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History in the making

Wild Oats XI basks in the golden early morning sun off Tasman Island.



FROM START TO FINISH, THE 64TH ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE WAS ALL ABOUT HISTORY, REMEMBERING THE PAST WHILE STAMPING ITS OWN MARK ON THE RECORD BOOKS. IT CERTAINLY CAPTURED THE ATTENTION OF THE NATION LIKE NO OTHER RACE IN RECENT YEARS.

By Rob Mundle

It was the Rolex Sydney Hobart where everyone who had not done one, and wanted to, should have been pulling on their seaboots. It promised to be a fast downwind blast, almost all the way, and possibly the fastest ever. In short, it would be a cakewalk.

In so many ways it was just that, yet it was a fabulous contest, one that confirmed yet again this is a race where you must expect the unexpected. It was certainly fast, and mainly downhill, but for those going their hardest to win it was a tough test - not so much because of the strength of the wind or the savageness of the seas, but due to the many and varied elements that came with it - the very ingredients that make the Hobart the ultimate test of its type in the world.

The challenges were spread right across the 100-yacht fleet, and thanks to Grant Wharington's supermaxi *Skandia*, there was an unexpected and enthralling toe-to-toe battle with Bob Oatley's red hot favourite *Wild Oats XI* in the dash for line honours - a battle that held media and public attention until the last of the 628 nautical miles was covered, primarily because 'Oats' was going for an unprecedented fourth straight win.

There was also the dramatic loss of top Melbourne yacht *Georgia*, and the successful night-time rescue of her 14 crew. We saw Bob Steel win his second Hobart, this time with his latest *Quest*, and there were historic achievements, including a domination of the handicap results by modified TP52s. Adding spice to the mix were sharks, sunfish, floating rubbish, drifting logs, inspiring races within races, and some balls bowled by the weather that would have made Shane Warne proud. Even so, the weather did play ball: it was in direct contrast to the hurricane force storm that brought such tragic consequences to the race a decade earlier.

Frustration was also there, especially for Bruce Taylor who in Hobart 2008 scored his ninth division win, this time with his latest *Chutzpah*. But not one of those wins has ever converted to an outright corrected time victory!

On what was a pristine Sydney summer day *Wild Oats XI*, with Mark Richards at the helm, led the fleet of 100 yachts out of Sydney Harbour just 16 minutes after the start gun signalled the 64th edition of the Hobart was underway. An inestimable crowd, probably in the hundreds of thousands, watched from harbourside residences, bays, boats, beaches and headlands as the fleet began manoeuvring for the 1pm start. It was a Boxing Day scene that has become synonymous with Sydney, but every year it seems the atmosphere becomes increasingly electric. For outsiders it is even more stunning, as American Chris Welsh, the owner of the famous 1964 vintage 62-footer, *Ragtime*, explained to the Sailing Anarchy website readers: "The start in Sydney Harbour cannot be described," he said. "In four years of starting *Ragtime* at various events, nothing has been as adrenaline charged, scary fast, and over the top. This is the crystal meth yachting starts. And [there's a] spectator fleet lined up tooth and jowl, pressing again



The fleet tacking against the nor'easter up Sydney Harbour before a spinnaker run down the coast.

Photo: Rolex/Daniel Forster

the yellow buoy lines on both sides of the course. So many spectators that their ranks are impenetrable like a seawall.”

The freshening north easterly sea breeze and the overall forecast had race record written on it: the first yacht home needed to average only 15 knots to do the job, and it looked like the leaders would do near 20 until at least the east coast of Tasmania was reached.

Going into the first night the speed was certainly there, but the pre-race script was not being followed. *Wild Oats XI's* speed should have been demoralising, but it wasn't. *Skandia* was level with her and soon pulling ahead. Might the extensive modifications made to 'Oats' - including a lighter keel bulb, and an increase in the area of her largest spinnaker to 900 square metres - not be the wonder drug that was prescribed?

