# Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 2019 – Boat Profiles

* Correct at 18 December 2019

**2 UNLIMITED**
**SAIL NO**: AUS615
**LOA**: 12.4m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2002
**TYPE**: Farr 40 mod
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Greg Prescott
**CLUB**: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania/Derwent Sailing Squadron, Tas
**CREW**: Greg Prescott (28) – Skipper, Drew Meincke (20) Navigator, Alastair Sayers (4), Ben Wells (10), Claire Cunningham (3), Lachlan Prescott, Nick Dineen (3), Oliver Nicholas (5), Rowan Clark (1)

A tough race for Greg 'Enzo' Prescott last year; a broken rudder forced 2 Unlimited out of the race, so close to home on the Tasmanian coast, while doing well overall. This year Prescott's son Lachlan can join the crew. He just missed the cut last year, turning 18 in January – a month too late. The Tasmanian is on his 29th Hobart, and before buying this Farr 40, last raced to Hobart on Shogun in 2012. This boat is Martin and Lisa Hill's ex 'Estate Master', which he purchased in 2018, stiffening it up for offshore and IRC racing. Prescott renamed the boat '2 Unlimited', in deference to his successful Melges 32 and SB20 one-design boats of the same name.

**ABBOTTS VAMP**
**SAIL NO**: 43218
**LOA**: 14.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: John Corby (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2002
**TYPE**: Corby 49
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: David Fuller
**SKIPPERS**: Paul Eldrid/Chris Higham
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Paul Eldrid (6) – Skipper, Chris Higham – Skipper, Bryan Northcote (16) – Navigator, Nathan Wilmot (3), Darren Palmer (2), David Ward (19), Jeffrey Lenton (3), Joshua Wijohn, Neville Bagot, Rees Howell (4), Robert Senior (2), Stuart Broom (13), Vanessa Bagot, Christian Stevens

Former world champion sailor Paul Eldrid is joined by respected Western Australian sailor Chris Higham (his company Abbotts lends its name to the boat) who have borrowed Vamp from CYCA Past Commodore, David Fuller. The team will be boosted by Olympic gold medallist and former world champion, Nathan Wilmot and veteran Sydney navigator Bryan Northcote. With Eldrid, the trio were lynchpins aboard Indian in the 2017 race south. Joining them are talented and experienced sailors from WA, NSW and New Zealand with many of them regularly racing together including several past Hobart races. The Corby 49 last went to Hobart in 2011 when Fuller loaned her to Peter Wrigley, who finished 26th overall and won Division 2. With the late Roger Hickman OAM as sailing master, Vamp placed ninth overall and second in Division 2 in 2010.

**ABOUT TIME**

**SAIL NO**: 7700
**LOA**: 15.4m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: Cookson 50
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 7
**OWNER**: Julian Farren-Price
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Julian Farren-Price – Skipper, Julie Hodder (12) Navigator, Chris Rockell (21), Craig Poyser, Ian McDiarmid, Jacqueline Sapir, Michael Coffee, Murray Chaffer, Rhys Jones, Robert Speedy (11), Sam Dickson, Scott Schutz, Trevor Baillie, Jameson Coombes

Julian Farren-Price is a household name in Australia as a jeweller and in sailing, swapping business suits for sailing attire at the weekends. The Sydney yachtsman famously won an unprecedented 10 CYCA Ocean Pointscore Series' with his former About Time, a Cookson 12. "After 17 wonderful years, it was 'about time' for a new challenge, and what better than a Cookson 12 than a Cookson 50," says Farren-Price, who is happy with their second places in the last two OPS series'. This boat is the former Living Doll/Shogun/Terra Firma, which last raced to Hobart in 2016, as Terra Firma, and finished 31st overall for fourth in Division 1. Farren-Price sailed her to second in Division 2 in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Race and eighth overall in September's Flinders Islet Race.

**ABRACADABRA**
**SAIL NO**: 5612
**LOA**: 14.3m
**CLASS**: PHS/Corinthian – PHS
**DESIGNER**: Bill Tripp (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1991
**TYPE**: Tripp 47
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 9
**OWNER**: James Murchison
**CLUB**: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW
**CREW**: James Murchison (12) – Skipper/Navigator, David Hosken, Patrick Tanner (3), James Francis (10), Peter Craig (5), Kelly Righton, Aaron Beasley (3), Benjamin Creighton, Mitch Croak (3), Chris Greenhalgh (3), Bob Paton (4)

A regular Sydney Hobart competitor, James Murchison missed last year's race, but finished sixth in PHS and second in Division 1 in 2017, after placing PHS eighth and sixth in Division 2 in 2016. Abracadabra scored her best result in 2015, when Murchison skippered his PHS Division 2 boat to PHS victory, defeating all Division 1 boats in the process. The Tripp 47 finished seventh in 1996. All her other Hobarts were sailed under PHS for 13th in 2006, 18th in 2008, 14th in 2010, seventh in 2012 and 10th in 2014. Murchison has also contested the Melbourne Osaka double handed race amongst others. Abracadabra finished PHS third in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast race.

**ACTIVE AGAIN**
**SAIL NUMBER**: JPN4321
**LOA**: 16.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Rob Humphreys (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2010
**TYPE**: Humphreys 54
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: Stephanie Kerin
**CLUB**: Wynnum-Manly Yacht Club, Qld
**CREW**: Stephanie Kerin (2) – Skipper, Chris Evans (2), Daniel Farmer (1), David Jackson, Jamie Pirret (3), Jaric Thorning, Josh Belsham, Michael Kilgus, Peter Wright (10), Robin Bakker (2), Rod Severn (1), Scott Cunningham, Stephen Kerin (2), Taylor Rose (1), Xavier Doerr

Stephanie Kerin returns with the former KLC Bengal 7, which was previously campaigned in this race by Japan's Yoshihiko Murase. It finished 12th overall in 2012, retired with main damage in 2015 and was 58th in

2016. It was also seriously campaigned in Japan and Asia with many wins. Kerin has rebadged the boat 'Active Again', and previously competed in the 2015 and 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobarts with her DK46, Dekadence, which was forced out in 2015 with electronic problems. She finished 53rd overall in 2016, to claim the Jane Tate Memorial Trophy for the first female skipper to finish. It was a special moment for Kerin and her husband Stephen, who are originally from Tasmania. She is looking forward to the 75th Sydney Hobart, as her father competed in the 50th.

**ADMIRAL**
**SAIL NO**: 7272
**LOA**: 11.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1999
**TYPE**: Sydney 38
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Steve Piper
**CLUB**: Drummoyne Sailing Club, NSW
**CREW**: Steve Piper – Skipper, James Cameron (4) – Navigator, Helen Springer, Aaron Chandler, Celine-Eva Devos, Ivan Fitzgerald (1), Andy Pamflett (1), Jean-Charles Ledun, Ben Hobbs, Andrew Thyrd, Marco Bergamaschi, Brian Hood

Steve Piper mainly races Admiral out of Drummoyne Sailing Club where he has enjoyed success. He has also done many CYCA series and races, including the Winter Series. More recently, Piper contested the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in which he finished 52nd overall and third in the Sydney 38 division. Admiral will join six others of the same design, which will give her good performance benchmarks. This boat is the former Shortcircuit 8 and Andrew Short Marine Mercury, which did the 2002 Rolex Sydney Hobart and finished 20th overall.

**AIRSTREAM**
**SAIL NO**: 6597
**LOA**: 12.3m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Berret Racoupeau Yacht Design (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2006
**TYPE**: Wauquiez Centurion 40s
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Warwick Taylor
**CLUB**: Royal Motor Yacht Club Port Hacking, NSW
**CREW**: Warwick Taylor – Skipper, Keagan Davis, Craig Brown, Ben Hobbs, Josh Linnegar (1), John Davis, Alison Higgins, Anssi Paatero, Cyntia Franco

Airstream is one of a throng of first-time Rolex Sydney Hobart entrants. Warwick Taylor says his Wauquiez Centurion 40s is for the non-professional who likes a challenge and wants to get the most of what is there. However, he also points out that he and the crew are competitive and like keeping tabs on the competition without getting too carried away! This is a comfortable well-built 40-foot yacht from the southern suburbs of Sydney that will go the distance in the 628-nautical-mile Rolex Sydney Hobart. She did the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast race and finished 49th overall.

**ALIVE**
**SAIL NO**: 52566
**LOA**: 20.24m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: Reichel Pugh 66
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: Phillip Turner
**SKIPPER**: Duncan Hine
**CLUB**: Derwent Sailing Squadron, Tas

**CREW**: Duncan Hine (5) – Skipper, Andrew Cape (15) – Navigator, Phillip Turner (4), Marco Carpinello (6), William Tiller (2), Stewart Dodson, Josh Salthouse, Shane Gaddes (6), Richard McGarvie (11), Luke Watkins (2), William Mackenzie (3), Brad Farrand, Nicolai Sehested

Phil Turner and crew won the race last year. In July, they finished second on line in the Transpac Race for second overall in Division 1. The former Stark Raving Mad/Black Jack was bought by Turner in 2014, and renamed Alive, finished 72nd in the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart, then 17th overall in 2016. The RP66 broke the 2014 Melbourne Vanuatu record, won IRC Division 0 in the 2015 Hong Kong Vietnam Race and took line honours and broke the 16-year-old Rolex China Sea Race record to finish second overall. Alive also won the 2016 Brisbane Keppel race, placing third over the line to super maxis Wild Oats XI and Black Jack. Finished second on line and third overall in the 2017 Brisbane Gladstone Race and third on line in the subsequent Brisbane Keppel race. In 2012, as Black Jack, the canting keeled yacht recorded the second-fastest time in the Sydney Gold Coast, behind Wild Oats XI. The Reichel Pugh's are famously very narrow boats, well suited to running, or light conditions.

**ALLEGRO**
**SAIL NO**: 6723
**LOA**: 20.3m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Warwick Yacht Design (NZL)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2006
**TYPE**: Warwick 67
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: Adrian Lewis
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Adrian Lewis (9) – Skipper, Sarah Lewis (4) - Navigator, Glenn Scheen (6) – 2IC, Matthew Shepherd (4), Paul Whybird (7), Tim Humphris (9), Sam Hand (6)

Adrian Lewis has become a regular to the Rolex Sydney Hobart and with this Allegro finished PHS sixth last year, much improving on his previous results in 2016 and 2014. Early last year, Lewis and Glenn Scheen finished second over the line and PHS seventh in the 5500nm double-handed Melbourne Osaka race from Melbourne to Japan. Allegro is a combination of luxury and carbon fibre, a comfortable boat for the longstanding crew of family and friends.

**ANGER MANAGEMENT FLG**
**SAIL NO**: 6836
**LOA**: 13.4m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: J&J Yachts (SLO)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2009
**TYPE**: Salona 44
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Tim Stewart
**CLUB**: Esperance Bay Yacht Club, WA
**CREW**: Tim Stewart (1) – Skipper, Mark Quinlivan (1), Collin Maloney (1), Stuart McIntyre (1), Robbie Johnston (1), Chris Ratcliff (1), Todd Quinlivan, Kyle Brealey, David Swan

The fun team from the Salona 44, Anger Management, are back after having had a taste finishing 36th overall last year. In June 2018, Tim Stewart reported on his and Anger Management's upcoming first Sydney Hobart, "Well it's starting to look like we are really doing this." He had started the spending process and completed the sea survival course and radio ticket. The Western Australian is wiser and more prepared this year: "We're back for another crack after finally crossing this race off the bucket list. Apart from being on the other side of the country, the boat is ready to go, and the boys are hoping to make Hobart a bit quicker this year- so we can tuck into the cold stuff at Customs House."

**ANOTHER PAINKILLER**
**SAIL NO**: 7447
**LOA**: 13.4m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)

**YEAR BUILT:** 2004
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 44.7
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 6
**OWNER**: Rod West
**CLUB**: Southport Yacht Club, Qld
**CREW**: Rod West (6) – Skipper, Graham Costello – Navigator, Barry Berg, Chris Mazur (2), Christopher Leahy, Jessamy Schoonenberg, Matthew Ward, Nicole West, Rob Wibaux, Rohan Birch

Another Painkiller is a well campaigned Beneteau 44.7 sailed by an eclectic crew from the Southport Yacht Club (SYC). Another Painkiller is currently the SYC Offshore Club champion. She last raced to Hobart in 2017 finishing in the middle of the fleet. More recently she raced in this year's Noakes Sydney Gold Coast. Another Painkiller was formerly known as Alacrity and her best Hobart result was a 16th overall and third in Division D in 2006. Rod West Another Painkiller's Skipper competed in 50th Hobart and plans to bookend this with the 75th. He is joined this year by his daughter Nicole and another father and daughter combo, Barry and Jess Berg. Objectives for this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart include beating SYC rival Ocean Gem and old Army mate Shane Kearns (Komatsu Azzurro).

**ARCADIA**
**SAIL NO**: S17
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Joubert/Nivelt (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Archambault 40 RC
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Peter (PJ) Davison
**CLUB**: Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Vic
**CREW**: PJ Davison (4) – Skipper, Ian Lyall (1) – Navigator, John Rea (4), Alan Watkins (1), Barry Wilson (1), Eduardo Haro, George Hall, Nicklas Werneman (1), Tim Starkey

In her maiden Rolex Sydney Hobart last year, PJ Davison's Arcadia finished 64th overall. The Archambault 40 racer/cruiser enjoyed a short but successful sailing stint over Geelong Festival of Sails 2016 before undergoing a thorough overhaul and upgrade in readiness to be to be campaigned regularly in Bay regattas in Victoria, and the ORCV ocean circuit. She is a regular competitor in local waters and finished third in the ORCVs Offshore Series for 2016-2017, won the 2017 Melbourne to Hobart Sovereign Series overall and was fifth in 2018 Melbourne Stanley Race. More recently, the Melbourne yacht won the 2019 ORCV Winter Series on AMS was sixth in Division 2 in the Melbourne to King Island Race and fifth on AMS in the qualifying race to Stanley in November. They will have good competition with the other production 40 footers in the race.

**ARCH RIVAL**
**SAIL NO**: 415
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS
**DESIGNER**: Inglis/Jones (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1995
**TYPE**: Inglis/Jones 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Steve Connors
**SKIPPER**: Felicity Nelson/Alex Seja
**CLUB**: Drummoyne Sailing Club, NSW
**CREW**: Felicity Nelson (23) – Skipper, Alex Seja (16) - Skipper, Lauren Connors (1) - Navigator, Andrew Byrne (7), Emma Byrne, Niall Kinch (1), Sean Robertson, William King (1)

Arch Rival is an Inglis design optimised by Don Jones. Her owner, Steve Connors, sailed her to ninth PHS in 2017, and had her entered last year with Felicity Nelson (23 Hobarts) and Alex Seja (16 Hobarts) taking over the boat with Connors' daughter Lauren aboard, but they withdrew to resolve some boat issues. Nelson, in particular, was devastated, as it denied her sailing her 25th race this year. Instead it will be her 24th. Arch Rival finished 36th in ORCi in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast. In October, finished PHS

third and ORCi 13th in the Newcastle Bass Island Race. Nelson, Seja and Connors are looking forward to making the start this year. The boat was originally Rouseabout III when owned by Victorian John Rouse.

**AUDACIOUS**
**SAIL NO**: SA332
**LOA**: 11.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2002
**TYPE**: Sydney 38
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 7
**OWNER**: Stuart Johnson
**CLUB**: Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, SA
**CREW**: Stuart Johnson – Skipper, John Jagodnik, Mary-Ann Harvey, Simone Fejer, Bob Colman (2), William Vejo, Antonio Zanin (1), Colin Gale, Glen Barker, Guy Wogan-Provo

South Australian Stuart Johnson has entered this Sydney 38, and has raced her competitively in the South Australian Offshore Series, including the Island Cup, Haystack Island Race, Orontes Race, the Adelaide Port Lincoln race, in which they finished AMS 4th overall in the series last season. Originally one of Bruce Taylor's Chutzpahs (No. 5), who raced her five times in the Rolex Sydney Hobart with great results: 2002 (fifth overall – second in division); 2003 (fourth – second in division); 2004 (10th - third in division, won S38 division); 2005 (27th- second in division), but retired from the 2006 race. Greg Clinnick and Paul Holden purchased the boat, renamed her Audacious and raced her to 64th overall in the 2008 Rolex Sydney Hobart and 48th in 2013.

**AUDERE**
**SAIL NO**: B454
**LOA**: 13.7m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS/IRC
**DESIGNER**: Philippe Briand (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 45
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: John Cain
**CLUB**: Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: John Cain (8) – Skipper, Mark Judd (1) – Navigator, Andrew Churcher, Dan Nestel (4), Elizabeth Cain (1), Emily Cain (1), Jack Cresswell (1), Jenny Wright (1), Richard McKeon, Simon Youl (1)

After their debut in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart, John Cain, Jenny Wright and their daughters Beth and Milly will return with the aim to improve on last year and try their luck in the Corinthian division. Throughout 2019, Audere has been racing out of Royal Brighton Yacht Club, and ORCV offshore series. The crew are a group of family friends who had joined the Cain's for casual sailing in 2017 and all jumped at the opportunity to enhance their experience in the ocean and race to Hobart. With a year's more experience under their belt the crew are looking forward to the race this year and a finish amongst the other five First 45's in this year's fleet. Originally known as Patrice IV, this Beneteau First 45 was launched by South Australian Gary Tucker in 2011 and raced to Hobart that year. The yacht again raced to Hobart in 2014 after being renamed Audere by then-owner Tasmanian Michael Pritchard.

**BANTER**
**SAIL NO**: 6669
**LOA**: 13.7m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Philippe Briand (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2009
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 45
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Mark Jacobsen
**CLUB**: Sunshine Coast Yacht Club, Qld
**CREW**: Mark (Jake) Jacobsen – Skipper, Piers Dudin (4) – Skipper, Mark Browning – Navigator, Greg Sanderson, Ben Clarke, Daniel Scott, Michael Tom Johnston (2)

Launched in February 2009, this is the former Carbon Credits which was introduced to offshore racing in the 2009 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, finishing 11th in IRC Division 3, when owned by NSW yachtsman Trevor Bailey. He did just one Rolex Sydney Hobart with it, in 2012, and finished 44th overall. Queensland yachtsman, Jake, is the current owner and races the Beneteau First 45 he renamed Banter in local races out of Sunshine Coast Yacht Club. Since owning Banter Jake has Raced in the 2019 Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and the inaugural Brisbane to Hamilton Island Yacht Race. Banter will have some keen competition with some other Beneteau 45s in the fleet; Audere, Black Sheep, Dreki Sunnan, Highly Sprung and Scamp.

**BLACK JACK**
**SAIL NO**: 525100
**LOA**: 30.46m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: 100ft Super Maxi
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: Peter Harburg
**SKIPPER**: Mark Bradford
**CLUB**: Yacht Club de Monaco, Monaco
**CREW**: Mark Bradford (12) – Skipper, Tom Addis (14) - Navigator, Peter Harburg (8), Brad Butterworth (2), Vaughan Prentice (11), Darren Hutchison (12), Bruce Clark (27), Anthony Nossiter (18), Shane Dunne (2), Alex Nolan (8), John Flannery (16), Simon Daubney (6), Dean Phipps (2), Chris Anderson (8), Liam Woulfe (5), Scott Beavis (10), Will McCarthy (14), Joca Signorini (1)

In a thriller, Black Jack crossed the line second after a race-long battle with the other supers in 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart – the four arriving in the Derwent River with only four miles between them and took line honours in the 2018 and 2019 Brisbane Gladstone races. This time, Black Jack will sail under the Yacht Club de Monaco burgee; a first for the race. This boat is the former Alfa Romeo/Esimit Europa, which took line honours from Wild Oats XI in the 2009 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Peter Harburg bought and renamed her Black Jack in mid-2017 and finished 3mins 31secs behind Wild Oats XI in the 2017 Sydney Gold Coast race – the closest finish in 15 years. In the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart, she placed third on line, inside Perpetual Loyal's 2016 record. In 2018, Black Jack took line honours from Wild Oats XI, Comanche and InfoTrack in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast in the moderate conditions she was built for.

Under her former names, the RP100 claimed 150 plus line honours wins around the world and broke the 2009 Transpac Race record. Before buying this boat, Harburg enjoyed success with other Black Jacks; including with the boat that won the Rolex Sydney Hobart last year for Tasmania, renamed Alive, and a modified VOR70 previously known as Telefonica.

**BLACK SHEEP**
**SAIL NO**: 33345
**LOA**: 13.7m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Philippe Briand (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 45
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 6
**OWNERS**: Matthew Pilkington/Rob Gourlay
**CLUB**: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Tas
**CREW**: Rob Gourlay (1) – Skipper, Matthew Pilkington (1) - Skipper, Richard Hewson (4) - Navigator, Mathew Cubit (6), Justin Wells (7), Matthew Johnston (3), Nick Darlow (1), Richard Parker (6), Tim Cubit (2), Timothy Gourlay (4), Frazer Read (8), Charlie Nolan (4)

The Black Sheep crew predominantly consists of a bunch of young(ish) Hobart fathers, who between busy work and family schedules, are trying to indulge in their passion for offshore yachting. Most of the lads grew up sailing dinghies, with or against each other, on the River Derwent. Owners Matt Pilkington and Rob Gourlay purchased the well-proven ocean racer early last year with the specific goal of competing in the

75th anniversary race. They are looking to improve on last year's result where they finished 25th overall and 4th in Division 3. Matt's grandfather competed in the first ever race in 1945!

**BLINK**
**SAIL NO**: B40
**LOA**: 12.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2012
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Mark Gorbatov
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Mark Gorbatov – Skipper, Matthew Farr – Navigator, Franziska Beck, Mark Siebert, Tim Brazier, Helen Buckland (4), Marrie van der Plas, Laura Wallace, David Blanch, Tim Beaver

This is the former Concubine (original owner Jason Ward finished 43rd in the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart) and Bravo (placed 14th overall and won Division 3 when owned by Robbo Robertson). She is coming up for Rolex Sydney Hobart number three with latest owner, Mark Gorbatov, who posted 50th overall and sixth in Division 4 of the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast. The ophthalmologist's first yacht was a Hanse 385 named 'Out of Sight', which he campaigned out of the CYCA in offshore and inshore races. This is Gorbatov's first Rolex Sydney Hobart, and while one might assume the name 'Blink' came from his profession, the boat was in fact named by his young daughter, from a Dr Who episode titled 'Don't Blink'.

**BLUE WATER TRACKS**
**SAIL NO**: B1
**LOA**: 16.5m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Dixon Yacht Design (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2014
**TYPE**: Moody 54DS
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Grant Dunoon
**CLUB**: Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Grant Dunoon – Skipper, Neville Rose – Navigator, Paul Jenkins, Paul Jenkins Jnr, Neville Rose, Mindy Wilson, Annette Hesselmans, Gerard Snijders.

Formerly known as Trybooking.com, Grant Dunoon and crew retired the Moody 54DS from its last Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2015, after damaging the bow thruster, but finished the 2014 race PHS 16th overall. Last year, he and Sue Bumstead finished Australia's longest ocean race, the 5500nm double-handed Melbourne Osaka race, PHS 16th overall. Joining the crew this year are Annette Hesselmans and her husband Gerard Snijders, who also did the Melbourne Osaka last year, and two totally unrelated guys by the name of Paul Jenkins! This luxury boat boasts four main cabins and accommodates a crew of 12. In 2012, Dunoon and three crew members received the AMSA SAR (Search and Rescue) award after risking their lives to rescue survivors from a sunken competitor in the Melbourne Port Fairy Race, battling huge swells and gusts of up to 70 knots in the middle of the night.

**BOUNTY BRASSWARE OUR RUSH**
**SAIL NO**: RQ432
**LOA**: 14.1m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Mark Mills (IRE)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2004
**TYPE**: DK46
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: Drew Carruthers
**CLUB**: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld
**CREW**: Drew Carruthers (1) – Skipper, Andrew McCole (3) – Navigator, Andrew Wiklund (9), Jacques Vincent (4), Jim Close (3), Becky Moloney (1), Mark Wilson, Tom Carruthers, Tim Lucas, Liam Murray.

