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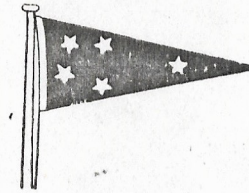
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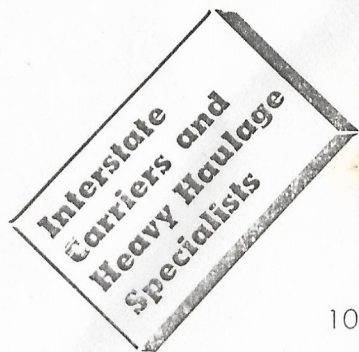
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Ocean Racing in Australia

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

Prior to this, one or two attempts were made to organise blue water races but owing to the contestants meeting bad weather several of these early races were abandoned.

In later years, both in Australia and New Zealand one or two other attempts were made to stage ocean races but it was not until December, 1945, when the newly formed Cruising Yacht Club of Australia introduced the now world famous Sydney-Hobart race, that Australian Yachtsmen got their first taste of regular organised ocean racing.

When the Club 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 were also enthusiastic at the idea and with the promise from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania of that body's full support and co-operation, the Cruising Yacht Club went ahead with its preparations and the date for the start was set down for Boxing Day of December, 1945.

At this stage the Club was fortunate in having as an honorary member Capt. J. H. Illingworth, a British naval officer who was stationed in Sydney at the time. Capt. Illingworth was at that time a member of the Committee of the Royal Racing Club of Great Britain and his experience and advice proved invaluable, particularly in regard to the use of the R.O.R.C. system of handicapping which the Club adopted and introduced to Australia for the first time.

Rules compelling the carrying by the yachts of 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 forecasts and the broadcasting stations for daily news bulletins was sought and obtained and with nine yachts crossing the starting line at 11 a.m. on December 26th, 1945, the 680 miles race was under way.

The success of this race, which was won by Capt. Illingworth in "Rani," is now a matter of history and with the decision of the Cruising Yacht Club to establish the race as an annual event, Australia's great yachting classic came into being.

Following on this decision the Royal Ocean Racing Club honoured the Club by donating the R.O.R.C. Trophy—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. Capt. Illingworth also donated a trophy for the first yacht to finish. In addition to this the Estate of the Late George Adams presented an extremely handsome "Tattersall Cup," a silver trophy valued at some hundreds of pounds, for inter-club competitions, whilst the Tasmanian Government very generously donated a cash prize of £100 for the outright winner.

With these and other trophies and continual improvements in the organisation the race attracted increasing public attention until to-day the event is firmly established as a highlight in Australia's sporting programme.

In its short life the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia by its enterprise and courage has done much to bring ocean yacht racing in Australia to the level of popularity it enjoys in other parts of the world. In a few short years it has grown from a small organisation of a few dozen members to a Club which has achieved world recognition and affiliation throughout Australia.

Cups and Trophies

ILLINGWORTH CUP: 1st over the finishing line. Presented by Capt. J. H. Illingworth, R.N.

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R.O.R.C. CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner on corrected time. Presented by the Royal Ocean Racing Club.

£100 CASH: Winner on corrected time. Presented by the Tasmanian Government.

£50 CASH: Winner on corrected time. Presented by the Hobart City Council.

"MOONBI" CUP: 2nd on corrected time. Presented by Hal Evans.

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PREVIOUS WINNERS

1945-46—"RANI" (N.S.W.). Cutter: 34-foot. Capt. J. H. Illingworth, R.N. Elapsed Time: 6-14-22-0. Corrected Time: 4-9-38-0.

1946-47—"CHRISTINA" (N.S.W.). Cutter: 34-foot. J. B. Bull. Elapsed Time: 6-18-51-15. Corrected Time: 4-11-53-57.

1947-48—"WESTWARD" (Tas.). Cutter: 42-foot. George Gibson. Elapsed Time: 5-13-19-4. Corrected Time: 4-0-24-56.

Competing Yachts

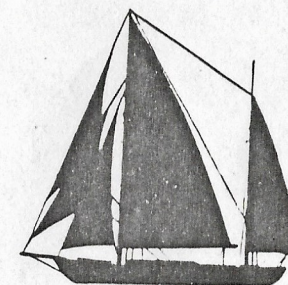
ALICE (N.S.W.)