Big boats aside, there were personal battles being fought right across the fleet. Sadly though, the much anticipated duel between two of the oldest and smallest yachts, Sean Langman's 76-year old, 31-foot gaff cutter, *Maluka of Kermadie*, and Ian Kiernan's 50-year-old, 36-foot long yawl, *Sanyo Maris*, wouldn't go the distance. They were less than a mile apart when *Sanyo Maris* retired on the first night with a broken gooseneck.

Another grand old lady on the track was Chris Welsh's 48-year-old *Ragtime*, out of California. She was holding down an impressive 21st place in fleet.

Ironically, *Ragtime*, which was launched as *Infidel* in Auckland in 1964, was banned from competing in the Hobart race in the late 60's, all because the quite conservative race organisers of the time decided she was too radical to be safe in offshore races. Their big concern was that her low profile, chine design had her looking more like a semi-submersible than a conventional ocean racing yacht of the era, and her construction was ridiculously light - she was built from plywood and the hull was less than one inch thick! By their calculations it should have been at least 2½ inches thick. In 1973 she was sold by her kiwi owner to a syndicate in Los Angeles and has subsequently become one of the most famous offshore yachts in the US.

Ragtime's surge south came to an immediate halt soon after nightfall when her crew spotted a red distress flare arcing across the night sky. Simultaneously a May Day call split the airwaves: the Farr 53 *Georgia*,



Photo: Rolex/Daniel Forster

Unconventional in her day, *Ragtime* remains a head-turner



Georgia and crew just hours away from calamity when the yacht hit something and sank.

Photo: Amread Francolini



Black Jack chases Loki.

Photo: Rolex/Daniel Forster

out of Melbourne and owned by John Williams and Graeme Ainley, was sinking rapidly after the rudder had been ripped from the hull following a collision with an unknown object. *Ragtime* and *Telcoinbox Merit* (Leo Rodriguez) were the closest competing yachts and immediately headed for *Georgia's* position, which was some 25 miles north east of Batemans Bay. "We radioed that we were 35 minutes away but they were concerned that 35 minutes might be too long," said Rodriguez. "The person on the

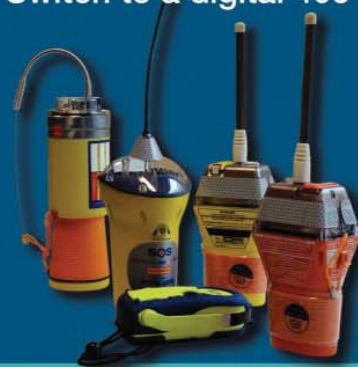
radio was already waist deep in water."

Just 10 minutes after the *Georgia* crew clambered aboard *Telcoinbox Merit* they watched their yacht roll over and sink. It was an eerie sight: the descent towards the ocean floor could be followed as the navigation lights were still shining.

The only crews not enjoying the racing were those looking for some upwind sailing to give their boat the best chance of winning. But in reality

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In the foreground, *Ichi Ban*, and the new *Limit* taking a closer line to the Tassie coast



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no one was complaining: it could have been a lot worse. Still, Bob Oatley was becoming concerned – his long-held dream of winning a history-making fourth consecutive line honours was unravelling. *Wild Oats XI* was struggling to make an impression on *Skandia's* lead. Even Wharington must have been pleasantly surprised as he had agreed before the start that the forecast meant Oats should beat *Skandia* home by hours.

As it would turn out, the dream was almost brought undone by a piece of rubbish – then saved by a shark. With some 200 nautical miles to go and *Skandia* leading by eight miles, *Wild Oats XI* collided with a 2.5 metre long shark that was loitering idly on the ocean surface. Its body buckled around the rudder and stayed there: the brakes were on and the only option was to stop the yacht, go head-to-wind, then sail backwards for a few seconds and wash the unwanted passenger free.

The mission turned out to be more successful than expected because when she got back to full racing mode she was off like a startled gazelle – up to 31 knots! Two hours later *Skandia* had gone from being eight miles ahead to five miles behind. Obviously some rubbish – maybe a large piece of plastic or a lump of old rope - had been caught on the rudder since somewhere just south of Sydney. Richards said that while the crew knew the yacht was sailing 'like a dog' for the first 24 hours they weren't prepared at that stage to stop and do a back-down because, being under spinnaker at that time meant they would have sacrificed up to 15 nautical miles to *Skandia*.

