



Who's Heading for Hobart?

Offshore Yachting's
comprehensive list of
the entries for this year's
Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race.



ABN AMRO CHALLENGE SAIL NO: 6887
 LOA: 13.9m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Iain Murray & Assoc. (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1997
 TYPE: IMS racer NO. OF HOBARTS: 1
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Ray Roberts
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: R. Roberts (11), I. Murray (7), M. Spies (21), M. Till (3), N. Kingsmill (6), A. Cuddihy (4), M. Coxon, R. Myles (2), R. Allanson (5)
 Ray "Hollywood" Roberts' Sydney 46, ABN AMRO Challenge, has had a good year so far. She competed at this year's Kenwood Cup in Hawaii as part of the Australian team which finished second overall and was IMS overall winner of the Sydney-Mooloolaba Race. ABN AMRO placed 8th overall in last year's Telstra Sydney to Hobart and like fellow Kenwood Cup team mates Ragamuffin and Quest, is a strong chance for an overall win.



ADAGIO SAIL NO: 688
 LOA: 10.62 CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens (USA) YEAR BUILT: 1989
 TYPE: S&S 38 NO. OF HOBARTS: 1
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Peter Williams
 CLUB: Derwent Sailing Squadron, TAS
 CREW: P. Williams (2), A. Harradine (2), D. Williams (1), W. Dyas, T. Curtain, J. Ploot
 Pretty much the same crew are lining up for this race as did in the '96 Sydney to Hobart on board Adagio. Best results for the S&S 38 include winning the PHS division of the '92 Melbourne to Devonport while the owner's best result was winning the PHS division of the '91 Hobart Race on previous boat Allegro. As well as completing a few long ocean races, Adagio is a regular Club racer on her home waters in Tasmania.



ADRENALIN SAIL NO: 1999
 LOA: 11.8m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Doug Peterson (USA) YEAR BUILT: 1980
 TYPE: Peterson 38 NO. OF HOBARTS: 6
 OWNER/SKIPPER: David Bennett
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: D. Bennett (5), M. Bennett (4), K. Lehmar, J. Wainwright (10), C. Fay
 Adrenalin has enjoyed success in club racing but hasn't had as much success with the longer races. She was forced to retire from last year's Sydney-Hobart. David's first in his new yacht, but will be back again this year with a good crew and a new sail wardrobe to make sure they reach Hobart this time. Hoping for a divisional placing.



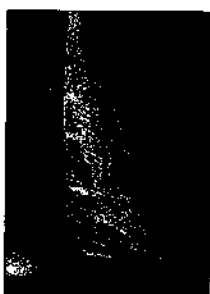
AERA SAIL NO: GRE 49040
 LOA: 14.38m CLASS: CHS
 DESIGNER: German Frers (ARG) YEAR BUILT: 1985
 TYPE: Swan 46 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Nicholas Lykiardopulo
 CLUB: Royal Yacht Squadron, Great Britain
 CREW: N. Lykiardopulo, H. Agnew (1), W. Seabrook (6), M. Benakis, P. Papadeas, M. Cornwell, J. Fanstone, O. Alard
 In true style, the owner had his Swan 46 shipped out from the Mediterranean to compete in its first Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race. This entry has a lot of ocean racing miles behind it including competing in the Aegean Rally, Cork Week, Key West, Cowes Week, La Niouargue (1st in division, '98), Antigua and numerous Swan World Cups. The experienced crew includes one of the navigators of Silk Cut, which completed the most recent Whitbread Round the World Race.



ALEXANDER OF CRESWELL SAIL NO: 3807
 LOA: 11.156m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Kim Swarbrick (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1984
 TYPE: S111 NO. OF HOBARTS: 13
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Warren Helwig
 CLUB: Royal Australian Navy Sailing Association, NSW
 CREW: W. Helwig (2), I. Kelly, R. Woodcock (1)
 This is the sistership to Lady Penrhyn and the second sail training yacht used by the Department of Defence. Navy Sail Training Manager for the ACT area, Warren Helwig, will campaign Alexander of Creswell south for her 14th Hobart, adding more ocean going miles to her already impressive tally of nearly 70,000 nautical miles. Both yachts will be competing for the Oggin Cup for Services crews.



ALLUSIVE SAIL NO: 407
 LOA: 14.3m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: David Lyons (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1998
 TYPE: Lyons 48 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: John Smith
 CLUB: Belterve Yacht Club, TAS
 CREW: J. Smith (2), G. Purdon (2), I. Stewart (3)
 This brand new Lyons 48, only launched in March this year, competed in her local winter series and did "reasonably well" according to skipper John Smith. To prepare for the Hobart Race, the yacht will be taking part in a number of ocean races in Tasmania before heading up to Sydney in December. With 11.5 tonnes of weight and all the mod cons on board, John is hoping for a comfortable ride although based on past experience, this is unlikely to happen.



ANDURIL SAIL NO: 4168
 LOA: 11.2m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Ed Dubois (GBR) YEAR BUILT: 1981
 TYPE: Dubois 40 ex-IOR one tonner NO. OF HOBARTS: 6
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Jeff Cordell
 CLUB: Derwent Sailing Squadron, TAS
 CREW: J. Cordell (3), G. Eisele (10), A. Davidson (1), B. Anderson, R. Webb (1), D. White
 Racing as Tassie Wins in last year's Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race, Vice Commodore of the Derwent Sailing Squadron Jeff Cordell picked up a 3rd placing in PHS Division 2, the yacht's best result so far in a Hobart race. This Tassie entry competes year-round in her local series as well as some longer races and in the past has picked up a first in PHS in the Maria Island Race and a 4th in this year's Three Peaks Race, a good result for one of the smaller entries.



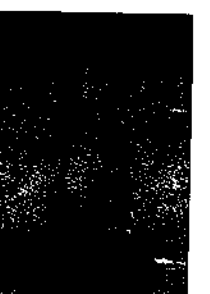
ANTIPODES SYDNEY SAIL NO: 5659
 LOA: 17m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Bri Dixon (UK) YEAR BUILT: 1997
 TYPE: Taswell 58 NO. OF HOBARTS: 1
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Geoffrey Hill
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: G. Hill (2), S. Ulrich (2), A. Isles (1), S. Wall (2), P. Cook (2), S. Wolf, D. Miller, M. Hill (2), J. Hallam (10)
 This yacht has raced extensively overseas including the 1991-92 Columbus 500 Centenary Trans Atlantic Race (1st in division), two Antigua Race Weeks and the Seychelles Round Island Race (1st in division). Locally, she has completed one Sydney to Coffs and one Sydney to Hobart Race. Between them, three crew members on board have completed 140,000 offshore miles which will stand them in good stead for the grueling trip south starting on Boxing Day.



ANTUKA SAIL NO: W591
 LOA: 13m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Joe Adams (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1983
 TYPE: Adams 13 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Raymond Semmens
 CLUB: Western Port Marina Squadron, VIC
 CREW: R. Semmens, P. Madigan (3), B. Miman (2)
 Little is known about this yacht's racing history although she has competed in some of the southern races including the Melbourne to Hobart, Melbourne to Devonport and Melbourne to Port Fairy. Since purchasing her last year, owner Ray Semmens hasn't made any changes and has enjoyed club racing as well as the odd offshore race. With an ex-Navy crew member, a doctor and a qualified AYF instructor aboard, Ray's hopes of just getting to Hobart are looking promising.



ASPECT COMPUTING SAIL NO: 4826
 LOA: 16.6m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Graham Radford (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1989
 TYPE: Radford 16.5 sloop NO. OF HOBARTS: 3
 OWNER/SKIPPER: David Pescud
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
 CREW: D. Pescud (3), C. Josling (4), S. Bond (1), K. Jagger (19), H. Mirfob (2), G. Clare, S. Drem, S. Collins, D. Kane, T. Foley
 Aspect Computing is the vehicle for the Sailors with disabilities program which is headed up by skipper David Pescud. This year David will be taking 12-year-old Travis Foley from Mudgee, who is dyslexic, south for his first Sydney to Hobart as part of a joint venture between Aspect Computing and the CYCA/Telstra inaugural youth program. Aspect Computing is fully crewed by people with disabilities and has achieved some notable results in the past.



ASSASSIN SAIL NO: 9999
 LOA: 12.19m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1992
 TYPE: Farr 40 NO. OF HOBARTS: 5
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Hugo van Kretschmar & Robin Crawford
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: H. Kretschmar (16), R. Crawford (7), A. Buckland (15)
 CYCA Commodore and co-owner Robin Crawford will be taking this proven performer south for its 6th Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race. Assassin has an enviable race record including an overall win in the '92 Sydney to Hobart as well as victories in the Sydney to Mooloolaba and the '92 Asia Pacific Championships. Commodore van Kretschmar is the first CYCA Commodore in many years to skipper his own boat in the Sydney to Hobart.



ATARA SAIL NO: IRLB000
 LOA: 13m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: David Lyons (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1994
 TYPE: IMS Racer NO. OF HOBARTS: 4
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Roger Hickman
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: R. Hickman (20), D. Richards (6), M. Slinn (3), P. Wilkinson
 Skipped by the Ocean Racer of the Year, Roger Hickman, Atara enters just about every regatta and ocean race on the east coast of Australia and consistently performs well. Credits include winning the CYCA's 1996-97 prestigious Bluewater Pointscore and 3rd overall in the Sydney to Hobart Race. CYCA Director Roger is taking Peter Wilkinson, one of the two Eden Technology High students chosen from a competition, south for his first Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race.



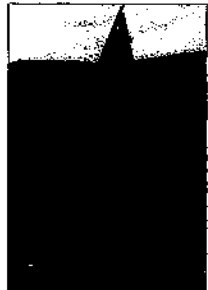
AURORA
 LOA: 12.23m
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA)
 TYPE: Farr 40
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Jim Holly
 CLUB: Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, NSW
 CREW: J. Holly (10), S. Lamb (17), R. Carlier (19)
 Previously named Witchcraft II, this yacht has completed many ocean races including 10 Sydney to Southports, 5 Sydney to Mooloolaba and 4 Sydney to Hobart, with wins in the Southport and Mooloolaba races. New owner, Lake Macquarie sailor Jim Holly is putting together a good crew for this year's race including a Swedish sailor who this year completed a single-handed sail to Sweden - just for fun.



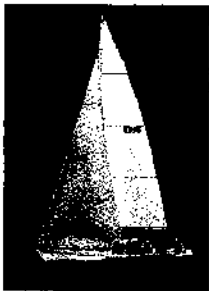
B52
 LOA: 12.47m
 DESIGNER: Iain Murray & Assoc. (AUS)
 TYPE: Bashford Howson 41
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Wayne Millar
 CLUB: Townsville Cruising Yacht Club, QLD
 CREW: M. Vickers (2), L. Axe (6), W. Millar (1), M. Vickers, S. Anderson (1), J. Byrne (3), R. Kingston (1), T. Muller (1), B. Anson
 This successful BH 41 has notched up a number of victories over the last three years including a 3rd on IMS in the '96 Hobart Race and a line and handicap win in this year's Townsville to Dunk Island Bluewater Classic. B52 competed in this year's Hayman Island Big Boat Series and Hamilton Island Race week where she went head to head with the near identical BH41 Challenge Again and finished second in the CHS Division on a countback.



AUSMAID
 LOA: 14.472m
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA)
 TYPE: Farr 47
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Kevan Pearce
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia, SA
 CREW: K. Pearce (3), P. Bolton (2), C. Evans (2), T. Edlins (2), C. Gordon (4), P. Stevens (5), S. Clark
 New owner Kevan Pearce will optimise this IMS champion before this year's Talstra Sydney to Hobart Race and expects to do very well, as he did in his previous boat Kingtide. Ausmaid has enjoyed plenty of success since being launched in 1994 including overall winner of the '96 Telstra Sydney to Hobart, 4th overall in the '94 race and being part of the victorious Australian Kenwood Cup team in '96. Should do well on handicap.



BACARDI
 LOA: 13.37m
 DESIGNER: Doug Peterson (USA)
 TYPE: Peterson 44
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Graeme Ainley & John Williams
 CLUB: Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC
 CREW: J. Williams (17), G. Ainley (17)
 Bacardi has rarely missed a Hobart race over the years. Her best result came in 1993 when she was declared 1st in division in IMS after being granted redress for assisting another yacht. Other good results include a 2nd and a 3rd in division. This much sailed Peterson 44 goes at her best in a light breeze right on the nose.