SAIL No.: CYC 28.

RIG: Yawl. **L.O.A.:** 45 ft.

SKIPPER: J. Callahan.

CREW: J. Keown, Jack Parcel, Harry Johnston, Des O'Connell, Tom Ball, Alan Parkins, L. M. Morris.



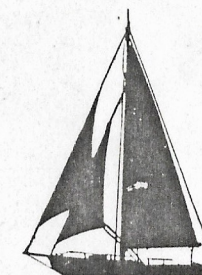
ALOHA (N.S.W.)

SAIL No.: CYC 47.

RIG: Cutter. **L.O.A.:** 31 ft.

SKIPPER: J. A. Clark.

CREW: M. Butler, C. Lithgow, A. Campbell, D. Heath.



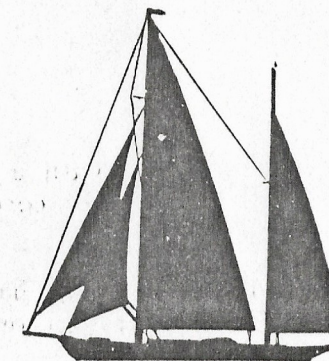
ARCHINA (N.S.W.)

SAIL No.: CYC 20.

RIG: Bm. Ketch. **L.O.A.:** 52 ft.

SKIPPER: P. G. Goldstein.

CREW: K. Chapman, A. Mitchell, J. Doyle, P. Green, K. Christensen, K. Vaughan.



Method of Handicapping

Yachts taking part in the Sydney-Hobart Race are handicapped according to a formula which has been developed over a large number of years by The Royal Ocean Racing Club of Great Britain and introduced into Australia by The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

This system, which has proved very successful, is applied in the following manner—

Of each yacht, measurements are taken, which include length, beam, depth, freeboard, thickness and materials of construction, height of masts, area of sails, etc. Bonuses are given on seaworthy features and penalties taken for undesirable ones.

The R.O.R.C. formula resolves all these measurements down to a figure called the Time Correction Factor, which is then fixed for each yacht.

To determine the placing in the race, this factor, called T.C.F., is multiplied by the elapsed time of the yacht to obtain the corrected time. The yacht with the shortest corrected time is the winner of the race.

For example—

Yacht "A" with a T.C.F. of .8000 takes 100 hours to sail a race. Her corrected time is $100 \times .8000 = 80$ hours.

Yacht "B" with a T.C.F. of .7000 takes 110 hours. Her corrected time is $110 \times .7000 = 77$ hours.

Thus Yacht "B" has beaten "A" by 3 hours on handicap, although she finished 10 hours later.

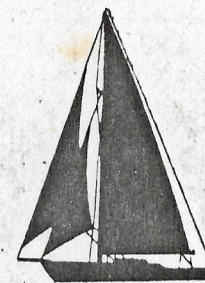
GYMEA (N.S.W.)

SAIL No.: 66

RIG: Sloop. L.O.A.: 32 ft.

SKIPPER: G. L. Carter.

CREW: Ron Du Chateau (mate), C. Phipps, Alan Butler, Douglas Milne, George Arnold.



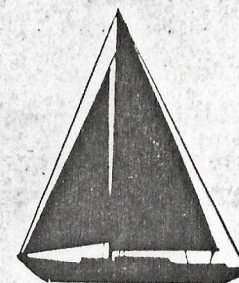
LASS O' LUSS (N.S.W.)

SAIL No.: 89.

RIG: Sloop. L.O.A.: 42 ft.

SKIPPER: J. Colquhoun.

CREW: A. C. Read, C. R. Kiel, J. Alderton, A. Goddard, M. E. A. Carson, Roy Gibson.



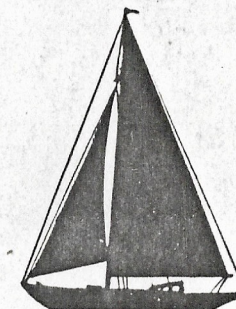
MERLAN (Vic.)

SAIL No. G 1.

RIG: Sloop. L.O.A.: 43 ft.

SKIPPER: W. L. Curtis.

CREW: E. Walker (mate), T. M. Curtis, S. Chamberlain (navigator), B. Ferris, N. Johnstone, A. Macglashin, N. Tomkins.