Once ahead, *Wild Oats XI* took up a covering position and subsequently benefited from two significant wind changes, both of which made for a busy night: the crew had to complete more than 30 sail changes because of the massive changes in wind strength and direction.

With line honours 'in the bag' and the race record unattainable Richards and his 23 crew decided to play it safe and cruise to the finish.



Photo: Rolex/Carlo Borlenghi

A former line honours winner, the famous maxi of yesteryear, *ASM Brindabella*, finished 17th

They double-reefed the main to two-thirds of its size and set a small headsail, but even that proved too much when the notorious Derwent River belted them with a bell ringer of a squall out of the northwest as they entered the river for the final 11nm. The big boat survived and was then escorted to the finish by a flotilla of spectator and media boats. There were thousands of people cheering on the shore when she crossed the line



Quantum Racing before losing half her rudder due to a collision with some debris.

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Photo: Rolex

All is well back in the Dock after a relatively easy race for most.

Rolex's Richard de Leyser with Mark Richards and Bob Oatley.



soon after 9.30am and entered the history books with four straight line honours. Crewman Rodney Daniel also created a milestone – five consecutive line honours. Bob Oatley was a greatly relieved owner – for him it was better than a win in the America's Cup. *Wild Oats XI's* time of 1day, 20hrs, 34min, 14sec was almost two hours outside her record set in 2005. What might have been if it wasn't for the rubbish on the rudder?

When *Skandia* came home 67 minutes later Wharington scoffed at suggestions that "Oats" had been slowed by rubbish caught on the rudder: "That's rubbish," he said. "She was just slow. They were using water ballast and that caused her to be stern heavy and slow." With that Richards – who later denied that water ballast had been used for any significant time during the race – stepped from the crowd to congratulate Wharington on making it such a close contest. "Believe what you want," he announced to the dockside media. "All I can say is that winners are grinners."

The weather pattern did, as expected, play into the hands of the 40 to 50-foot yachts when it came to claiming the all-important IRC handicap prize, the Tattersalls Cup. Ray Roberts' giant-killing Cookson 50, *Quantum Racing*, was the leading claimant until she hit something at more than 20 knots and lost half her rudder just 12 hours from the finish. The crew was able to retain some steerage sailing downwind with what was left, but sailing upwind across Storm Bay and in the river was a nightmare. Remarkably, *Quantum Racing* still managed to win Division 0; however the broken rudder could well have cost Roberts the ultimate prize.

On so many occasions over the 64 years of the Hobart it's been the final 11 nautical miles up the Derwent River that has decided the result, and this year it was little different, as the race's worthy winner of the Tattersalls Cup, Bob Steel - owner of the souped-up CYCA-based TP52 *Quest* - was reminded: "The Derwent can be the toughest part of the race, and that was demonstrated when we got to near the

Overall winner Bob Steel collects the Tattersall's Cup and the Rolex.

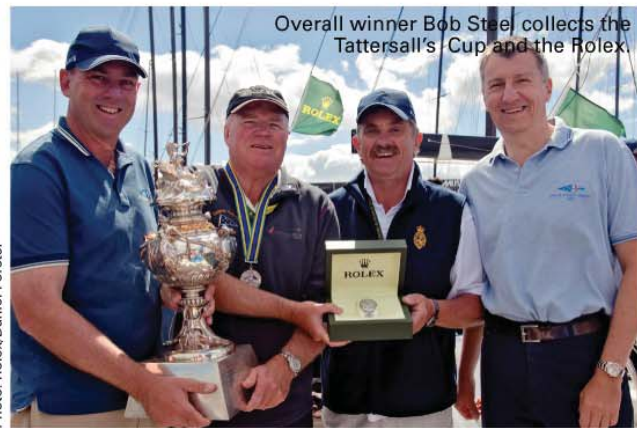


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finish," he said. "We got belted by a 50-knot squall and for a minute there I thought we might not make it. We were set up for 20 knots of wind, not 50. The sails were eased and flogging, I think if it had lasted much longer the mainsail would have blown apart."