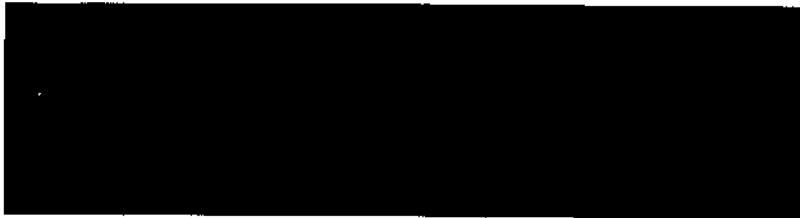
AVANTI
 LOA: 12.19m
 DESIGNER: Beneteau (FRA)
 TYPE: First 38
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Christopher & John Mooney
 CLUB: Royal Brighton Yacht Club, VIC
 CREW: J. Mooney (25), D. Lloyd (2), A. Black (12)
 Past Admiral's Cup helmsman John Mooney recently was awarded a place on the Sydney to Hobart honour roll for having completed 25 races. Obviously 25 is not enough for this veteran who is lining up again for his 26th with co-skipper and owner of the boat, brother Christopher. Also on board will be Robert and Christopher Case, sons of former America's and Admiral's Cup yachtman Bernie Case. Since being purchased in February, Avanti has enjoyed success at Club level and the crew is looking forward to getting out into open water, although they will be largely in cruising mode.



BERRIMILLA
 LOA: 10.1m
 DESIGNER: Peter Joubert (AUS)
 TYPE: Broke
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Alex Whitworth
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: A. Whitworth (6), G. Smith (3), S. Byrne (3), S. Maehan (3), R. Baker, S. Reid
 Alex sailed his first Hobart race in 1977, raced again in 1979, and then virtually retired from ocean racing. However, after joining the 371 strong fleet in 1994 for the 50th anniversary race, he has once again become addicted, not missing a Sydney to Hobart Race since. His best result came in 1996 when Berrimilla placed fourth in PHS Division. Unfortunately, Berrimilla was forced to retire from last year's race with an injured crew member which will make reaching Hobart all the more important this year.



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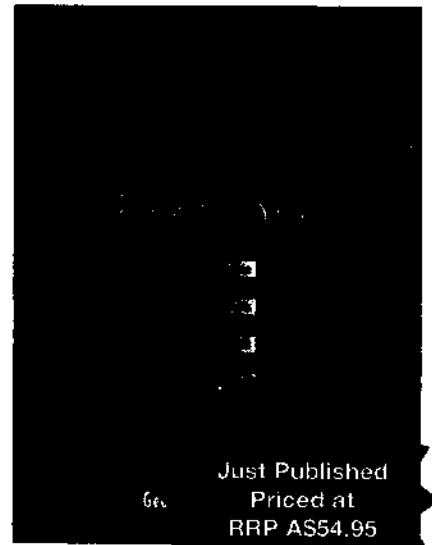
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BIN ROUGE
LOA: 9.5m
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA)
TYPE: Farr 31
OWNER/SKIPPER: Darryl Hodgkinson
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: D. Hopkinson, C. Bowling (8), D. Hensen (8), R. Spinner (1), M. McLean (1) T. Ives.
SAIL NO: 7633
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1993
NO. OF HOBARTS: 2
Experienced skipper Chris Bowling will be heading the charge south on board for this yacht's 3rd Sydney to Hobart Race. Bin Rouge has had a good season this year, finishing well-placed in the Sydney to Gold Coast Yacht Race. Chris will be looking to improve on last year's Hobart handicap result when Bin Rouge limped across the finish line at Constitution Dock with a torn mainsail and placed 41st.



BOOMAROO MORSE FANS
LOA: 10.3m
DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
TYPE: S&S 34
OWNER/SKIPPER: John McIntosh
CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD
CREW: J. McIntosh (8), P. Abraham (1), A. Cowan (1), R. Webb (1), M. Webb, G. Clougher
SAIL NO: RQ23
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1971
NO. OF HOBARTS: 10
Major highlights of this yacht's career include 1st on IMS in the '92 and '93 Mooloolaba-Hamilton Island races, a 3rd overall in the '95 Brisbane-Gladstone and a 2nd in division in last year's Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race. This crew will be rugging up for the trip south, the yacht's 11th and skipper John's 9th. Could do well again in division. One of three S&S 34s heading south this year.



BRIGHT MORNING STAR
LOA: 15.5m
DESIGNER: Doug Peterson (AUS)
TYPE: Cruiser/Racer
OWNER/SKIPPER: Hugh Treharne
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: H. Treharne (23), I. Treharne (13), S. Welsh
Hugh Treharne, best known as the tactician on the '93 America's Cup winning yacht Australia II, along with his brother Ian 'Bomber' Treharne, will be taking this beautiful Peterson 50 to Hobart once again. Bright Morning Star regularly competes in the Hobart Race, Sydney to Gold Coast and Sydney to Mooloolaba Race. She recently placed 3rd overall in the PHS division of the 25th Gosford to Lord Howe Island race.
SAIL NO: 1987
CLASS: PHS
YEAR BUILT: 1985
NO. OF HOBARTS: 6



BRINDABELLA
LOA: 22.85m
DESIGNER: Scott Jutson (AUS)
TYPE: Maxi
OWNER/SKIPPER: George Snow
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: G. Snow (15), L. May (25), B. Fraser (16)
In last year's Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race, after two previous attempts, the line honours victory finally belonged to George Snow when Brindabella narrowly got the gun following a two-day tussle with Warwick Miller's Exile. Since then, the boat has suffered another broken mast but is now racing again with a newly-designed and slightly larger carbon rig, designed by Scott Jutson. The owner and crew are confident of giving rival overseas maxi Sayonara a good run for her money after a good showing at Hamilton Island Race Week.
SAIL NO: C1
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1994
NO. OF HOBARTS: 5



BUSINESS POST - NAJAD
LOA: 11.89m
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA)
TYPE: Farr 40
OWNER/SKIPPER: Bruce Guy
CLUB: Port Dalrymple, TAS
CREW: B. Guy (2), S. Walker (4), R. Matthews (9), J. Rogers (2), M. Sheriff (2), S. Hensen (2), R. Keats (1), R. Guy (1), P. Skaggs
Ex New Zealand Admiral's Cup yacht, previously called Swizzlebubble IV, Najad was launched in 1984 by Ian Gibb, then sailed out of the CYCA until 1994 under Colin Boyle. This Farr 40 (IOR) has achieved good results in the Melbourne to Hobart Race and the famous Three Peaks Race. The experienced crew from the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club on the Tamar River, hopefully still fit from their recent win in the Three Peaks Race, will be racing hard to Hobart this year.
SAIL NO: 5466
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1984
NO. OF HOBARTS: 0



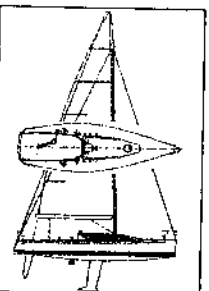
CANON MARIS
LOA: 11.3m
DESIGNER: Alan Payne (AUS)
TYPE: Tasman Seabird
OWNER/SKIPPER: Ian Kiernan
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: I. Kiernan (9), R. Hammond (39), M. Tomaszewski (2)
In between cleaning up Australia and the rest of the world, Ian still manages to find the time to enter his yacht in the Telstra Sydney to Hobart race. After 40 years of ocean racing, Canon Maris has more than proved its seaworthiness and will be guided south by the man with the most Sydney to Hobart races in his logbook - Richard 'Slightly' Hammond, who will be competing in his 40th race this year.
SAIL NO: 780
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1958
NO. OF HOBARTS: 8



CHALLENGE AGAIN
LOA: 12.47m
DESIGNER: Iain Murray (AUS)
TYPE: Sydney 41
OWNER/SKIPPER: Lou Abrahams
CLUB: Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC
CREW: L. Abrahams (35), R. Simpson (16), G. Schipper (17), F. Johnson (28), J. Maquet (4), R. Richardson (1), G. Goldsmith (2), G. Pratt
Lou Abrahams, a two-times Sydney to Hobart winner with his previous yacht, placed first in CHS Division at this year's Hamilton Island Race Week with his Sydney 41. This year he will be racing south with a very experienced crew including well-known sailing master Fraser Johnson calling tactics and Rowan Simpson and Gary Schipper adding another Hobart to their already respectable tallies. Lou himself has sailed in 35 Sydney to Hobarts, 33 of them as the skipper of his own yacht.
SAIL NO: SM2
CLASS: CHS
YEAR BUILT: 1995
NO. OF HOBARTS: 1



CHARISMA
LOA: 12.93m
DESIGNER: Doug Brooker (AUS)
TYPE: Cavalier 43
OWNER/SKIPPER: James Lawler
CLUB: Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, NSW
CREW: J.M. Lawler (10), J.V. Lawler (10), T. Cosh (10)
James Lawler will be heading south again for his 11th Sydney to Hobart Race as will his nephew Jim Lawler. While Charisma has raced to Hobart six times and has completed numerous Sydney to Gold Coast Races, James describes her as a "fast cruiser and a slow racer". She has placed well under PHS, winning her division in the tough-going '93 Sydney-Hobart.
SAIL NO: A94
CLASS: PHS
YEAR BUILT: 1981
NO. OF HOBARTS: 6



CHUTZPAH
LOA: 10.99m
DESIGNER: Murray Burns & Dowell (AUS)
TYPE: MBD 36
OWNER/SKIPPER: Bruce Taylor
CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, VIC
CREW: B. Taylor (17), G. Courlay (13), J. Parmazez (9), A. Taylor (5), M. Bum (4)
Chutzpah is Bruce Taylor's fourth Chutzpah since 1985, this time asking Andy Dowell to design his boat. All have been in the 34' to 36' size. Taylor and his crew have dominated that division in the Sydney to Hobart Race for over ten years, but never getting into the top three overall. The current boat, launched just a couple of months before the Boxing Day start, represents the latest thinking and leading technology in yachts of this size.
SAIL NO: F33
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1998
NO. OF HOBARTS: 2



COMPUTERLAND
LOA: 15m
DESIGNER: Jim Inglis (AUS)
TYPE: Inglis 47
OWNER/SKIPPER: John Saul
CLUB: Bellevue Yacht Club, TAS
CREW: J. Saul (5), B. Calvert (11)
This is one of two Inglis 47s heading to Hobart this year. Computerland last competed in a Hobart race in '94 then crossed to the other side, taking part in the last three Melbourne to Hobarts where she achieved line honours in the '95 and '97 races in the two-handed division. Tassie skipper John Saul has decided to return to true ocean racing and will put Computerland through its paces for the second time, for him his sixth. Computerland has been a regular competitor in the rugged Tasmanian Three Peaks Race, winning in the '96 and '97.
SAIL NO: 125
CLASS: PHS
YEAR BUILT: 1989
NO. OF HOBARTS: 1



CYCLONE
LOA: 15.2m
DESIGNER: Gorman Frers (ARG)
TYPE: IMS racer
OWNER/SKIPPER: Stephen Keel
CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS
CREW: S. Keel (8), M. Keel (4), R. Latham (10)
Originally built as an Admiral's Cup team aspirant, Cyclone was Australia's best chance to win the Kenwood Cup in 1990 but unfortunately had to retire from the last race after rig damage. She is a consistent competitor in Hobart, winning the RYCT's Winter Pennant. Her best result so far in a Sydney to Hobart Race was a 14th across the line and 12th on IMS in the '96 race. Good to see her back, part of Tasmania's best entry since the 50th race in 1994.
SAIL NO: 5090
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1989
NO. OF HOBARTS: 2



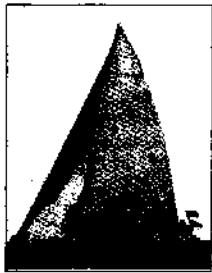
DREE CHICKEN
LOA: 11.95m
DESIGNER: Greg Elliott (NZL)
TYPE: Elliott 36
OWNER/SKIPPER: Liz Wardley
CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
CREW: L. Wardley (1), S. Morgan, Grant Pellow, K. Winchester, B. Ruthenberg, M. Morris
Nineteen-year old Hobie 16 champion Liz Wardley and her father recently purchased this yacht for Liz to compete in the '99 Two-handed Melbourne to Osaka Race. Liz has no expectations for this year's Hobart Race. However, the experience of four-times Sydney-Hobart skipper Carl Scriber, owner of Suraya and new sponsor of Dree Chicken through his company Mother of Pearl & Sons, will enhance their chances of a good result.
SAIL NO: PNG8
CLASS: PHS
YEAR BUILT: 1993
NO. OF HOBARTS: 2



LOA: 17.1m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Greg Elliott (NZL) YEAR BUILT: 1987
 TYPE: Elliott 56 NO. OF HOBARTS: 8
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Gary Shanks
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia, SA
 CREW: G. Shanks (1), D. Shanks (1), C. Shanks (1), G. Peake, T. Wharton (1), C. Mitchell (8), C. Wall-Smith (8), B. O'Toole (1), D. Ottway (1), D. Woods (9), D. Snaod, L. Pike, G. Otto (2)
 Under the current owner, Doctel Rager recently won the Plympton Cup, South Australia's oldest sailing trophy, on corrected time as well as taking line honours. Other successes for this Elliott 56 under previous owners include Sydney to Gold Coast and Brisbane to Gladstone line honours victories.



