian Yacht Squadron, being won in 1950 by Mr. C. P. Haselgrove's "Nerida."

3. *J. H. Illingworth Cup*.—Presented by Captain John H. Illingworth, R.N., as a trophy for the Sydney-Hobart race. To be held for twelve months by the first yacht across the line. A replica is presented to the owner. Won in 1945 by Captain Illingworth's "Rani"; in 1946, 1947 and 1948 by Sir Claude Plowman's "Morna"; in 1949 by Mr. P. R. Davenport's "Waltzing Matilda," and in 1950 by Mr. A. W. Edwards' "Margaret Rintoul."

4. *£100*.—Presented by the Government of Tasmania for winner or corrected time.

5. *£50*.—Presented by the Hobart Municipal Council for the yacht placed second on corrected time.

6. *"Archina Cup"*.—Presented by Mr. P. G. Goldstein for the yacht placed third on corrected time.

7. *Navigator's Trophy*.—Presented by Mr. G. W. Rex for the navigator of the first yacht on corrected time.

8. Trophy presented by Mr. S. Berg for the yacht logging the best day's run during the race.

9. *"Galley Slave's Trophy"*.—Presented by Mr. M. E. Davey for the cook on the last yacht to finish.

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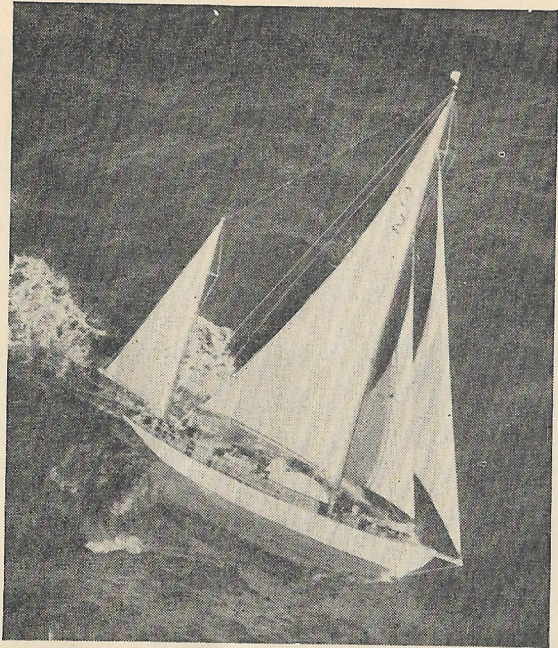
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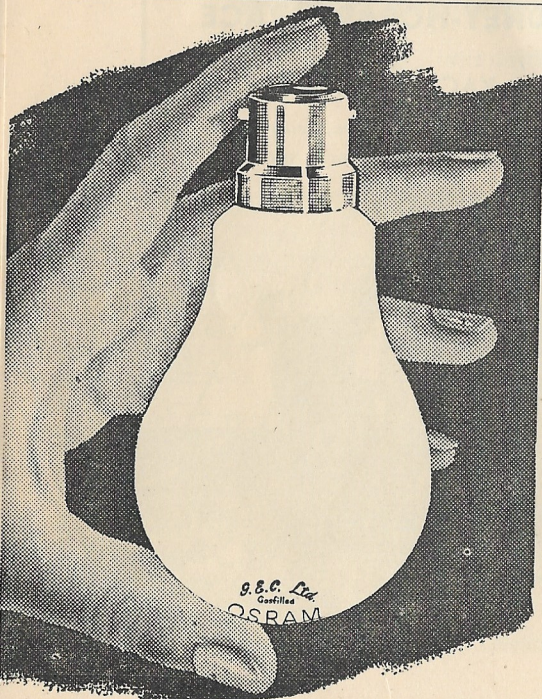
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