It was a spectacular result, and with him also having won in 2002 with his previous *Quest* he has become one of only nine competitors to secure two corrected time victories.

Steel and his highly polished team, which had 170 Hobarts between them, did a superb job from start to finish. But there was more emotion behind this result than most people realised. When he held the Tattersalls Cup head high in recognition of the win, Steel's wife, Lee, and regular crew had an additional reason to celebrate: three years ago they believed this would be a day the passionate offshore racing yachtsman would never see. At the time he was in intensive care in a Sydney hospital and close to death – the victim of septicaemia that had come as a consequence of a prostate cancer operation.

"It was touch and go there for a while," he said in Hobart. "But that's all behind me now. I'm what you could call a cancer survivor."

It was also a second win on handicap for *Quest's* sailing master, Michael Green.

He described it as one of the easiest physically for the crew because there were very few sail changes, but for him as a helmsman it was particularly tough.

"These modern boats are so light and buoyant that they throw themselves around really violently both upwind and down," Green said. "As a helmsman you have to stay on your toes all the time and really hang

onto the wheel. I can hardly close my hands today because of the grip I had to have on the wheel for so long."

The pre-race forecast meant there would be few passing lanes, and there were only three points on the course where it was critical to get the race strategy right. If you got any one of those decisions wrong you really suffered as a consequence.

**"WE GOT OUR WINNING BREAK
ON THE FIRST NIGHT....."
IT PROVED TO BE THE RIGHT CALL**

"We got our winning break on the first night," he said. "We were confident there was more wind closer to the coast, so that was where we headed. It proved to be the right call because we also picked

up a favourable current. The guys who stayed offshore had less wind and an adverse current, and even though we sailed a greater distance than them we were ahead the next time we crossed paths. It was a big gain for us."

Quest won on corrected time by 28 minutes over *Cougar II* (Alan Whiteley). Graeme Wood's *Wot Now* was third and *Ragamuffin*, owned by 81-year-old race veteran Syd Fischer, took fourth. All were modified TP 52s.

There were numerous milestones of note: colourful CYCA character Tony 'short fat bald man' Cable established a new mark of 45 starts, and Middle Harbour's John Walker, aged 86, was the race's oldest ever skipper. It was also the 25th race for both him and his seemingly indestructible little Peterson 33, *Impeccable*.

And then there was *Ragtime*. 40 years after being banned from competing she sailed south at a speed that would have seen her leading the fleet by miles back then. The consolation prize this year was that she won her division! ○