Successful multihull sailor and Queensland Offshore Sailor of the Year, Drew Carruthers, has won every offshore race contested recently with his self-designed and built 15m catamaran, RUSHOUR, including line honours in the 2018 Groupama 600 and the 2019 Pittwater to Paradise race, and OMR first place in the 2019 Brisbane Gladstone. However, the Queenslander crosses to the light side now and again, such as crewing Maserati for Giovanni Soldini in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart and winning Division 2 of the Brisbane to Keppel race in 2015 in his last mono, Runaway, a Sayer 11. He has taken possession of the former Dekadence and renamed her Bounty Brassware OUR RUSH. His first major race with her was the inaugural Brisbane to Hamilton Island race and they finished second in Division 2. This boat has been campaigned strongly up and down the east coast over the years, including by original owner, Victorian Phil Coombs, who placed 10th in the 2004 Rolex Sydney Hobart and 19th in 2005, Tasmanian David Creese, who scored 21st in 2009 and Victorian Ken Simpson, who sailed her to 54th in 2012.

**BUSH PAUL GROUP**
**SAIL NO**: 5200
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: TP52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 10
**OWNER**: Ian Short
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Mathew Short (10) – Skipper, Glenn Cooper (10) - Navigator, Jensen Penny (9), Ian Short (16), Jacob Broom (8) Peta Short (1), Hayden Airey (1), Cooper Ellis (1), Gustavo Hellwig, Jason Thorne (1), Mitch Barber (2), Nick Short (1), Peter Britt (7), Steve McConaghy (20)

When launched this boat was named Rush and was raced successfully in the USA for two seasons. The boat was then sold to Australia and renamed to Cougar II sailing out of Sandringham Yacht Club before being renamed to Highfield Caringbah. The boat is now named Bush Paul Group and races out of the CYCA. This Farr-designed and Cookson-built TP52 was purchased by the Fifty Two Hundred Syndicate in early 2017 and has had extensive upgrade and optimization work completed, as well as adding a complete new sail wardrobe manufactured by Ian Short Sails P/L from Sydney.

The boat competed as Highfield Caringbah in 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and finished a credible second to new TP52 Ichi Ban in Division 1 IRC and also third overall on IRC. The owners and experienced offshore racing crew are looking forward to this years' Rolex Sydney Hobart Race, hoping to improve on last year's result.

**BUSINESS AS USUAL**
**SAIL NO**: 6262
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1998
**TYPE**: Sydney 40 CR
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Mattijs Willenborg, Terrance Brookes, Paul Glynn and Marcia Moutlon
**CLUB**: Balmain Sailing Club, NSW
**CREW**: Paul Glynn – Skipper, Mattijs Willenborg – Navigator, Justin Lui, Ian Smith, Hugh Robinson, Stephen Lipman, Ben Aquilina, Magnus Dahl, Adrian Roche

The former High Anxiety II, a Sydney 40, was built in the Sydney 40 class for the 1999 Admiral's Cup, but was one of two hulls that never made it to the Admirals Cup. Peter Hayes was the first owner in Pittwater in 2002 with a newly designed keel to improve its stability and righting moment without internal ballast and swept back spreader rig. From there, she moved to Perth in 2008, owned by Todd Giraudo and lived on the Swan River for 10 years until the current syndicate of Mattijs Willenborg, Terrance Brookes, Paul Glynn and Marcia Moulton, brought it back to the east coast.

Now named Business As Usual, the yacht lives in Pyrmont, NSW and has been competing in events such as the Winter Series and Concierge Traveller Spring Series and raced in September's Flinders Islet Race. This will be her first tilt at the Rolex Sydney Hobart.

**CAILIN LOMHARA**
**SAIL NO**: USA61268
**LOA**: 16.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Robert Perry (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1999
**TYPE**: Tayana 52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Lawrence Green
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Lawrence Green – Skipper, Charlene Green, Russell Donnelly, Steve Abley, Aneeka McNamara, Simon McArley,

A sturdy cruiser, Cailin Lomhara (Irish Gaelic meaning Precious Girl), is a Robert Perry design. She is hull #69, built in 1999 as a live aboard cruiser/occasional racer. Lawrence Green is the original owner and has sailed the boat around 53,000 nautical miles, with a longest non-stop passage of nearly 3400 miles from Galapagos to Marquesas. Before departing on his circumnavigation, he and wife Charlene sailed extensively on the east coast of North America, the Bahamas and Caribbean. Arriving in Australia in early June, they have since had an interesting time cruising the east coast, with some casual regattas thrown in. Lawrence Green said, "Since we are in Australia, we couldn't pass the opportunity to compete in the 75th Sydney Hobart. The boat is our home, thus loaded down with lots of stuff. However, we believe we can effectively compete."

**CARTOUCHE**
**SAIL NO**: B10
**LOA**: 15.0m
**CLASS**: IRC
**DESIGNER**: Phillipe Briand
**YEAR BUILT**: 2012
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 50
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Steven Fahey
**CLUB**: Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Steven Fahey (1) – Skipper, Damon Fahey (2), Nick Fahey (1), Lawrence Buckley, Niamh Larkin, Scott Smith (1), Jason Quick, Barry Harris

In 2015, Steven Fahey and his two sons took Cartouche to 33rd overall and ninth in Division 3 in her first Rolex Sydney Hobart. Damon, 22, and Nick, 25, are joining their father again. Cartouche scored overall victory in the 2014 Melbourne to Hobart East Coaster race and was third in the Melbourne to Vanuatu race. A stylish Beneteau 50, representing Royal Brighton Yacht Club, she finished eighth overall and fourth in Division 2 of the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race. Cartouche is also a regular on the regatta scene on the north and south coasts of Australia.

**CARRERA S**
**SAIL NO**: AUS49005
**LOA**: 15.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2006
**TYPE**: Marten 49
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Gerry Cantwell
**CLUB**: Sandringham Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Gerry Cantwell (2) – Skipper, Roger Eastham – Navigator, Duncan Rae, Mark Seager, Al McGregor, Paul Seager (1), Bill Westerbeek (2), Jackie White (7), Ryan Epstein (5), Chris Warren (4), Bretlyn Brown (7), Katryna Economou

First-timer in this race, Carrera S arrived in Australia in 2018, having raced extensively in Auckland over the previous 10 years. Since buying the Marten 49 cruiser/racer, Gerry Cantwell has competed in the Auckland Noumea Race and the Groupama Race, which takes the fleet around New Caledonia. Carrera S usually races out of Sandringham Yacht Club in Melbourne in between major events, and took line honours in May's Apollo Bay Race. To prepare for the 75th Sydney Hobart, Cantwell started the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, but retired because of time constraints. He continued on to Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island Race Weeks where he took on the big guns and finished an excellent fourth at the latter event.

**CELESTIAL**
**SAIL NO**: 9535
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: TP52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Sam Haynes
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Sam Haynes (9) – Skipper, Collin Janes (17), Callum Cecil (8), Keith Groves (6), Troy Grafton (20), Ben De Coster (16), Will Howard (15), Richard Bott (9), Lachlan Hornsby (2), Duncan Rutherford (8), Cameron Miles (5), Will Keyes (1), Matt Lawrence (9), Richard Howard (12), David Palazzi (6), Sophie Ciszek (7)

CYCA Rear Commodore, Dr Sam Haynes has purchased this TP52 Celestial, which was Audi All4One/Beecom/Temptation III, was raced on the MedCup circuit before Victorian Chris Dare bought her in NZ and retitled her 'Ambition', before she replaced his 2007 built TP52, Celestial. This 2011 model will do her first Sydney Hobart, with Haynes looking to replicate the incredible success enjoyed with his previous Celestials. Last year, Haynes sailed his former Celestial, to 17th overall in the Hobart (second best placed TP52 to Ichi Ban), to finish the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore (BWPS) second to Ichi Ban. In 2017, the Sydney vet placed ninth overall in the Hobart to be runner-up in the BWPS. In 2016, he was 16th for a divisional third, and in 2015 placed 29th overall with a divisional third (her first Hobart with Haynes).

With his Rogers 46, Haynes was second in the 2012 BWPS and won all three (IRC/ORCi/PHS) crowns in the 2014 BWPS - one of the closest on record - including winning the 2014 Sydney Gold Coast race and finishing 11th overall and second in Division 2 in the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart, following on from third overall in the 2013 race. Haynes and crew have every chance of winning the big one this year.

**CHANCELLOR**
**SAIL NO**: 8824
**LOA**: 14.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2004
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 47.7
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 9
**OWNER**: Edward Tooher
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Edward (Ted) Tooher (14) – Skipper/Navigator, Brett Eagle - 2IC (3), Mark Kahugu (3) – Navigator, Drew Bagnall, James Slade,(2) Michael Ward (11), Krasimira Alexandrova, Stephen Dawson (5), Gordon Howard (3), Maria Morrison (2), Tamsin Shaw, Gordon Smith (4)

As the third of Ted's Beneteaus named Chancellor, the 47.7 was bought in 2013. Their objective is to get to Hobart safely in one piece. They seek to have as many crew as possible do their first Rolex Sydney Hobart on Chancellor, with the normal crew including at least four women and five international sailors. A strictly Corinthian crew, Chancellor has five crew doing their first Rolex Sydney Hobart.

This year, there are six Beneteau 47.7s in the race, and they will be seeking to be competitive in IRC/ORCi. With Chancellor's continued success, her competitive edge is attributed to addressing sailing's gender

inequality in crew selection, welcoming members from a range of backgrounds and fully recognising each person's potential.

**CHARLOTTE**
**SAIL NO**: AUS257
**LOA**: 23.2m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Philippe Briand (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2015
**TYPE**: CNB 76
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Ervin Vidor AM
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Ervin Vidor (8) - Skipper, John Wells (1) – Navigator, Barry Byerley (1), Ben Mann (1), James Whelan (4), Owain Hawkins, Stephen Ford (1), Melissa Denman (2), Brendan Hunt (1), Brady Lowe

Ervin Vidor, a member of the CYCA since 1975, returns for the 75th Sydney Hobart with his elegantly appointed CNB 76. Charlotte is embarking on her second Rolex Sydney Hobart after contesting her first in 2016. In her debut she finished 15th overall in PHS and sixth in Division 1.

Built in France in 2015, Charlotte has called the CYCA home since her arrival into Australian waters. After recently completing a seven-month tour of the South Pacific, the yacht, Vidor and crew are looking forward to switching modes and racing toward Hobart on Boxing Day. With a multitude of Hobart's onboard and new sails, Charlotte is forecast to be a hot contender for divisional placings.

**CHINESE WHISPER**
**SAIL NO**: AUS13
**LOA**: 18.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2009
**TYPE**: JV62
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: David Griffith/Rupert Henry
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: David Griffith (6) – Skipper, Adrienne Cahalan (27) - Navigator, Ian McKillop (1), Lindsay Stead (9), Jamie Woods, Stacey Jackson (12), William Parker (3), Ruaridh Wright, Nathan McNamara, Michael Coxon (30), Doug McGain (11), Ben Lamb (9), Sam Hunt (25), Tom Braidwood (21)

Rupert Henry skippered Chinese Whisper to ninth on line and ninth overall in the 2016 race. In 2018 he opted to do the 5500nm Melbourne Osaka double-handed race with Greg O'Shea and took line honours and smashed the 1995 record by over five days, the same year the 60-66 footers prevailed in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Now Chinese Whisper returns to the Hobart with David Griffith. They won Division 0 in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, took line honours in September's Flinders Islet Race and October's Newcastle Bass Island Race. Henry purchased the former Jethou from Europe and finished fifth overall for first in Division 0 in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart and finished runner-up in the BWPS on countback to Balance after the latter won the Sydney Hobart. The team hopes for similar conditions to last year's race.

**CHUTZPAH**
**SAIL NO**: R33
**LOA**: 12.3m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2007
**TYPE**: Caprice 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 12
**OWNER**: Bruce Taylor
**CLUB**: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Vic

**CREW**: Bruce Taylor (38) – Skipper, Kingsley Piesse (36) – Navigator, Gavin Gourley (32), Peter Fletcher (32), Drew Taylor (27), Paul Sandles (18), James Permezel (32), Ian Taylor (18), David Watson (1), Lincoln Attersall (3)

Chutzpah finished 16th overall and second in Division 2 last year. Owner, Bruce Taylor, makes an effort to compete in major races out of Sydney, as well as competing in Melbourne with his two yachts – this Caprice 40 and a Sydney 38. It paid when this Chutzpah won the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast after the Victorian skippered it to eighth overall and third in Division 2 of the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart. He finished second in Division 2 in 2016, after placing 18th overall in the 2015 race, following a heart-breaking second to Wild Rose by a little under 39 minutes in 2014 – but he did win Division 2. The Caprice 40's other best Hobart results were fourth in 2007 and fifth in 2013.

With various Chutzpahs, Taylor's other best results were second overall in 1990 and second in IMS Division 3 in 1994 (371 boats raced), sixth overall in 2001. Since 1986, he has owned six Chutzpahs, clocking up 33 straight Hobarts and scoring divisional places in the majority. Taylor and son Drew is the only father/son combination in history to sail 25 plus Hobarts together and are not likely to ever be superceded. The small tight-knit crew can boast over 220 Hobarts between them.

**CINQUANTE**
**SAIL NO**: 5038
**LOA**: 11.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS/IRC
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2002
**TYPE**: Sydney 38
**NUMBER of HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Kim Jaggar
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Kim Jaggar (33) – Skipper, Anne Lawrence (14) – Navigator, John Whitfeld (25), Bob Thomas (27), Grant Healy (12), Marty Watson (5), Michael Blaxell (14), Paul Bulley (4), Jason Webb, Phillip Walker (6)

In the 2018 race, this Sydney 38 finished 28th overall, fifth in Division 3 and second in the PHS Corinthian Division under the guidance of 33-Hobart-veteran Kim Jaggar, who became the owner of Cinquante last year. Cinquante's only other Rolex Sydney Hobart was 2008 when her long-time Victorian owner, Ian Murray, won the Sydney 38 One-Design division under the name 'Morris Finance Cinquante'. Jaggar and crew competed in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and finished 44th overall. The solid core crew of Jaggar, navigator Anne Lawrence and John Whitfield, have sailed many miles and Sydney Hobarts together on this boat and others. If it is a small boat race, count on Cinquante to be in the running.

**COMANCHE**
**SAIL NO**: AUS12358
**LOA**: 30.46m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: VPLP (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2014
**TYPE**: 100ft Super Maxi
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: Jim Cooney/Samantha Grant
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Jim Cooney (7) – Skipper, Samantha Grant (1) - Skipper, James Cooney (3), Andrew Henderson (21), Daryl Wislang (4), John Hildebrand (13), Kyle Langford (1), Pablo Arrate (3), Tom Johnson (1), Sven Runow (28), Ryan Godfrey (13), Silas Nolan (17), Edward Hackney, Julien Cressant (1), Stuart Pollard (8) Mike Sanderson, Stan Honey (6), Stu Bannatyne (11).

Last year Comanche was pipped for second over the line by Black Jack after a race-long battle between this pair, Wild Oats XI and InfoTrack. As LDV Comanche, she took line honours and the race record in 2017, in the time of 1 day 9hrs 15mins 24secs, just a week or so after Jim Cooney and wife Samantha Grant bought her. Cooney took monohull line honours in the 2019 Transpac Race after breaking the Flinders Islet, Newcastle Bass Island and Bird Island race records in 2018. Comanche will be crewed again by Cooney, Grant, their son James, and many familiar faces from last year.

Originally owned by American Jim Clark and wife Kristy, Comanche contested the Hobart brand-new in 2014, finishing 49 mins behind line honours victor, Wild Oats XI, and then took line honours from Ragamuffin 100 in 2015. In 2017, the 100-footer smashed the 2225 nautical mile Transpac monohull record after taking 24 hours off the Transatlantic race record, sailing 2880nm at an average of 21.44 knots. She also won line honours in the fluky, light 2015 Rolex Fastnet Race and took line honours in all four races at the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup.

**COPERNICUS**
**SAIL NO**: 6689
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS
**DESIGNER**: Radford Yacht Design (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Radford 12
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 6
**OWNER**: Greg Zyner
**SKIPPER**: Greg Wilkins
**CLUB**: Manly Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Greg Wilkins – Skipper, Michael Rowe – Navigator, Ben Martin, Deborah Chun, Andrew Corless, Ken Lunty, Helen Buckland, Geoff Tomlin

This Radford 12 last raced to Hobart in 2013, placing 44th overall. She scooped third in IRC Division 3 in the 2010 Rolex Sydney Hobart after finishing 26th overall; her best result so far. She was 44th in 2008, 49th in 2009, 58th in 2011 and ORCI 12th overall in 2012. It's good to see the well-used and well-sailed Copernicus back. She has pulled out decent results in major races in the past, such as winning the 2010 Tasman Pointscore, placing second overall in the 2011 Sydney Newcastle Offshore Yacht Race and the same year, second in the Gosford Lord Howe Island Race, in which she formerly scored divisional third places in both 2009 and 2010. In between major races, Zyner races her at Manly Yacht Club.

**CRUSH**
**SAIL NO**: EF3601
**LOA**: 10.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Andrieu Yacht Design (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2018
**TYPE**: Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: David Davenport
**CLUB**: East Fremantle Yacht Club & Fremantle Sailing Club, WA
**CREW**: David Davenport – Skipper, Jamie Mercer, Jonathan Asquith, Helen Asquith, Adam Shand (3), Rebekah Robertson, Kenneth Riley

This is the first Rolex Sydney Hobart for Crush, which David Davenport is bringing all the way from Fremantle in Western Australia. Crush, which takes her name from Davenport's 'Crushing Solutions' business, did her first endurance event, the Fremantle to Albany Race in April and finished second overall, which she also did the same month in the Cape Vlamingh Race, so she is off to a respectable start. Come the Hobart, this one year-old Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600 will have in-house competition with Mark Hipgrave's Mister Lucky and Rod Smallman's Maverick.

**CRYSTAL CUTTER III**
**SAIL NO**: 6661
**LOA**: 11.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS/IRC
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Beneteau 40.7
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Charles Parry-Okeden
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

**CREW**: Charles Parry-Okeden – Skipper, Adam Leeming – Navigator, Daniel O'Sullivan, Steve Braithwaite, Ed Strike, Mike Cullen, James Wentworth, Justin Kingston

Crystal Cutter III is the former Tomoka/Bombolo which the previous owners raced extensively, but never did the Rolex Sydney Hobart, so this will be her first – and with her new owner, Charles Parry-Okeden. Parry-Okeden previously owned a Beneteau Oceanis 38, Crystal Cutter II, which competed in various CYCA races during the past 4 years. He has now stepped it up a notch with the purchase of Crystal Cutter III, which he specifically acquired in June this year to compete in the 2019 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore Series culminating with the 75th Sydney Hobart Race. According to those in the know, Crystal Cutter III is the newest Beneteau 40.7 in the country, having been launched in 2008.

**DAGUET 3**
**SAIL NO**: FRA3600
**LOA**: 13.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Ker Yacht Design (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2013
**TYPE**: Ker 46
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 6
**OWNER**: Frederic Puzin
**CLUB**: Societe Nautique Marseille, France
**CREW**: Frederic Puzin – Skipper, Charles Gate, Doris Puzin, Gregoire Evrard, Gwenael Riou, Lucas Boniface, Mathieu Renault, Nicolas Troussel, Quentin Ponroy, Sam Goodchild, Thierry Briend, Thomas Rouxel

Frederic Puzin has recently purchased Tony Kirby's Patrice, which finished 16th overall for third in Division 2 in last year's race. In 2017, the Ker 46 placed third overall, cementing her as the Blue Water Pointscore champion. Patrice retired from the 2013, 2015 and 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobarts with damage, but was ninth overall in 2014, winning Division 1. She was third in the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea and won the 654nm Groupama race and placed ninth to win Division 2 in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast.

Renamed Daguet 3, she replaces Puzin's Mylius 50 of the same name, 6th overall and second in IRC Division A in the 2019 Rolex Giraglia, second in IRC Division 3 in the 2019 Rolex Middle Sea Race, second in IRC Division B of the 2019 Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez, third in 2018 and second in 2017, winner of the IRC French Mediterranean offshore championship Division 1 2017 and 2019. The Frenchman, who is a regular in European events, has the right boat and crew that includes record-breaking shorthanded sailor Sam Goodchild, and other international sailing stars such as Thomas Rouxel and Nicolas Troussel – a combination that could prove the catalyst for success.

**DARE DEVIL**
**SAIL NO**: RF5095
**LOA**: 14.3m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2000
**TYPE**: Farr/Cookson 47
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: Sibby Ilzhofer
**CLUB**: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Sibby Ilzhofer (6) – Skipper, Peter Gothard (1), Peter Grayson (2) Satoshi Muromatsu (2), Karl Olsen (1), Kim Dowdney, Richard Ellis, Otis Myles-Malone, Riley Whitelum, Daryl Ball (1) Ed Smith, Greg Scarlett (5)

Sibby Ilzhofer skippered Dare Devil to 57th overall in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart, exactly the same result as in 2017. These results followed two years of disappointing retirements because of rudder damage both times. In the 2014 race, Ilzhofer's first with this yacht, ~~then~~ she won the Jane Tate Memorial Trophy as the first female skipper over the line who then finishing 52nd overall. In June last year, she raced her Farr/Cookson 47 to 10th overall and 5th in Division 1 in the PONANT Sydney Noumea and placed eighth in the ensuing Groupama Race. Launched as Sea Hawk for the 2000/2001 Kenwood Cup, the boat won the

Cup with her two Kiwi team mates. WA yachtie, Tony Mitchell bought and re-christened her Sled before Ilzhofer bought and renamed her.

**DARK AND STORMY**
**SAIL NO**: SM69
**LOA**: 11.4m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS/IRC/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: Iain Murray (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1993
**TYPE**: Iain Murray Custom 37
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Terry Kourtis/Stuart Mellington
**CLUB**: Sandringham Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Stuart Mellington (2) – Skipper, Terry Kourtis (2) – Skipper, Maximilian Meschers, Michael Mellington (3), Nicholas Tisch, Patrick Moore (2), Rhys Tatti (1), Cosmos Papatsaras, Thomas Buxton (1)

Stuart, Terry and Michael have sailed together for many years and have competed in a range of ocean, state titles and club races. However having completed Rolex Sydney Hobarts in 2016 and 2017 they have realised their dream to compete with their own boat. In order to make this happen Stuart and Terry had to make the tough decision to sell their previous yacht SS Feathersword, an Amitage Design 9m Sports Boat, which was raced to great success. It also featured in many Wiggles DVDs. Both Stuart and Terry feature in a few DVDs such as 'Sailing Around the World', with Terry playing the role of the main character 'Pirate Eleftherios'.

This family-owned team have worked tirelessly on Dark and Stormy with the help of their long-term partner Wastewise Environmental. Despite Stuart's claim that 2001 race was going to be his last, the chance to be part of the 75th race was too good a chance to miss.

**DIAMACH ENTERPRISE**
**SAIL NO**: 77011
**LOA**: 12.4m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Ben Lexcen (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1995
**TYPE**: Lexcen 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Nicholas Hoskin
**CLUB**: Blues Point Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Nicholas Hoskin – Skipper, Robert Makkink – Navigator, Douglas Hawkins, Mads Toft, Rebecca Glynn, Lynda Tyson, Daniel O'Donnell

Predominantly a cruising boat, Nic Hoskin has spent the last year bringing Diamach Enterprise up to scratch to make Category 1 for the 75th Sydney Hobart. This Lexcen 40 was designed by none other than the legendary Ben Lexcen, designer of Australia II and its famous winged keel, which brought the Cup home for Australia for the first time in the history of the America's Cup. Diamach Enterprise will take part in her first Rolex Sydney Hobart. According to others who own a Lexcen 40, they are the beamiest 40 footer in the world and roomy down below.

**DREAM**
**SAIL NO**: RP118
**LOA**: 11.6m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Inglis (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1998
**TYPE**: Inglis 38
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Craig Salter
**CLUB**: Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, Qld
**CREW**: Craig Salter (2) – Skipper/Navigator, Ashley Salter, Charles Baker (1), Christopher Wheatley (2), Greg Doolan, James Jarvis (1), Kevin Appleton (2), Tim Butters

Launched in 1998, this is the first time Craig Salter will take Dream, his Inglis 38 design, in a Rolex Sydney Hobart. Many of the Australian-designed Inglis boats have had success in this and other tough offshore races and are at their best downwind. Salter, who does a lot of local racing says, “We are looking forward to taking her south to Hobart at Christmas for the first time since she was launched. With 19 Brisbane Gladstone's, two Sydney Gold Coasts and three Brisbane Keppel Island's under her belt, the Rolex Sydney Hobart should be a great challenge.”