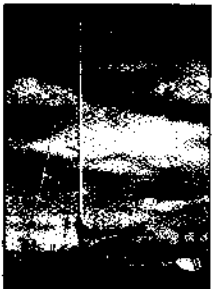
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 LOA: 20.63m CLASS: CHS
 DESIGNER: German Frers (ARG) YEAR BUILT: 1996
 TYPE: Swan 88 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Yvon Berrehar
 CLUB: Jakobstad, Porto Cervo, Italy
 CREW: R. Field, R. Marman, M. Toppa, H. Mabire, D. Belling
 This French maxi is coming all the way from Italy to take part in the Telstra Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. Since being launched in '96, ElySION Blue has raced extensively overseas and has placed reasonably well including an 8th at the '96 Swan Cup at Porto Cervo and 19th in last year's Fastnet Race. Skipper Yvon has cruised and raced in the Atlantic, Caribbean, USA and Mediterranean and is heading up the campaign to bring this cruiser/racer to Australia.



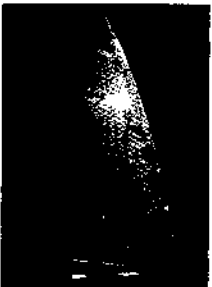
FOXTEL-TITAN FORD (Morning Mist) SAIL NO: M250
 LOA: 15.78m CLASS: CHS
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZLAUSA) YEAR BUILT: 1992
 TYPE: Farr 50 NO. OF HOBARTS: 5
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Julie Hodder, Stan Zamaneck, Peter Sorenson
 CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW
 CREW: P. Sorenson (1), J. Hodder (5), S. Zamaneck, A. Miller (7), J. Kerzev (10), P. Brenner (9), J. Oliver (7), K. Ovari, L. Harrison (8), J. Olgive, J. Haskad (1), C. Nichols
 This yacht has raced competitively on PHS over the last couple of years including a first winning the TPHS division in the '97 Sydney to Hobart when she was chartered by an Italian syndicate. This boat is now owned by experienced yachtswoman Julie Hodder, past 18-foot skiff sailor Peter Sorenson and 2UC talkback personality Stan Zamaneck, a former 18-footer sailor of note. The new owners were rewarded early with a 1st in division at this year's Hayman Island Big Boat Series.



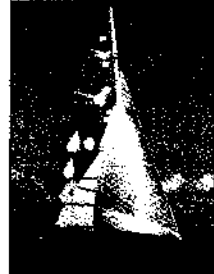
FUDGE (ex Future Shock) SAIL NO: SM1
 LOA: 16.96m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Greg Elliott (NZ) YEAR BUILT: 1989
 TYPE: Elliott 56 NO. OF HOBARTS: 5
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Peter Hansen
 CLUB: Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC
 CREW: P. Hansen (6), J. Eider (4), G. Constable (4)
 Designer Greg Elliott will be joining the crew of this downwind flyer to Hobart for the yacht's fifth Sydney to Hobart. Her best result in a Sydney to Hobart race came last year when they finished 3rd over the line and 2nd in the TPHS division. Other notable achievements include a record-breaking line honours win in the '86 Melbourne to Hobart (still holds record), line honours in the '96 and '97 Adelaide to Port Lincoln and a second over the line in this year's Sydney to Gold Coast Race.



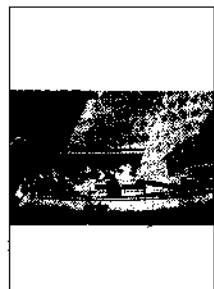
GUNDY GREY SAIL NO: G2
 LOA: 12.19m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Joe Adams (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1986
 TYPE: Adams 40 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Robert Green
 CLUB: Canberra Yacht Club, ACT
 CREW: R. Green, C. Loughed (2), F. Seko (1), G. Pollard (1), S. Russell-Smith (1), A. Potts, M. Howard
 Gundy Grey is a traditional Adams 40 cruising yacht which has sailed to New Zealand, Noumea, Vanuatu and Indonesia. While she may not finish in the top half of the fleet, the crew will enjoy a comfortable ride with all the comforts of home included. Teak decks and solar panels just a couple of her features. While on the register of the Canberra Yacht Club the boat is berthed in Sydney.



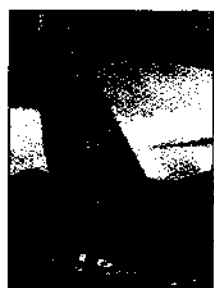
HAWKE 5 SAIL NO: GBR4640R
 LOA: 12.485m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Murray Burns & Dovel (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1998
 TYPE: Sydney 40 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Nigel Bramwell
 CLUB: Royal London Yacht Club, Great Britain
 CREW: B. Anson (3), N. Bramwell (2), B. Northcot (5), S. Lawson (7), I. Holley (6), D. Bedford, X. Laneer, B. Powell, S. Matthews, G. Christie, M. Shillington
 Launched in November this year, Hawke 5 is a new Sydney AC 40 One Design built for English yachtswoman Nigel Bramwell by Bashford International, of which Nigel is a director. The local and imported crew are experienced in ocean racing and dinghy sailing and enthusiastic about putting everything into the effort to win the Telstra 54th Sydney to Hobart. Sistership Sledgehammer placed well at this year's Hamilton Island Race Week and will also be racing to Hobart.



HELMER II SAIL NO: SAR9
 LOA: 20.04m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Joe Adams (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1979
 TYPE: Pocket maxi NO. OF HOBARTS: 16
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Keith Hint
 CLUB: Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, SA
 CREW: K. Flint (6), J. Howell (21), B. Wetherall (11), I. Flint (4), R. Knill (5), C. Todd (3), R. Godfrey, C. Pany, B. Day, J. Butler (2), C. Simpson (4), J. Hunt, T. Desandes (3), R. Moore (4), A. Gordon, S. Longmie
 Veteran South Australian yachtswoman Keith Flint is returning for Helser II's 17th Sydney to Hobart campaign with a very experienced crew, including Jim Howell with 21 Hobarts to his credit, on board. Previous wins for this yacht include line honours in the 1989 Melbourne to Hobart and the 1991 Adelaide to Port Lincoln race, for which she holds the race record, as well as a first in her division for the 50th anniversary Sydney to Hobart Race.



HENRY KENDALL AKUBRA SAIL NO: 6074
 LOA: 12.2m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZLAUSA) YEAR BUILT: 1990
 TYPE: Farr 1220 NO. OF HOBARTS: 2
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Patrick Wilde
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: P. Wilde (5), S. Colakides (12), P. Finch (2), T. MacIntyre (2), P. Schwarz (1), S. Wilde, K. Seges, R. Shepherd, P. Ferguson
 This yacht was bought specifically to compete in the 50th anniversary Sydney-Hobart Race in which she placed 15th in the TPHS Division. The following year she placed 4th overall in TPHS division. This is the second wave of sons and friends of the skipper participating in ocean racing, culminating in the Sydney-Hobart. The crew is a mixture of new and old (in experience only) faces including Patrick's son Simon, competing in his first Sydney to Hobart Race.



HI FLYER SAIL NO: PNG1888
 LOA: 12.39m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZLAUSA) YEAR BUILT: 1993
 TYPE: First 40.7 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Carol Turnbull
 CLUB: Royal Papua Yacht Club, PNG
 CREW: B. Tardrew (8), J. Matthews (3), P. Wright (3), C. Turnbull (0), P. Roberts (1), S. Macarthur (1), S. Herd
 Under the previous owner, Hi Flyer raced in the Kenwood Cup and was very successful on the Asian circuit when based in Hong Kong. Under Carol Turnbull, the 40-footer has done some club racing out of Port Moresby and has competed in a number of Queensland regattas including this year's Hamilton Island Race Week and the Mooloolaba-Arnie Beach race, where she placed first in CHS division and 2nd on IMS. Carol is one of two women skippers from PNG.



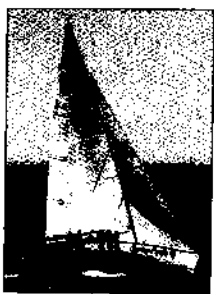
HITIMEWEWT SAIL NO: G710
 LOA: 11.2m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Ed Dubois (GBR) YEAR BUILT: 1987
 TYPE: Dubois 40 NO. OF HOBARTS: 9
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Robert Hampshire
 CLUB: Royal Geelong Yacht Club, VIC
 CREW: R. Hampshire (4), B. Holloway (5), J. Mackay, M. Buyell (4), M. Kileen (8), S. Minchin (2), G. McDonald (6), P. Anderson
 According to Rob Hampshire, Hitimewewt is in great shape and the crew is looking forward to a good result. This will be the fourth Hobart race for the core crew members who have had a successful racing history with this Dubois 40 including being the highest scoring boat in the Victorian Yachting Association's 1997 Presidents Cup. In last year's Hobart race Hitimewewt placed 6th overall in TPHS.



HOGSBREATH WITCHDOCTOR SAIL NO: 2557
 LOA: 12m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Laurie Davidson (NZL) YEAR BUILT: 1979
 TYPE: ex-40R one tonner NO. OF HOBARTS: 19
 OWNER/SKIPPER: The Rum Consortium
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: M. Cameron (23), G. Barker (22), I. Manley (10), C. Troup (16), J. Dodd (8), P. Reuter (8), K. Reuter (2), T. Craven (13), M. Rafferty (3), L. Mayer (5), B. Kelly (1)
 This syndicate of owners, known as the Rum Consortium, have plenty of experience between them, led by Maurie Cameron, veteran of 22 Sydney to Hobart Races. While not expecting a top result, the crew will go prepared for a good time not a long time. Finished 11th in division in last year's Sydney to Hobart Race. The yacht itself has sailed in 19 Hobarts, only one race behind Margaret Rintoul II and Mark Twain who this year are sailing their 21st Hobarts.



IMPECCABLE SAIL NO: MH106
 LOA: 10.2m CLASS: CHS
 DESIGNER: Doug Peterson (USA) YEAR BUILT: 1980
 TYPE: ex-40R three quarter tonner NO. OF HOBARTS: 15
 OWNER/SKIPPER: John Walker
 CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW
 CREW: J. Walker (15), J. Nixon (5), T. Nelson (6), M. Scott (4), M. Doherty (4), D. McRae (3), R. Moore (6)
 Impeccable has a long list of achievements behind her including a 2nd overall and 1st in division in the '86 Sydney to Hobart and a second in division in last year's race. She also finished in the top three in the CYCA's prestigious Bluewater points race from 1991-1996. John, now aged 78, has completed 15 Hobarts, all on board this yacht and in 1994, was rewarded for his efforts when he was named Ocean Racing Veteran of the Year.



INDIAN PACIFIC
LOA: 10.9m
DESIGNER: Laurie Davidson (NZL)
TYPE: Davidson 36
OWNER/SKIPPER: Wayne Reynolds
CLUB: Mornington Yacht Club, VIC
CREW: W. Reynolds (1), W. Neate (4), A. Cargill (1), D. Barret (1)
Indian Pacific has raced extensively in her club pointscores as well as completing numerous longer races such as the Portsea-Hastings (1st place), Melbourne-Devonport and just about every other Melbourne to somewhere on the Tassie coast race there is. The previous owner took this yacht to Hobart but it will be the first for owner Wayne on his own yacht. Chances of a good result are slim because of the age of the boat and gear but the crew is enthusiastic.



INDUSTRIAL QUEST
LOA: 13.06m
DESIGNER: Nelson/Marek (USA)
TYPE: Nelson Marek 43
OWNER/SKIPPER: Kevin Miller
CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD
CREW: K. Miller, J. Warlow (1), C. Dibetta (3), R. King, K. Gough, P. Anderson (4), R. Byerley (8)
While new owner Miller claims there are "no rock stars on board, just solid Queensland citizens", the crew found form with the new boat in a short space of time after Miller bought the boat following its win in the 50th Brisbane to Gladstone. They blitzed this year's northern regattas, including a 1st in IMS at the Hayman Island Big Boat Series, 1st in IMS at the Volvo Coffs Coast Week and 3rd in IMS at the Hamilton Island Race Week.