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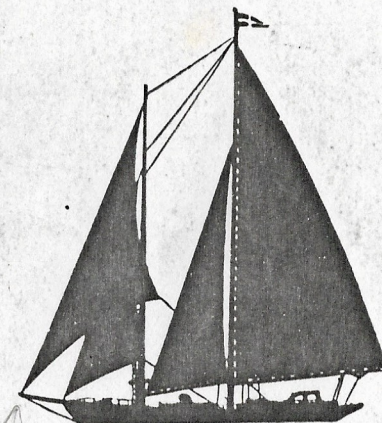
MISTRAL II. (N.S.W.)

SAIL No.: CYC 59.

RIG: Marconi Staysail Schooner.
L.O.A.: 64 ft.

SKIPPER: Frank Barlow.
OWNER: R. F. Evans.

CREW: R. F. Evans, Mick York and
Tony Cohen (mates), M.
Hordern and N. Tanner
(navigators), G. Paton, B.
Chirlian, R. Duffield, R. Dil-
lon, M. Schweig, John Mor-
ris, M. Paul, Peter Morris
(cook), Jackson Sussman.



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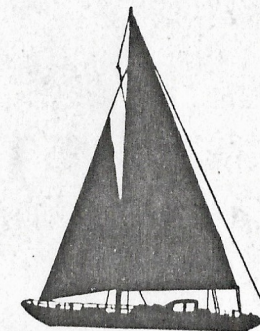
MISTRAL V. (Tas.)

SAIL No.: C 20

RIG: Cutter. L.O.A.: 47 ft.

SKIPPER: Guy Rex.

CREW: J. Palmer (mate), B. Close,
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chorn, M. E. Hansen, R. G.
N. King, A. M. Stuart.



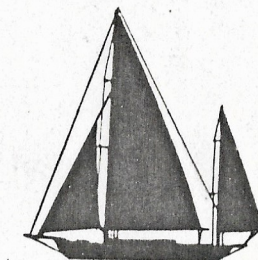
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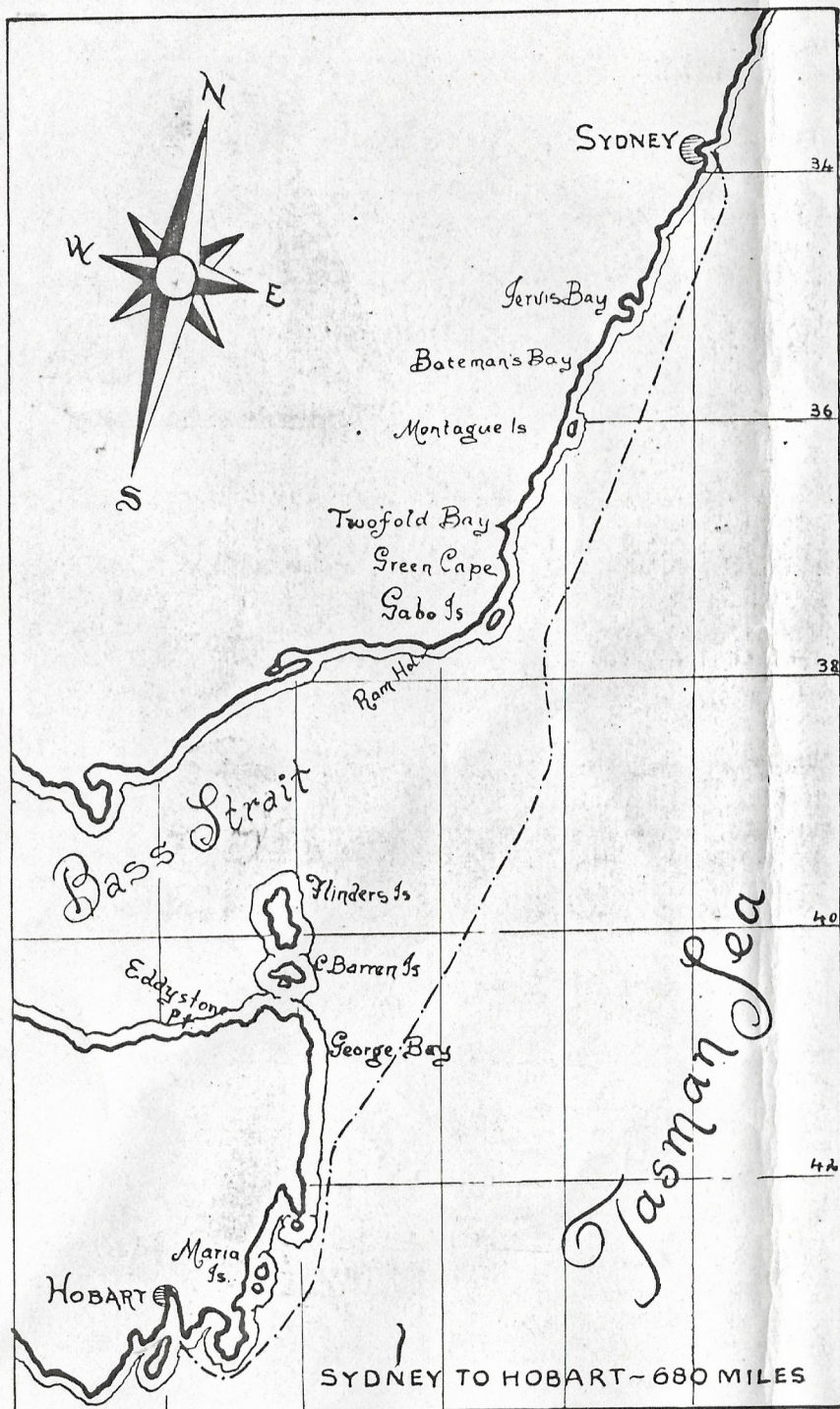
SAIL No.: CYC 1.