**DREKI SUNNAN**
**SAIL NO**: 1545
**LOA**: 13.6m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Philippe Briand (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 45
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: Ken Holmes
**CLUB**: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Ken Holmes (1) – Skipper, Karen Lewin – Navigator, Chris Grant, Chris Flannagan, Sunny Singh, Piergiorgio Merli, James Rowlinson, John Lewin, David Lewin, Joe da Ponte, Floyd Higgins, Jerome Valentine

Dreki Sunnan, skippered by Ken Holmes will be competing in her sixth Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2019. Dreki finished the Rolex Sydney Hobart 66th overall in 2018. She went on to finish 42nd overall in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast. A Beneteau Carbon Rigged First 45, she has many successful years, particularly in 2014, when she was named SA’s IRC and AMS champion, SA IRC offshore champion and SA Yacht of the Year. She finished third in Division 3 of the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart, and sixth in Division 3 in 2016 and won Division 2 in 2010.

**ENCHANTRESS**
**SAIL NO**: SA346
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – ORCi/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: John Muirhead (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1983
**TYPE**: Muirhead 11
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: John Willoughby
**CLUB**: Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, SA
**CREW**: John Willoughby (6) – Owner, John Muirhead - Skipper (2), Robert Large (3), Geoff Tomlins (3), Lisa Bettcher (1), Bob Scharhinger, Nick Kahl.

Designed to be fast downhill by John Muirhead, Enchantress won the 2010 Melbourne to Hobart West Coaster, with a top boat speed of 22 knots. Enthused by this win they entered the 2012 Rolex Sydney Hobart finishing 17th on IRC. Enchantress is sailed by her crew from South Australia to Sydney before heading to Hobart – a great way to test the boat and put some 1000 ocean miles away. In 2016, she finished 20th overall for fourth in Division 4; in 2015 she was in a leading position during the race when a third of the fleet retired after being hit by a southerly buster, ultimately finishing 23rd, when becalmed in the dying stages of the race.

This will be Enchantress's seventh Rolex Sydney Hobart and she will be for sale at the end of the race. Dr John Willoughby plans to concentrate on providing ongoing free cataract surgery which he has done since 1996 and hopes to deliver this service next year via catamaran to the peoples of Tonga and Tuvalu Islands in the Pacific Region. See Vision-of-Islands.org.

**ENCORE**
**SAIL NO**: 00100
**LOA**: 14.9m
**CLASS**: ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Philippe Briand (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2004

**TYPE**: Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 49
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Michael Tromp and Tomoko Nakanishi
**CLUB**: Southport Yacht Club, Qld
**CREW**: Michael Tromp (4) – Sailing Master, Tomoko Nakanishi – Skipper, Fred Tromp (4) - Navigator, Tony Peake (2), Airi Nakanishi, Lars Steffans, Mikey Burrell, Peter Cottle

Encore, a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 49, was purchased by Michael Tromp and Tomoko Nakanishi as part of their business 'Champagne Sailing Cruises' based on the Gold Coast. Between charters they race and cruise her regularly, including enjoying a win in the 2019 Sail Paradise cruising division. This will be Tromp's fifth Rolex Sydney Hobart, with some of the crew from his previous boat Epsilon (they won IMS Division C in the 2001 race), including navigating uncle, Fred Tromp, also along for his fifth Hobart. Nakanishi brings with her a wealth of racing experience from numerous national and world J24 Championships, as well as her international match racing skills when she campaigned as a skipper on the professional circuit in the mid-2000's.

**ENIGMA**
**SAIL NO**: GBR5790R
**LOA**: 14.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2004
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 47.7
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Jason Bond
**CLUB**: Manly Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Jason Bond (2) – Skipper, Kerry Burke – Navigator (2), Muir Watson (2), Steve McKeogh (2), Chloe Tetlow (1), Tomas Kliman (1), Neal (Sandy) Farqhuarson (1), Sebastien Bonvalet, Cary Budd, Paul Immergluck, John Bussey, Isabel Rawlence

Jason Bond bought Enigma in 2008 and sails out of Manly Yacht Club, where he is Commodore. Enigma last pointed south in 2017 and finished 42nd overall for eighth in Division 3. Bond was forced to withdraw Enigma from the race on Boxing Day in 2016, due to engine problems. He raced her in the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore, winning the 2018 Flinders Islet Race Division 2 in IRC. A repeat of that success eluded Enigma in the 2019 Flinders Islet when the crew retired from their race to assist a capsized racing catamaran. In this year's series, she finished second on PHS in the Newcastle Bass Island Race and completed the challenging Cabbage Tree Island Race without mishap.

This yacht was one of the last Beneteau 47.7s to leave the factory, making her the youngest and heaviest in the class. Formerly named 'Just Do It 3', she sailed from Glasgow, Scotland, via Antigua, to Australia. Under Ian Darby's ownership, she finished 50th overall in the 2008 Rolex Sydney Hobart. They are a happy crew of friends and club members who relish the challenge of the Rolex Sydney Hobart but intend to have fun, eat well on the journey down and enjoy an awesome party in Hobart!

**ENTERPRISE**
**SAIL NO**: F1701
**LOA**: 12.4m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2000
**TYPE**: Farr 40 mod
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Anthony Kirke
**CLUB**: Fremantle Sailing Club, WA
**CREW**: Anthony Kirke (1) – Skipper, Andrew Nuttman (2), Jack Chaston (4), Will Koolhof (2), Michael Hughes (14), Laurie Flynne (1), Don McCracken (4), Mark Robins, Alan Smith (1), Mark Wheeler (9)

In her first Rolex Sydney Hobart last year, Enterprise finished 13th overall and second in Division 3 – the boat and crew's season spent in Sydney paid big dividends with a first in IRC Division 2 of the Audi Centre

Sydney Blue Water Pointscore and Kirke being named CYCA's 2018 Rookie of the Year at the Ocean Racer Awards. According to her owner, the boat is "a grossly over capitalised modified Farr 40." In a play on the sci-fi Star Trek, we have (the Starship) Enterprise, and her captain, Anthony Kirke (rather than James Kirk). Dismasted locally in early 2017, Enterprise bounced back with some local WA wins. Refurbished and fitted with a new mast, combined with a Hugh Wellbourn redesigned keel and bowsprit, makes the boat a competitive offshore package. Enterprise should have good competition with fellow modified Farr 40, 2 Unlimited.

**ENVY SCOOTERS**
**SAIL NO**: RQ0052
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE:** TP52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: Barry Cuneo
**CLUB**: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld
**CREW**: Barry Cuneo (4) – Skipper, Peter Elkington (14) – Navigator, Kevin Costin (15), Curtis Skinner (8), Paul Hermann (9), Stuart Skinner (1), Todd Anderson (5), Josh Torpy (1), Rafa Trujillo (5), Peter Dowdney (16), Brian Donovan (6), Bret Perry

This year has witnessed Queensland's TP52 ENVY Scooters continually improve in every aspect from 2018. With a scorecard for the four major events entered this year of 1,1,2,1, the crew and boat are arguably the best performing IRC yacht in Australia this year. Scoring significant victories in the Brisbane Gladstone Race overall in IRC and ORCi (the third time this boat has won the event under three different names) more was to come. Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron's Commodore Barry Cuneo and his tight-knit crew, headed by the tenacious tactician Kevin Costin, not only won all major silverware in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, but were also the first boat to finish under 60ft, only just behind the mini maxis and ahead of the in-form Ichi Ban.

This boat and crew have become faster and faster in all aspects as the team continues to drive incremental improvements in their management of this incredibly well-performing machine. ENVY Scooters spearheads a strong Queensland contingent in this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart and will be a Tattersall Cup contender.

**EUPHORIA**
**SAIL NO**: 7133
**LOA**: 13.1m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: J Yachts (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2004
**TYPE**: J/133
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Anthony Coleman
**SKIPPER**: Alexandra Booth
**CLUB**: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW
**CREW**: Alexandra Booth – Skipper, Amy Goff (1), Clare Tyler, Bridget Heddeman, Sam McFarland, Sarah-Joy Price, Oliver Thomas, Dustin Davis, Ted Merewether, Arran Chapman, Jonathan Brennan, Andrew Parker (10)

Euphoria is a sister-ship to fellow entry, Patriot, which has done two Rolex Sydney Hobarts now, and the pair is sure to enjoy some same-design competition. This US-built J/133 has raced extensively in both the USA and UK and was imported to Australia in 2009. Anthony Coleman races the yacht regularly with the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on Sydney Harbour and Euphoria has won her division at Hamilton Island Race Week in both 2011 and 2017. She also placed third in Division 2 in the recent Newcastle Bass Island Race.

**EVE**
**SAIL NO**: 8565
**LOA**: 19.7m

**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1981
**TYPE**: Swan 65
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Steven Capell
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Steven Capell (2) – Skipper, Wayne Reed (5) – Navigator, Laurence Schwartz, Raymond Schwartz, Benjamin Roulant, Sharon Bartle, Doug Pratt (4), Michael Dinte, Daniel Schwartz, Phillip Stricker, Harry Sexton (1), Michael Herman, Bert Norman, John Charles

Last year, this beautifully crafted Swan 65 finished 41st overall, seventh in Division 3, third in ORCi Division 3 and second in Corinthian. Steve Capell also sailed her in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart under the name of Ugg Australia and finished 31st overall. She finished a good fifth overall and won Division 2 in the PONANT Sydney Noumea. Eve is a classic S&S Swan 65; the 35th of 40 yachts built by Nautor in the 1970s and early 1980's. Originally launched in 1981 as UK registered 'Cheetah of Hamble', and then as Italian registered 'Kenta' from 2000, she was imported to Australia and has taken up residence in Sydney for the past four years. Eve will be taking on the world again as she's starting a circumnavigation for the next five years.

**EXTASEA**
**SAIL NO**: G10007
**LOA**: 15.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: Cookson 50
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 7
**OWNER**: Paul Buchholz
**CLUB**: Royal Geelong Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Paul Buchholz (9) - Skipper, Grant Durran (9), Tim Holzer (3), Robert Nelson (2), Simon Hunter (4), Jasmine Tozer (2), Matthew van Galen (2), Dale Laurie (2), Paul Anderson (1), Anthony Huther, Glenn Purnell, Benjamin Doak, Jamie Bennett

This is the former Pretty Fly III and Ubox, which last raced south in 2016 with her Chinese owner and finished a brilliant third overall, with a mix of Chinese along with some French offshore sailing stars. Victorian, Paul Buccholz, replaces his former Extasea, a DK46 (he sailed her to 44th overall last year), with this canting Cookson 50, which he purchased very recently. As Pretty Fly III, she was one of 31 retirements from 2015's Rolex Sydney Hobart, after placing 44th to win Division 0 in the 2014 Hobart and 10th in 2013 for second in division. Best result was fourth overall in 2010 and second in Division 0.

These seasoned Victorians have won every local offshore race over 13 years with the DK46, culminating in winning the ORCV Offshore Championship four times. In 2015, they took line honours in the Melbourne Hobart race for the fourth time (between 2011 and 2015), excluding 2014, when Buchholz contested the Hobart and finished 29th overall. Buchholz and crew will be pacing themselves against the other Cookson 50's; Oskana (also sports a canting keel) and About Time, not to mention some other fast 50's and the TP52's.

**FASTER FORWARD**
**SAIL NO**: R6155
**LOA**: 11.8m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2000
**TYPE**: Sydney 38
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: Matt Fahey
**CLUB**: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Vic
**CREW**: Matt Fahey – Skipper, Simon Dryden - Sailing Master, Alison Kent, Alvaro Maz, Karen Young, Celia Dymond, Greg Phelan, Tony Duckmanton

This Sydney 38, Faster Forward, was recently purchased from Peter Taylor by Matt Fahey, and relocated to her new home in Melbourne at the RYCV in Williamstown. She was originally John Winning AM's Yandoo before being bought by Getaway Sailing which chartered the yacht to Jackie Moores who renamed it Lexar for the 2004 Rolex Sydney Hobart and finished 33rd overall. As Getaway Sailing 2, she was 59th in 2007 and 21st PHS in 2008. As Deloitte as One, the boat was 31st in 2011. The Faster Forward team is looking to build a solid, reliable crew for local and offshore races over the next few years. Faster Forward finished PHS 11th in the Melbourne to Hobart Westcoaster.

**FIDELIS**
**SAIL NO**: 45
**LOA**: 18.5m
**CLASS**: PHS/Corinthian - PHS/IRC/Veterans/Grand Veterans
**DESIGNER**: Knud Reimers (DEN)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1964
**TYPE**: Knud Reimers 61
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 7
**OWNER**: Nigel Stoke
**CLUB**: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW
Crew: Nigel Stoke (4) – Skipper, Lynn Anderson (5) - Navigator, Tom Moult (3), Tom Griffiths (2), Ben Gray (1), Quentin Reeve (1), Tiare Tomaszewski (1), Peter Inchbold (31)

Fidelis is a classic yacht originally designed by Knud Reimers in the 1930's. She is triple-planked Kauri, built in Auckland by Lidgards, launched in 1964 and famous for taking line honours in the 1966 Sydney Hobart, beating her nearest rival by a near-record margin of 17 hours 27 mins. She was purchased by Nigel Stoke in 1994 and raced in the 50th race with line honours in the Veteran Division. Fidelis was back again for the race to Hobart to celebrate 40 years of racing in 2006 and then most recently in 2016 to celebrate 50 years since the win in 1996, finishing 66th overall.

Now 55 years old she is back for the 75th Sydney Hobart in her eighth race to Hobart. She has competed and achieved wins in most of the major races around the Tasman and east coast of Australia. Stoke keeps her immaculate and has reassembled many of the crew from previous races.

**FILEPRO**
**SAIL NO**: A22
**LOA**: 12.1m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: David Lyons (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1993
**TYPE**: Lyons 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 8
**OWNER**: FilePro Syndicate
**CLUB**: Bellerive Yacht Club, Tas
**CREW**: Tim Gadsby (2) – Skipper, Matthew Denholm (2) – Navigator, Graham Watkins (2), Doug Watkins (1), Cameron Thorpe, Tim Behrens, Stephanie Speirs, Alex Grant, Nick Corkhill, Simon Desmarchelier (5)

Filepro is best known as Cuckoo's Nest when originally owned by Nigel Holman. With the designer David Lyons aboard, Holman won one of the toughest Sydney Hobarts - 1993 (under IMS, Wild Rose co-won under IOR), the year she was launched. She also finished second over the line to the 47ft Ninety Seven; only 38 from 104 starters finished. She placed 20th in the 1998 race when known as Rapscallion-Team Syntegra. Other Sydney Hobart results include 61st in the 50th race in 1994, while she retired in 1997.

Tasmanian Craig King bought and renamed the boat Interim to finish 12th for a Division B win in the 1999 Sydney Hobart; placed 10th in 2000, 14th in 2003 and 12th in 2004. Her latest owner, Tim Gadsby, races Filepro locally with a syndicate from Bellerive Yacht Club. The crew for Hobart is a core group that have sailed together for over 25 years, including competing in the 48th and 50th Hobarts on the Farr 1104, Invincible, and are joined by other local yachties. The boat has recently undergone a restoration in preparation, and in an effort to present the boat in showroom condition for the 75th race.

**FLYING FISH ARCTOS**

**SAIL NO**: 7551
**LOA**: 15.2m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Graham Radford (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2001
**TYPE**: Radford 50
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 13
**OWNER**: Flying Fish Online
**CLUB**: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: George Martin (2) – Skipper, Michael Frost – Navigator, Roz Marshall, Jenny Odonoghue, Jost Stollmann, Ivan Signorelli (4), Mark Smith, John Ashwood, Helen McDouall, Ian Horrocks (1), Josephus Mes, Daryl Stephens, Simon Scott

Every year a crew of enthusiastic amateurs from around the world join the Flying Fish Sail Academy in Sydney to compete in the iconic Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Flying Fish Arctos has completed 13 Rolex Sydney Hobart's coming first overall in PHS class in 2010 and 2017 and 2nd in class in 2009. Arctos is a powerful cutter-rigged Radford 50. This impressive yacht was built for long distance ocean racing and completed a Southern Ocean circumnavigation in 2003.

**FRANTIC**
**SAIL NO**: GBR5211L
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: James Donovan (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2004
**TYPE**: TP52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 8
**OWNER**: Michael Martin
**CLUB**: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Michael Martin (9), Beynon Leask (8), Brendon Davies (8), Jane Roberts (9), John Eve (1), Matt Jensen (6), Jason Hendy (3), Murray Wright (3), Courtney Smith, Simon Hunter (9), Andrew Jenkin (5), Hugo Deans (1), Hugh Edmunds (3), Steven Chapman (17)

Team Frantic is looking forward to another Hobart tour this year having finished 29th overall last year. The crew is a solid mix of old and new, all having sailed many races and miles together since Martin purchased Frantic, formerly Strewth, in 2012, with Beynon Leask, Brendon Davies and Simon Hunter also sailing on Martin's previous LMR Solar/Frantic, a Sayer 40. The 75th Sydney Hobart is a milestone race for a number of crew, with Mick Martin, Simon Hunter and Jane Roberts all competing in their 10th race and Courtney Smith in her first. In 2018 Frantic claimed line honours and smashed the race record for the revived PONANT Sydney Noumea race, finishing in 4 days 2hrs 23mins (taking 1 day 19hrs and 12mins off the Farr 65 Brindabella's 1991 record). Other notable results for Frantic was a win on IRC and ORCi in the 2013 Gosford-Lord Howe Island race. Frantic regularly competes on the newly-established Australian TP52 circuit and uses those events as an opportunity to give young sailors a chance to sail on this class of boat against the pros.

**G.Y.R RAGAMUFFIN 50**
**SAIL NO**: AUS070
**LOA**: 15.2m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1995
**TYPE**: Farr 50
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 7
**OWNER**: Adrian Dunphy
**CLUB**: Sydney Flying Squadron, NSW
**CREW**: Marcus Cholerton Brown – Skipper, Caner Dinlenc, Charles De Coquet, Chris Whitelaw, Daniel Foggo, David Coppe, Derek Kuno-Williams, John Bankart, John Valteris, Kevin Morrissey, Peter Banham, Philip Levinson, Ramon Caceres, Shane Keast, Tony Ramos

Global Yacht Racing is a UK company offering yacht racing opportunities to individuals and groups in major races and regattas around the world. 2019 will be the 15th time Global Yacht Racing has entered a team into the iconic Rolex Sydney Hobart Race, the first time they have used Ragamuffin 50, previous years have seen them compete with crews from around the world on a TP52, Volvo 60, Sydney 38 and Beneteau 47.7. Global Yacht Racing also enters teams into the other Rolex events, The Rolex Fastnet, the Rolex Middle Sea Race as well as RORC Caribbean 600 and major regattas in the UK, Med and Caribbean. Skipper Marcus Cholerton Brown is an ex Round the World sailor previously racing with Challenge and Clipper and who has skippered many events for Global Yacht Racing.

**GALAXY III**
**SAIL NO**: R261
**LOA**: 11.9m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1983
**TYPE**: S&S 39
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: Chris Canty
**CLUB**: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Chris Canty – Skipper, David James, Johnathan James, Nick Hocking, Cui Zhipeng, Greg Canty

Galaxy III has previously contested four Sydney Hobarts: in 1984 she finished 44th, in 1986 she retired, 1988 she was 69th and in the 50th anniversary race the S&S39 finished fifth in PHS, the latter under the ownership of Barry Luxton. Now owner, Chris Canty, is bringing her back for the 75th race after completing a circumnavigation in 2018. While the circumnavigation was mainly cruising SE trade winds, there were challenging conditions around the Cape of Good Hope and off the coast of Columbia, where the Andes mountains meet the Caribbean, that tested Galaxy III and stand her in good stead for the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Like all the other golden oldie S&S's in the race, if the going gets tough, Galaxy III will get going. Read about her cruising travels at: https://are-we-there-yet.com.au

**GOAT**
**SAIL NO**: 7027
**LOA**: 11.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2003
**TYPE**: Sydney 38
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 14
**OWNER**: Mitchell Gordon/Daniel Hawkins/Tony Clift
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Mitchell Gordon (18), Daniel Hawkins (4), Tony Clift (2), Bruce Foye (15), Steve Leslie (8), Michael Grout (8), Hugh Richardson (4), George Richardson, Jamie Neill (2), Jamie Judd (8)

Goat last headed south as 'The Goat' in 2014 and finished 10th overall, after placing 24th in 2011. Beforehand, it won the 2011 Sydney 38 Nationals, the 2007 Rolex Sydney Hobart One-Design class and the 2008 Sydney Gold Coast, plus numerous other wins. In 2013, The Goat's crew represented the CYCA at the prestigious New York Yacht Club's International Invitational Cup and finished top 10. As The Subzero Goat, it finished the Hobart 41st in 2008 and as The Goat in 2007, was 23rd. Originally Martin and Lisa Hill's Estate Master, the Sydney 38 retired from the 2004 race. Plenty of sailing talent aboard, including ex rugby player, 'Blocka' Foye and Lance Peckman, who in partnership with the late Roger Hickman OAM, won the 1993 race overall under IOR (jointly with IMS winner, Cuckoo's Nest), not to mention Gordon, who has done 11 Sydney Hobarts, inclusive of the wins mentioned above.

**GREAT XPECTATIONS**
**SAIL NO**: 6343
**LOA**: 12.9m
**CLASS**: PHS/Corinthian
**DESIGNER**: Niels Jeppesen (DEN)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2003
**TYPE**: X-43

**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Rod Wills
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Rod Wills (2) – Skipper, Colin Mcmahon (2), Graeme Bridges (1), Mark Riding (10), Matthew Leung, Mike Thackray (6), Ross Johnston (9), Simon Wulf (1), Jaime Licari

This will be Great Xpectations' third Rolex Sydney Hobart following her retirement in 2015. In that race Wills ran a campaign to raise funds for The Garvan Institute of Medical Research. Great Xpectations raised 85K from corporations and individuals which funded research into the genome sequencing of Prostate Cancer. Rod Wills has raced her regularly at major events over the past few years and she has a few trophies in the cabinet to prove it; for top three placings in the Gosford Lord Howe Island, Pittwater Coffs and Sydney Gold Coast races, the City of Sydney Cup and the CYCA's Ocean Pointscore Series, going back as far as 2004. This year, Wills trekked north to SeaLink Magnetic Island Race Week and is a regular at events such as the Sydney Harbour Regatta and the CYCA's 2014/2015 OPS. Their entry into this historic 75th Sydney Hobart is a unique opportunity in the history of Ocean Racing as some of the crew have been racing together for over 20 years.

**GUN RUNNER**
**SAIL NO**: 3867
**LOA**: 9.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/Corinthian – PHS/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: John King (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1985
**TYPE**: Jarkan 925
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Army Sailing Club, NSW
**SKIPPER**: Maurice Young
**CLUB**: Army Sailing Club, NSW
**CREW**: Maurice Young (2) – Skipper, Murray Stewart (2), Jack Barra, Jan Koudelka, John Condon, Shelly Fraser, Warwick Cox, Ashton Brooks

The smallest boat in the fleet with the smallest budget, (her annual budget is less than the cost of a new main for a 32 footer), Gun Runner packed a punch last year, when Reece Young skippered the Jarkan 925 to 50th overall for fourth in Division 4 and won the Corinthian trophy. In the 2017 race she was the second smallest and finished 77th overall. Owned by the Army Sailing Club, the Aussie-designed boat will feature the usual new-look crew, led by Maurice 'Reece' Young again. Murray Stewart, the erstwhile first mate, is the only crew member with Hobart experience. The Army uses the boat to train its soldiers and instil the Army values of courage, initiative, respect and teamwork. Team Army is once again looking forward to beating their rivals, the Navy.