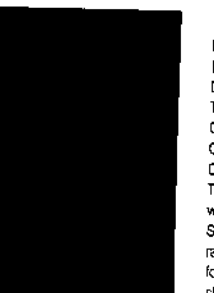
INKKEEPER
LOA: 20m
DESIGNER: Kell Steinmann (AUS)
TYPE: Pocket maxi
OWNER/SKIPPER: Inkkeeper syndicate
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: P. Shuffles (3), A. Halk (4), K. Lacey (3)
This year's Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race will be the start of Inkkeeper's return to racing after a break of 12 months, although the pocket maxi did pick up a 1st in PHS division in this year's 50th Brisbane-Gladstone race. Other successes include 4th over the line in last year's Sydney-Gold Coast and a couple of firsts over the line in the Pittwater-Coffs Race under the previous owner. The new owners are hoping for reaching and running conditions.



JACK GUY
LOA: 11.6m
DESIGNER: Hank Kaufman (AUS)
TYPE: Northshore 36
OWNER/SKIPPER: Gordon Ketalbey
CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW
CREW: G. Ketalbey (3), W. Lorenz (7), J. Rezek (1), P. Beseck, H. Parkes (1), B. Gardiner, C. Mayhew, H. Ketalbey, K. Ketalbey
This yacht last competed in the 1995 Sydney to Hobart race when she placed 10th overall and 7th in division. This year, owner Gordon will be joined by his wife Kim and sister Helen for some "socially serious racing with the prime objective being to have some fun". Jack Guy is a regular competitor in club series and has been racing offshore plenty of times including numerous Sydney to Coffs Harbour and Gosford to Lord Howe races.



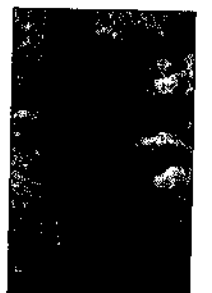
JUBILATION
LOA: 11.6m
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA)
TYPE: Farr 11.6
OWNER/SKIPPER: David James
CLUB: Royal Brighton Yacht Club, VIC
CREW: D. James, M. Jacob (3), R. Colahan, D. Colahan, P. Mogila
This Victorian entry and its crew have participated in most of the southern races including the Melbourne to Davenport, Adelaide to Port Lincoln and Melbourne to Hobart Race. Best results include a 2nd in the '93 Melbourne to Davenport two-handed race and a 5th in the '94 race. Plenty of crew experience to be found aboard this entry, which has been leased to Yacht Master Sailing School for the Hobart Race.



KICKATINALONG
LOA: 13.4m
DESIGNER: Joe Adams (AUS)
TYPE: Adams
OWNER/SKIPPER: Mike De Berg
CLUB: Royal Motor Yacht Club, NSW
CREW: M. De Berg, G. Clear, G. Welmsley, G. Phillips, B. Maxow, D. Chase
This beautiful of Hobart virgins have finally convinced themselves to get wet and cold by heading south instead of north at Christmas time. Sailing out of Ailsa Sailing School at Pittwater, the yacht enters lots of races however Mike prefers not to discuss past results. Should make for interesting sailing with the whole crew thinking they will be the skipper. Yes, the hull is aluminium, hence the yacht's catchy name.



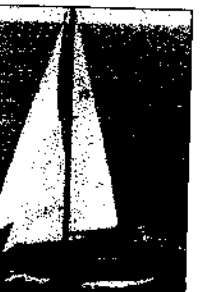
KING BILLY
LOA: 11.59m
DESIGNER: John King (AUS)
TYPE: King 38
OWNER/SKIPPER: Philip Bennett
CLUB: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW
CREW: P. Bennett (2), A. Moncrief (16), S. Estelle (8), J. Taylor (12), P. Croll (4), M. White (4), G. Boyd (2), L. Davidson (12)
King Billy has achieved good results in many of the races she has entered including divisional placings in the '95 Sydney to Mooloolaba race, '95 Sydney to Hobart Race and the '98 Sydney to Gold Coast Race. Also, the winner of the '93 Gascolgne Cup. Constructed with King Billy pine milled in Tasmania, this yacht has all the comforts of a true cruising boat and the crew is expecting a comfortable ride south.



KINGURRA
LOA: 13.1m
DESIGNER: Peter Joubert (AUS)
TYPE: Cruiser/racer
OWNER/SKIPPER: Peter Joubert
CLUB: Royal Brighton, VIC
CREW: P. Joubert (26), T. Vautin (20), D. Rout (11), A. Knox (8), D. Harrigan (5), P. Meike (7), J. Scott (4), D. Rout (11), A. Snyders (1)
In his own words, owner/skipper Peter Joubert insists that the crew prefers a quiet time and are not really interested in attracting too much attention based on past results. The yacht's designer, veteran Peter Joubert, will head up the experienced crew for his 27th campaign. Perhaps they will achieve a result worth mentioning in next year's program.



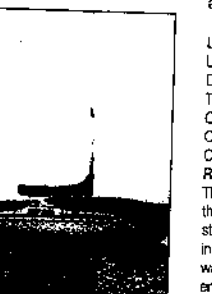
KOMATSU BLUE LADY
LOA: 11.74m
DESIGNER: Challenger Yachts (AUS)
TYPE: Masthead Sloop
OWNER/SKIPPER: Shane Kearns
CLUB: Royal Australian Navy Sailing Association, NSW
CREW: S. Kearns (2), J. Begbie (1), D. Gilies (1)
The majority of the crew was told on day one of a 'Getaway Sailing Adventure' training course that they would be going to race in the Telstra Sydney to Hobart this year. They laughed. Training for their biggest adventure yet has been overnight cruises offshore. Blue Lady sailed in last year's Hobart for the first time and would prefer a spot in the first half of the fleet this time around.



KOOMOOLOO
LOA: 12.5m
DESIGNER: Ted Kaufman (AUS)
TYPE: Former Sydney to Hobart winner
OWNER/SKIPPER: Donald Freebairn
CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD
CREW: M. Freebairn, J. Van Roon (1), J. Carney (1)
A famous yacht of the 1960s, making a comeback to yacht racing, Koomooloo was launched in 1966 and went on to win that year's Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. Her subsequent Hobart races included a 4th, 6th and 8th. She also represented Australia at the 1969 Admiral's Cup in England in 1969 and 1971. Once called the 'floating grand piano of Sydney Harbour' because of the 90 coats of varnish the previous owner used to keep regularly applied, the current owners are hoping to have Koomooloo in the same condition to mark the start on Boxing Day. Koomooloo's entry in this year's race marks the 30th anniversary of her win in 1968.



LADY PENRYN
LOA: 11.156m
DESIGNER: Kim Swarbrick (AUS)
TYPE: S111
OWNER/SKIPPER: Ian McPherson
CLUB: Royal Australian Navy Sailing Association, NSW
CREW: I. Kelly, I. McPherson (1), G. Stewart
Lady Penryn has a long history of ocean racing having been a regular competitor in the Sydney to Gold Coast and Sydney to Hobart races as part of her service as a sail training yacht for the Royal Australian Navy. Five of the crew on board this year are cadets from the Australian Defence Force Academy who will be gaining valuable experience and adding some important ocean miles to their sailing resumes.

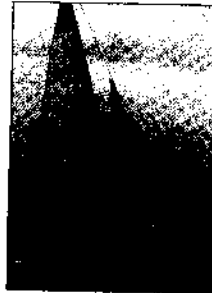


LIQUID ASSET
LOA: 10.29m
DESIGNER: John Duncanson (AUS)
TYPE: Duncanson 34
OWNER/SKIPPER: Maurie Contessi
CLUB: Bellarine Yacht Club, TAS
CREW: M. Contessi (1), M. Aspinall (5), J. Grant (1), S. Desmerchelier, R. Evans
This Tasmanian entry is leaving her icy home waters and heading up to the big smoke to line up for her first Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race start. A competitive club racer, Liquid Asset has had a number of wins in her local series and has also spent time cruising extensively in Tassie waters. The boat was purchased and set up for cruising but with an enthusiastic crew, they hope to be competitive in their division.

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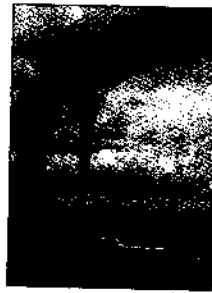
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 LOA: 13.38m
 DESIGNER: German Frers (ARG)
 TYPE: Swan 44
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Stephen Ainsworth
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: S. Ainsworth, Tony Kirby, Michael Bell
 LOKI was imported from Finland by Stephen Ainsworth earlier this year and has had great success in her first six months of racing. She won the PHS division of this year's Mooloolaba Race and has also proved very competitive under IMS winning two races at the prestigious Hayman Island Big Boat Series, and placing 3rd overall PHS. Ainsworth has chosen to race in the new CHS division after his Swan 44 placed 3rd overall under CHS at Hamilton Island Race Week.



MERCEDES IV
 LOA: 12.7m
 DESIGNER: Ted Kaufman (AUS)
 TYPE: Kaufman 41
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Peter Stronach
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
 CREW: P. Stronach (7), B. Ratcliff (34), J. Andrews (5), N. Bailey (2), C. Bacchi
 After a four-year break, Mercedes IV's impressive tally of 15 Sydney-Hobart. Peter Stronach has joined forces with Ratcliff, who will be heading south for the better prepared than ever with a new crew. The crew will be hoping for heavy weather.



MAGLIERI WINES
 LOA: 11.88m
 DESIGNER: Scott Jutson (AUS)
 TYPE: Jutson 43
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Brian Graves
 CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD
 CREW: B. Graves (1), B. Maisey (7), P. Lewis (5), S. D'Arx (2), A. Cameron (1), R. Wendt (1), D. Shearer (1), D. Pollack (1), P. Fishwick (1), G. Langford
 This will be Maglieri Wines' 5th Hobart, this time under new owner Brian Graves who purchased her from South Australian yachtsman Geoffrey Vercoe this year. Launched just prior to the 50th Sydney to Hobart Race, she has been racing competitively over the past couple of years and this year, picked up a first in the Port Lincoln Week regatta, first in the IMS Keelboat State Championships and first in the IMS Inshore Series under her previous owner.



MIDNIGHT RAMBLER
 LOA: 12.12m
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA)
 TYPE: Farr 40
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Ed Psatis/Bill Wright
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: E. Psatis (14), B. Wright (15), B. Whitford (7), P. Ward (6), M. Benosik (4), G. ...
 Midnight Rambler has enjoyed a number of 2nd overall in the CYCA's 1996-97 Bluewater victory, a 1st in division in this year's Sydney. Largely the same crew has been racing between them, have amassed more than 70 in a Hobart Race so far was a 5th overall in



MARCHIONNESS
 LOA: 22.8m
 DESIGNER: A. Lavranos (ITA)
 TYPE: Maxi sloop
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Marchionness syndicate
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: J. Messenger (15), B. Case (34), D. Lawson (31), T. Beilly (5), D. Kennedy (4), B. Beilly (4), M. Granitch (3), J. Markos (1), J. Broad (17), B. Smith (7), C. Bloomfield (16), L. Jenkins (4), P. McEnerny (10), W. Sheppard, N. Erbohm (2), P. McAdam
 Marchionness has had an impressive season so far this year with a line honours win in the Sydney to Mooloolaba Race and a 2nd over the line in the Sydney to Gold Coast Race. Purpose-built for the 1993 Cape Town to Rio Race, the CYCA owners made major modifications, including a new keel and single rudder, before last year's Hobart Race and the result was a credible 4th over the line. An amazing 150 Sydney-Hobarts between the crew members.



MIDNIGHT SPECIAL
 LOA: 12.17m
 DESIGNER: David Lyons (AUS)
 TYPE: Jalkan 40
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Midnight Special syndicate
 CLUB: Mooloolaba Yacht Club, QLD
 CREW: I. Griffiths, N. Dickson (1), D. Leslie (1), McDonagh (1), R. Barnett (2), M. Dickson, K. ...
 Midnight Special has raced extensively this year. Mooloolaba Race (2nd CHS), Mooloolaba-Brisbane-Gladstone and Hamilton Island Queensland-based owners and crew will be south for its first Tekestra Sydney to Hobart Race to avoid having a mid-life crisis in the middle of regular blokes out to have some fun.