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1	Quest	1	9	02:01:00:37	1.341	02:17:43:22	Bob Steel, NSW
2	Cougar II	1	11	02:01:12:29	1.345	02:18:11:05	Alan Whiteley, VIC
3	Wot Now	1	10	02:01:10:26	1.358	02:18:46:41	Graeme Wood NSW
4	Ragamuffin	1	12	02:01:46:37	1.344	02:18:54:01	Syd Fischer NSW
5	Yendys	1	8	02:00:57:05	1.379	02:19:30:14	Geoff Ross NSW
6	Quantum Racing	0	13	02:02:30:26	1.355	02:20:26:14	Ray Roberts NSW
7	Limit	1	5	01:23:05:58	1.495	02:22:24:49	Alan Brierty WA
8	Loki	1	7	01:23:29:50	1.492	02:22:51:57	Stephen Ainsworth NSW
9	Secret Mens Business 3	1	14	02:07:10:28	1.299	02:23:40:18	Geoff Boettcher SA
10	ASM Shockwave 5	1	4	01:22:57:30	1.543	03:00:27:24	Andrew Short NSW
11	Ichi Ban	0	3	01:22:28:10	1.625	03:03:30:46	Matt Allen NSW
12	Black Jack	0	6	01:23:19:31	1.599	03:03:40:23	Peter Harburg, QLD
13	Wot Yot	1	17	02:08:57:31	1.329	03:03:41:53	Graeme Wood NSW
14	Chutzpah	2	21	02:15:22:20	1.204	03:04:18:01	Bruce Taylor VIC
15	Wedgetail	2	22	02:15:37:30	1.209	03:04:55:21	Bill Wild QLD
16	Ragtime*	2	18	02:12:33:15	1.274	03:05:08:46	Chris Welsh USA
17	Skandia	0	2	01:21:41:17	1.744	03:07:40:48	Grant Wharington VIC
18	Audi Centre Melbourne	1	20	02:12:53:42	1.311	03:07:50:00	Chris Dare VIC
19	Pale Ale Rager	2	25	02:16:42:56	1.239	03:08:10:57	Gary Shanks SA
20	Goldfinger	1	23	02:15:44:20	1.292	03:10:21:02	Peter Blake & K Mitchell VIC
21	Wild Oats XI	0	1	01:20:34:14	1.928	03:13:55:55	Robert Oatley NSW
22	Tow Truck	3	30	03:03:52:33	1.148	03:15:06:20	Anthony Paterson NSW
23	Rush	2	28	03:00:28:32	1.229	03:17:04:21	Ian & John Paterson VIC
24	Optimus Prime	2	27	02:23:43:21	1.255	03:18:00:42	Trevor Taylor WA
25	Winsome	4	69	03:18:54:51	0.991	03:18:05:45	Harry J Heijst The Netherlands
26	Ray White Spirit of Koomooloo	4	47	03:16:13:40	1.027	03:18:36:36	Mike & Don Freebairn QLD
27	AFR Midnight Rambler	3	32	03:06:30:38	1.164	03:19:23:11	Ed Psaltis / Bob Thomas NSW
28	Pinta - M	4	72	03:22:27:51	0.971	03:19:43:29	Atse Bjei Netherlands
29	Terra Firma	2	31	03:05:48:02	1.188	03:20:25:37	Nicholas Bartels VIC
30	Impeccable	4	78	04:00:45:58	0.96	03:20:53:44	John Walker NSW
31	Dormit INSX	4	59	03:17:13:24	1.049	03:21:35:43	Robert Sill VIC
32	Wild Side	4	61	03:17:18:09	1.049	03:21:40:42	Martin Vaughan VIC
33	Pisces	4	58	03:17:09:44	1.056	03:22:09:19	David Taylor TAS
34	True North	3	56	03:16:47:54	1.063	03:22:23:33	Andrew Saies SA
35	Valheru	2	33	03:06:39:36	1.207	03:22:56:33	Anthony Lyall TAS
36	Mr Beaks Ribs	3	38	03:13:30:58	1.111	03:23:00:30	David Beak NSW
37	Lady Courier	3	35	03:12:51:33	1.124	03:23:22:54	Gery Trenteaux France
38	Seahold Perie Banou II	4	83	04:04:48:14	0.953	04:00:03:58	Jon Sanders WA
39	Morris Finance Cinquante	3	42	03:15:33:56	1.101	04:00:24:35	Ian Murray VIC
40	41 SUD	3	55	03:16:46:58	1.09	04:00:46:24	Jean-Luc Esplaas New Caledonia
41	The SubZero Goat	3	44	03:16:01:28	1.101	04:00:54:54	Mitchell Gordon NSW
42	Broadsword	3	46	03:16:13:28	1.104	04:01:23:59	Simon Wood NSW
43	Obsession	3	54	03:16:45:28	1.099	04:01:32:41	Andrew Lygo NSW
44	Copernicus	3	65	03:18:11:48	1.084	04:01:46:23	Greg Zyner NSW
45	Eleni	3	45	03:16:10:21	1.109	04:01:47:00	Tony Levett NSW
46	J Steel (Yeah Baby)	3	48	03:16:17:53	1.109	04:01:55:21	Louis & Marc Ryckmans NSW
47	Mustang Sally	3	57	03:17:04:38	1.1	04:01:59:06	Warren Batt New Zealand
48	She's The Culprit	3	52	03:16:35:21	1.107	04:02:04:06	Todd Leary TAS
49	Maluku of Kermandie	4	89	04:13:49:05	0.898	04:02:37:00	Sean Langman NSW
50	Jus' do it 3	3	53	03:16:38:04	1.113	04:02:39:00	Ian Darby Scotland, UK
51	Typhoon	3	51	03:16:33:40	1.115	04:02:44:44	Barry Kelly NSW
52	Papillon	3	66	03:18:16:12	1.095	04:02:50:44	Phil Molony NSW
53	Balance	2	34	03:12:24:35	1.174	04:03:05:49	Paul Clitheroe NSW
54	Strewth	3	37	03:13:09:02	1.165	04:03:12:01	Geoff Hill NSW
55	Patrice Six	3	50	03:16:32:56	1.125	04:03:37:03	Tony Kirby NSW
56	One For The Road	4	75	03:23:47:23	1.042	04:03:48:46	Kym Butler NSW
57	Pla Loma IV	2	36	03:12:59:45	1.18	04:04:17:42	Rob Reynolds NSW
58	Aurora	4	74	03:23:46:00	1.049	04:04:27:33	Jim & Mary Holley NSW
59	Kioni - Global Yacht Racing	3	64	03:18:06:43	1.122	04:05:06:20	Global Yacht Racing UK
60	St Jude	2	39	03:14:16:26	1.182	04:05:58:33	Noel Cornish NSW
61	Mahligai	2	40	03:15:02:02	1.174	04:06:10:40	Murray Owen & Jenny King NSW
62	Bacardi	4	81	04:03:34:54	1.04	04:07:33:54	Martin Power VIC
63	Secret Men's Business 1	3	62	03:17:49:58	1.166	04:08:44:42	Trembath / Rob Curtis / Sneedan NSW
64	Audacious	3	73	03:22:43:55	1.109	04:09:03:28	Greg Clinnick VIC