**GWEILO**
**SAIL NO**: 052
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: TP52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Matt Donald/Chris Townsend
**SKIPPER**: Wade Morgan
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Wade Morgan (15) – Skipper, Andrea Green (8) – Navigator, Matt Donald (1), Chris Townsend (1), Adam Brown (32), Andrew Cribb (12), Ben Psaltis (2), Julian Freeman (30), Justin Mulkearns (7), Kyle Dodds, Leland Hubble, Massimiliano Fonzo, Nicolas Partridge (21), Peter Merrington (23), Simon Cunnington (7)

Gweilo was new to Australia and the race last year when Matt Donald and Chris Townsend purchased the former Container/Calm 2/Viento II and sailed her in last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart. The TP52 finished fourth overall in July 2019's Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and scored a trio of third places in the inaugural Brisbane Hamilton Island race, Flinders Islet Race and Newcastle Bass Island Race and more recently won

both their division and IRC overall in the Cabbage Tree Island race. This yacht and crew are definitely moving on up. A tough call to pick the top TP52 this year but Gweilo is one of many in the hunt.

**HAPPY WANDERER**
**SAIL NO:** ESP6100
**LOA:** 15.4m
**CLASS:** PHS
**DESIGNER:** Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
**YEAR BUILT:** 2003
**TYPE:** Judel/Vrolijk 52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS:** 7
**OWNER:** Damien Parkes
**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW:** Christopher Marr, Andrew Marr, Peter Burnheim, Richard Williams, Jimmy Keane, Damon Spencer, Michael Ivosevich, Sam Laneo, Damien Parkes (31), rest TBA

This boat, normally known as Duende, is renamed 'Happy Wanderer' in a nod to the 'Wandering Warriors', an organisation that provides tertiary education, employment and mentoring opportunities to ex serving Australian Special Forces and Defence Force members. It is also building a network of companies committed to creating employment opportunities for ex members of the Australian Defence Force. The Rolex Sydney Hobart crew comprises a group with varied sailing experience and living on opposite sides of the country. They have been trained by the boat's owner, Damien Parkes, who will be coaching the team on board.

Last year, Parkes skippered this JV52 to PHS 10th. The previous year, Duende was PHS 13th after placing PHS 12th and third in Division 1 in the 2016 race. She scored PHS seventh for third in Division 1 in 2015, PHS 11th in 2014, PHS ninth in 2013, 54th overall in IRC in 2012 and retired in 2011. This yacht originally raced in Europe as Tau Ceramics and Lacoste.

**HARTBREAKER**
**SAIL NO**: B330
**LOA**: 14.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2004
**TYPE**: Reichel Pugh 46
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 10
**OWNER**: Antony Walton/Gaye Walton
**CLUB**: Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Antony Walton (5) – Skipper, Gordon Buchan (6) – Navigator, Charles Stott (7), Louis Irving (5), Jason Boyle (5), Paul King (5), Marcus Morris (3), Stuart De Poi (2), James MacDonald (2), Catherine Parsons (1), Guy Hancock, Liah Hunter

Owned by cardiologist Tony and Gaye Walton, Hartbreaker is a 46-foot Reichel Pugh based in Brighton, Victoria. Originally built as 'Hardys Secret Mens Business 2' in 2004, and previously known as 'Shamrock', she has been campaigned as Hartbreaker since 2013, and has successfully finished the last five consecutive Rolex Sydney Hobarts. This year, Walton and the crew will look to perform well, and build upon her best results to date - finishing 21st on line honours in 2014 and 41st overall in 2015 - with a Corinthian team of regular sailors, retaining the 'pog mo thoin' motto along the way. "We've got a great crew who regularly sail on Hartbreaker out of RBYC, with a nice balance of both experienced and fresh sailors who learn from each other, listen to each other, and laugh with each other every time we leave the dock. We have all committed to Hartbreaker's campaign and we're really enjoying the journey from Melbourne to Sydney for this year's race, and looking forward to the challenge and competition ahead," Walton said.

Other notable results include line honours in the ORCV Melbourne to King Island Yacht Race in 2017-2019, first on PHS in Division 1 at the 2016 Port Lincoln Regatta, and she won the Racing/Cruising Division at Hamilton Island Race Week in 2015.

**HELSAL 3**

**SAIL NO**: 262
**LOA**: 20.0m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Joe Adams/Fred Barrett (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1984
**TYPE**: Adams 20
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 15
**OWNER**: Paul Mara/Adrian van der Rijt
**SKIPPER**: Rob Fisher
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Rob Fisher (20) - Skipper, David Stephenson (18), Adam Goode (9), Adrian van der Rijt (3), Charmaine Tate (2), Darren Corbett, Henry Pilcher, Jason Ritchie (1), Krissy Ukena (1), Luke van der Rijt, Maciej Kardas, Natasha Edwards, Nicholas Parker, Nicolaas Van Nieuwenhuysen (2), Ramandeep Kaur, Rhys, van der Rijt, Stuart Richardson, Tess van der Rijt (1)

Helsal 3 is an iconic ocean racing yacht which has been part of the Australian scene for over 30 years. The yacht was designed by Joe Adams, it has undergone a number of recent upgrades to the keel, rudder and recently had a new mast, boom and rigging fitted with increase in sail area.

Helsal 3 has a strong training program and culture to promote safe and successful sailing. Helsal 3 has raced in multiple Rolex Sydney Hobart races and achieved podium positions in the last four races in PHS and aspires to a competitive 2019 race.

**HIGHLY SPRUNG**
**SAIL NO**: AUS7771
**LOA**: 13.7m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Beneteau (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 45
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: Mark Spring
**CLUB**: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Mark Spring – Skipper, Bruce Kelly - Navigator, Andrew Hardy, Craig Banister, Kevin Sullivan, Phil Peterson, Phil West, Scott Butler, Scott Poole, Simon Daniel, Timothy Longstaff, Harrison West, Andrew Pearson (19)

In 2018, Mark Spring bought this Beneteau 45 which started life as Lady Courrier in 2008, the year her French owner finished the Rolex Sydney Hobart 37th overall. Paul Clitheroe AM bought her in 2009 and placed 62nd in the race that year, then 18th in 2011. Her last Hobart was 2013, as Balance, when she finished 37th. Since acquiring Highly Sprung, Spring did Hamilton Island Race Week in 2018, finishing top ten in IRC. In December, he took the triple IRC/ORCi/PHS crowns in the 2019 Pittwater to Paradise, ably assisted by his boat captain 'Banker' Pearson, and crew boss Phil West, winning IRC by over six hours from 'Pretty Woman' and the rest in what was essentially an uphill race.

This Rolex Sydney Hobart, the boat will be skippered by Spring and supported again by Pearson and West, with West's son Harry flown in from the US to do bow. Bruce Kelly is navigating and there are seven keen Rolex Sydney Hobart newbies on board hoping for an honest finish to reflect the training they have done to conquer this race. All hope that a top 10 divisional finish is realistic.

**HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD**
**SAIL NO**: AUS8899
**LOA**: 16.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Farr 55
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 9
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

**CREW**: Ray Roberts (24) – Skipper, Conrad Humphreys (7) – Navigator, Filip Pietrzak (1), Robert Wilmot, Caedric Reader (2), Ben Morrison-Jack, Justin Wong, James Dagge, Jordan Smith (5), Daniel Hawkins (9), Matthew van Kretschmar, David Chapman (6), John Bush (6), Josh Junior

Ray 'Hollywood' Roberts' Hollywood Boulevard placed 10th overall last year; up on 13th in 2017. Roberts competes overseas with various boats from Etchells to TP52s. In January 2019, he won Division 2 of the Australian Yachting Championships with his Botin 40,'Team Hollywood', before heading to Asia where his TP52 of the same name won him an unprecedented fourth Asian Yachting Grand Prix Skipper and Yacht of the Year title. Roberts has scores of wins and places from many regattas.

**HYC BREAKTHROUGH**
**SAIL NO**: AUS6834
**LOA**: 12.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2010
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 6
**OWNER**: Darren Wright
**CLUB**: Howth Yacht Club, Ireland
**CREW**: Darren Wright – Skipper, Colm Bermingham, Emmet Sheridan, Jonny White, Kieran Jameson, Luke Malcolm, Michael Wright, Rick De Neve, Simon Knowles

Breakthrough, a Beneteau First 40, is owned by Australian professors Matthew Vadas and Jonathon Stone. Vadas last racing her to Hobart in 2016 to finish 52nd overall. She is now being raced by Darren Wright and his Irish crew for Howth Yacht Club (HYC) in Ireland. Since 2017, Wright and team have set out to participate in a 'bucket list' of the most famous offshore races that sailing can provide. After dozens of Round Ireland and Rolex Fastnet Races, this experienced bunch is ready to tick the Rolex Sydney Hobart box and have added HYC to the front of the boat's name.

Prior to 2016, Breakthrough finished the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart 12th overall, 27th in 2013 and 29th in 2012. Before that, the boat was Ted Tooher's Chancellor, finishing 60th in 2011 and 37th in 2010. The hook for Wright and crew is to better the yacht's best result of 12th in 2014 and beat the handful of other First 40s in the race.

**ICHI BAN**
**SAIL NO**: AUS001
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Botin Partners (ESP)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2017
**TYPE**: TP52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Matt Allen AM
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Matt Allen (29) – Skipper, Will Oxley (18) - Navigator, Gordon Maguire (19), Anthony Merrington ,(12) , Ashley Deeks (11), Charles Kosecki (4), Davin Conigrave (9), Dick Parker, James Corrie (7), James Paterson (8), Jeremy Rae (26), Matiu Te Hau (3), Robert Greenhalgh (3), Sean O'Rourke (3), Timothy Sellars (13)

This TP52 has been a thoroughbred since Matt Allen AM took the wrapping off. Ichi Ban won the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Looking good for a repeat performance last year, the Derwent shut down, but she still managed fifth overall, third in Division 1, and was the top TP52. She won the 2018 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore by 14 points, won Division 1 of the Australian Yachting Championships and won the Adelaide Port Lincoln Race. Was dismasted after the start of the 2019 Brisbane Gladstone race, finished second to ENVY Scooters in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, but reversed that to win the Brisbane Hamilton Island Race before winning the Flinders Islet and Newcastle Bass Island races. These deeds found her a finalist in World Sailing's 2019 Goslings Boat of the Year Award.

In her maiden race, Ichi Ban took the line and overall double in the 2017 Newcastle Bass Island Race. In

2018, she cleanly won her Division in the Australian Yachting Championships, won the Brisbane Gladstone race, placed second in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast (the top TP52), won both the Flinders Islet and Newcastle Bass Island races, placed second in the Cabbage Tree Island Race and that November, was named RORC Yacht of the Year for her sailing feats. Allen went on to win December 2018's Bird Island Race. She remains the benchmark for the fleet.

**IMAGINATION**
**SAIL NO**: 35
**LOA**: 14.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2002
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 47.7
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: Robin and Annette Hawthorn
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Robin Hawthorn (4) – Skipper, Hamish Hawthorn (3) Campbell Hawthorn (3), Marco Poli, Tim Vine, Rob Firth, Marcus Bidey, David Grice, Matt Tomaszewski, Tom Isbell, Mike Monohan

Imagination last headed to Hobart in 2016 and finished 38th overall. With Robin Hawthorn's son Hamish taking the boat to Hobart in 2015, the Beneteau First 47.7 placed 10th overall and second in Division 3. Prior to 2015, Robin Hawthorn skippered Imagination in two Rolex Sydney Hobarts, placing ninth overall in 2009 and 14th overall in 2014, when joined by sons, Hamish and Campbell, for their first Hobart after the trio won the Bird Island race earlier that December. The three are aboard together again on this well-raced boat which is doing events ahead of the race, including the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast in which she finished 35th.

**IMALIZARD**
**SAIL NO**: 6893
**LOA**: 12.2m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Hugh Welbourn (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2007
**TYPE**: Welbourn 12
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Bruce Watson
**CLUB**: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW
**CREW**: Bruce Watson (2) – Skipper, Joris de Carlan (2) Navigator, Nicolas Degorce, Oussanne Dobé, Leah Singer (3)

Bruce Watson could not resist returning for the 75th; Imalizard was dismasted in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart after winning PHS Division 2 in her first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2016. The water ballasted Welbourn 12 was purpose-built for the double handed Melbourne Osaka Race and is quick downwind – Watson's main purpose for buying her. He is a Short Handed Sailing Association of Australia committee member, has raced it solo in SSAA competitions, with short hander friends two handing it in the 2016 Coffs Harbour race.

Watson prefers to sail the boat two-handed and finds a boat built for two very cosy with a crew of 6, 'but everyone gets on, which is what sailing is all about' he says. Half of the Imalizard crew is French, a nation that has produced some great single handed sailors and enviable cuisine. However, for the three days of the race, thoughts of confit de canard and foie gras have to go by the wayside, although the French penchant for black coffee is easily accommodated! Asked about next year's inaugural Rolex Sydney Hobart Two Handed Division, he said 'It's a great development and you can expect Imalizard to be lining up!'

**INFOTRACK**
**SAIL NO**: SYD1000
**LOA**: 30.48m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Juan Kouyoumdjian (ARG)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008

**TYPE**: 100ft Super Maxi
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: Christian Beck
**SKIPPER**: Joe Akacich
**CLUB**: Greenwich Flying Squadron, NSW
**CREW**: Joe Akacich (21), - Skipper, Brad Kellett (27) - Navigator, Christian Beck (2), Tony Mutter (4), Ty Oxley (14), Guillermo Altadill (6), Antonio Mons (4), Mitch White (16), Mal Parker (7), Lucas Chapman (6), Alexander Gough (1), Mustafa Ingham (1), Steven Wallace (5), Brad Jackson (10), Mike Mclean, Curtis Blewett (1), Carlos Hernandez, Rodger Snell, Chris Nicholson (6)

InfoTrack finished fourth over the line after a protracted battle with Wild Oats XI, Black Jack and Comanche last year. She was lauded by the other super maxi owners, as conditions did not suit this heavier boat, but she gave the top three a run for their money. Software supremo, Christian Beck, bought Perpetual Loyal from Anthony Bell in 2017, renamed her InfoTrack, and finished fourth on line in 2017, inside the Rolex Sydney Hobart record set by this boat when owned by Bell. Despite a few bumps along the way, this boat continues to defy her critics. Beck ordered changes last year, including modifying the water ballast system, all new winch motors, adding a J Zero (masthead headsail off the bowsprit) to the inventory and a whisker pole.

When owned by Bell, the super maxi retired from the 2014 and 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobarts (damaged after hitting an object and rudder damage respectively), after finishing second on line in 2013, and took line honours in the 2015 Sydney Gold Coast. Beck has again assembled a rock solid crew and who knows, she could hit the finish line first.

**INSOMNIA**
**SAIL NO**: 65007
**LOA**: 12.8m
**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE:** JV42
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Marcus Grimes
**CLUB**: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Marcus Grimes – Skipper, David Walsh, Len Hambleton, David Hobbs, Felix Werner, Adam Favaloro, Harry Atkinson (1), Matthew Stephan, Ben Hillman, James Brown, Tomas Pradas, Catherine Jordan

Marcus Grimes specifically purchased the JV42 for the Rolex Sydney Hobart, which he has been preparing for the last two years. As Elena Nova, it has done one race in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart, when owned by Craig Neil, and finished 41st overall and seventh in Division 2 with a third in ORCi Division 2.

Grimes, who races out of his local Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club at Pittwater, has been immersed in club races, including the Pittwater to Paradise. He says the learning curve has been steep after the step up from his old boat High Anxiety an Elliott 10.5, to the more modern and technical JV42. He and his crew are thoroughly enjoying the fun, fast boat that has proven itself capable of finishing the course, and are looking forward to the experience racing to Hobart against some of sailing's fastest boats and biggest names. When built, and before calling Australia home, Insomnia raced out of Germany. Grimes recently drove the JV42 to third in Division 2 of the 2019 Flinders Islet Race.

**JAFFA**
**SAIL NO**: R39
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS
**DESIGNER**: Malcolm Runnalls (GER)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Runnalls 39
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Terry Posma
**CLUB**: Royal Perth Yacht Club, WA

**CREW**: Terry Posma (2) – Skipper, Tim Fowler (3) – Navigator, Matt Powell (2), Jack Furey, Guy Skinner, Tobias Byrne, Allan Gontar, Andrew Neeson, Gareth Jones

Terry Posma and crew came all the way from WA in 2014 and finished the Rolex Sydney Hobart 39th overall. It spurred them on to return in 2015, only to retire with engine problems. Unable to leave it at that, they return with the Runnalls 39 known as 'Jaffa'. Good things come in small packages, and so it is with Jaffa, which has twice been runner-up in the Siska Trophy, WA's overall blue water racing championship. She has competed in most major offshore races on the west coast, and was specifically designed for those conditions. Jaffa was constructed by well-known Western Australian builder Peter Milner, and was based in Fremantle, the home of the America's Cup in Australia. In the last five years Jaffa has been based in Melbourne where she was racing in the tough ORCV events including three West Coasters; good preparation for the 628-nautical-mile race.

**KATWINCHAR**
**SAIL NO**: CYC8
**LOA**: 10.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Veterans/Grand Veterans
**DESIGNER**: Watney (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1904
**TYPE**: Ketch
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Bill Barry-Cotter
**CLUB**: Southport Yacht Club, Qld
**CREW**: Bill Barry-Cotter (2) – Skipper, Kendal Barry-Cotter (10) - Skipper, Murray Spence (19) - Navigator, Michael Spies (42), Robert Case (34), Scott Kaufman (13)

Bill Barry-Cotter bought the historical Katwinchar, which was built in 1904 in the Watney Brewery in London for proprietor, W. Watney. The 32ft ketch is the oldest confirmed yacht to have ever done the race. She was sailed to Australia by E.J. Mossop, who competed in the 1951 Sydney Hobart, but went missing, until arriving in Hobart on 3 January; retired. Barry-Cotter has been a name in the marine industry since the late sixties and is best known for building luxury cruisers: Mariner, Riviera and Maritimo. He found Katwinchar in a dilapidated state, and has painstakingly rebuilt and restored her over two years. Barry-Cotter has raced power boats and has done the Sydney Hobart. He sailed the self-built Ghost, skippered by his brother Kendal, to a divisional win in the 1976 race. On board are well-known Sydney Hobart identities Michael Spies and Robert Case.

**KIALOA II**
**SAIL NO**: AUS7742
**LOA**: 23.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC/Veterans/Grand Veterans
**DESIGNER**: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1964
**TYPE**: S&S Yawl
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: Patrick and Keith Broughton
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Patrick Broughton (11) – Skipper, Keith Broughton (4), Grant Chessells (13), George Jackson (2), Ian Goldsworthy (4), Matthew Souter (14), Scott Major (4), Andrew Cutler (13), Jeff Beaton (11), Genevieve White (7), Dallas Kilponen (9), Chris Harmsen (9), David Sawdon (1), Tyler Ratcliff, Paul Runyan

This famous aluminium boat was originally owned by American, Jim Kilroy, who converted her from a sloop to a yawl in 1968 and brought her to Australia in 1971 for just one Sydney Hobart. The rest is history – Kialoa II took line honours in little more than three and a half days. She also took line honours in the 1966 Newport Bermuda and San Diego Acapulco races, won the 1969 Transatlantic Race from Newport to Cork, finished second on line in the 1969 Fastnet Race and took the double in the 1972 Trans-Tasman Race from Hobart to Auckland.

Forty-five years later, Paddy and Keith Broughton purchased the classic S&S designed yawl, gave her the treatment, and finished the Rolex Fastnet Race in the UK in 134th overall from over 300 entries. Then they sailed Kialoa II to Australia and placed 56th overall in the 2017 Sydney Hobart. The real focus though, was

on beating Kialoa II's 1971 finish time – and they did, shaving seven hours off it. Last year they finished 38th overall, and nearly an hour faster than in 2017. She finished second in Division 5 in the Transpac Race.

**KING BILLY**
**SAIL NO**: 4966
**LOA**: 11.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: John King (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1992
**TYPE**: John King/Custom
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: Philip Bennett
**CLUB**: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW
**CREW**: Philip Bennett – Skipper (5), John Stephenson (5), Andrew Gale, Barclay Gillett, Bill Wright (17), Chris McCormack, John Taylor (17), Deborah Dalziel (1)

Built from King Billy Pine and designed by Australian John King, Phil Bennett's boat is ideally named. She contested the 50th Hobart in 1994, placing fourth in Division F, finished 50th overall in 1995, and along with the multitude, retired from the 1998 race. Returning for the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart, Bennett said: "After the '98 race, my wife cancelled my license to go south, but it has been reinstated for this one, provided the weather doesn't look like a repeat of 1998." Before heading off, this lovely wooden boat benefitted from her builder, Andrew Hay, giving her a thorough going over and she finished 14th overall and second in the Corinthian Division, after leading their Division overall for the first day. King Billy won Division 3 IRC in the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea. Mrs Bennett has obviously given her husband the nod to return for the 75th Sydney Hobart. You can't do the 50th and not the 75th, now can you?

**KIONI ROBOTIC AUTOMATION**
**SAIL NO**: 0447
**LOA**: 14.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS/IRC
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2001
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 47.7
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 8
**OWNER**: Kioni Syndicate - Paul Jenkins
**CLUB**: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW:** Paul Jenkins (2) – Skipper, Bill King (1) – Navigator , John Bradshaw (9), Steve Bowen, David Sigler (1), Mark Loneragan (2), Wesley Allen (1), Ian Jones (4), Peter Graham, Neil Carroll (2), Anthony King, Colin Wells (1), James King (1)

Kioni is a Beneteau First 47.7 now owned by Paul Jenkins-led Kioni Syndicate. She has previously contested eight Rolex Sydney Hobarts, the last in 2012 when she finished PHS fifth under Nick Athineos. Prior to that, she placed PHS 12th in 2011, was disqualified in 2009 after an incident on Sydney Harbour, finished 59th in 2008, 57th in 2007, 38th in 2006, PHS 17th in 2005 and 40th in their Hobart debut in 2004. Kioni competed repeatedly in the Sydney Mooloolaba, Sydney Gold Coast and Gosford Lord Howe Island races; many times under charter and with various names: Fine Line USA, Global Yacht Racing Kioni among them. As a sail training vessel, she introduced more than 200 sailors to ocean racing, including in the Rolex Sydney Hobart.

In 2012 she changed hands, was renamed Mango Groove and raced extensively. In mid-2018 she was purchased by a syndicate of experienced yachtsmen from Sydney lead by Paul Jenkins. She has received an extensive refit and returned to her original name, Kioni Robotic Automation, to recognise the yacht's sponsor.

**KOA**
**SAIL NO**: 52152
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2004

**TYPE**: TP52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: Peter Wrigley/Andy Kearnan
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Andy Kearnan (5) - Skipper, Peter Wrigley (5) - Skipper, Mark Hewitt-Park (10) – Navigator, Scott Clarkson (6), Brent Wrigley (2), George Anyon (1), Campbell Knox (19), Peter McNeill (1), Warren Miller (14), Robert Carlile (15), Bruce McRae, Taylor Balogh, Connor Mashlan, Emma May (5)

Koa finished the race 26th overall last year, following her 14th of 2017 and her retirement from the 2016 race with a broken starter motor. She scored 10th in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, a race that she has previously had a 2nd in. In 2017 this TP52 took the line honours and handicap treble in the Flinders Islet Race, breaking Loki's seven year-old conventional ballast race record.

Peter Wrigley and Andy Kearnan bought this TP52 in 2015 after she had won the 2010 Rolex Middle Sea Race and placed second in the 2014 Rolex China Sea Race. Koa was formerly known as Sjambok/Lucky. Koa will have a great battle with the nine other TP52s. Brent Wrigley again joins his dad Peter for the race.

**KOMATSU AZZURRO**
**SAIL NO**: 3430
**LOA**: 10.1m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1981
**TYPE**: S&S 34
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 6
**OWNER**: Shane Kearns
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Shane Kearns (15) – Skipper, Duncan McRae (17) - Navigator, Jim Nixon (25), Michael Doherty (17), Adrian Herington (5), Clint Mackinlay

1969 saw S&S 34 Morning Cloud win the prestigious Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Shane Kearns, owner of Azzurro, is certain that his immaculately restored sister ship can take this honour 50 years later.