RIG: Yawl. L.O.A.: 34 ft.

SKIPPER: Harold S. Evans.

CREW: William Gordon, Ken Smith,
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son, Harold Shepherd, Wil-
liam Gordon, Snr.





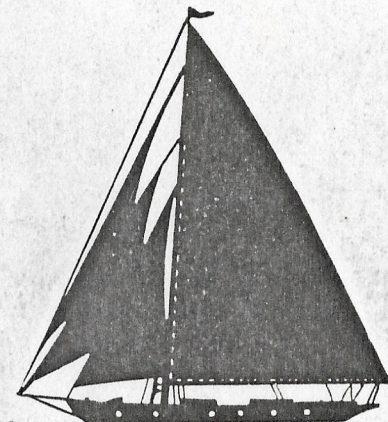
MORNA (N.S.W.)

SAIL No.: 4.

RIG: Cutter. **L.O.A.:** 65 ft.

SKIPPER: Claude Plowman.

CREW: Ron Kellaway, Ron, Don and Douglas Robertson, Jim Wishart, Dave Higgins, Dave Lavery, Dave Solomon, Tony Grey, Howard Amos, Danny Stewart, George Evans, George Ryrie, John Goddard.



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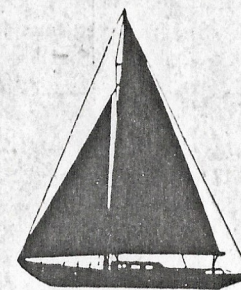
NELL GWYN (Tas.)

SAIL No.: C 39.

RIG: Cutter. **L.O.A.:** 41 ft.

SKIPPER: R. F. Hickman.

CREW: D. Colburn, I. Williams, H. Hallan, N. Attrill, J. Hickman, W. Hull, B. Machin.



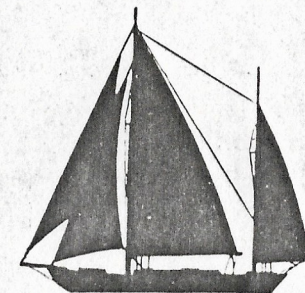
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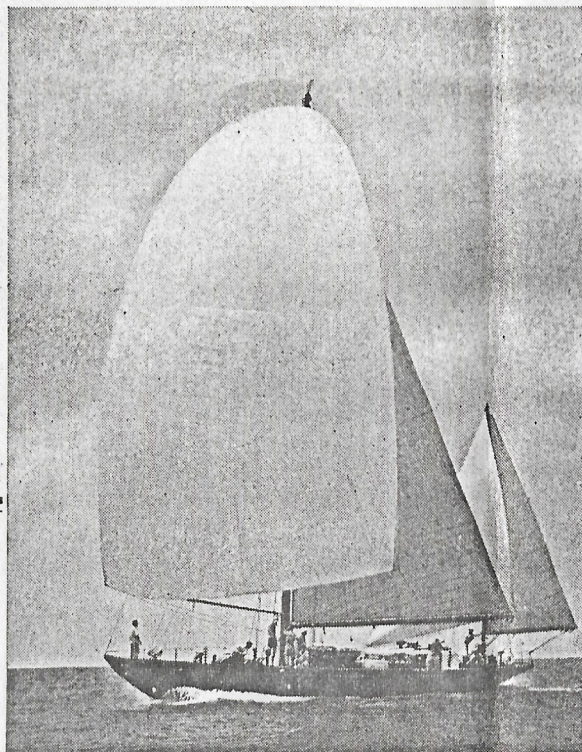
SAIL No.: SA 2.