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2008 Results

65	Walross 4	2	43	03:15:40:25	1.207	04:09:49:19	Christian Masilge Germany
66	Chancellor	3	84	04:04:49:21	1.062	04:11:04:25	Ted Tooher NSW
67	Jazz Player	3	71	03:21:01:05	1.158	04:11:42:54	Andrew Lawrence VIC
68	Nest Property	4	92	05:03:42:52	0.897	04:14:58:19	Murray Wilks TAS
69	Finistere	2	80	04:00:59:38	1.229	04:23:12:20	Robert Thomas WA

Helsal III*	1	Retired - at Port	Rob Fisher (15) TAS
Inner Circle*	4	Retired - at Port	Ken Robinson (3), D Cooney NSW
Leukaemia Foundation*	3	Retired - at Port	R Holstein (9), S Kellie (2) NSW
Sanyo Maris*	4	Retired - at Port	Ian Kiernan (12) NSW
Georgia*	1	Other	Graeme Ainley, John Williams VIC
Shogun*	1	Disqualified	Rob Hanna (3) VIC

Notes: Ragtime - redress granted of 1 hour 55 minutes for standing by Georgia

Helsal III - rudder damage

Inner Circle - generator failed

Leukaemia Foundation - rudder damage

Sanyo Maris - broken gooseneck

Georgia - broken rudder - boat lost - crew rescued

Shogun - disqualified for breaches of RRS 11, 12 and 13

Line Honours: Wild Oats XI, Reichel Pugh 98 (Bob Oatley/Mark Richards, NSW) 1 day, 20 hours, 34 minutes and 14 seconds - JH Illingworth Trophy, Rolex timepiece