With a famous history borne from a long and successful association with the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (then known as Shenandoah II), Kearns has successfully campaigned Azzurro since 2014, twice winning the Sydney Gold Coast and taking a 3rd overall in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and winning ORCi and Corinthian divisions outright.

**LCE SHOWTIME**
**SAIL NO**: 8338
**LOA**: 12.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Ker Yacht Design (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: Ker 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 6
**OWNER**: Mark Griffith
**CLUB**: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Mark Griffith – Skipper, Rob Buchanan (10) – Navigator, Angelique Kear (3), Ashley Rose (1), David Taylor (1), Peter Gardner, Sarah Crawford (1), Michael Hayward, Malcolm Parker

LCE Showtime, was purchased by Mark Griffith and Campbell Letchford in 2016, who immediately began modifications to make her a faster, better boat. The modifications which include new lighter deeper keel, extended sprit, larger sails and pedestal have paid off with Showtime finishing the race 23rd overall and fourth in Division 2 last year. The Ker 40 finished third overall for a Division 0 win in the 2018 Brisbane Keppel race, won the Corinthian Division of July's Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, was 10th overall and won Division 2 in the Flinders Islet Race. There are no doubts this yacht has the legs and is a favourite among the 40 footers.

**LEXI**
**SAIL NO**: 7234
**LOA**: 12.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS
**DESIGNER**: Niels Jeppesen (DEN)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2001
**TYPE**: X-412 Modern
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Ryan Cush
**CLUB**: Cronulla Sailing Club, NSW
**CREW**: Peter Cush (4) – Skipper, Philip Adams (7) - Navigator, Ryan Cush, Peter Finnegan (3), Jim Bennett (7), Cecily Conlon, Peter Ray, Teddy Clausen

Lexi makes her debut in this race, with father, Peter Cush (Skipper), and son Ryan Cush (Owner). Commemoration Sydney Hobarts have the effect of reuniting some crews, and that is the case here. Cush's father, Peter, did the 1983, 1986 and 1991 races with his Holland 30, Knuckleduster. Good mates, Phil Adams and Peter Finnegan joined him. Then in 1994, the 50th race, Peter sailed for Finnegan on Gypsy. Ryan says, "Twenty-five years later, the old man is getting the band back together for the 75th Hobart with Phil, Peter and another life-long mate, Jim Bennett coming along. I was seven years old the last time I watched Dad set off for Hobart, and having the chance to sail with him this time on Lexi is a bucket list item ticked off." Father and son have sailed together before, in the Etchells class with Jonathan Harris, including the 2018 Worlds and 2019 Australasian Championship, which has the effect of refining one's skills.

**LOCAL HERO**
**SAIL NO**: 1236
**LOA**: 11.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1995
**TYPE**: BH36
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 7
**OWNER**: Shane Connelly
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Shane Connelly (2) – Skipper, Daren Castle - Navigator (1), Tony Sutton (1), Mark Bayles (1), Sam MacDonald (3), Hugh MacDonald (2), Miles Ellery, Jessica Syne

Shane Connelly now owns Local Hero, which is coming up for its eighth Rolex Sydney Hobart. Shane has campaigned Local Hero in this year's CYCA Summer Series, Winter Series, JPK Pacific Two Handed Series and Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore in preparation for the 75th Sydney Hobart. Her previous owner Chris Matthews bought Local Hero from long-time owner Peter Mosely in 2016 and finished the Rolex Sydney Hobart 29th overall. Prior, Mosely retired from the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart with hull damage, and was 54th overall in the 2014 race, PHS fourth overall in 2012 and IRC 20th overall and third in IRC Division 4 in 2010. The BH36 did her first Sydney Hobart as Local Hero XII (skippered by Geoff Howison, a business partner of the boat's designer, Iain Murray and builder, the late Ian Bashford) and was 14th overall. In 1996, entered by next owner, Kevin Wood, she finished 35th.

**LOVE & WAR**
**SAIL NO**: 294
**LOA**: 14.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Veterans/Grand Veterans
**DESIGNER**: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1973
**TYPE**: S&S 47
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 17
**OWNER**: Simon Kurts
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Simon Kurts (18) – Skipper, Lindsay May (46) – Navigator, Stephen McCullum (23), Peter Sheldrick (27), Erik Adriaanse (28), Michael Heenan (20), Phillip Kurts (4), Robert Woodman, David Powys (6), Kirk Mitchell

This famous classic Oregon and Maple built boat launched for Peter Kurts, can count among her many victories winning the Tattersall Cup three times: 1974, 1978 and 2006 – joining Freya as the only yachts to win the race three times. Her last win came after Peter Kurts' son Simon loaned her to Lindsay May OAM. Simon raced her south in 2014 and was in the money, but ultimately finished seventh overall and second in Division 4, winning the 30 year Veterans and placing second in the 20 year Veterans. Love & War was the favourite of all yachts owned and raced by the late Peter Kurts, and the only one kept by him. Simon last raced her to Hobart in 2016, and despite conditions not suiting the classic S&S design, she finished 15th overall and third in Division 4 and 2nd in the Corinthian Division.

**MAGIC MILES**
**SAIL NO**: 5296
**LOA**: 18.7m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Philippe Briand (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1985
**TYPE**: Dynamique 62
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: Michael Crew
**CLUB**: Derwent Sailing Squadron, Tas
**CREW**: Michael Crew (3) – Skipper, Barry Bruce (3) - Sailing Master/Navigator, Patrick Maguire (3), Cameron Atkins (2), Steve Grellis (27), Mat Osborne (1), James Emms, Darren Shirdon, Paul Crew, Clare Southwell, Greg Black, Rob Barton, Kerry Armstrong, Rese Emanuel

Michael Crew and Magic Miles last raced to Hobart in 2017 and finished 15th PHS and fifth in Division 2. Previously, Crew sailed the yacht in the 2014 race and finished PHS 17th after finishing PHS 13th overall in 2013. The Dynamique 62 is a beautifully crafted and impeccably maintained luxury cruiser/racer that underwent a major refit in 2007-2008. She is currently in commercial survey and primarily used for charters and corporate match racing on the Derwent River in Hobart and for charters in the southern waters of Tasmania. Crew is a Qantas captain and a Director of The Old Kempton Distillery just north of Hobart. There will be fine tastings should he win PHS overall.

**MAHLIGAI**
**SAIL NO**: NZL1
**LOA**: 14.3m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1998
**TYPE**: Sydney 46
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 10
**OWNER**: Murray Owen/Jenny Kings
**CLUB**: Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, New Zealand
**CREW**: Murray Owen (12) – Skipper, Jenny Kings (8) – Navigator, Tim Spencer (2), Geoff Austin, Chris Price (1), Heath Daniel (1), Carmen Irwin, Jon Spencer (1), Matthew Brooman (3), Michael Gallagher (11), Andrew Fletcher (2), Adam Myers.

Murray and Jenny will be taking their yacht Mahligai to Hobart for the 11th time. A number of crew are back from previous Hobarts with Mahligai. History shows some good success in PHS, with 2 previous divisional wins. The Kiwi owners live in Sydney and race out of the CYCA, but are representing Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club in a nod to their heritage. This Sydney 46 has finished all 11 of her Sydney Hobarts - a great track record. The racing campaign is supported by Super Charge Batteries. The Mahligai crew are raising money for a number of charities as part of the 75th race: Conquer Cystic Fibrosis, Zero to Hero for suicide prevention and The Blackdog Institute.

**MAKO**
**SAIL NO**: N40
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1999

**TYPE**: Sydney 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Paul O'Rourke
**CLUB**: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Paul O'Rourke – Skipper, Adam Manders – Navigator, Mark Nugent, Brown Brendon, Paul O'Rourke, Greg Busch, Simon Macks, Adrian Kiely, Klaus Eisele, Tim Dodds, Brad Dodds

As CEO of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Paul O'Rourke will be proudly representing the Club with Mako in its first Rolex Sydney Hobart. Formerly Questionable Logic, this Sydney 40 was built for the 1999 Admiral's Cup and was part of the winning Dutch Team, sailing as Trust Computer Products. It was also known as Pride and raced in several Fastnet races. In 2018 it was bought by a syndicate out of NCYC to compete in regattas on the east coast. In a prelude to the main event, O'Rourke has completed the full northern circuit: Noakes Sydney Gold Coast (PHS seventh), Hamilton Island, Airlie Beach and SeaLink Magnetic Island race weeks. It's back to serious offshore racing now.

**MASERATI**
**SAIL NO**: ITA70
**LOA**: 21.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Juan Kouyoumdjian (ARG)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2007
**TYPE**: Volvo Open 70
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Jim Cooney
**SKIPPER**: Jacek Piotrowski/Jacek Siwek
**BOAT CAPTAIN**: David Burt
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Jacek Piotrowski – Skipper, Jacek Siwek – Skipper, Onno Schenk (10) – Navigator, David Burt (8) - Boat Captain, Adrian Fisk, Russell McLaren-Burns, Steve Rae, Jure Cesarek, Malgorzata Kotanska, Salvatore Mancuso, Bertrand Jasinksi, Tomasz Szela, Artur Litarowicz, Marek Woszcyzk, Robert Wojcicki

For the 75th Sydney Hobart, Polish yachtsmen Jacek Piotrowski and Jacek Siwek bring a group of fellow country men to Jim Cooney's Volvo 70 Maserati as charterers. Maserati has been given a comprehensive and timely ocean going preparation she is ready to take the Polish crew, supported by five Aussies who all know the boat well on the great race south.

Cooney bought Maserati (the ex Ericsson 3) in 2016, after legendary yachtsman, Giovani Soldini, raced her to fourth on line and 22nd overall in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart. Cooney finished sixth on line and seventh overall in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart – the last big boat to finish before the breeze shut down and locked out her opponents. Maserati was third on line to Wild Oats XI and Black Jack in the 2017 Sydney Gold Coast, the last time she was raced offshore.

**MATRIX**
**SAIL NO**: 41
**LOA**: 12.6m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Niels Jeppesen (DEN)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2010
**TYPE**: X-41
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Graham Furtado
**CLUB**: Queensland Cruising Yacht Club / Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld
**CREW**: Graham Furtado (1) - Skipper, Ian Davis (27) - Navigator, Geoff Gribble (1), Shannan Hart (9), Yuri Stevens (3), Kate Kenny (1), Ben Davis (4), Toni Dunlop (1), David Austin (1)

Last year was Matrix's first Rolex Sydney Hobart and she finished a good 34th overall, capping off a solid 2018 season, which included cleaning up at Hamilton Island Race Week and finishing third overall in the Brisbane Gladstone Race. Queensland business owner, Graham Furtado, has been enticed back to the race where he and the crew of this X-41, who usually race locally, will be aiming to better their Rolex

Sydney Hobart finish this year. They are excited about returning for the challenge and have been sailing in Queensland races and regattas to prepare for the 628-nautical-mile race in its 75th year.

**MAVERICK**
**SAIL NO**: SM3600
**LOA**: 11.3m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Andrieu Yacht Design (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2016
**TYPE**: Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Rod Smallman
**CLUB**: Sandringham Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Rod Smallman – Skipper, David Kenny, Thomas Vaughan, Paul Schulz, Tyson Smallman, Leeton Hulley, Sue Bumstead

Rod Smallman sailed Maverick, a Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600, to a brilliant third overall in the 2018 Melbourne Osaka double-handed yacht race, with his son Tyson. Maverick will continue to be raced double-handed and fully crewed throughout this sailing season in Victoria as she prepares for the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Maverick normally races locally and this is her fourth ocean racing season.

**MAVERICK 49**
**SAIL NO**: GBR4945R
**LOA**: 14.1m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Hugh Welbourn (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2016
**TYPE**: Infiniti 46R
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Quentin Stewart
**CLUB**: Royal Ocean Racing Club, UK
**CREW**: Quentin Stewart – Skipper, Michael Firmin, Steven Thomas, David Gilmour, Lachlan Gilmour, Rhys Mara, Lewis Brake, Shaun Lane, Alistair Marchesi

Quentin Stewart sailed the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart on One DLL, a Clipper Round the World race entry, and the bug bit. He commissioned Maverick 49, a 46ft race yacht with canting keel and DSS foils, the first boat of its size to combine this technology, which splashed in 2016. The Rolex Sydney Hobart will complete Maverick 49's global tour of the classic 600 mile races. Her best results include: won IRC Zero in the 2016 RORC Transatlantic Race; IRC and ORCi division 1 wins, third and 11th overall respectively under IRC in the 2016 and 2017 Rolex Middle Sea races; won Class 16 in the Open Division of the 2018 Newport Bermuda race; won the 2019 SoCal 300; sixth in Division 1 of the 2019 Transpac. Stewart has enlisted the likes of former 29er world champion Steve Thomas and Australian 49er Olympic campaigning brothers David and Lachy Gilmour in his quest to win the race.

**MAYFAIR**
**SAIL NO**: W1424
**LOA**: 12.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: James Irvine
**CLUB**: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld
**CREW**: James Irvine (3) – Skipper, Peter Webster (2), Steve Brierley (4), Graham Donnell (1), Jarrod Cook (1), Ash Edwards (1), Leon Thomas (1), Mark Carter (2), Jake Erson

Mayfair placed 51st overall for fifth in Division 4 last year. The previous year, James Irvine sailed her to 35th overall for second in Division 3; a great result for this yacht on only her second Rolex Sydney Hobart. Their first attempt in 2015 resulted in ninth for fourth in Division 4. She headed south to Sydney to compete

in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and placed second in Division 4 after finishing 31st overall. The crew are again looking forward to the 628-nautical-mile race ahead. Irvine, who is coming up for his fourth Rolex Sydney Hobart, has again put together a crew of local characters whose partying spirit belies their skills on the racetrack.

**MIDNIGHT RAMBLER**
**SAIL NO**: ST36
**LOA**: 10.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: Sydney 36
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: PBST Syndicate
**SKIPPER**: Ed Psaltis
**CLUB**: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Tas/Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Ed Psaltis (37) – Skipper, Neil Tavener (16) – Navigator, Michael Bencsik (22), Alexander McWilliam (3), David Sharp (16), Jory Linscott (3), Lucy Rees (1), Glenn Stewart

The seventh Midnight Rambler is back again for another race south, though this time will be racing her for home town, for the first time. With Ed Psaltis' relocation to Tasmania, the entry is officially and proudly representing the RYCT. Crew this year comprises four each of Hobart and Sydney core crew; Hobart race campaigners for over 29 years on those seven boats. Between them, Psaltis and crew have won every major offshore race on the east coast of Australia, including the Gosford Lord Howe Island and Sydney Mooloolaba races (twice each) plus Cabbage Tree Island, Sydney Gold Coast and Sydney Hobart races.

What used to constitute a mid-sized boat in the Hobart, Midnight Rambler is one of smallest boats out there these days, but to the Rambler Syndicate of Psaltis, Bencsik, Sharp and Tavener, 36ft is just fine. The Sydney 36 has raced the full Hobart offshore program leading up to the race, including achieving overall IRC wins in the 2019 RYCT Channel Race and the 180nm Maria Island Race with her full Rolex Sydney Hobart crew. The syndicate's hope is to be competitive in division, notwithstanding the old blokes on board, who believe they can still go hard!

**MILLE SABORDS**
**SAIL NO**: 7174
**LOA**: 11.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS/IRC
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2000
**TYPE**: Sydney 38
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER:** Robert Frayne
**CLUB**: Royal Motor Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Robert Frayne (1) – Skipper/Navigator, Ross Gibb (1) - Navigator, Tim Van Brugge (1), Arnold Shields (1), Nic Lesiuk (1), Jason Marty, Skye Paton, Richard Dumas, Darren Parker

Mille Sabords, now owned by Robert Frayne, finished the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart 65$^{th}$ overall and returns for the 75$^{th}$ race. The Sydney 38 was formerly owned by Stephane Howarth who purchased Mille Sabords in May 2010. She was the first women skipper to cross the line in the 2010 Rolex Sydney Hobart and was awarded the Jane Tate Memorial Trophy as a result. Was fourth in the Sydney 38 Division that year, and raced to Hobart again in 2011 with a 40$^{th}$ overall and seventh in the Sydney 38 Division. Did one more Hobart in 2013 and finished 35$^{th}$ overall. The Sydney 38 is based at Pittwater north of Sydney, where it races regularly.

**MINERVA**
**SAIL NO**: 6837
**LOA**: 13.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2002

**TYPE**: DK43
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: Cox Family
**SKIPPER**: Edward Cox
**CLUB**: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW
**CREW:** Edward Cox (3) – Skipper, Campbell Scott - Navigator, Jerome Johnson, Jim Walsh, Brad Greenrod (7), Michael Nolan (4), William Cox (3), Peter Bevis, Chris Malcolm

Minerva has contested five Sydney Hobarts, her last in 2013, when she finished 16th overall and 3rd in ORCi division. Prior to that, she was 44th in 2011. A DK43 design owned by the Cox family and skippered in the race by son Edward. Minerva is a regular competitor in CYCA races and the Short Ocean Pointscore series. Minerva won the CYCA Ocean Point Score PHS series in 2012/13. In July this year, Minerva finished 28th overall and fourth in Division 3 in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. Formerly known as Pla Loma IV, it contested three Rolex Sydney Hobarts, retiring in her first in 2004, and going on to place 47th in 2006 and 57th in 2008.

**MISTER LUCKY**
**SAIL NO**: RQ3600
**LOA**: 10.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Andrieu Yacht Design (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2016
**TYPE**: Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Mark Hipgrave
**CLUB**: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD
**CREW**: Deb Fish (1) - Skipper/Navigator, Mark Hipgrave (6), Rob Craigie (1), Rohan Wood (5), Todd Giraudo (1), David 'Dubbo' White (1), Warwick Hines

Mister Lucky was launched in the UK in March 2016 and has since competed in the UK and Australia. Major races include the Solo Fastnet Race, OSTAR, Rolex Sydney Hobart and the double-handed Melbourne Osaka Race. The Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600 had her first Sydney Hobart experience in 2017 and finished 33rd overall and won ORCi Division 4. This was great preparation for the 5,000 nm 2018 Melbourne Osaka Race, in which Mark Hipgrave and Rohan Wood sailed to fifth in IRC. Mark and Rohan were thrilled to learn the CYCA was adding the Rolex Sydney Hobart to its new two-handed calendar for 2020, so expect to see them on the start line in that configuration for next year's race.

The crew has extensive experience as short handed sailors in Sun Fast 3600s. Todd Giraudo and Dubbo White also competed in the 2018 Melbourne-Osaka Race (gaining second place), while Rob Craigie and Deb Fish have already completed the Rolex Fastnet and Rolex Middle Sea races this year. The challenge for this Rolex Sydney Hobart will be getting three Two Handed crews to gel as a full crew. What could possibly go wrong? Deb will skipper the boat, in an attempt to add the trophy for the best female skipper in this Rolex Sydney Hobart to the one she currently holds for the 2019 Rolex Fastnet Race.

**MISTRAL**
**SAIL NO**: M1
**LOA**: 10.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Marc Lombard (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2018
**TYPE**: Lombard 34
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Pierre Gal
**CLUB**: Coffs Harbour Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Pierre Gal (1) – Skipper, Jim Dargaville, Tony Hayes, Jan Scholten (18), Christophe Vanek (9), Michael Date (1)

Pierre Gal last headed to Hobart as the skipper of the modified Inglis 47, CEX Dolce in 2015, but the mast broke early in the piece and that was the end of that. The Frenchman, who has called Coffs Harbour home for some years, is back with Mistral, a Lombard 34. Gal, who learned to sail at five years of age in France,

is a noted sports boat fanatic and regularly competes, with two wins up north at Airlie Beach Race Week and two wins at the Festival of Sails in Geelong and other regattas. The Frenchman with flare has the added bonus of learning sail making when he was 16 and went on to sail the America's Cup on France 3. In the past, he has won the Pittwater Coffs Harbour race three times. "Also, I built Mistral from scratch, including the hull, rigging and sails. I like to add that nothing is imported, except me," said Gal. "So why not do the Sydney Hobart. My crew are excellent; world champions, America's Cup sailors, national champions and best mates!"

**MOODY BUOYS**
**SAIL NO**: G54
**LOA**: 16.5m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Dixon Yacht Design (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2014
**TYPE**: Moody 54DS
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Trevor Richardson
**SKIPPER**: Stuart Richardson
**CLUB**: Royal Geelong Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Stuart Richardson (3) – Skipper, Peter Hrones - 2IC (5), Allan Bridge (2) - Navigator, Adrian Harmsworth (2) - Helm, Brenton Carnell (18), Chris Beretta (10), Sue Beretta, Daniel Jones, Joseff Fox

Two Rolex Sydney Hobarts under the belt now for Moody Buoys, a new boat for Trevor Richardson in 2014 when they finished 56th in ORCi and 13th in Division 3. In 2016, the Moody 54DS finished a respectable third in PHS for third in Division 2. This boat replaced Richardson's former yacht, Local Buoys, and is a sistership to Trybooking.com (now Blue Water Tracks), which contested the 2014 and 2015 Hobarts and is back again. Both yachts are from Victoria, this one from Geelong, and her owner and skipper say: "Moody Buoys are excited to be doing their third Rolex Sydney Hobart and competing against the other Moodys." There are three in the race, so they will have a good competition. Trevor's son Stuart is in the skipper role again.

**NATELLE TWO**
**SAIL NO**: 2555
**LOA**: 12.4m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: Doug Peterson (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1975
**TYPE**: Peterson 41
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 15
**OWNER**: Glenn Roper
**SKIPPER**: Laura Roper
**CLUB**: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Tas
**CREW**: Laura Roper (1), Glenn Roper (14), Ashley Roper (4), Cameron Roper (1), Max Gluskie, Paula Ewington, Timothy Vincent, Sam Fenney, Paul Morgan, Phil Shepperd

Under the guidance of her father Glenn, then 22-year-old Tasmanian Laura Roper skippered the family Peterson 41, Natelle Two, in the 2011 race and finished 59th overall. Roper is 30 now and takes charge again of the two-tonner that has been in the family since 1990. She will be joined by her father Glenn, and older brothers Ashley and Cameron. Natelle Two, a famous name during her heyday, has stood the test of time well and has raced in Tasmania for many years. Built in Auckland, New Zealand and launched in 1975, she has since been restored and competes best in heavy weather to windward, like most of her era.

**NAUTICAL CIRCLE**
**SAIL NO**: A169
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER:** Joubert/Nivelt (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2006
**TYPE**: Archambault 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2

**OWNER**: Robin Shaw
**CLUB**: Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, NSW
**CREW**: Robin Shaw (2) - Skipper, Dougal Kennedy (6) – Navigator, Ian Prentice (3), Timoty Bye (1), Alexander Bye, Mitchell Bye, David Holmes, Robert Palazzi (1), Dermot Ryan (1), Rohan Smith (1)

Nautical Circle last sailed to Hobart with Ian Prentice as skipper in 2013 and finished 40th overall, following a disappointing retirement in 2010, her first tilt at the race. Robin Shaw, who is to steer her south this year, was second in command on this boat in 2013. In recent times, he entered the Archambault 40 in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and finished PHS eighth, and was IRC 12th in the Newcastle Bass Island Race. In between, Nautical Circle competes in local events with good results, with a first place in the 2017 Australian Championships PHS as a highlight. Come the Rolex Sydney Hobart, Nautical Circle will be evaluating her performance against the likes of fellow A40, Arcadia, along with other boats of a similar size.

**NAVAL GROUP**
**SAIL NO**: AUS1
**LOA**: 21.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Reichel Pugh 65
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Sean Langman
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Sean Langman (28) – Skipper, Justin Ferris – Navigator (5), Josh Alexander (19), Shaun McKnight (10), Peter Langman (6), Jonathan Swain (4), Joe De Kock (12), Brett Van Munster (5), Ed Powys (1), Oliver Scott Mackie (3), Pierre Louiset, Jacques L'Hostis

Naval Group, previously known as Moneypenny, will again carry the flags of Australia and France, the emphasis being on collaboration and team work between the two countries. Noakes Group (Sean Langman is its managing director) tendered for services to the French owned Defence business, Naval Group, and the boat was purchased by Noakes to facilitate the contract and finished 11$^{th}$ over the line and 39$^{th}$ overall in last year's race. The boat's sail and bow number are AUS1, as Langman believes the synergy between the last yacht that bore the AUS1 sail number (Team Australia the ORMA trimaran that became his choice to set two world sailing course records) and the French initiative fit perfectly.