MARGARET RINTOUL II
 LOA: 14.8m
 DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
 TYPE: S&S 48
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Richard Purcell
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: G. Purcell (5), S. Runow (7), C. Betts
 The beautifully restored vintage yacht Margaret Rintoul II is equal record holder (along with Mark Twain) for the most number of Sydney to Hobarts completed in the Race's 53-year history. Competed in three Admirals Cups, including a Fastnet win, when first owned by Syd Fischer and called Regamuffin. Under Richard Purcell's ownership, Margaret Rintoul II has achieved outstanding results in the Hobart Race including a 2nd in division in the 1994 50th anniversary race and 1st in division in the '95 race.



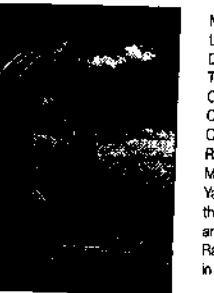
MINTINTA
 LOA: 12.95m
 DESIGNER: Ron Swanson
 TYPE: Swanson 42
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Brian Emerson
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: B. Emerson (2), J. Rassmussen (1), R. Ives
 Previously called Shadra, this Swanson 42 last raced to Hobart where she finished 28th overall. In the same the USA but little else is known of her movements. Owner Brian Emerson hasn't done any racing on her forward to a comfortable ride to Hobart with plenty chilled wine to make the going that little bit easier.



MARINE COAIL VOILE
 LOA: 11m
 DESIGNER: Jim Young
 TYPE: Young 11
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Jean Luc Espleas
 CLUB: Cercle Nautique Caledonie, Noumea
 CREW: J. Luc Espleas, A. Tiloulot, P. Boulay
 This French yacht has many ocean racing miles behind her including a number of New Zealand races and two Sydney to Noumea races, both which yielded a first on IMS. Also competed in a Melbourne to Osaka Race. The crew has been sailing together for four years and although this is their first Hobart Race, they have plenty of experience between them and negotiating the 630 nautical miles to Hobart shouldn't pose a problem.



MIRRABOOKA
 LOA: 13.4m
 DESIGNER: German Frers (ARG)
 TYPE: Frers 46
 OWNER/SKIPPER: John Bennetto
 CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS
 CREW: J. Bennetto (37), L. Nibbs (28), J. Solomon, P. Foster (11), S. Wilson (10), F. Baratt (7), J. Hargrave
 Plenty of experience between this crew with new between the crew members. Tasmanian yachtsman only two races behind Richard 'Sighty' Hammond, for the most races, who is heading south on board Call 40th Hobart. Mirrabooka has competed in every Sydney Race since being launched in 1987 and she regularly "A consistent trier" according to skipper John who Sydney to Hobart back in 1947.



MARK TWAIN
 LOA: 11.8m
 DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
 TYPE: S&S 39
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Hugh O'Neill
 CLUB: Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, NSW
 CREW: H. O'Neill (17), B. Kenyon (11), C. Macduran (13), S. Gleis (4), R. Wilson (3), D. Buckley (1)
 Mark Twain holds the record for the most number of Sydney to Hobart Yacht Races (20) along with Margaret Rintoul II which is also entered in this year's race. Over the years, Mark Twain has had three 2nd places and two 3rds in division. She is also a veteran of 12 Lord Howe Island Races, her best result in this race coming in '95 when she placed 1st in PHS Division and 2nd overall in IMS.



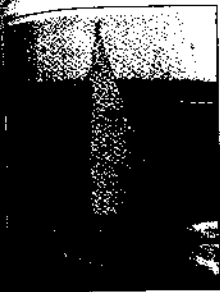
MISTY
 LOA: 10.38m
 DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
 TYPE: S&S 34
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Bryan Clague
 CLUB: Mornington Yacht Club, VIC
 CREW: B. Clague (2), P. Grundy (4), G. McConville (1), J. Pimman (1)
 Misty was purchased from the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club where it raced under IOR then IMS. Under Bryan Clague Misty has completed various ocean races including the Hastings race (placed 1st in IMS cruiser/racer division Melbourne to Port Fairy race where she came second overall in the cruiser/racer division. In her one and only Hobart Race she placed 2nd in division in the 50th anniversary race in 1994.



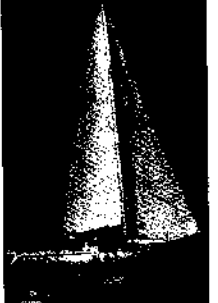
MORNING TIDE SAIL NO: 5488
 LOA: 10.089m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens (USA) YEAR BUILT: 1974
 TYPE: S&S 34 NO. OF HOBARTS: 10
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Allan Fenwick
 CLUB: Gosford Sailing Club, NSW
 CREW: A. Fenwick (5), J. O'Leary (3), K. O'Leary (2), A. Salic (1)
 The crew on board Morning Tide are getting serious this year with all the cruising gear coming off and with a fast new haircut for their aging Kiwi foredeckie, Joe (so he will look younger at the foredeckies' party in Hobart, not so the yacht will go faster). Best results for this yacht include a divisional win in the Sydney to Gold Coast race and a first overall in the '98 Gosford to Lord Howe race. One of three S&S 34s competing this year - all production boats developed from the 1969 winner Morning Cloud, owned by subsequent British Prime Minister Edward Heath.



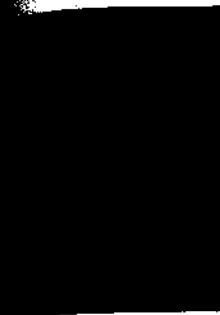
NINETY SEVEN SAIL NO: 9797
 LOA: 14.32m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA) YEAR BUILT: 1993
 TYPE: Farr 47 NO. OF HOBARTS: 5
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Graham Gibson
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: G. Gibson (6), J. Forbes (6), B. Munns
 Formerly owned by Andrew Strachan, Ninety Seven's best result in a Sydney-Hobart was taking line honours in the galeswept race of 1993. New owner Graham Gibson and crew used this year's Queensland regattas to settle into the boat and are confident of maintaining the yacht's record of finishing in the top ten across the line in all her Sydney-Hobart races. Ninety Seven sails well in all conditions and the crew have had plenty of ocean going experience.



NADIA IV SAIL NO: 4040
 LOA: 12.2m CLASS: CHS
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA) YEAR BUILT: 1984
 TYPE: Farr 40 NO. OF HOBARTS: 11
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Teki Dalton
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: T. Dalton (15), M. Light (1), G. Holt (10)
 Nadia IV has seen quite a bit of Bass Strait having completed 11 Hobart races. Best result in a Hobart race was a 6th overall in the 1984 race but other successes include 1988-89 CYCA Bluewater Champion and handicap winner of the 1987 Sydney to Noumea Race. Due for a good result in the hands of Canberra-based owner/skipper Teki Dalton.



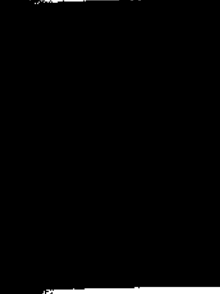
NOT NEGOTIABLE SAIL NO: 5521
 LOA: 10.46m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Holman & Pyle (GBR)
 YEAR BUILT: 1985
 TYPE: UFO 34 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Michael Doupchin
 CLUB: Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, VIC
 CREW: M. Doupchin, J. Laurie, D. Wilkinson, I. Doupchin, D. Pizzey, M. Lawrance
 This yacht and crew are yet to be tested in a Sydney to Hobart Race although they have competed in just about every ocean racing event organised by the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria. These include the Melbourne to Hobart, Melbourne to Stanley and Melbourne to Devonport races, where she has finished in the top five regularly. Not Negotiable is one of the smaller boats in the fleet but going by her past record, should complete the 630 nautical mile voyage without problems.



NEW HORIZONS SAIL NO: M236
 LOA: 11.24m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Laurie Davidson (NZL) YEAR BUILT: 1985
 TYPE: Cavalier 37 NO. OF HOBARTS: 4
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Michael Kelaher
 CLUB: Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, NSW
 CREW: M. Kelaher (4), C. Morris (4), C. Piggott (4)
 New Horizons has completed all the major east coast races in the last 13 years including numerous Sydney to Gold Coast and Lord Howe Island races. They have sailed in every second Hobart Race since '90 because "Santa refuses to come if we go every year". The modest crew realises "we are never going to wear an Australian blazer for sailing but we enjoy the challenge and we look forward to arriving in Hobart."



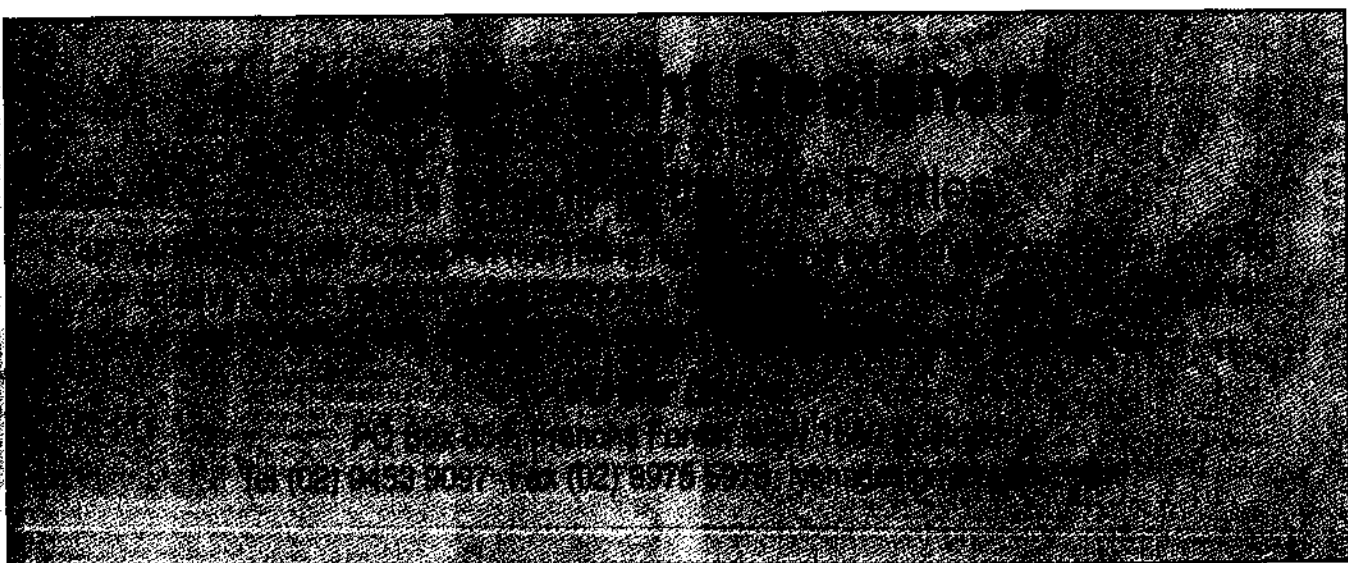
OCEAN DESIGNS SAIL NO: RQ2000
 LOA: 12.48m CLASS: CHS
 DESIGNER: Iain Murray (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1995
 TYPE: Bashford/Howison 41 NO. OF HOBARTS: 3
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Stephen Bean
 CLUB: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD
 CREW: S. Bean (1), I. Davis (20), P. Jones
 Ocean Designs, formerly Sycorax, enjoyed good success under the previous owner including a 1st in the IMS Cruiser/racer division of the '96 Brisbane-Gladstone and 1st in division on the Sydney-Coffs Harbour Race in the same year. New owner Stephen Bean has managed to compete in some club racing out of the RQYS under his short ownership and is expecting Ocean Designs to be competitive in the CHS Division of the Telstra Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.



NEW MORNING II SAIL NO: B381
 LOA: 11.58m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Hank Kaufman (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1986
 TYPE: Northshore 38 NO. OF HOBARTS: 1
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Rod New
 CLUB: Royal Brighton Yacht Club, VIC
 CREW: R. New (1), T. Wagland (2), N. Haes (1)
 After completing the Melbourne to Devonport, New Morning II has been competing successfully in club racing on Port Phillip Bay. This is her second attempt at a Sydney to Hobart start after a pre-start collision in 1993 forced a very early retirement from the race. Will be looking for a better result second time around.