PHS Overall	Yacht	Div	Line Placing	Elapsed time	Handicap	Corrected Time	Owner/Skipper
1	Telcoinbox Merit*	1	16	02:07:58:58	1.4305	03:08:05:01	Leo Rodriguez QLD
2	Getaway Sailing.com	1	15	02:07:47:13	1.454	03:09:06:51	Peter Goldsworthy NSW
3	Pirelli	1	24	02:16:39:43	1.3369	03:14:26:48	Les Goodridge NSW
4	Krakatoa II	1	29	03:02:34:44	1.1796	03:15:58:24	Rod Skellet NSW
5	Lloyds Brokers - Too Impetuous	2	70	03:19:53:23	0.9677	03:16:55:18	Rudy Weber QLD
6	Sailors With Disabilities 1	26		02:22:11:48	1.2716	03:17:15:43	David Pescud NSW
7	Flying Fish Arctos	2	68	03:18:23:46	0.993	03:17:45:48	Flying Fish Australia
8	CHorse	2	76	04:00:10:28	0.945	03:18:53:01	John Smith NSW
9	Time Lord	2	60	03:17:15:03	1.019	03:18:56:48	Donald Munro, NZ
10	Chance of Shenval	2	79	04:00:48:01	0.9409	03:19:04:46	Robert Green VIC
11	Inca	2	88	04:09:32:15	0.874	03:20:14:23	Noel Sneddon & Rob Saunders ACT
12	AQM Brindabella	1	19	02:11:00:29	1.6	03:22:24:46	Peter Baker NSW
13	Quetzalcoatl	1	49	03:16:32:24	1.0797	03:23:35:48	Antony Sweetapple NSW
14	She	2	87	04:05:46:56	0.9427	03:23:57:00	Peter Rodgers NSW
15	Dream Lover	1	41	03:15:06:44	1.1125	04:00:54:44	Rick Morgan QLD
16	Salona	2	77	04:00:14:45	1.0103	04:01:14:14	Phillip King NSW
17	Helsal IV	1	67	03:18:21:37	1.085	04:02:02:27	Sally Smith TAS
18	Abacadabra	1	63	03:17:56:39	1.1246	04:05:09:04	James Murchison NSW
19	Isabella	2	85	04:05:28:16	1.004	04:05:52:37	John Nolan NSW
20	Polaris of Belmont	2	91	04:21:19:23	0.9284	04:12:55:22	Chris Dave NSW
21	Getaway Sailing 2	1	90	04:15:05:00	1.0989	05:02:04:10	Jay Pettifer NSW

*Telcoinbox Merit - redress granted of 18 hours for assisting and rescuing crew of Georgia

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		ELAPSED TIME	OWNER
1	Morris Finance Cinquante	03:15:33:56	Ian Murray VIC
2	The SubZero Goat	03:16:01:28	Gordon/Foye/ Peckman/Clayton NSW
3	Eleni	03:16:10:21	Tony Levett NSW
4	J Steel (Yeah Baby)	03:16:17:53	Louis & Marc Ryckmans NSW
5	Audacious	03:22:43:55	Greg Clinnick/ Paul Holden VIC
	Leukaemia Foundation*	Retired - at Port	R Holstein (9) /S Kellie (2)

CRUISING OVERALL

		ELAPSED TIME	OWNER
1	Pippin	04:04:21:06	Roger Sayers QLD
2	Charlie's Dream	04:05:28:58	Peter Lewis QLD
	Pachamama: Swiss TOP to TOP Global Climate Expedition	Retired - at Port	Dario Schwoerer Switzerland
	Somoya*	Retired - at Port	Garry Rose VIC

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IRC OVERALL	YACHT	DIV	LINE	ELAPSED TIME	TCC	CORRECTED TIME	OWNER/SKIPPER
1	Quest	1	9	02:01:00:37	1.341	02:17:43:11	R Steel, NSW
2	Cougar II	1	11	02:01:12:29	1.345	02:18:11:05	A Whitely, Vic
3	Wot Now	1	12	02:01:10:26	1.358	02:18:46:41	G Wood, NSW

IRC DIV 0

1	Quantum Racing	0	13	02:02:30:26	1.355	02:20:26:14	R Roberts, NSW
2	Ichi Ban	0	3	01:22:28:10	1.625	03:03:30:46	M Allen, NSW
3	Black Jack	0	6	01:23:19:31	1.599	03:03:40:23	M Bradford, QLD

IRC DIV 1

1	Quest	1	9	02:01:00:37	1.341	02:17:43:11	R Steel, NSW
2	Cougar II	1	11	02:01:12:29	1.345	02:18:11:05	A Whitely, Vic
3	Wot Now	1	12	02:01:10:26	1.358	02:18:46:41	G Wood, NSW

IRC DIV 2

1	Ragtime*	2	18	02:10:38:15	1.274	03:02:42:15	C Welsh, USA
2	Chutzpah	2	21	02:15:22:20	1.204	03:04:18:01	B Taylor, VIC
3	Wedgetail	2	22	02:15:37:30	1.209	03:04:55:21	B Wild, QLD