Langman continues to bring something different to the table - from smallest and oldest boat in the fleet to downwind flyers, maxis and super maxis to this RP65. The crew this year will be made up of talented international and Australian professional sailors with the focus to win the Tattersall Cup.

**NAVY ONE**
**SAIL NO**: 040
**LOA**: 12.2m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Royal Australian Navy
**CLUB**: RANSA, NSW
**CREW**: Nathan Lockhart - Team Captain, Anthony Burrows - Skipper, Darren Watkins - Navigator, David Prentice, Emma Cook, Kieran Davis, Rob Cresswell, Will Sherman, Tracey Magyar, Nick Greenhill

The Royal Australian Navy is sailing this Beneteau First 40 that was launched as 'Lunchtime Legend' for Robbo Robertson in August 2011. That year she won IRC Division 2 of the Rolex Trophy Rating Series and was third in IRC Division 4 of the Rolex Sydney Hobart – finishing with the exact same corrected overall time as sistership, Two True, which won the Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2009. In 2012, Robbo won IRC Division 3 after finishing 17th overall in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. The boat was sold and became Outlaw and the Navy has renamed her again, Navy One, after purchasing her for sail training. The boat has been used for the previous three years for initial entry officer sail training for the RAN at HMAS Creswell in Jervis Bay. This is this first Navy entry in the race for the last 10 years.

**NIGHT NURSE**
**SAIL NO**: 9009
**LOA**: 12.4m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1999
**TYPE**: Farr 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Russell McCart
**CLUB**: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld
**CREW**: Russell McCart (10) – Skipper, Lachlan McLean (5), Matt Cardinaels (2), Simon Pulbrook, Peter Jones, Thomas Malone, Rick Roberts, Lucas Down (1)

Night Nurse is Farr 40 one-design, and according to her owner, Russell McCart, "She is a beautiful boat to sail and the most competitive one design keel boat class behind Etchells." The Queensland yachtsman and his crew have campaigned up and down the coast for 10 years, including a few national championships and they take on the other Farr 40 one-designs in Queensland. McCart is perhaps best remembered for skippering the Volvo 60, Spirit of Mateship, in the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart where they won their class. The crew was made up of wounded, injured, or ill existing and former Australian Defence Force personnel, known as 'Brave Mates', to raise money for the Mates4Mates charity. He has four Commandos on Night Nurse this year and a few old mates over 60 with whom he first did this race when they were all in their teens.

**NO LIMIT**
**SAIL NO**: AUS98888
**LOA**: 19.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Reichel Pugh 63
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: David Gotze
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: David Gotze (8) – Skipper, Ian Walker (29) – Navigator, Jack Goluzd (35), Tony Ellis (51), Matthew Wenke (8), Declan Brennan (15), Philip Eadie, James Sellors, Andrew Simpson (4), Stefan Treurniet, Duncan Macleod, Joseph Ferguson, David Allen, Ian Douglas, Aaron Cole (14), Kenneth Swiney (7), Adam Schlipalius

David Gotze recently purchased the yacht christened Limit, which became in turn Aszhou and Voodoo. As Voodoo, Hugh Ellis finished the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart third overall to win Division 1, after buying the yacht out of USA. As No Limit, it led September's Flinders Islet Race, but was pipped for line honours by Chinese Whisper –just 37 seconds separated them at the finish, with No Limit taking seventh overall. Then she led the Newcastle Bass Island Race, but retired with damage. Gotze campaigned the LC60, Triton, in recent Rolex Sydney Hobarts and finished 25th last year. Beforehand, he raced other offshore and one-design yachts successfully, including a Division 1 win and third overall with his Davidson 52 "Prime Example in the 25th Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Tony 'Ace' Ellis will break the record for the most Hobarts on a competing yacht – it will be his 52nd.

As Limit, when owned by Alan Brierty, the yacht last did the Hobart in 2010 and finished 14$^{th}$ overall. Launched three weeks prior to the 2008 Rolex Sydney Hobart, she finished seventh and then won Auckland Noumea Race line honours and every class (IRC/ORCi/PHRF). Upon returning to Australia, she retired from the 2009 race with rigging issues. This is a very good all-round boat, and a near sistership to the 2011 Rolex Sydney Hobart winner, Loki.

**OCEAN CRUSADERS**
**SAIL NO**: RQ4077
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)

**YEAR BUILT**: 1998
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 40.7
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: John and Laura Warlow
**CLUB**: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Qld
**CREW**: John Warlow (3) – Skipper, Ian Thomson (2) - Navigator, Laura Warlow, Genevieve Warlow (1), Annika Thomson, Lachlan Heath, Noel Paterson (3), Rory Hinton, Toni Crew, Wendy Tuck (12)

Ocean Crusaders was purchased by John and Laura Warlow earlier this year and has been competing locally in Brisbane with some good results, including third in the 2019 Division Yachts Gold Cup Regatta. John has competed in three Sydney Hobarts, most recently ENVY Scooters in 2017 and wife Laura is yet to compete in the race. They have gathered a crew of friends and family including daughter Genevieve who sailed to Hobart with Jessica Watson in 2011, Australian Wendy Tuck, who was the first and only female sailor to win an around the word race, and Ian Thomson, who set an around Australia solo record in 2010 when he launched the charity Ocean Crusaders who are dedicated to cleaning up Australian waterways. Together with his wife Annika, they have instigated the Sydney Hobart clean-up, challenging yachties to help clean at both ends of the race this year which is proudly supported by several organisation within the marine industry. They are using the race to continue the message that we must look after our oceans better, particularly by reducing our plastic consumption.

**OCEAN GEM**
**SAIL NO**: 8810
**LOA**: 13.5m
**CLASS**: IRC & ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1992
**TYPE**: Beneteau 445
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: David Hows
**CLUB**: Southport Yacht Club, Qld
**CREW**: David Hows (1) – Skipper, Sarah Lidiard, David Robinson, Harri Svahn, Kenton Shaw, Steven Goaverts, Amancio Macia (2), Alex Lomakin (1), Tim Wolff (1), Kris Hook (1), Lena Wilderäng (1)

Ocean Gem was purchased by David Hows in 2011 in Auckland, New Zealand. In November 2013, Hows sailed the Beneteau 445 across the Tasman via Norfolk Island to Southport Yacht Club (SYC), in Queensland. Ocean Gem has now competed in more than 400 club races, regattas and ocean races since January 2014, with successes in the Sail Paradise Regatta, Coffs to Paradise Race, multiple SYC championship titles, the QLD Beneteau Cup and the Solo Tasman Yacht Race. Ocean Gem ventured out of local waters to contest the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart and finished 52nd overall and placed fifth overall in the inaugural Brisbane Hamilton Island Race in August winning both PHS and IRC in Division 2.

**OPTIMUS PRIME**
**SAIL NO**: CR1
**LOA**: 15.1m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Marten 49
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: Trevor Taylor
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Western Australia, WA
**CREW**: Trevor Taylor (6) – Skipper/Navigator, Fran Baker, Daniel Taylor (5), Daniel Shand, Ben Irving, Cody Flynn (2), Geoffrey Taylor, Diego Villalobos, Ben Acland, David Kemp (1), Apirana Dawson, David Lawson (1), James Herlihy

Trevor Taylor last brought Optimus Prime over from the west to do the great race in 2014, when he finished 42$^{nd}$ overall. In the 2011 Rolex Sydney Hobart, Optimus Prime placed 51$^{st}$ overall, following on from her 24$^{th}$ overall and sixth in Division 2 in 2008. Taylor is an experienced offshore racing skipper, including winning the Siska Trophy awarded to the WA Offshore champion, and returns to the race after a five-year break. He normally sails the boat 2,500 nautical miles to take the 628-nautical-mile race on and his past

sailing exploits include the Clipper Round the World Race, Melbourne Osaka double handed race, a circumnavigation of Australia and a handful of Sydney Hobarts.

**OROTON DRUMFIRE**
**SAIL NO**: CAY6536
**LOA**: 24.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Andre Hoek
**YEAR BUILT**: 2007
**TYPE**: Hoek Truly Classic 78
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**SKIPPER**: Phillip Neil
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Phillip Neil (1) – Skipper, Lachie Paramor (2) – Navigator, Christopher White (1), Felicia Danby (1), Jane Vicars (1), Michael Ritchie (1), Nicholas Crabtree (1), Brad Phillips (1), Will Vicars, Duncan Campbell (1), Geoff Little (1), Brandon Buynik, Adam Hickey, Ed Danby, Sam Loughborough

In her first Rolex Sydney Hobart last year, and with updated sails and other modifications, Oroton Drumfire (named after a mythical desert racehorse of the same name) finished 45th overall. The luxury 12 year-old yacht is pristine, as she is well looked after, and has a beautiful personally-designed timber interior. The Hoek TC78 features a double cockpit and double coach roof layout and was first seen racing in Australian waters at Hamilton Island in 2017 where many fell in love at first sight. She drew many admiring looks before and as she departed for Hobart in last year's race. Before she was purchased and brought to Australia in 2015, Drumfire won the 2011 Superyacht Cup Palma.

**OSKANA**
**SAIL NO**: AUS5299
**LOA**: 15.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2006
**TYPE**: Cookson 50
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 12
**OWNER**: Michael Pritchard
**CLUB**: Derwent Sailing Squadron, Tas
**CREW**: Michael Pritchard (2) – Skipper, Jason Wilkie (2) – Navigator, Cassandra Olive, John Saul 9, Patrick Copeland (5), Geoff Tuck 1, Cameron Gibson, Matthew Clougher (10), Robbie Tuck, Jack McCullum (4), Michael Hutchinson (5)

This is 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart winner, Victoire, renamed Oskana by her Tasmanian owner Michael Pritchard, who sailed her to 23rd in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart, after a damaged mainsail required a stop to repair damage. He missed last year, instead taking line honours in the Melbourne to Hobart race. Touted as Tasmania's fastest offshore yacht, Oskana took line honours for a second consecutive year in February's Bruny Island Race. Pritchard formerly sailed his Beneteau First 45, Audere, to eighth in the 2014 race.

Brian McMaster chartered the then-Victoire for the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart, finishing 10th, after the owner, Darryl Hodgkinson, retired from the 2015 race, when he broke ribs. In 2014, he finished 45th for second in Division 0. Ray Roberts originally owned the yacht he named Evolution Racing, taking the line/overall double in the 2007 Sydney Gold Coast and placed 17th for second in Division 0 in the 2009 race. Chris Bull bought and renamed her Jazz to finish second in the 2010 Rolex Sydney Hobart, then fourth for a Division 0 win in 2011 and fourth for divisional third in in 2012. Oskana is a solid prospect to win the race.

**PACKAPONCH SCAMP**
**SAIL NO**: B45
**LOA**: 14.1m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS
**DESIGNER**: Philippe Briand (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2014

**TYPE**: Beneteau First 45
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Mike and Angela Mollison
**CLUB**: Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club, Qld
**CREW**: Mike Mollison (2) – Skipper, David Diamond (2), Mark Cooper (1), Peter Mollison, Phil Dunn (2), Michael Welsby, Peter McLatchie (2), Cam Maher

In her last Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2017, Scamp got off to a positive start, with Mike Mollison and crew very much looking forward to the race. However, she had to make a stop in Eden and then retired off Tasman Island, in both cases due to sail damage. In the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart – her first – they finished 17th overall under ORCi. Launched in 2014, this Beneteau First 45 is the second boat owned by Angela and Mike Mollison to bear the name Scamp and is usually sailed by family and friends. Her name is based on the first names of the Mollison family, appealing to the sense of fun and humour of her owners and crew. Scamp has mostly been racing on Moreton Bay, but has also contested the Brisbane Gladstone, Brisbane Keppel and Noakes Sydney Gold Coast races. This year the boat is sponsored by Ponch, a company that uses sustainable fabrics for all of its products.

**PAPILLON**
**SAIL NO**: 6841
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Joubert/Nivelt (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2009
**TYPE**: Archambault A40 RC
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 7
**OWNER**: Phil Molony
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Phil Molony (28) – Skipper/Navigator, Ralph Carlier (35), James Mitchell (4), Julie Plant (6), Alec Snyder (6), Michael Jackson (9), Olivia Coyne (4), William Hubbard (4), Michael Levy, Joseph Waits

Phil Molony planned that last year would be his final tilt at the race, but Alec Snyder, from Newport RI USA, changed his mind. Alec did his first Rolex Sydney Hobart on Papillon in 2011 and has now done six, all but one on Papillon, he offered to run the boat and bring out three mates from the USA to augment six Australians who have all done multiple Hobarts on Papillon. The Americans have significant Transatlantic, Rolex Fastnet and Newport-Bermuda race experience. So, Papillon is back after finishing 40th overall in 2018; first across the line and second in Division 4. Molony was happy with that result, after a break in 2017, and with a crew who knew the boat well, but were geographically dispersed, with several flying in for race day. In 2014, the yachtsman marked his milestone 25th Sydney Hobart with 17th overall. After contesting eighteen Hobarts before, Molony took the plunge in 2007, purchasing his first Papillon and upgraded to this Archambault A40rc in 2010.

**PATRIOT**
**SAIL NO**: SM133
**LOA**: 13.1m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: J Yachts (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2004
**TYPE**: J/133
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Jason Close
**CLUB**: Sandringham Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Jason Close (1) – Skipper, L O'Connor (2) – Navigator, Graeme Smith (5), Greg Coutts (1), Jordan Sunkel-Lozell (1), Marissa Chalkley (1), Peter Chalkley (2), Stuart Moseley (3), Andrew McGrath (1), Stuart Schafer (8)

Jason Close saw no alternative but to come back for the 75th race after Patriot broke her rudder and retired from last year's race. Originally owned and raced in the USA, this J yacht was the second US built J/133 to be imported into Australia. Her only other Rolex Sydney Hobart was 2010, when owned by Queenslander Tony Love. The pair finished 25th overall for second in Division 3. Otherwise, Patriot has been lightly raced,

used more for cruising. The pressure is now on Close to finish the race and to equal or better her 2010 result.

**PEKLJUS**
**SAIL NO**: 6419
**LOA**: 15.3m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Graham Radford (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2001
**TYPE**: Radford 50
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: David Suttie
**CLUB**: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: David Suttie – Skipper (2), Garry Holder (2) – Navigator, Ron Palmer (4), Adam Phillips (1), Karl Onslow (1), Scott McLintock, Andrew Ebbott (3), Michael MacDonald, Brad Anson (19), David Landers, Robert Suttie (2)

The Sutties and their followers were thrilled with Pekljus' PHS second last year, following their PHS 10th overall in 2017. The highlight in 2017 came at the end of the race when David Suttie's son and crew member, Robert, proposed to girlfriend Olivia dockside in Hobart. David Ferrall started building Pekljus in 2001 for Don McIntyre's solo around the world race, but when that event was cancelled, he put the project on hold. Instead, she was launched in 2004, in time for the Rolex Sydney Hobart that year, but the Radford 50 was one of 57 retirees. This bullet-proof boat has been set up for easy handling and for fast passages, so will hold up well in a blow. Pekljus won PHS in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, a good sign for the big race ahead.

**PRETTY WOMAN**
**SAIL NO**: 545
**LOA**: 13.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS/IRC
**DESIGNER:** Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1996
**TYPE**: IC45 Mod
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Richard Hudson, Michael Lockley & Russell Murphy.
**CLUB**: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Richard Hudson (10) – Skipper, Alice Tarnawski, Ellen Pragnell-Raasch, Francois Naef, Jessica Angus, Jon Bassinder, Liam Bennett, Matthew Gerethy, Will Hardcastle, Russell Murphy, David Beak (6), Antony Hawke

This will be Pretty Woman's second Rolex Sydney Hobart. Her only other was in 2007 when she finished 25th overall with respected offshore yachtsman, Richard Hudson as owner, in partnership with others. Hudson does a lot of racing out of his 'local', the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, and leaves town from time to time to do major offshore races, such as the Sydney Hobart and ARC races. In January, Pretty Woman took line honours in the Pittwater to Paradise race and finished second overall. David Beak is joining the team for the 75th Sydney Hobart. David was the owner and skipper of Mr Beaks Ribs a previous winner of the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Four of the crew are also graduates of the RPAYC Youth Development Program.

**PRIMITIVE COOL**
**SAIL NO**: S777
**LOA**: 15.6m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Reichel Pugh 51
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 9
**OWNER**: John Newbold
**CLUB**: Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Vic
**CREW**: John Newbold (6) – Skipper, Eric Holden (7) – Navigator, David Sudano (21), Thor Cembala (9), Matthew Setton (11), Michael Donnan (6), John Crawford (13), Lawson Shaw, Andrew Hay (5), Chris

Cleary, Cosmas Grelon, Greg Patten, Simon James, Ben Newbold

Primitive Cool is a Reichel Pugh 51 purpose-built for offshore racing. She is the former Tattersall Cup winner of the 2010 Rolex Sydney Hobart as Secret Mens Business 3.5. John Newbold has owned Primitive Cool since 2013 and has successfully campaigned the yacht in Melbourne and Sydney. In 2015 the yacht finished the race fourth overall and second place in IRC Division 1 in testing conditions. Given heavy running and/or reaching conditions and a modicum of luck, Primitive Cool is still capable of a podium finish amongst a star-studded IRC 50-foot Division 1.

**PROTAGONIST**
**SAIL NO**: H140
**LOA**: 12.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Nick Foa
**CLUB**: Hobsons Bay Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: David Stoopman – Skipper, Andrew Slagmolen – Navigator, Lynda Brayton, John Hogan, Megan Gault, Jesse Doherty, Rick Rogers, David Cunningham

This Beneteau First 40 has been recently purchased by Nick Foa who has allowed his crew skippered by David Stoopman to race this year's 75th Sydney Hobart. Based out of Melbourne, the crews first race on the boat was the Melbourne qualifier, the Melbourne to Stanley Race. Protagonist has been regularly raced on the Derwent River in Tasmania by the previous owner. This will be Protagonist's maiden Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, and like others, she chose the 75th race to make her debut. She will have others of the same design to gauge her performance against, including Blink, HYC Breakthrough, Mayfair, Navy One and Wicked, not to mention others of a similar ilk.

**QUEST**
**SAIL NO**: 52002
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: TP52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 7
**OWNER**: Craig Neil/Bob Steel
**SKIPPER**: Mike Green
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Mike Green (40) – Skipper, Bob Steel (21), Craig Neil (2), James Walker - Navigator, Clinton Evans (6), Nick Mrdjen (3), Max de Montgolfier (7), Mick Slinn (12), Matthew Bassett (7), Richard Plain, Ryan Brook, Don McPhee

Yes, Bob Steel has bought his boat back, this time with Craig Neil. This TP52, originally owned by Steel, has in the past been named Quest and Balance. It has won the race as both; for Steel as Quest in 2008 (who also sailed her to second in her last Rolex Sydney Hobart, 2017, after a close tussle with the winner, Ichi Ban) and as Balance for Paul Clitheroe AM in 2015. Steel also won the race with his previous Quest in 2002. Steel and Neil, the former owner of Elena Nova, finished sixth in July's Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and fifth in the Flinders Islet Race.

Clitheroe skippered the boat to fourth overall to win Division 1 in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart, and winning the race in 2015 converted to Clitheroe winning the Blue Water Pointscore. The 'Money Man' also set a new race record in the Sydney Newcastle race, and won it overall. This boat has had remarkable results, and if the weather gets rough, the race could favour the the 50 footers.

**QUETZALCOATL**
**SAIL NO**: 2001
**LOA**: 12.3m

**CLASS**: PHS/Corinthian
**DESIGNER**: Don Jones (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2001
**TYPE**: Jones 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 7
**OWNER**: Antony Sweetapple/James Lee-Warner/Anthony Bruce
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Antony Sweetapple (12) – Skipper, Anthony Bruce (7), James Lee-Warner (8), Richard Hincks (4), Johannes Stark (1), Nick Rock (1), Mark Ayto (6), David Ulm (5), Peter Haggitt (1), Alexia Silver

Quetzalcoatl is well-known to the race and her owners have pulled out some great results, although last year's PHS ninth was not as they expected. They missed the Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2017, but finished PHS second for Division 2 second in 2016. She was PHS second and third in the Corinthian division in 2014, returning after two years absence, especially for the 70th edition, so obviously could not miss the 75th. She won PHS in 2011 – a special year with victories also in the Sydney Newcastle and Gosford Lord Howe Island races. This Australian designed Jones 40 is distinctive because of her name and bright yellow décor. Beautifully built of King Billy pine, she continues to deliver for her owners; Antony Sweetapple, Anthony Bruce and James Lee Warner.

**REVE**
**SAIL NO**: 5930
**LOA**: 14.0m
**CLASS**: PHS/Corinthian
**DESIGNER**: Philippe Briand (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1991
**TYPE**: Beneteau 45 F5
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: Kevin Whelan
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Kevin Whelan (2) – Skipper/Navigator, Judell Johnston, Jayne Whelan, Philip Challis, Manuel Varlet, Greg Marshall, Simon Barrington, Matthew Cameron, Matthew Creedon, Frances Stuhlmann (1), Michael Formosa (24), Pierre Briand

Reve, skippered by Kevin Whelan, lines up again her fourth Rolex Sydney Hobart after another solid season in PHS. This continues on from two back-to-back wins the 2016-2017 Noakes Sydney Gold Coasts. Reve placed 11th PHS in her maiden Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2016 and fifth PHS in last year's race. Recently winning PHS in the Newcastle Bass Island race, Reve starts in good form for this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart. Watch the tracker for the battle between Reve and Whelan's son James (on board the much bigger and possibly more comfortable Charlotte) as the family goes head-to-head for the PHS win.

**ROGUE WAVE**
**SAIL NO**: 6921
**LOA**: 11.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: David Thomas (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1983
**TYPE**: Sigma 36
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Kevin Le Poidevin
**CLUB**: Port Stephens Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Kevin Le Poidevin – Skipper, David Simm, Roger Yeo, Darrell Greig, Neil Pilz, Asia Paikowska

Rogue Wave was designed by English yacht designer, builder and sailor, the late David Thomas and was launched in the UK. The 75th Sydney Hobart is her and Kevin Le Poidevin's first, and this year also marks 36 years of global offshore sailing for the boat. For the past 10 years, the Sigma 36 has been in the care of Le Poidevin, with the two solo sailing thousands of sea miles together from Malaysia to Australia and racing from New Zealand to Mooloolaba in the 2014 and 2018 Solo Tasman Yacht Challenges, finishing third and second in IRC respectively. He says, "Our crew of old 'rogues' comprises enthusiastic Air Force and Port Stephens Yacht Club members and our international stealth weapon Polish sailor Ms Asia Pajkowska, who

has just completed a solo unassisted circumnavigation." The Air Force guys are looking to project Air Power superiority over their Army and Navy counterparts. The crew of compassionate sailors will be sailing to raise awareness of the support provided by Soldier On and White Ribbon.

**RUSH**
**SAIL NO**: B45
**LOA**: 13.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1997
**TYPE**: Farr 45
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 8
**OWNER**: John Paterson
**CLUB**: Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: John Paterson (14) – Skipper, Andrew Poulton (9) - Navigator, Alexis Valenza (1), Kate Jenkins (3), Simon Tedstone (3), Michael Bunyard (9), David Reducka (1), Eamonn Murphy (2), Luke Rhodes, Darren MacKay, Thomas Jenkins, Ben Keane

Rush last headed south in 2015 and finished 24th overall to win Division 2, a great result for John Paterson and his crew from Victoria. Prior to that, the Farr 45 finished the Hobart in 2012 in 49th overall, but consequently retired from the 2013 race when a crew member broke his leg in gale force winds off the Tasmanian coast. Rush also contested the 2005 (30th overall), 2006 (45th), 2007 (19th), 2008 (23rd) and 2009 (18th) Hobarts. Rush is a regular in Victorian events and also contests other major regattas on the eastern seaboard. Rush was primarily created to compete on the International 45 foot circuit.