OUTLAW SAIL NO: R17
 LOA: 13.1m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Jon Sayer YEAR BUILT: 1986
 TYPE: Sayer 44 NO. OF HOBARTS: 2
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Alan Quick
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: A. Quick & others
 Best result so far for this entry was a 3rd in the '97 Melbourne Big Boat Series. Has raced in two Sydney to Hobart Races and one Sydney to Auckland Race. This yacht has undergone major modifications in the last 12 months. She started as a 40-footer and is now a 44-footer with a Scott Jutson-designed bigger rig, new rudder and keel, new mould and new interior. Owner/skipper Alan is realistic about his chances but like everybody else, "dreams about doing well".



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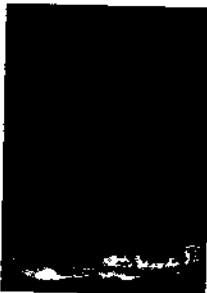
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PIPPIN
LOA: 11.4m
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZ/USA)
TYPE: Farr 37
OWNER/SKIPPER: David Taylor
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: D. Taylor (4), D. Cunningham (2), A. Taylor (1), J. Maddox, D. Neville, D. Orange, A. Bymo, P. Gilfin
Since being launched in 1984, Pippin has competed in most of the CYCA's Short Ocean Pointscore series and six Sydney to Hobart Races. Under current owners David and Anne Taylor, Pippin achieved her best result in a Hobart Race, placing second in PHS Division in the '96 race. Since then, Pippin has switched into racing mode with a new David Lyons keel and new rudder installed recently and some new sails purchased to complement the hull modifications. David Taylor will be looking for a good result to justify his recent expenditure.

SAIL NO: 533
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1984
NO. OF HOBARTS: 6



POLARIS
LOA: 13.25m
DESIGNER: Peter Cole (AUS)
TYPE: Cole 43
OWNER/SKIPPER: John Quinn
CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
CREW: J. Quinn (16), J. Marwood (13), J. Starling (7)
Best remembered as the man who was washed overboard then miraculously plucked from the ocean during the '93 Sydney to Hobart, John Quinn is back again this year for his 17th Sydney to Hobart Race and his 4th on board Polaris. Notable achievements for Polaris including winning its division in the 1985 and 1997 Hobart race and winning the IMS and PHS divisions of the '97 Lord Howe Island Race. She placed second to Margaret Pintoul II this year. Polaris is one of three Cole 43s going to Hobart this year.

SAIL NO: 5527
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1970
NO. OF HOBARTS: 15



QUEST
LOA: 14.2m
DESIGNER: Nelson/Marek (USA)
TYPE: IMS racer, Nelson Marek 46
OWNER/SKIPPER: Bob Steele
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: B. Steel (15), M. Green (19), B. Stevens (14), J. Gould (18), D. Ellis (18), M. Fountain (5), N. Newton (7), B. Baker (1), B. Ellis, S. Coates
Bob Steele's latest Quest was the top scoring Australian yacht at this year's Kenwood Cup and formed part of the Australian team which finished in second place behind the Kiwis. Formerly Young Australia, she finished 10th over the line and 6th overall in last year's Sydney to Hobart Race and with such an experienced crew on board, has an excellent chance of an overall win this year. With his previous Quest, Steel achieved outstanding success, being a member of the winning Australian Kenwood Cup team in 1996 and, just before he sold the boat, winning the 50th Brisbane to Gladstone earlier this year.

SAIL NO: 6606
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1997
NO. OF HOBARTS: 1



RAGAMUFFIN
LOA: 15.05m
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZ/USA)
TYPE: Farr 50
OWNER/SKIPPER: Syd Fischer
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: S. Fischer (29), G. Simmer (9), T. Ellis (31), C. Crawford (9), C. Knox (14), J. Spithill, H. Brodie (12), L. Jamieson (14), G. Johnson (15), A. Crowe (11), T. Powell (4), N. Ellis
After narrowly missing out on the coveted overall IMS handicap win to place second to Karl Kwok's Beau Geste last year, veteran yachtsman Syd Fischer will line up for his 30th Sydney to Hobart Race. His experienced crew includes Grant Simmer of North Sails. Fischer recently led the Australian team of Ragamuffin, Quest and ABN Amro to second place in this year's Kenwood Cup. After winning most of the CYCA's races this year, Fischer is looking strong for an overall IMS win.

SAIL NO: AUS 70
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1995
NO. OF HOBARTS: 3



RAPSCALLION
LOA: 12.1m
DESIGNER: David Lyons (AUS)
TYPE: Lyons 40
OWNER/SKIPPER: Dick Voorderhake
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: D. Voorderhake (2), B. Voorderhake (2), T. Gore (2), R. Blake (2), R. Blake (3), D. Eastwood (2), R. Crompton (3), C. Lodner (2), C. Hitts (3)
This yacht holds an excellent race history. As Cuckoo's Nest she was 2nd over the line in the gruelling '93 Sydney to Hobart Race and 1st overall, a remarkable achievement for a 40-footer. Dick Voorderhake purchased her in 1996 and has enjoyed continued success winning the CYCA's 1997 Ocean Pointscore and this year's Short Ocean Pointscore. Rapsallion was forced out of last year's Hobart Race with a torn mainsail but the crew is determined to spend this New Year's Eve in Hobart, hopefully celebrating a divisional placing.

SAIL NO: 5588
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1993
NO. OF HOBARTS: 3



RED JACKET
LOA: 12.2m
DESIGNER: Graham Radford (AUS)
TYPE: Radford 12.2
OWNER/SKIPPER: Ron Lally
CLUB: Hillary's Yacht Club, WA
CREW: R. Lally, G. Bishop (3), M. Navano (3), A. Proto (1), T. Strickland (1), F. Allez (1), P. White, L. Bullard, M. Dickman
This Western Australian entry has competed successfully in most of the west coast races including the Fremantle to Geraldton, Fremantle to Manurah and Fremantle to Albany, to name a few. Past results include numerous top three placings in these races as well as a line honours win in the Fremantle to Albany race. Current WA Offshore Champion and past winner of the Bluewater Series, this entry, the first ever from Hillary's Yacht Club, will have a keen following back home.

SAIL NO: HY1220
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1995
NO. OF HOBARTS: 0

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RELISH IV
LOA: 13m
DESIGNER: J&J Group
TYPE: Elan 43
OWNER/SKIPPER: Bill Bailey
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: B. Bailey (5), J. Christie, G. Marshall (1), D. Herbst, D. Cole, M. Raulf
This yacht was built in the former Yugoslavia in 1989 and is the only one of its type in Australia. Bill Bailey bought Relish IV early this year and embarked on the yacht's first ocean race - the Sydney to Mooloolaba race followed by the Lord Howe Island race in October, fully crewed by ex-Qantas staff. Relish IV, also affectionately referred to as the Qantas Galactic Express, will be heading south with the same crew who obviously prefer sailing to flying!



SEA-JAY
LOA: 12.46m
DESIGNER: Iain Murray (AUS)
TYPE: Sydney 41
OWNER/SKIPPER: Scot Wheelhouse
CLUB: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, NSW
CREW: S. Wheelhouse (2), B. Birch (2), B. Allen
Sea-Jay sailed in last year's Sydney to Hobart Race as Christine Jay II under previous owner Ron Jones and placed 20th overall. She also picked up first in the CHS Division of last year's Sydney-Mooloolaba Race under Ron's ownership. New owner Scot Wheelhouse is looking forward to achieving similar results and to a number of Sydney 41s racing each other in the CHS division of this year's Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race. Scot has only recently taken charge of Sea-Jay but has managed to take part in the Bird Island Race and various MYHC harbour races.



RENEGADE
LOA: 12.6m
DESIGNER: Ron Holland (IRE)
TYPE: Cruiser/racer
OWNER/SKIPPER: Robert Francis
CLUB: Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, SA
CREW: R. Francis (11), W. Hartley (4), M. Francis (3), J. Bowring (1), T. Andrews, G. Francis, G. Holland, T. McHugh, A. Wall
Renegade's best Hobart result was a 2nd in division in the '90 race. She last raced in '94 and is back again four years later to have another go. Francis has raced his Holland 40 extensively over the past few years and has managed to be three-times winner of the IOR/IMS State title, winner of the 1993-94 Inshore Series and has taken out first place in the Neptune Island Race and Lincoln Race Week.



SECRET MENS BUSINESS
LOA: 12.75m
DESIGNER: Iain Murray (AUS)
TYPE: Murray 42
OWNER/SKIPPER: Geoff Boettcher
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia, SA
CREW: G. Boettcher (9), R. Ridock (7), T. Egerton (6), P. Boettcher (4), B. Perry (3), S. Megrussan (2), P. Spencer, S. Harris (5), S. Svenson, R. Scott
After some bad luck which saw Secret Mens Business forced to pull out of two previous attempts, Geoff finally made it to Hobart last year and finished a credible 18th overall. The two-times South Australian IMS champion (1996-97 & 1997-98) has had a busy year entering the XXX Sydney to Gold Coast Race as well as the Hamilton and Hayman Island rogattas but hasn't recorded any results of note. Still a good handicap contender.



RUFF N TUMBLE
LOA: 13.1m
DESIGNER: Peter Cole (AUS)
TYPE: Cole 43
OWNER/SKIPPER: Peter Hearty
CLUB: Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, NSW
CREW: R. Parker (9), L. Monnox, M. Graham (1), R. Coolahan, L. Butler, A. Butler, P. Hearty, P. Hearty sr.
Lake Macquarie yacht Ruff n Tumble will join the other two Cole 43s but owner Peter Hearty insists they are only in it for the adventure. Based on the previous performance of sistership Polaris, Ruff n Tumble could achieve a good result in her division. This yacht races locally on Lake Macquarie and recently won the Club's 30 mile race around the lake.



SHE'S APPLES TWO
LOA: 12.78m
DESIGNER: John King (AUS)
TYPE: Jarken 12.5
OWNER/SKIPPER: Max Prentice
CLUB: Sydney Amateur Sailing Squadron, NSW
CREW: M. Prentice (1), V. Prentice (1), M. Prentice (1), L. Prentice (1), T. Scardfield (1), B. Howard, M. Melish (1), H. Edmunds (1), A. Roy, S. White, A. Allen
After being forced to retire from last year's Sydney to Hobart Race following a collision with a spectator boat at the start, Max is back with three of his family members (wife & two sons) for another go. This yacht has many credits to her name including 1st on IMS in the '91 Sydney to Hobart Race and 1st in the '92/'93 CYCA's Bluewater Pointscore under previous owners. Good chance for a divisional placing.



SAGACIOUS 5
LOA: 12.07m
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA)
TYPE: Farr 40
OWNER/SKIPPER: Peter Davis/Peter Hamilton
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: P. Davis (6), P. Hamilton (5), G. McKellar (14), P. Goldsworthy (10), J. Bankart (2)
The 1990 Sydney to Hobart winner and Kenwood and Admiral's Cup representative Sagacious 5 has recently undergone optimisation with a new David Lyons keel installed after the yacht ran aground during this year's Sydney to Gold Coast Race and ripped off the original keel. Last year's Ocean Racing Rookie of the Year, Peter Davis and co-owner Peter Hamilton have put together a good crew for this Hobart and are hoping for a divisional win.



SARACEN OF HUON
LOA: 10m
DESIGNER: Athol Walter (AUS)
TYPE: Sloop
OWNER/SKIPPER: Terence Grundy
CLUB: Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, VIC
CREW: T. Grundy, P. Grundy (3), R. Allen (4), K. Gany, M. Griffiths, G. Parsons
Saracen of Huon, built in 1974 in Port Huon, Tasmania, was one of 58 timber yachts built by Athol Walter who is now in his 80s. She was raced extensively out of Hobart for many years before moving to Melbourne where she has completed a number of short ocean races and taken part in Club racing under the current owner. Skipper Terence Grundy is nostalgic about taking his yacht back to Tasmania where she was built and expects to finish with the other smaller veteran entries in the second half of the fleet.



SAYONARA
LOA: 23.8m
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA)
TYPE: ILC Maxi
OWNER/SKIPPER: Larry Ellison
CLUB: St. Francis Yacht Club, USA
CREW: L. Ellison, G. Dickson (1), M. Rudiger, R. Naismith (2), T. Rae, J. Allen, B. Butterworth, G. Fraeman, D. Holson
Line honours winner of the 1996 Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race, Sayonara is back to try and reclaim the title from George Snow's Brindabella. Owned and skippered by Larry Ellison, CEO of the giant US computer systems company, Oracle, Sayonara is still one of the most advanced maxi yachts in the world, evident in her recent win at the Maxi Worlds at Newport, Rhode Island. Plenty of crew talent on board including Chris Dickson, skipper of Toshiba in the most recent Whitbread Race, Mark Rudiger, navigator aboard EF Language in the Whitbread Race and three America's Cup Team New Zealand crew including Robbie Naismith, Tony Rae and Joe Allen. Well-known Tassie yachtsman Graeme "Fritzie" Freeman will provide the local knowledge.