RIG: Bm. Yawl. **L.O.A.:** 45 ft.

SKIPPER: C. P. Haselgrove.

CREW: W. Fesq (mate), J. Taylor, C. Vincent, D. Haselgrove, I. Smith, J. Powell.





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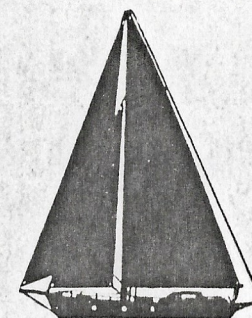
PEER GYNT (N.S.W.)

SAIL No.: CYC 54.

RIG: Cutter. **L.O.A.:** 36 ft.

SKIPPERS: T. and M. Halvorsen.

CREW: Carl Halvorsen, Stan Darling, Thor Gauslaa, John Downton, William Strain.



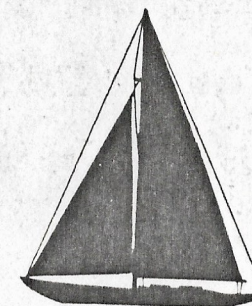
SANDRA (Tas.)

SAIL No.: R 8.

RIG: Cutter. **L.O.A.:** 48 ft.

SKIPPER: M. M. Creese.

CREW: H. Creese, R. Creese, E. T. Domeney, G. Hopkins, T. Fergusson, R. Montgomery.



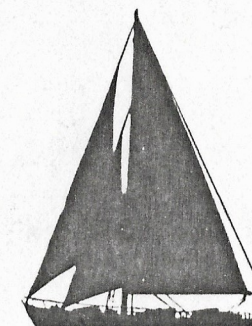
SEEVOGEL (S.A.)

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RIG: Cutter. **L.O.A.:** 48 ft.

SKIPPER: W. Harris.

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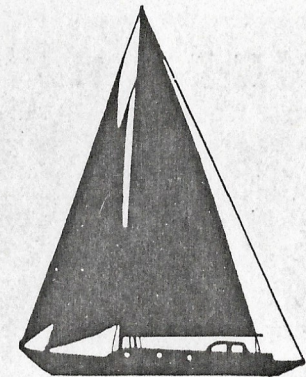
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SAIL No.: C 46.

RIG: Cutter. L.O.A.: 54 ft.

SKIPPER: T. W. Trautwein.

CREW: David Gordon, Bruce Gordon,
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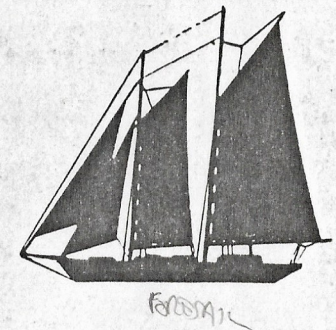
WANDERER (Tas.)

SAIL No.: K 1.

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RIG: Schooner. L.O.A.: 46 ft.

SKIPPER: Eric Massey.

CREW: G. Massey, J. Philp, M. Graham,
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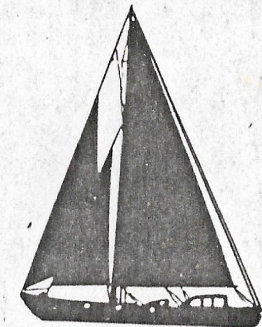
WESTWARD (Tas.)

SAIL No.: C 31.

RIG: Cutter. L.O.A.: 41 ft.

SKIPPER: G. D. Gibson.

CREW: W. Foster, K. Garrod, W. and J. Muir, D. Job, J. Benetto.



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