**SAIL EXCHANGE**
**SAIL NO**: 7709
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2000
**TYPE**: Cookson 12
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Carl Crafoord/Tim Horkings
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Tim Horkings (4) - Skipper, Carl Crafoord (33) – Navigator, Hugh Brodie (28), Steven Keane (14), Alan Sims (4), Drew Spring (5), Joseph O'Keeffe (2), Alan Turner (1), Chris Dagger, Brian Whitbourne (3)

Sail Exchange was purchased by Tim Horkings and Carl Crafoord in September 2017. The Cookson 12 competed in her first Rolex Sydney Hobart in 2018 and finished 18th IRC overall and third in Division 3. It was Crafoord's first Rolex Sydney Hobart as a boat owner – the Sydneysider is most recognised as a navigator and has done 33 Sydney Hobarts now, with wins on Sagacious, Raptor and the two Quests. He is among the few to achieve four wins as a navigator and is one of three father-sons to rack up a total of 60+ Sydney Hobarts. The boat is named after Crafoord's used-sail recycling business.

Tim Horkings, co-owner of the yacht, previously sailed in the 1981, 1982, 1983 Hobarts and came back as an owner for last year's race with many more planned. Tim has had vast experience on the maxi yacht Matador sailing in regattas in the USA and Europe from 1986 to 1988. The solid team of 10 crew have been training together for two years now and the boat has had significant upgrades since her purchase. This year, in order to gain a competitive advantage, the Sail Exchange crew has undergone a development program that draws on best practice mental skills training from both sport and business. The approach is being designed and conducted by Dr Elizabeth King from Macquarie University and uses materials developed by the global organisation, The Potential Project.

**SANTANA**
**SAIL NO**: M236
**LOA**: 13.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: Ron Holland (NZL)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1986

**TYPE**: Swan 43
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: Michael Graham
**CLUB**: Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Michael Graham – Skipper, Tony Purkiss (12), Jesse Morrow, Peter Watkins, David Hill (7), Chris Scanlon, Michael Graham (7), Darren Paplexion, Mark Graham (9), Vincent Carty, Michael McDonald, (4), James Graham

Santana last raced to Hobart in 2004 when Mike Kelaher retired her from the race. Other results in the 628nm race include 1991 (as Santana Baby Lock) with IMS 37th overall. In 1995, as Leda, she was 71st overall; as Santana in 2000 she was 17th on IRC. These days she is owned by Michael Graham from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, where her previous owner was also a member. Built in Norway, Graham says Santana has been refurbished and he sailed her to 17th overall for fourth in Division 3 in the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea Race. Designed by Ron Holland, she joins a long list of golden oldies in this 75th Sydney Hobart. On crew is Tony (Biggles) Purkiss, who Ralph magazine once listed in eighth place of its 50 Toughest Aussies following a number of incidents that stopped him from nothing; the first was being blinded in the Bali bombing.

**SECRET MENS BUSINESS 1**
**SAIL NO**: 8300
**LOA**: 12.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER:** Murray Burns Dovell
**YEAR BUILT**: 1996
**TYPE**: Murray 42
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 10
**OWNER**: David De Coster and Sally Armati
**CLUB:** Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW:** David de Coster (15) – Skipper, Robert Burns (29), Sally Armati (1), Michelle Warner, Mackenzie Muir (1), Mark Loader (1), Colin Dagger (15), Stephanie Lyons (1), David Eastwood (6).

The original Secret Mens Business, designed by Murray Burns Dovell, built by Peter Bolton yachts in 1996, known as Secret Mens Business 1 (SMB1). Over the course of its many successful race campaigns, SMB1 has competed extensively in eastern seaboard off-shore races, including the Blue Water Pointscore, and 10 Sydney Hobart races. SMB1 was purchased by David de Coster and Sally Armati in May 2018, berthed at CYCA, where it has been optimised to maintain its competitive edge. The 75th Sydney Hobart will pave the way for many offshore campaigns entering into 2020 and beyond. David de Coster's competitive nature and wealth of racing experience, including 15 Sydney Hobart races will lead a strong experienced crew to the finish line.

**SHE**
**SAIL NO**: 4924
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Gary Mull (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1981
**TYPE**: Olsen 40 Mod
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 19
**OWNER**: Philip Bell
**CLUB**: Southport Yacht Club, Qld
**CREW**: Philip Bell (2) – Skipper, Anthony Ozols (9) – Navigator, Anthony Sly, Chad Grafton, Chris Gray, Jeff Weir, Leo Holmes, Mark Bowes

This Olsen 40 last pointed south in 2017, finishing 17th PHS. She is a stayer, and with current owner, Philip Bell, placed 10th PHS overall in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart. In the lead-up to this year's race, She finished PHS 10th in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast. She also won their division at 2018 Airlie Race Week. Formerly owned by Peter Rodgers racing in 17 Hobarts, She has undergone a few mods in her time. Prior to 2016, her last Hobart was 2013 when she won PHS and won Division 2. She also won PHS in the 2009 and 2012 races and was PHS fourth in the tough 2004 Hobart. Other Hobart results are (PHS unless otherwise stated): fourth (2011); seventh (2010); 14th (2008); fifth (2007); fourth (2006); 12th (2005); eighth

(2002); seventh (2001); second (2000); retired from the 1998 race with broken gear and was 12th IMS Division E (1995); 20th IMS Division F (1994); 20th IMS overall (1993). Bell is looking forward to She's 20th race to Hobart.

**SHE'S APPLES II**
**SAIL NO**: 4527
**LOA**: 12.7m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Veterans
**DESIGNER**: John King (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1991
**TYPE**: Jarkan 12.5
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 9
**OWNER**: Marcus McKay
**CLUB**: Derwent Sailing Squadron, Tas
**CREW**: Marcus McKay – Skipper, Jai McKay – Navigator, Marcus McKay, Rolan Eberhard, Patrick Eberhard, David Graney, Anthony Miller, Gabriel Morrison, Morgan Davies

Now owned by Tasmanian Marcus McKay, She's Apples II last raced to Hobart in 2017 as China Easyway with Travis Read/Tim Wilson, and placed 32nd overall and third in Division 4. The pair sailed her to 22nd overall and fifth in Division 4 the previous year after retiring with sail damage in 2015. Original owner, David Strong, won the 1991 Sydney Hobart overall under IMS (in conjunction with IOR winner, Atara), then finished 26th overall in 1992, but retired in 1993. In 1994, rebadged AFS Freight, she finished 71st overall. The Jarkan 12.5 was then sold to Max Prentice who retired from the 1997 race, but was one of the few finishers of the 1998 race in 21st overall. McKay purchased the boat in early 2018 and is now based in Hobart. McKay sailed her in the 2018 PONANT Sydney Noumea race, but retired early in the race due to dismasting. With the boat now re-rigged, the crew has been preparing for the 75th Sydney Hobart.

**SHE'S THE CULPRIT**
**SAIL NO**: 370
**LOA**: 12.0m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Inglis/Jones (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1994
**TYPE**: Inglis/Jones 39 Mod
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 7
**OWNER**: The Culprit Syndicate
**SKIPPER**: Glen Picasso and Glenn Bulmer
**CLUB**: Newcastle Cruising YC/Lake Macquarie YC, NSW
**CREW**: Glenn Bulmer (7) - Skipper, Glen Picasso (11) - Skipper, Robert Jarvie (2) – Navigator, David O'Dowd (6), Richard Hooper, Trent Buttler, Sharon Gruber, Kath Hall, Kristen Anderson, Tim Vooles, David Edwards

This well-known yacht owned by a fun syndicate from Lake Macquarie last raced to Hobart in 2017 and finished PHS second, as well as second in Division 2, and third in Corinthian division. She's the Culprit placed fifth in PHS for third in Division 2 in the 2015 race after winning PHS in 2014, also taking the Corinthian trophy. In 2013, owners Glenn (Tac) Bulmer, Glen (Cyril) Picasso and David O'Dowd sailed the Inglis/Jones 39 to PHS fourth in the Hobart for third in division. 'The Culprits' finished PHS sixth in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast. Launched as Top Cat for the Melbourne Osaka race, she relocated to Tasmania under the name 42 South. Todd Leary bought and renamed her 'She's The Culprit', campaigning her in three Rolex Sydney Hobart's from 2008 to 2010, before her current owners took control.

**SHK SCALLYWAG 100**
**SAIL NO**: HKG2276
**LOA**: 30.48m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Andy Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2014
**TYPE**: 100ft Super Maxi
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: Seng Huang Lee

**SKIPPER**: David Witt
**CLUB**: Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hong Kong
**CREW**: David Witt (23) - Skipper, Seng Huang Lee (2), Luke Parkinson (5), Nick Crones (2), Phil Harmer (12), Peter Cumming (1), Ben Piggott (5), Trystan Seal (1), Jack Macartney (8), Scott Salter (2), Ferdinand Galleta (4), Michael Pelaez, Gregoria Robesso, Chrismark Galleta, Chris Wild

SHK Scallywag had to retire early in last year's race with a broken bowsprit. After that, she went overseas, taking line honours in the Antigua Bermuda and Transatlantic races. She missed the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart; her new keel was not ready, and the crew was preoccupied with the VOR. The previous year, David Witt skippered Seng Huang Lee's boat to third on line, and was one of a trio to break Wild Oats XI's 2012 race record. Scallywag annihilated FfreeFire's 2001 San Fernando race record by over 15 hours, setting a new record for the race from Hong Kong to the Philippines - and won overall. She finished monohull second on line to Rambler 88 in August's Rolex Fastnet Race.

Seng Huang Lee bought the former Ragamuffin from Syd Fischer in 2016, making mods before breaking the Groupama Race monohull record that September for second overall. She then smashed Beau Geste's (TP52) Hong Kong to Hainan record. As Ragamuffin, she contested her first Hobart in 2014, finishing third on line, then second on line in 2015. In the lead-up, she took line honours and broke the Hong Kong Vietnam Race record Fischer set with Ragamuffin 90 in 2013. The hull of this yacht was designed by Andy Dovell with input from Fischer and Witt, but her modified deck came from Investec Loyal, which Fischer purchased from Anthony Bell and raced to Hobart in 2012 and 2013.

**SINTARA**
**SAIL NO**: YC110S
**LOA**: 14.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2001
**TYPE**: Beneteau 47.7
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Derek Morrison
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia, SA
**CREW**: Derek Morrison – Skipper (2), Craig Fleming, Dan O'Connell (3), Paul Hicks (1), Dianne Schwerdt (1), Paul Judge (2) Joanne Pilmore, Julian Kent, Mary-Louise Hicks, Tom Abbott (2), Chantal MacClelland, Peter Donovan, Norm Nicholls

Sintara was previously owned by Gordon Anderson who raced her at the CYCA for 14 years before Peter Mumford bought and renamed her Carte Blanche. South Australian, Derek Morrison, bought her just before Christmas in 2017 and gave the Beneteau 47.7 her original name back. The intention is to use her for a mix of racing and cruising. This will be the pair's first Rolex Sydney Hobart and they should enjoy good in-house competition with the other same design boats in the race, plus others of a similar size.

**SMUGGLER**
**SAIL NO**: 6952
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2007
**TYPE**: TP52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 8
**OWNER**: Sebastian Bohm
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Sebastian Bohm (6) – Skipper, Sam Price (13) – 2IC, Ashley Major (9), Nick Armstrong (5), Peter Jenkins (3), Peter Tarimo (13), Steve Taylor (2), Toby Munns (3), Lauren Gallaway (2), Maike Muth (4), Robert Human (21), Albert Mead (1)

Sebastian Bohm recently moved up a notch with the purchase of the former Celestial from CYCA Rear Commodore Dr Sam Haynes who he also purchased the Rogers 46, Smuggler from. As Celestial, the new Smuggler finished 17th overall in the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart to finish second overall in the Audi Centre Sydney BWPS, adding to other great results. With his Rogers 46, Bohm placed 24th for fifth in Division 2 in

the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart. The previous year, he scored a best result of sixth overall for divisional second. In June 2018, the Sydney yachtsman won the IRC/ORCi/PHS triple in the PONANT Sydney Noumea and placed 17th overall for third in Division 2 in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast race, ninth in the Flinders Islet Race and fifth in the Newcastle Bass Island Race.

**SNOWDOME OCCASIONAL COARSE LANGUAGE TOO**
**SAIL NO**: 8008
**LOA**: 13.1m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Jason Ker (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: Ker GTS 43
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: Warwick Sherman
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Warwick Sherman (3) – Skipper, Arthur Psaltis (15), Grant Pankhurst (1), Allan Jackson (4), Aymeric Motte (1), Tanguy Fournier Le Ray (2), Jay Anderson (1), Alessandro Torresani, Michael Duggan, Dan Sutter, Nicolas Lunven, Julien Villon

Warwick Sherman and Occasional Coarse Language Too have done three Rolex Sydney Hobart's, debuting in 2012 and winning IRC Division 2, placing 14th overall. They retired in 2014 with steering damage, but placed 5th in division and 28th overall in 2017, winning the Corinthian Division. Sherman added the race to his bucket list after a bout with non-Hodgkin's Mantel Cell Lymphoma (blood cancer). Chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant in 2012 put Sherman into what was supposed to be long-term remission, but the Lymphoma returned in 2015 and he has, beaten it again, with more chemo and a stem cell transplant from his brother. The Sydney yachtsman has since raised funds and awareness of the disease through the Snowdome Foundation.

You can support him via: www.facebook.com/occasionalcoarselanguagetoo/ and help raise much-needed funds for blood cancer research in Australia, by donating and sharing the fundraising page: Snowdome Foundation www.givenow.com.au/crowdraiser/public/snowdomeocltoosydneytohobartyachtrace2019

**SOLUTIONS**
**SAIL NO**: 3242
**LOA**: 12.4m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS/IRC
**DESIGNER**: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2012
**TYPE**: Dehler 41
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Stephen Dadour
**CLUB**: Royal Prince Alfred YC/Royal Motor YC, NSW
**CREW**: Stephen Dadour – Skipper, Joshua Chant – Navigator, David Blakemore – Navigator, Alan Green, Matthew Holman, Chris Clough, Nathan Sparke, Russell Jones

Solutions has not done the Rolex Sydney Hobart, but her owner, Stephen Dadour, thought the 75th running of the race was a good time to start. She regularly club races through the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club at Pittwater, and ventures out to contest such events as the Sydney Harbour Regatta in March, when the Dehler 41 finished fourth in Performance Spinnaker class Division 1. Dadour also raced her at Sail Port Stephens in April and finished fifth in Performance Division 1. He will continue to train and race ahead of the Rolex Sydney Hobart.

**SOOZAL**
**SAIL NO**: US60408
**LOA**: 12.1m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Mark Mills (IRE)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Summit King 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0

**OWNER**: Keiran and Elizabeth Mulcahy
**SKIPPER:** Mark Edmonds
**CLUB**: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Mark Edmonds (3) – Skipper, Ben Rice (6) – Navigator, Patrick Mulcahy, Tom Brewer (5), Jim Colley, Frank O'Leary (7), Lauren Crossman, Mark Laurence, Alice Murphy

Soozal has been quite the journey for Keiran and Elizabeth Mulcahy after racing their previous yacht Astral very successfully out of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club for the past five years. With IRC in mind, Keiran and Elizabeth identified the Mark Mills designed King 40 Soozal from the West Coast of USA as an opportunity to race competitively in IRC nationally and at the RPAYC. The yacht was named 2009 World Sailing Boat of the year, the Mulcahy family hope to replicate the yacht's past winning ways.

Soozal was launched in November 2019 with a major refit prior to the 2019/2020 Sydney summer racing season. The boat will compete in this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart with three of the Mulcahy family aboard with the assistance of seasoned Hobart sailors. In between regattas you will find Soozal being cruised around the Hawkesbury River and Pittwater.

**SPIRIT OF FREYA**
**SAIL NO**: 5903
**LOA**: 11.3m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Phillip Briand (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1996
**TYPE**: Jeanneau Sun Fast 36
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Joanne Harpur
**CLUB**: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Tas/Sandringham Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Joanne Harpur – Skipper, Mark McRae - Navigator, Marike Koppenol (2), Tom Doherty, Leanne Doherty, Michael Doherty

Spirit of Freya competed in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and finished 59th overall. Owner, Joanne Harpur, says she is now ready with crew keen to head to Hobart this Christmas. In preparation they competed in the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore. Harpur races offshore out of Tasmania and Victoria, giving her a good spread of hard sailing. She has also strayed to Sydney on occasions, competing lately in MHYC's Women's Regatta.

**ST JUDE**
**SAIL NO**: 6686
**LOA**: 14.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2007
**TYPE**: Sydney 47
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 11
**OWNER**: Noel Cornish
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Noel Cornish (12) – Skipper, Steve Kidson (7) - Navigator, Peter Messenger (29), Geoff Cropley (21), Nicole Butcher (4), Stuart Holdsworth (19), Tim Meyrick (4), Edwin Wray (1), Paddy Bannon (6), Mish Ivaneza (9), Thomas Quick (5), Andrew Miln (5)

CYCA Vice Commodore, Noel Cornish AM, was thrilled with 14th overall to win Division 2 last year. A good result was on the cards when his Sydney 47 scored triple victory in the 2018 Cabbage Tree Island Race, winning IRC/ORCi/PHS; beating Ichi Ban and other TP52s. She finished third in the 2016 Blue Water Pointscore. He led October's Newcastle Bass Island Race for a time to ultimately finish fourth. Cornish has done every Hobart since 2008. If conditions favour the 40 to 50 footers, St Jude will be a front runner. Peter Messenger has completed 29 Sydney Hobarts, making this year's race on St Jude his 30th. This momentous occasion will be celebrated by the crew by racing hard to Hobart, where family will meet them at the dock.

**STAY CALM HUNGARY**

**SAIL NO**: HUN108
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2006
**TYPE**: TP52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 8
**OWNER**: Hungarian Syndicate
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Aron Ormandlaki (3) – Skipper, Will Parbury (3), Tim Sommerville, Aron Nemeth (1), Gyula Monus (1), Lajos Gyuru (1), Tamas Horvath (1), Brett Filby (10), Walter Lewin, Anthony Paterson (13), Tamas Kelemen, Garry Van Dijk (8), Marcus Korobacz, Tim Cummings, Gary Telford (15), Paul Williams (15), Tony May (6)

This is the TP52 that last year was named M3, represented the first ever Hungarian entry in the race when chartered by Aron 'Roni' Ormandlaki, but was unfortunately dismasted early in the race and retired. It gave Ormandlaki, of Roni Rigging and Racing, the impetus to try for Hungary again. This past July, he finished 15th overall in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast. Ormandlaki had previously crewed on Nautical Circle in 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart and Papillon in 2014. In 2017 as M3, the boat finished the Hobart 17th for ninth in Division 1 under owner Peter Hickson with Geoff Hill. M3 placed 42nd overall in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart after Hickson purchased the former Stay Calm/Calm in September 2015 and blitzed the WA circuit. M3's forestay shredded just after the start of the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart and they retired. Under Victorian ownership from 2009 as Calm, the boat contested the Hobart in 2012 and was best-placed TP52 in fifth overall, finishing fifth again in 2013. WA's Tony Mitchell was her next owner until Hickson bought the boat. The boat is now fully in Hungarian hands with her original name. The boat is back in her old glory, with an unused rig from her sister ship, and lots of love from Roni Rigging and Racing.

**STICKY**
**SAIL NO**: A164
**LOA**: 11.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS
**DESIGNER**: J&J Yachts (SLO)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2012
**TYPE**: Salona 38
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 2
**OWNER**: Richard Harris
**CLUB**: Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, NSW
**CREW**: Richard Harris (2) – Skipper/Navigator, Anthony Jurd (1), Chris Bennett (1), Gregg Klaebe (2), Tom Crow (4), David Thomas (17), Glen Ormerod, Mark Hellyer, Mike Selbie, Reece Goldsmith (4), Richard Wood

Sticky and Richard Harris made their Rolex Sydney Hobart debut in 2016 and finished 28th overall and third in ORCI Division 4. They made a comeback last year and finished 61st overall. Sticky competed in the PONANT Sydney Noumea race in 2018, finishing second in IRC Division 2. Sticky has competed in many offshore races with consistent performance. The five-year-old Salona 38 has a crew of nine that have been sailing together for many years are looking forward to being part of the 75th Sydney Hobart. Richard Harris now lives in Sydney but is from Hobart and racing the yacht home in the 75th year will be a highlight.

**SWD KAYLE**
**SAIL NO**: 7878
**LOA**: 16.2m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: David Lyons (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2000
**TYPE**: Lyons 54
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 12
**OWNER**: David Pescud, Sailors with disABILITIES
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW

**CREW**: David Pescud - Skipper, Craig Simpson - Navigator, Stephen Robinson, Ilter Dumduz, Mitsunobu Miyashita, Kirk Watson, Jordan Berryman, Mike Nicholls, Brett Pearce, Jennifer Gillott, Mark Thomson (8), Cathy Josling, Bridget Canham, Jodie Sullivan Makito Miyashita, Duncan Pixley

Kayle is purpose built - ergonomically designed to accommodate people with disabilities. The first year Sailors with disABILITIES participated in the race was in 1994 - the 50th Sydney Hobart. They have raced in many since then with poduim outcomes; winning in PHS 2007, seventh in 2013 and eleventh in 2015.

In 2003, Sailors with disABILITIES skippered by Pescud, with a disabled crew, broke the Around Australia world record monohull non-stop and unassisted record, which it still holds today. In late October 2015, he and a mainly SWD disabled crew set the Sydney-Lord Howe Island record aboard their SWD TP52 Wot Eva. With a disabled crew, they also famously won PHS overall in the 1998 Sydney Hobart with a former yacht. In 2007 SWD finished seventh in PHS in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Pescud's main focus is giving disabled and underprivileged people an opportunity to build optimism and skills through sailing.

**SWEET CHARIOT**
**SAIL NO**: 6084
**LOA**: 14.6m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS
**DESIGNER**: Paul Stanyon (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2001
**TYPE**: Buizen 48
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: David Henry
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: David Henry (6) – Skipper, Greg O'Shea (13), Mark Fesq, Rupert Henry (4), Katherine Shannon, Mark Brown

This is the first Rolex Sydney Hobart for Sweet Chariot, whose name suits this comfortable Buizen 48 launched in 2001 for David and Jill Henry. The pair has taken this handmade luxury cruiser around Australia during 2002-2003; New Zealand and back in 2005, and on a leisurely cruise around the world from 2006 to 2015. In the boats first Rolex Sydney Hobart, Henry will have his son Rupert (of Chinese Whisper fame) aboard. Greg O'Shea, who did the Melbourne-Osaka double-handed yacht race and two previous Rolex Sydney Hobarts with Rupert, also joins the crew. Recent racing includes finishing third in October's Botany Bay Race.

**TAKE FIVE**
**SAIL NO**: 3639
**LOA**: 9.1m
**CLASS**: PHS/Corinthian
**DESIGNER:** Peter Cole (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1984
**TYPE**: Traditional 30
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Ian Gannon
**CLUB**: Derwent Sailing Squadron, Tas
**CREW**: Ian Gannon (3) – Skipper, Christine McMinn – Navigator, Leigh Johnston (2), Rob Chamberlain (1), Malcolm Cooper, Louise Cooper (1), Christine McMinn, Matt Smith

Take Five was designed by Australian America's Cup designer, Peter Cole. She lives in Tasmania with owner, Ian Gannon who says he is looking forward to doing the race "with some old mates, they jumped at the chance to do the 75th." One of the older and smallest traditional heavy yachts, he typically races locally with some success, including placing third overall in the 2017 Launceston to Hobart race and other podium finishes. Gannon will be praying for a hard blow from the south to maximise his yacht's potential. He and the crew will get plenty of practice on the delivery up to Sydney.

**TEAM RUNAWAY**
**SAIL NO**: B101
**LOA**: 11.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC

**DESIGNER**: Jon Sayer (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2003
**TYPE**: Sayer 11
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Joanna Breen/David Aplin
**CLUB**: Derwent Sailing Squadron, Tas
**CREW**: David Aplin (3) – Skipper, Joanna Breen (1) – Skipper/Navigator, Nat Morgan, Tom Stearnes (1), David Cromarty (1), Richard Grant (1)

Joanna Breen and David Aplin purchased this water-ballasted yacht earlier in 2019, having each sold their respective yachts Morning Star and Whistler. Runaway was designed and built by Jon Sayer for the 2003 Melbourne Osaka Race (M-O), and recently competed in the 2018 M-O with Daniel Turner. Jo Breen also competed in this race in her S&S 34 Morning Star, and finished second over the line, fourth IRC and second PHS/AMS. Breen and Aplin's prime objective for this boat is to compete in the 2023 M-O and will use races such as the Rolex Sydney Hobart to limber up. Apart from sailing with Aplin, Breen also navigated the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart for Richard Grant on Cromarty Magellan to win the Corinthian Division, along with Runaway crew member David Cromarty on board.