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SIENA
LOA: 11.6m
DESIGNER: Hank Kaufman (AUS)
TYPE: Northshore 38
OWNER/SKIPPER: Iain Moray
CLUB: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW
CREW: I. Moray (5), J. Van Ogtrop (4), G. Maughan (1)
Siena competed in the '84 Hobart Race as Yahoo II but hasn't gone south since then, preferring to stick to harbour racing out of the CYCA. She placed well in this year's BMW Sydney Winter Series but the crew is looking forward to shaking the cobwebs out of the sails with some serious ocean racing. Crew includes Dr Stephen Grenville, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

SAIL NO: 89
CLASS: CHS
YEAR BUILT: 1963
NO. OF HOBARTS: 1



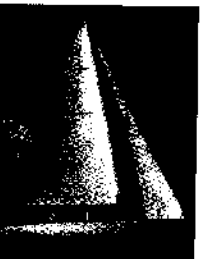
SLEDGEHAMMER
LOA: 12.5m
DESIGNER: Murray Burns & Dovel (AUS)
TYPE: Sydney 40
OWNER/SKIPPER: Ron Jones
CLUB: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
CREW: R. Jones (1), M. Jones (1), T. Wiseman (1), P. Gudmunson (1), P. Merrington (1), M. Thompson (1), R. Jacobs (1), C. Harriston (1), R. Perrott
Launched just prior to the XXXI Sydney to Gold Coast Race, this Sydney AC 40 One Design was the first off the Bashford production line as the yacht chosen to be the new 'middle' boat for the Admiral's Cup. Steered by designer Iain Murray, Sledgehammer picked up a 2nd place on IMS at this year's Hamilton Island Race Week, some consolation after rudder problems forced her out of the Gold Coast Race. This year's Hobart race will be closely followed by the international sailing community as the brand new Sydney 40s go head-to-head with the new Farr 40s for the first time. There is a chance that the overall winner will come from one of these two camps.

SAIL NO: 5785
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1998
NO. OF HOBARTS: 0



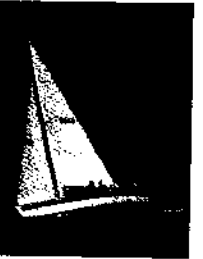
SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER
LOA: 13.27m
DESIGNER: Peter Cole (AUS)
TYPE: Cole 43
OWNER/SKIPPER: Tony Mowbray
CLUB: Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, NSW
CREW: T. Mowbray (13), B. Snape (22), G. Picasso (2), K. Enderby (1), D. Marshall, T. Purkiss (4)
Previous owner of Pokaris, Tony Mowbray purchased this Cole 43 in June and is putting together a venture which will see him attempt to sail single-handed, non-stop and unassisted around the world to raise money for the John Hunter Children's Hospital Kids Club. Tony hopes to raise the profile of his charity adventure which will start from Newcastle Harbour in October 1999 and finish in Mardi/April 2000. A good excuse to get some good friends together before he sets off around the world, including his mentor and veteran of 22 Hobart's, Bob Snape.

SAIL NO: M2000
CLASS: PHS
YEAR BUILT: 1964
NO. OF HOBARTS: 1



SOUTHERLY
LOA: 10.575m
DESIGNER: Charles Peel (AUS)
TYPE: Peel 35
OWNER/SKIPPER: Don Mickleborough
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: D. Mickleborough (33), T. Cable (34), C. Blundell (10), D. Field (11), G. Welch (2), J. Sheridan (16)
Southernly is the oldest yacht in the fleet and did her first Hobart race in 1958 under the current owner, skipper Don Mickleborough (aka 'The Don Two'). She won the Veterans Division in the '94 and '95 race and placed third overall in the '85 race. The six crew members have completed an amazing 106 Sydney to Hobart Races between them but there is no sign of their competitiveness abating as the crew set out to beat rival veteran yacht Canon Maris.

SAIL NO: 38
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1939
NO. OF HOBARTS: 12



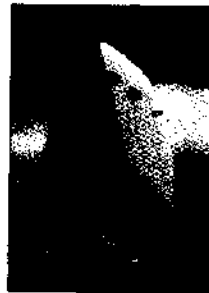
SPEAKEASY
LOA: 11.04m
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA)
TYPE: Farr 36
OWNER/SKIPPER: William Strangways
CLUB: Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, SA
CREW: W. Strangways (2), M. Hall (5), I. Doyle (3), T. Cowan, G. Lay (2)
Since purchasing Speakeasy late last year and sailing her back to Adelaide, this yacht has notched up some good results including overall winner of the Island Cup, IMS winner of the Adelaide-Port Lincoln and Division 1 winner of their winter pointscore. This will be Speakeasy's first Hobart race as traditionally she has headed north at Christmas time.

SAIL NO: 3548
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1982
NO. OF HOBARTS: 0



SPIRIT OF DOWNUNDER
LOA: 12.18m
DESIGNER: Gary Cameron (AUS)
TYPE: Cameron/de Lange 12m
OWNER/SKIPPER: Laurie Ford
CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, VIC
CREW: L. Ford (1), P. de Lange, G. McCarthy (9), T. Mathews, M. Bafinski (1), G. Johnson, G. Cameron, P. Kendall
Spirit of Downunder is based on Gary Cameron's winning hull shape that is presently dominating the international one metre radio controlled model yachts. It is the first ocean going yacht built on Gary's design. Ted Mathews, Perth builder of Farr 36s, designer Gary Cameron and builder Peter de Lange will be on board for this yacht's first Hobart race. Since being launched, Spirit of Downunder has blitzed most of the races it has entered including taking line honours in the '97 Melbourne to Stanley (Tas) and the '98 Melbourne to Port Fairy and placing second over the line in the Melbourne to King Island Race.

SAIL NO: R1200
CLASS: PHS
YEAR BUILT: 1997
NO. OF HOBARTS: 0



SWORD OF ORION
LOA: 13.16m
DESIGNER: Reichel/Pugh (USA)
TYPE: IMS racer
OWNER/SKIPPER: Rob Kothe
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
CREW: S. Kulmar (16), D. Senogles (14), A. Parkes (8), R. Kothe (1), M. Gibbs (7), S. Hunt (5), A. Brown (9), K. Christensen (2), B. Kellett (6), C. Brennan (1), M. Baggott
Under new owner Rob Kothe, Sword of Orion was the surprise winner of this year's Hamilton Island Race Week, stealing victory from under the nose of the favourite, Ron Jones' Sledgehammer. Since racing in last year's Sydney to Hobart as Brighton Star (placed 5th overall in IMS handicap), this yacht has been heavily optimised, including a new carbon keel, and is proving extremely competitive. Key crew members include Admiral's Cup yachtsmen Steve Kulmar and Andrew Parkes, and bowman Darren Senogles.

SAIL NO: 2006
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1993
NO. OF HOBARTS: 3



SYDNEY
LOA: 18.15m
DESIGNER: Iain Murray (AUS)
TYPE: Sydney 60
OWNER/SKIPPER: Charles Curran
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
CREW: D. Kellett (24), J. Harris (20), C. Wildman (31), A. Brown (2), C. Cleary (3), K. Groves, W. Miller (5), A. Owen (4), C. Ryan (1), M. Wheeler (3), J. Woodford (16), D. Johnson (19), C. Tipney (17), D. Williams (7)
Sydney began her 1998/99 racing season with a bang, taking out the prestigious double of line and handicap honours in the Sydney to Gold Coast Race in August. Owner Charles Curran has put together a highly experienced crew headed up by David Kellett as sailing master. Sydney placed 4th over the line in the 1996 Sydney to Hobart Race and is hoping to be amongst the top seven across the line this year.

SAIL NO: 6070
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1996
NO. OF HOBARTS: 1



T42 SOLANDRA II
LOA: 10.3m
DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
TYPE: S&S 33
OWNER/SKIPPER: Craig Escott
CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS
CREW: C. Escott (14), D. Goodfellow (1), T. Jones (3), R. Lewis (4), G. Lewis

SAIL NO: A55
CLASS: IMS
YEAR BUILT: 1982
NO. OF HOBARTS: 4

Another strong Tassie entry, T42 Solandra II has picked up numerous trophies in the last 15 years including two overall wins in the Melbourne-Hobart and numerous divisional wins in subsequent Hobart, Southport races and various other Queensland races. T42 Solandra is a solid performer and should do well in her division. Skipper Craig Escott is making a most welcome return to ocean racing after a motor accident several years ago but will be well supported by his crew.



TARTAN
LOA: 11.62m
DESIGNER: Hank Kaufman (AUS)
TYPE: Cruiser/racer
OWNER/SKIPPER: Mark Ballard
CLUB: Derwent Sailing Squadron, TAS
CREW: M. Ballard, M. Finnis (2), G. Kleeman, V. Anderson, A. Pope, J. Sladden, S. Karpiniec, R. Healy
Under the present owner, Tartan has raced well both in club series and offshore races. She placed well in the DSS's summer and twilight series and finished first over the line and first in division in the cruising division of this year's Three Peaks Race. This will be owner Mark Ballard's first Sydney to Hobart Race, along with most of his crew. At least the freezing temperatures won't bother them!

SAIL NO: 3846
CLASS: PHS
YEAR BUILT: 1984
NO. OF HOBARTS: 0



TEAM JAGUAR INFINITY III
LOA: 19.7m
DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA)
TYPE: Pocket maxi, Farr 66
OWNER/SKIPPER: Martin James
CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
CREW: M. James (2), T. Messenger (14), S. Burnett (10), M. McCabe
Commissioned and launched in 1969, Team Jaguar (then called Brindabella) raced successfully under owner George Snow, including a line honours win in the 1991 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. Under current owner Martin James, the maxi has won the CYCA Bluewater Pointscore and Short Ocean Pointscore. Fresh from her PHS Division win at the Hamilton Island and line honours win in the Gosford to Lord Howe Island Race, Team Jaguar will be looking for a top five line honours position.

SAIL NO: 5474
CLASS: PHS
YEAR BUILT: 1989
NO. OF HOBARTS: 6

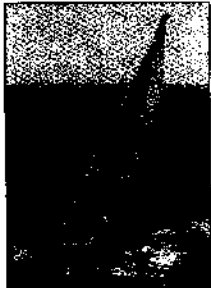


TENACIOUS
LOA: 9.1m
DESIGNER: Sparkman & Stephens (USA)
TYPE: DeLance 30
OWNER/SKIPPER: Selwyn Enoch
CLUB: Woolahra Sailing Club, NSW
CREW: S. Enoch (1), D. Simmonds, K. Madigan, M. Bergman, J. Bergman, V. Orr
This classic S&S 30 has done a lot of racing for a small boat including the Hamilton Island Regatta and the Two-handed Sydney to Lord Howe Race as well as numerous club pointscores. For Tenacious' first Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race, the owner is just hoping to make it to Hobart before New Years Eve. While she prefers upwind sailing, Selwyn would prefer light reaching conditions for a more comfortable ride south.

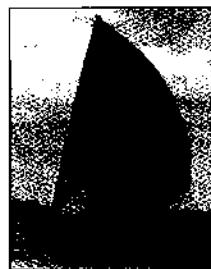
SAIL NO: 2919
CLASS: PHS
YEAR BUILT: 1979
NO. OF HOBARTS: 0



TERRA FIRMA SAIL NO: 4100
 LOA: 12.45m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Iain Murray (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1995
 TYPE: Murray IMS 41 NO. OF HOBARTS: 2
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Peter Bartels
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, (AUS)
 CREW: P. Bartels, S. Niemann, J. Wilmont
 Former Sydney to Hobart winner Terra Firma is back for another crack at the ultimate prize. Terra Firma has had a successful season so far this year placing 1st at Geelong Week, 2nd at the Hayman Island Big Boat Series and 2nd in division in winter club racing. This Iain Murray designed IMS 41 has undergone some recent modifications, including new carbon mast, new keel and a new go-fast paint job and sail wardrobe, and should be well-matched against the brand new Sydney 40s and Farr 40s competing in their first Hobart race.