*Redress given: 1 hr 55 min

IRC DIV 3

1	Tow Truck	3	30	03:03:52:33	1.148	03:15:06:20	A Paterson, NSW
2	AFR Midnight Rambler	3	32	03:06:30:38	1.164	03:19:23:11	E Psaltis, NSW
3	True North	3	56	03:16:47:54	1.063	03:22:23:33	A Saies, SA

IRC DIV 4

1	Winsome	4	69	03:18:54:51	0.991	03:18:05:45	H J Heijst, The Netherlands
2	Ray White Spirit of Koomooloo	4	47	03:16:13:40	1.027	03:18:36:36	M Freebairn, QLD
3	Pinta - M	4	72	03:22:27:51	0.971	03:19:43:29	A Blei, The Netherlands

PHS OVERALL

1	Telcoinbox Merit*	1	16	02:07:58:58	1.431	03:08:05:00	L Rodriguez, QLD
2	Getaway-Sailing.com	1	15	02:07:47:13	1.454	03:09:06:51	S Price, NSW
3	Pirelli	1	24	02:16:39:43	1.337	03:14:26:48	L Goodridge, NSW

*Redress granted: 18 hrs

PHS DIV 1

1	Telcoinbox Merit*	1	16	02:07:58:58	1.431	03:08:05:00	L Rodriguez, QLD
2	Getaway-Sailing.com	1	15	02:07:47:13	1.454	03:09:06:51	S Price, NSW
3	Pirelli	1	24	02:16:39:43	1.337	03:14:26:48	L Goodridge, NSW

*Redress granted: 18 hrs

PHS DIV 2

1	Lloyds Brokers - Too Impetuous	2	70	03:19:53:23	0.968	03:16:55:18	L Patterson, QLD
2	Flying Fish Arctos	2	68	03:18:23:46	0.993	03:17:45:48	J Dobie & A Fairclough, NSW
3	CHorse	2	76	04:00:10:23	0.945	03:18:53:01	J Smith, NSW

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1	Morris Financial Inquante	42	03:15:33:56	03:15:33:56	I Murray, VIC
2	The SubZero Goat	44	03:16:01:28	03:16:01:28	M Gordon, NSW
3	Eleni	45	03:16:10:21	03:16:10:21	T Levett, NSW

CRUISING

1	Pippin	82	04:04:21:06	04:04:21:06	R Sayer, QLD
2	Charlie's Dream Somoya*	86	04:05:28:58	04:05:28:58	P Lewis, QLD G Rose, VIC

*Retired: broken furler

Trophies and Awards

Jack Rooklyn Memorial Trophy (first yacht out of Sydney Heads): Wild Oats XI, Bob Oatley

F&J Livingstone Trophy (first yacht south of Tasman Island): Wild Oats XI, Bob Oatley

Rani Trophy (most meritorious performance as judged by the race committee): Telcoinbox Merit, Leo Rodriguez and Ian Bishop

TW Thompson Memorial Trophy (most outstanding crew members): crew of Telcoinbox Merit

Battery Point Trophy (first small boat across the line): Tow Truck, Anthony Paterson

TasPorts Trophy (first Tasmanian boat IRC): Pisces, Dave Taylor

Tasmanian Government 40 Race Medallions: Syd Fischer (Ragamuffin) and Colin Wildman (radio relay vessel JBW)

Polish Trophy (for the yacht travelling from the furthest port to compete): Walross 4 (Germany)

Tasmanian Government 25 Race Medallions: Graeme Ainley (Georgia), Robert Green (Chance Of Shenval) and John Walker (Impeccable)

City of Hobart Trophy (navigator of first Tasmanian yacht on corrected time): Graham McKibben (Pisces)

Bill Owen Memorial Trophy (navigator of winning yacht): Bruce Baker (Quest)

Alan Payne Memorial Trophy (designer of winning yacht): Bruce Farr (Quest)

Apollo Trophy (first yacht under 18.5 metres across the finish line): Yendys, Geoff Ross

Jane Tait Memorial Trophy (first female skipper): Sally Smith (Helsal IV)