Breen will co-skipper and navigate on Team Runaway, while co-skipper, Aplin will take up his preferred place on the foredeck, as he did on his other yacht, Whistler, with which he won IRC/AMS in the 2017 Maria Island Race and went on to take the IRC/AMS/PHS triple in the 2018 Melbourne Hobart race with Breen navigating.

**TRIBAL WARRIOR**
**SAIL NO**: M772
**LOA**: 14.4m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2004
**TYPE**: Beneteau First 47.7
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Eastsail Sydney
**SKIPPER**: Wayne Jones
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Wayne Jones – Skipper, Matthew Bryant – Navigator, Greg Fox, Danny Teece Johnson, Les Davison, Assen Timbery, David Nash, Martin Walker, Steve Burley, Naomi Cain, Shane Phillips

The 75th Sydney Hobart is the perfect launching pad for Australia's first Aboriginal entry. Wayne Jones, who owns a Beneteau 473, has chartered Marguerite from Eastsail Sydney, renaming her Tribal Warrior. The crew have been training since 2015 on the Volvo 70, Southern Excellence, on which they sailed from Sydney Hobart outside of the 2015 race. Sailors With DisABILITIES on Kayle has been their other training vehicle. Jones says 80 percent of the crew are Aboriginal: "I call it 'The Peoples Boat' – we are a mix of nobodies." He says taking part in this race is a gift: "The indigenous community is proud of Cathy Freeman and all our footballers. They haven't known any indigenous people in yachting, but now they are saying Australia wide, 'This is our boat'." It is a powerful message. Crew ranges from a 64 year-old elder from La Perouse to a 40 year-old Redfern woman.

**TSA MANAGEMENT**
**SAIL NO**: MH60
**LOA**: 11.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2003
**TYPE**: Sydney 38
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 14
**OWNER**: Tony Levett
**CLUB**: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Tony Levett (15) – Skipper, Andrew Buckland (8) – Navigator, Wes Batty (2), Nelly Poyuzan (1), Stine Kaasmoen Aasru (1), Tony Stephens (1), Thomas Dillon (2), Thomas Rutter, Greg Kay, James Paddock

There is no doubt that TSA Management has done more Sydney Hobarts than any other Sydney 38 around. A well-used boat, Tony Levett sailed her to 37th overall last year. In 2017 she placed 36th overall and 3rd in Division 3, one of many good results for Levett, who has contested every Hobart since 2004, barring 2016. He finished 11th overall in 2015 and sixth overall for fourth in Division 3 in 2014. In the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart, the boat known variously as TSA Management, Eleni and Horwath BRI, finished 39th overall, retiring in 2012 when the rudder broke. Won the Sydney 38 OD division of the 2010 and 2011 Rolex Sydney Hobarts and was third in the Sydney 38 OD Division in 2008. She will be pushed along by other Sydney 38s in the race. Was second in the Sydney 38 division of July's Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and fifth in the Newcastle Bass Island Race. Six-time 18ft skiff champ Andrew 'Bucko' Buckland joins the crew again.

**TURBULENCE**
**SAIL NO**: H602
**LOA**: 11.9m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Joe Adams (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1979
**TYPE**: Adams 11.9
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Stephen Czapp
**CLUB**: Southport Yacht Club, Qld
**CREW**: Stephen Czapp – Skipper, Eric Marsh, Malcolm Richardson, Dale Sims (1), Andrew Weekes, Benjamin Tyrrell

As Turbo, Turbulence finished 123rd overall from 179 starters in 1985, her only Sydney Hobart, until now. Currently owned by Queenslander Stephen Czapp, Turbulence was the first Adams 11.9 built and her original name was Newcastle Flyer. She is now one of the older boats in the fleet with many ocean races to her credit, including the Melbourne Hobart, 2010 Vanuatu Race, plus the 2003 and 2013 Melbourne Osaka double-handed races. In recent years, Turbulence has contested local and northern circuit regattas.

**URM**
**SAIL NO**: TBA
**LOA**: 21.8m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Reichel/Pugh Maxi 72
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Anthony Johnston
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Anthony Johnston, Nick Davis (8), Craig Malouf (8), Peter Harris, Marcus Burke, Stewart Wells, Paul Montague (9), Marcus Ashley-Jones (15), Russell Ely, Deborah Crebier, Tom Middleton, Seve Jarvin, Stewart Wells, David Johnston, James Crampton, Noel Drennan, Daniel Turner, Nick Johnston, Rob Scrivenor, Tom Baxter, Peter Harris, Tom Clout, Michael Bellingham, Euan McNicol

URM is a custom Reichel Pugh designed, McConaghy built Maxi 72. Originally Shockwave and commissioned by Neville Crichton, the yacht was successfully raced overseas including winning the IRC Maxi and Mini Maxi Division of the 2010 Rolex Giraglia Race. American, George Sakellaris, was her next owner and skippered her to top place of the Mini Maxi division of the 2015 Rolex Giraglia Cup. She was the oldest there but as he said, "the best one there". URM's Anthony Johnston bought the boat this year which arrived back in Australia in September. He and his crew expect the boat to be ready to race in his second Rolex Sydney Hobart by the Boxing Day start.

**VAN DIEMEN III**
**SAIL NO**: 64
**LOA**: 19.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Warren Muir (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: Muir 64

**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Robert Vaughan
**CLUB**: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania and Cruising Club of America
**CREW**: Robert Vaughan (2) – Skipper, Oli Bell (1), Michael Bell (11), James Farquharson (1), Adam Allaway, Mario Ruel, Richie Nichols, Sam Greenaway, Paul Goss, Charles Hollings

A newbie to the race, Robert Vaughan's graceful wooden cruiser was designed by Warren Muir and built by Dave Blair. Her lines are influenced by the late and famous L Francis Herreshoff in the spirit of traditional yachting. Van Diemen III is a performance cruising yacht, on occasion referred to as a converted cray boat from Triabunna, built of laminated red and yellow cedars and comfortably outfitted with Tasmanian timbers. She has crossed the Pacific four times and spent three summers cruising in Tasmania, so should have no trouble in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Van Diemen III will proudly represent the race finishing partner, Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, which is well represented this year by a variety of boats. Father and son, Michael and Oli Bell, join the crew after Oli did his first race with Dad last year on Kayimai, along with James Farquharson.

**WAX LYRICAL**
**SAIL NO**: 248
**LOA**: 15.2m
**CLASS**: PHS/Corinthian
**DESIGNER**: Niels Jeppesen (DEN)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: X-50
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: Les Goodridge
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Les Goodridge (10) – Skipper/Navigator, Dinah Eagle (11), Julia Owens (7), Louise Stevenson (13), Francesca Leverkus (1), Marc Verdiel, David Ingram (2), James Watson, Jason Lane, Scott Alle (15), Brett Smith (22)

Wax Lyrical was first in PHS and finished third in the Corinthian Division in 2018 – a great result for Les Goodridge and crew. Co helm/watch leader, and 11 Sydney Hobarts veteran, Dinah Eagle, joins this able crew of regulars again. In 2017, the X-50 finished PHS seventh for fourth in Division 1, moving up from her PHS ninth in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart, after finishing PHS third and second in Division 2 of the 2015 race and PHS fifth in 2014 – her first Hobart. Goodridge finished PHS fifth in the 2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and in October's Newcastle Bass Island Race. He says the women of this tight-knit crew (Dinah Eagle, Louise Stevenson, Francesca Leverkus and Julia Owens) keep body and soul together when the going is hard on this Corinthian team. Wax Lyrical Is easily identifiable by her pirate skull and cross swords, rather than bones.

**WHITE NOISE**
**SAIL NO**: SM1245
**LOA**: 12.5m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Mark Mills (IRE)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2019
**TYPE**: M.A.T. 1245
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Daniel Edwards
**CLUB**: Sandringham Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Daniel Edwards – Skipper, Blake Anderson (8), David Richards (3), Michael Keusgen (3), Michael Reinehr (2), Stuart Stirling (1), William Sheers, John Neville, Andy Roper and Jack Fullerton (Navigator)

Like a number of others in this year's race, White Noise's owner chose the 75th running of the Sydney Hobart to debut White Noise, his brand new M.A.T. 1245. This will only be the second race for White Noise, the first being her qualifying race from Melbourne to Stanley on the Melbourne Cup weekend. With his previous White Noise, a Beneteau First 35, Edwards was crowned the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria's Offshore Champion for 2016, 2017 and 2018. The new White Noise was launched in October this year after her delivery from M.A.T. Yachts in Izmir Turkey and she includes a comprehensive sail wardrobe. Her

owner and crew are from Sandringham Yacht Club and claim that this will be the first of many Rolex Sydney Hobart campaigns. Should conditions favour the 40 to 50 footers, keep an eye on White Noise.

**WICKED**
**SAIL NO**: SM4
**LOA**: 12.2m
**CLASS:** IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Farr Yacht Design (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2009
**TYPE:** Beneteau First 40
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 3
**OWNER**: Mike Welsh
**CLUB**: Sandringham Yacht Club, Vic
**CREW**: Mark Welsh (6) – Skipper, Mike Welsh – Skipper, Chris Disney (9), Damien Poole, Dick Ford, Kate Goss (1), Mark Rogers (1)

Wicked was launched in 2009 and is a sistership to 2009 Rolex Sydney Hobart winner, Two True, which she finished second to that year, less than an hour behind the winner after the two had virtually match raced the whole 628 nautical miles. She raced again in 2012 and finished 25th overall, one place behind Two True again. The Beneteau 40 last raced to Hobart in 2016 with a 25th overall finish and fourth in Division 3.

The father and son team of Mike and Mark have successfully raced together across a number of yachts over the last 35 years, winning over 20 Sandringham Yacht Club Championships. At 76, Mike insists that this is definitely his last Rolex Sydney Hobart, but Mark confirms that he has heard this before. This year, Wicked has undergone some major updates to bring the boat up to peak condition, including strengthening the mast; installing a new spreader system; upgrading instruments and navigation systems; new mainsail and jibs; and the replacement of various fittings, deck gear and halyards. With an experienced, close-knit crew assembled for this year's race, Wicked is ready to give this one her best shot.

**WILD OATS XI**
**SAIL NO**: AUS10001
**LOA**: 30.48m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: 100ft Super Maxi
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 14
**OWNER**: The Oatley family
**SKIPPER**: Mark Richards
**CLUB**: Hamilton Island Yacht Club, Qld
**CREW**: M Richards (17) – Skipper, Juan Vila – Navigator, Matthew Mason (3), Sam Newton, Craig Garnett, Josh Whittaker (15), Paul Westlake, Matt Shillington (11), Steve Quigley (5), Daniel Oatley (1), Robbie Naismith (11), Cam Baillie, Tim Wiseman, Graeme Taylor (6), Nathan Ellis, Rodney Daniel (11), Chris Links (5), Iain Murray (23), Paul Magee

With early retirements in 2015 and 2016 (split main and hydraulic ram failure respectively), coupled with the next two years' highly publicised endings – this year is a new chapter for Wild Oats XI. She is the reigning line honours champion after a thrilling race-long battle with Black Jack, Comanche and InfoTrack, which finished in that order. It occasioned Wild Oats XI's record ninth line honours victory, an accomplishment destined to remain unbeaten.

Wild Oats XI pipped 100ft Black Jack (by 3mins 31secs - the closest finish in 15 years) in the 2017 Sydney Gold Coast. In the interim, her keel and its mechanism were gone over and a new North 3Di RAW mainsail added. Black Jack returned the favour in the 2018 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast, taking line honours from Wild Oats XI, but the latter returned serve, taking line honours from Black Jack in the Brisbane to Keppel race. In 2014, she beat Comanche to obtain her record eighth Hobart line honours victory, outdoing Kurrewa IV/Morna's record seven, held since 1960. Other highlights include triple victories of line/record/overall win in the 2005 and 2012 Rolex Sydney Hobarts. The 100-footer was radically modified

in 2015 and has received updates since to remain ahead of the times. She will face the same super maxi competition she did last year.

**WILLIE SMITH'S PHILOSOPHER**
**SAIL NO**: 20
**LOA**: 11.3m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Sydney Yachts (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2008
**TYPE**: Sydney 36CR Mod
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Shaun Tiedemann
**CLUB**: Derwent Sailing Squadron, Tas
**CREW**: Shaun Tiedemann (1) – Skipper, Elliott Noye (1), Andrew Davison (8), Lewis Noye (2), Andrew Smith (14), Nelson Brown (1), Chris Jones (2), Sam Tiedemann (1), Alec Bailey

This Sydney 36CR was previously known as The Philosopher's Club when sailed by Peter Sorensen. Renamed Philosopher by Shaun Tiedemann, she has sailed out of Hobart since 2016. The boat won its division in the Australian Yachting Championship in 2008 and 2011 with Sorensen; and with her current Hobart crew in 2018 and 2019. Since settling in Hobart, the crew of Philosopher has scored many inshore series wins and in the 2018-2019 season, had a more focused crack at racing offshore, winning IRC overall in the Maria Island, Launceston to Hobart and Bruny Island races, along with the Combined Clubs IRC championship. Here is a boat that could be in the money. Tiedemann, General Manager of the Derwent Sailing Squadron, says his usual youthful crew, including his son Sam and young brothers Elliott and Lewis Noye, will be blended with a couple of experienced sailors who have plenty of ocean racing experience.

**WINDROSE**
**SAIL NO**: 660
**LOA**: 14.6m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC/Veterans/Grand Veterans
**DESIGNER**: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1959
**TYPE**: S&S 48
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Ashok Mani
**CLUB**: Tamar Yacht Club, Tas
**CREW**: Sam McCracken– Skipper, Ashok Mani, Neil Antrum, Lisa Ratcliff (1), Paul Masters, Rowan Walton

Built for Jakob Isbrandtsen in 1959 for the explicit purpose of winning the Admiral's Cup, Windrose accomplished that mission two years later under the burgee of the New York Yacht Club - the first time the Admiral's Cup was won by the Americans. The current owner of Windrose, Ashok Mani, noticed the beautiful Sparkman & Stephens lines of the rotting timber hull on a mooring in Langkawi five years ago and had the boat hauled out before the ocean swallowed it for good. He spent two years refurbishing and bringing the classic back to near-original, including replacing 80% of the planks and frame due to their poor state.

The boat has never raced south of the equator but will compete for Tasmania under the Tamar Yacht Club burgee given Mani's family run a vineyard just out of Launceston, where he studied to become a Master Mariner. Nineteen-year-old Sam McCracken will skipper Windrose south with a mixed crew.

**WINGS**
**SAIL NO**: 07
**LOA**: 14.0m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – PHS/IRC
**DESIGNER**: Judel/Vrolijk (GER)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2017
**TYPE**: Dehler 46
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Ian Edwards
**CLUB**: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW

**CREW**: Ian Edwards (1) – Skipper, David Hirsch (1) – Navigator, Jim Whittle (5), Mick DiMunro (1), Katy MacDonald, Janease Graham, Stephen Prince (5), Paul Edwards, Karol Klich, Fabio Alfonsin (2), Janelle Orth, Elyse Guevara

*Wings* is a Dehler 46 launched November 2017 for Lindy and Ian Edwards. She is a comfortable fast cruising boat that also goes racing. In 2018, *Wings* sailed the Pittwater Paradise Race, PONANT Sydney Noumea, placing second in Division 2 in PHS, and the Groupama Race. They also enjoyed some Pacific cruising, then competed at Airlie, Hamilton Island and Magnetic Island Race Weeks. She rounded out the year with the Rolex Sydney Hobart, placing sixth in the Corinthian Division. In 2019, Wings contested the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and Brisbane-Hamilton Island races to prepare, achieving some divisional second places. Ian's son Paul will join the crew for his first Sydney Hobart race. Four women will do their first Hobart on Wings; Katy MacDonald, Janease Graham, Janelle Orth and Elyse Guevara. "We have built a great team. We will sail safe, enjoy the journey, and we'll sail as fast as we can. In longer offshore races we always have the best boat food!"
The Wings team is using their Hobart participation to raise funds for 'The Kids' Cancer Project'. To support Wings' TKCP campaign, go to: https://rolexsydneyhobart19.everydayhero.com/au/wings

**WONDERLAND**
**SAIL NO**: GBR9166T
**LOA**: 14.3m
**CLASS**: PHS
**DESIGNER**: Groupe Finot (FRA)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: Beneteau Oceanis 473
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 0
**OWNER**: Rebecca Connor
**CLUB**: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Rebecca Connor – Skipper, Crew: Kyle Hancock, Craig Meiklejohn, Terry Norwood, Paul Flannagan, Meika Wright, Aimee Hancock, Oonagh Donovan.

Wonderland, a dark blue cruiser/racer, was purchased by Rebecca Connor in September 2017 from Yeppoon in Queensland, and now lives in Newcastle where Connor has been racing her. This is to be her first Rolex Sydney Hobart. The design is one of the most outstanding productions yachts of all time and one of Beneteau's most successful models. Wonderland is classic, yet strong. She is ahead of her time, with a larger stern and huge cockpit and a fast ocean-going hull.

**WOTS NEXT**
**SAIL NO**: 6559
**LOA**: 14.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Murray Burns Dovell (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2005
**TYPE**: Sydney 47
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 5
**OWNER**: Charles Cupit
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Charles Cupit (2) – Skipper, Bill Sykes (30) – Navigator, Stephen Hosking (2), Shaun James (4), Glenn Wallace (5), Jonathan Allatt (5), Jon Barber (4), Jonathan Turner, Catherine Jordan, Sean Mullin

In his second Rolex Sydney Hobart with Wots Next last year, Charles Cupit finished 59th overall.
The Sydney yachtsman purchased the Sydney 47 in 2016, returning to Sydney from Tasmania, and retired from the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart with broken rudder bearings. As Wot's Next, the boat last went to Hobart in 2007 when owned by Graeme Wood. It was skippered by Bill Sykes (Wood raced his updated yacht), who took a crew of mainly CYCA Youth Sailing Academy sailors, and finished 34th overall. Sykes took a similar crew to Hobart the previous year, placing 37th. In 2005, Wood finished 10th to win Division D. Cupit is also known for his Bavaria 45, Three C's, mostly sailing the northern circuit of regattas. Wots Next will have good competition with St Jude, which is the same design.

**XS MOMENT BNMH**
**SAIL NO**: 11744

**LOA**: 13.3m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi/Corinthian – IRC
**DESIGNER**: Niels Jeppesen (DEN)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: Xp 44
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Ray Hudson
**CLUB**: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
**CREW**: Ray Hudson (1) – Skipper, Frank Walker (15) - Navigator, Chris Zonca (4), David Bonallo (12), David Walker (7), Duane Smith (10), Greg Edwards, Ian Westlake (3), Matt Williams (10), Robert Alder (1), Fred Kinsman (3), Anthony Cornish (2)

XS Moment BNMH and Ray Hudson are from Pittwater and made their Rolex Sydney Hobart debut in 2017 to finish 50th overall and 11th in Division 3 after breaking their spinnaker pole towards the end of the first day. Hudson and his crew are making their return especially for the 75th Sydney Hobart and, after a good performance on the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast this year, will contest a number of offshore races out of the RPAYC in the lead up to the 628-nautical-mile Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. XS Moment BNMH is a luxury 44 foot racer/cruiser built in Denmark, the first of the new performance series for X Yachts and she races regularly out of the RPAYC on Pittwater.

**YEAH BABY**
**SAIL NO**: A5
**LOA**: 15.2m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Hugh Welbourn (UK)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2000
**TYPE**: Welbourn 50
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 4
**OWNER**: Louis and Marc Ryckmans
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Marc Ryckmans – Skipper, Louis Ryckmans – Skipper, Ola Strand Andersen (8), Edgardo Vieytes (7) and Luca Antonini (7), Campbell Geeves (11), Robin Jacobs, Tim Lake Todd Sharlow, Rutger Vos, Olly Gill, James Christian

This will be the 10th Sydney-Hobart for twin brothers Louis and Marc Ryckmans who bought the former Audi Sunshine Coast in 2014 and renamed it Yeah Baby. Previous owner, Rod Jones, was first in IRC Division 1 in the 2013 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and third on line honours in the 2013 Gosford Lord Howe Island race. Last June, Yeah Baby finished second on line and second overall in the PONANT Sydney Noumea Race. Yeah Baby was the first boat 50 foot and under to finish the 2017 Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race. In 2014, Yeah Baby finished fourth in IRC Division 1 in the Rolex Sydney Hobart. Yeah Baby was 14th on line in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart and fourth in IRC Division 2 in the 2017 Rolex Sydney Hobart.

**ZEN**
**SAIL NO**: 52001
**LOA**: 15.9m
**CLASS**: IRC/ORCi
**DESIGNER**: Botin Partners (ESP)
**YEAR BUILT**: 2011
**TYPE**: TP 52
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 1
**OWNER**: Gordon Ketelbey
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Gordon Ketelbey (10) – Skipper, Tom Barker (13) - Navigator, Sean Kirkjian (22), Daniel Williams (9), Mark Langford (2), Shane Guanaria (12), Tim Austin (5), Ben Austin (2), Tony Powell (18), Maria Connolly, Matthew Daniels, Neil Workman, Joel Skelton

Gordon Ketelbey, an avid one-design sailor, joined the TP52 class with his latest Zen, purchased in 2018 out of Europe. He retired on the first night of the 2018 Rolex Sydney Hobart, after enduring rig damage. Since then, Zen has been pushing the top TP52s at various regattas and finished seventh overall in the

2019 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast and second in the Flinders Islet Race. Zen also won the NSW IRC Championships in Port Stephens this year in a hotly contested regatta against Hooligan. The Middle Harbour yachtsman raced Sydney 38s in previous Hobarts, the last one, Zen, in 2014, and before that Wadadli. Best result was fifth overall for third in Division 3 in 2014. He also won the Sydney 38 Division in 2013. Ketelbey more recently co-owned and skippered the Cookson 12, Philosophers, to 50th in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart. An impressive crew could see Zen take the cigar. Courteous of various owners, Zen was previously known as: Synergy/Rio/Sled/Sorcha.

**RADIO RELAY VESSEL JBW**
**LOA**: 20.0m
**DESIGNER**: Ian Perdriau (AUS)
**YEAR BUILT**: 1997
**TYPE**: Long Range Displacement Motor Yacht
**NUMBER OF HOBARTS**: 14
**OWNER**: John Winning
**SKIPPER**: Andrew Copley
**CLUB**: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
**CREW**: Boat Crew: Andrew Copley 26 (14 on RRV), Tony Cable 52 (1),Doug Cameron 5 (4), David Ellis 29 (4), Donald Graham 14 (3). Radio Crew: David Kellett 45 (19 on RRV), Colin Tipney 35 (16), Colin Wildman 50 (18), John Woodford 32 (14)

The Radio Relay Vessel, JBW, was conceived by master craftsman Ian Perdriau, with the lines drawn by Faustman, resulting in a very sea-kindly and comfortable vessel of 20 metres. And she is beautifully appointed below decks. She is built of Oregon planking on Queensland maple frames, covered with epoxy fibreglass sheathing. Since 2005, John Winning AM has kindly loaned the vessel to the CYCA.

CYCA Past Commodore and Life member, David Kellett AM, has been the Chief Radio Operator aboard the Radio Relay Vessel since 2000, with John Woodford his back-up for the past 14 years. Kellett's experience includes two Sydney Hobart line honours victories, one of which was the double line and overall win on Bernard Lewis' Sovereign in 1987. Kellett, who leads the team again this year, has attained 45 Sydney Hobarts, including acting as Chief Radio Operator aboard the RRV since 2000. Most his current team members have gone the distance with him, racking up more than 30 Sydney Hobarts each. Joining the crew for a second year is Tony Cable, who currently co-holds the record of 51 races for the most Sydney Hobarts done on a racing yacht, as well as joining the RRV team for the first time for this race in 2018.

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