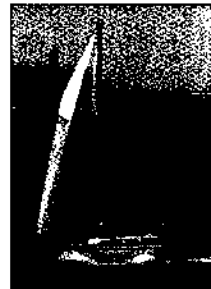
TILTING AT WINDOWS SAIL NO: SM117
 LOA: 12.825m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Peter Joubert (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1994
 TYPE: John Dory NO. OF HOBARTS: 1
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Thorry Gunnerson
 CLUB: Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC
 CREW: T. Gunnerson (9), R. Lindberg (3), J. Cain (4), A. Lambert (3), A. Colman, M. Tatz, A. Hurth
 This Victorian entry last competed in a Sydney to Hobart Race in 1994 and since then has raced locally in club series as well as long offshore races including the '97 Melbourne-Davenport (PHS winner) and '96 Melbourne to Hobart (PHS winner). Tilting At Windows was awarded the title of Best Modern Wooden Boat at the '95 National Maritime Wooden Boat Festival and skipper Thorry was awarded Cruising Yachtsman of the Year in '91.



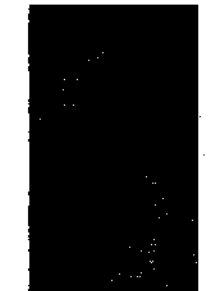
TRUST BANK HUMMINGBIRD SAIL NO: 3946
 LOA: 11.3m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA) YEAR BUILT: 1985
 TYPE: Farr 37 NO. OF HOBARTS: 6
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Errol Pyke
 CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS
 CREW: E. Pyke (5), A. Nolan (3), J. Ey (5), L. Parnell (2), R. White (10), C. White (1), A. Douglas (2)
 Hummingbird has campaigned her local series very successfully over the past few years including winning the '97-'98 Derwent Sailing Squadron series on IMS and PHS and winning PHS division at her home club. Best Sydney to Hobart result so far was a second in division in the 50th anniversary race. Also took part in the Tall Ships race to Hobart earlier this year and finished 2nd over the line and won Division C.



UNIPRO OCEAN ROAD SAIL NO: 5275
 LOA: 13.8m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Joe Adams (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1988
 TYPE: Adams 45 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Kenneth Simpson
 CLUB: Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, VIC
 CREW: K. Simpson (2), G. Clapham (1), M. Keusgen, R. Peak
 Vice Commodore of the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Ken Simpson will be leading the charge south for his yacht's first Sydney to Hobart Race. Having raced successfully out of Melbourne over the last couple of years, including a 2nd in the Melbourne to King Island race and first place in the '97 and '98 Port Phillip Sea Pilots races, the crew will be feeling confident. A bonus addition to the crew is Victorian water poloer Gary Clapham, who recently completed the Sydney to New Zealand Two-Handed Race.



VAGRANT SAIL NO: R133
 LOA: 10.4m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Peter Joubert (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1988
 TYPE: Maggie 34 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Arch Waters
 CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, VIC
 CREW: A. Waters, W. Waters, D. Johnstone
 Arch Waters and his son Billy, a sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Australian Navy, will be leading the charge south for this yacht's first Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race. Arch has been campaigning Vagrant in his local winter series and has been well-placed in a couple of the longer races including the '96 Melbourne to Hobart and '97 Melbourne to Davenport Race.



VALHERU SAIL NO: 1195
 LOA: 13m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Greg Elliott (NZ) YEAR BUILT: 1994
 TYPE: IMS Racer, Elliott 50 NO. OF HOBARTS: 3
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Anthony Lyall
 CLUB: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, TAS
 CREW: A. Lyall (3), I. Ross (13), P. Fletcher (12), R. Cohen (12), P. Brasington (14), B. Gadd (2), T. Grafton (2), M. Clougher (2), L. Jones, P. Hopkins
 This highly experienced crew will be looking for another top result after taking out 3rd in division in last year's Telstra Sydney to Hobart Race. Tony Lyall has competed in numerous ocean races, with a best result of line honours in all races of the 1994 Rudder Cup. He has also completed two Melbourne-Burnie races and numerous Melbourne-Davenport. Crew members Ian Ross and Peter Fletcher both have extensive Hobart experience.



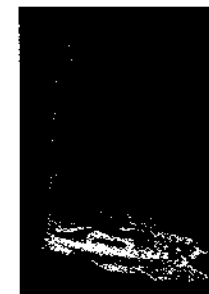
VC OFFSHORE STAND ASIDE SAIL NO: YC4882
 LOA: 12.5m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Jim Young (NZL) YEAR BUILT: 1990
 TYPE: Young 12 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0
 OWNER/SKIPPER: James Hallion
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia, SA
 CREW: James Hallion (1), B. Briggs (3), A. Mariette (2), L. Hallion, C. Alsop, T. Conyers, J. Cully, B. Thompson, H. Jones, M. Marshmon (1), R. Hunter (1), R. Owen
 This Victorian entry has raced competitively on her local waters and has clocked up a number of credits including first in division in the '95 Adelaide-Port Lincoln and a number of divisional placings in the CYCA of SA's winter, inshore and offshore club series. This will be her owners' second Sydney to Hobart and the yacht's first.



VETO SAIL NO: 5643
 LOA: 11.72m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Robert Salthouse (NZL) YEAR BUILT: 1979
 TYPE: Cruiser NO. OF HOBARTS: 2
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Graham Brown
 CLUB: Palm Beach Yacht Club, NSW
 CREW: G. Brown (2), M. Crisp (2), M. Crisp (1)
 This yacht's best result in a Hobart race is that they have made it every time and last year, did not come last (came 2nd last) over the line although they did place last on handicap. The owners all have extensive cruising experience particularly overseas and their objective is to sail the 630 nautical miles in comfort and style.



WAITANGI II SAIL NO: 265
 LOA: 10m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: John King (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1989
 TYPE: Jarkon 10 NO. OF HOBARTS: 1
 OWNER/SKIPPER: David Wearn
 CLUB: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW
 CREW: D. Wearn (2), C. Bolton (1), H. Wood (1)
 The original Waitangi was built in 1922 and owned by the Wearn family from 1933 until 1986 when she was sold. Waitangi II was launched in 1989 and has enjoyed success at club level winning the RSY's summer pointscore. Owner/Skipper David Wearn has been crewing and skippering since 1954 and is looking forward to taking his yacht on her second Sydney to Hobart Race, and to bettering her 7th divisional placing recorded last year.

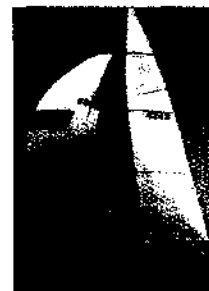


WIDE LOAD SAIL NO: A16
 LOA: 12.15m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Kim Swarbrick (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1993
 TYPE: Swarbrick 40 NO. OF HOBARTS: 4
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Warren Anderson
 CLUB: Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, NSW
 CREW: W. Anderson (24), R. Burns (18), M. Gordon (9), H. Kahl (2), C. Simmonds (3), M. Jansen, B. Douglas (4), K. Ryan (3), J. Cameron (2), G. Pearce (3)

This will be owner/skipper Warren Anderson's 25th Sydney to Hobart Race. This year Wide Load has competed in the Sydney to Mooloolaba and Sydney to Gold Coast Race but a divisional placing has eluded her so far in the long races. Wide Load did pick up third on PHS & CHS in the Middle Harbour Yacht Club's Gillawa Shield for 1997-98. Holger Kahl, who was part of the crew on board Encore II in the 1980s, is flying out from Germany to join Warren to celebrate his 25th Hobart race.



WILD APPLE SAIL NO: SM1995
 LOA: 14.3m CLASS: PHS
 DESIGNER: Jim Inglis (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1988
 TYPE: Inglis 47 NO. OF HOBARTS: 1
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Gary Walker
 CLUB: Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC
 CREW: B. Coeffer (1), G. Smith (1), B. Tateston (1), P. Cosman (1), A. Shafer (1), J. Browne (1), W. Watson (1), B. Main (1), G. Walker (1)
 One of two Inglis 47s racing south this year, Wild Apple, the original Wild Thing which won line honours in the '92 Melbourne to Hobart, was purchased by Gary Walker in June this year and has just commenced club racing under new ownership. Gary has done well on other yachts he has owned including a 1st in the Port Phillip Regatta in Melbourne.

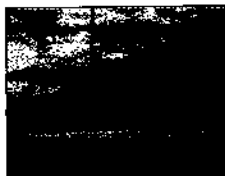


WILD CATS SAIL NO: 4343
 LOA: 13.1m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/USA) YEAR BUILT: 1985
 TYPE: Farr 43 NO. OF HOBARTS: 10
 OWNER/SKIPPER: Bruce Foye/Lance Peckman
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: B. Foye (8), L. Peckman
 Wild Cats won the '83 Sydney to Hobart Race on IOR, the previous handicapping system, but has since made a successful transition to IMS racing. Best results include two-times winner of the Sydney-Gold Coast Race, member of two winning Southern Cross Cup teams and numerous Bluewater and Short Ocean Pointscores titles. Good chance of a divisional win with a welcome return to Hobart by joint owners Foye and Peckman.

WILD THING
 LOA: 21.3m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Murray, Burns & Dovel (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1998
 TYPE: ILC 70 NO. OF HOBARTS: 0

OWNER/SKIPPER: Grant Wharington
 CLUB: Mornington Yacht Club, VIC
 CREW: G. Wharington (11), S. Gilbert (10)

This boat was designed to be raced in the Sydney to Hobart under the ILC70 speed limit and using a hull that could go under an existing America's Cup rig - in particular one Australia's spare mast which Grant had acquired. Wharington's brand new Wild Thing has been a 20 month project and while unmatched at this stage, the prediction is that in downwind conditions this maxi will be the one to beat. Wharington has Brindabella and Sayonara firmly in his sights and given his reputation for hard, competitive sailing, will put in a serious challenge for line honours.



YOUNG AUSTRALIA
 LOA: 12.41m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1998
 TYPE: Farr 40 One-design NO. OF HOBARTS: 0

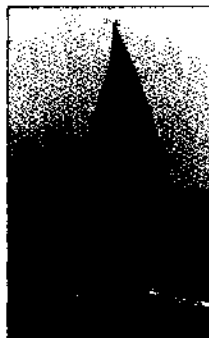
OWNER/SKIPPER: Lawrence Shannon
 CLUB: Sandringham Yacht Club, VIC
 CREW: J. Freeman (13), T. Richardson (21), G. Jamieson (9)

This Farr 40 One-design, the first of the one design classes built in Australia by McConaghy Boats, will be launched in December. This will leave the crew little time to get acquainted with the yacht, however, the experience of key crew members Julian Freeman and Toby Richardson should smooth the process. This year's Hobart Race will provide the opportunity for some exciting competition between the Farr 40s and the Sydney 40s as they go head to head for the first time. Eventually this Farr 40 and a second one to be bought next year will see the continuation of the Kids at Sea project for young people who have gone through drug rehabilitation programs.

YENDYS
 LOA: 15.75m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Bruce Farr (NZL/AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1991
 TYPE: IMS cruiser/racer NO. OF HOBARTS: 4

OWNER/SKIPPER: Geoff Ross
 CLUB: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 CREW: G. Ross (4), D. McConville (6), C. Simpson (6), P. Seary (5), S. Hodson (5), P. Robinson, A. Preter, D. Jones (15), G. Johnstone, G. Prescott, A. Prior (2), G. Prescott (15)

In his four races to Hobart, CYCA Director Geoff Ross has achieved a 3rd, 2nd and last year, a 1st in IMS Division C with his new Yendys. This Farr-designed Beneteau has proven itself in the long races and will this year be racing south with a good crew who have all sailed together regularly over the past few years. In the running for another divisional placing.



ZEUS II
 LOA: 9m CLASS: IMS
 DESIGNER: Peter Joubert (AUS) YEAR BUILT: 1979
 TYPE: Currawong 30 NO. OF HOBARTS: 11

OWNER/SKIPPER: James Dunstan
 CLUB: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NSW
 CREW: J. Dunstan (20), P. Kerrigan (10), C. Thornton (5), P. Colvin (8), J. Armerante (3), D. Turnbull (1)

Zeus II was launched in 1979 and has competed in numerous ocean races including 11 Sydney to Hobarts, 3 Montague Island and a Sydney to Mooloolaba Race. One of the smallest yachts in the fleet, this yacht proved that size is no handicap when she won the 1981 Sydney to Hobart Race. Other wins include the 1980 Jansoon Trophy, the 1990 Cabbage Tree Island Race and both the '94 and '95 Morne Cup races. Owner/skipper Jim Dunstan, recently elected Commodore of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, will be clocking up his 21st Sydney to Hobart race this year.