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SYDNEY - HOBART YACHT RACES**SUMMARY OF RETIREMENTS****(AS A PERCENTAGE OF STARTERS)****RETIREMENTS:**

Over 60% of starters in 1984, 1998 & 1998

Over 40% of starters and less than 46% in 1946 & 1977

Over 27% of starters and less than 32% in 1948 & 1988

Retirements have exceeded 27% of starters seven times (i.e. approx one race in eight)

In 1970 there were 14 retirements - a record number up to that time - which represented 22% of the starters that year.

There have been two races when there were no retirements: - 1952 & 1973

Of the remaining 45 races, - retirements exceeded 15% & been less than 26% of starters on nine occasions.

In the 1998 Sydney-Hobart of 115 starters 70 yachts = 61% retired.

An assessment taken from the race program reveals that the average number of previous Sydney-Hobart races achieved by those on board the yachts which finished the 98 race was 59 per finishing yacht whereas the average number of races achieved by those aboard the 70 retired yachts was 24 races per yacht.

**SYDNEY-HOBART RACES FROM WHICH GREATER THAN 60% OF STARTERS RETIRED
PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF TRIPLE & DUAL FINISHERS- YACHTS - OWNERS/SKIPPER - CREW MEMBERS**

1984		1993		1998	
Yacht	Starters: 150 - Finishers 46 Retired: 104 = 69% of starters Skipper/Owner	Yacht	Starters: 104 - Finishers 38 Retired 66 = 63% of starters Skipper/Owner	Yacht	Starters: 115 - Finishers 44 Retired 71 = 61% of Starters Skipper/Owner
	Sailing Master & Leading Hands		Sailing Master & Leading Hands		Sailing Master & Leading Hands
Indian Pacific	J. Eyles & G. Heuchmer Ron Jacobs Steve Kulmar	Ninety Seven	A. Strachan Ron Jacobs Steve Kulmar	Bacardi	G. Ainley & J. Williams
Mirrabooka	J. Bennetto Don Mckleborough Simon Firth Lloyd Griffiths	Marara	A. Ratcliff ?	Mercedes IV	P. Stronach A. Ratcliff
Mercedes IV	Canberra OSC ??	Bacardi	G. Ainley J. Williams	Atara	R. Hickman ?
City Limits	H. Knoop Lester Nibbs	Mirrabooka II	J. Bennetto Toby Richardson Simon Firth	Margaret Rintoul II	R. Purcell ??
Huon Spirit	H. Calvert ?	Pilgrim	Des Quirk Peter Fletcher	Mirrabooka II	J. Bennetto Simon Firth Perry Foster Lloyd Griffiths Rod Jackman
Marara	A.Ratcliff ?	Mark Twain	H. O'Neill ?	Valeru	A. Lyall Rod Cowen Peter Hopkins Peter Fletcher
Lots Wife	Ian Smith Stuart Geeves Mike Snook	Wild Oats	R. Hickman B. Foye	Mark Twain	H. O'Neill ?
Margaret Rintoul II	R. Jackman Rod Jackman	Sheraton Hobart	Ian Smith Rod Cowen Peter Hopkins Roger Howlett	Helsal II	Keith Flint ?
<u>Yachts</u>		Helsal II	Keith Flint ?	<u>Crew Members</u>	
<u>Triple Finishers</u>	Nil	<u>Triple Finishers</u>	J Bennetto 1984 & 1993 & 1998	<u>Triple Finishers</u>	A. Ratcliffe(2S + crew 98) Simon Firth Plus several not yet traced
<u>Dual Finishers</u>	Marara (Huon Spirit) 1984 & 1993 (Sheraton Hobart) 1984 Mercedes IV 1983 Mercedes IV 1984 & 1998 Margaret Rintoul II 1984 & 1998 Bacardi 1993 & 1998 Mirrabooka II 1993 & 1998 Mark Twain 1993 & 1998 Helsal II 1993 & 1998	<u>Dual Finishers</u>	A. Ratcliffe Ian Smith Ainley & Williams H. O'Neill R. Hickman K. Flint 1984 & 1993 1984 & 1993 1993 & 1998 1993 & 1998 1993 & 1998 1993 & 1998	<u>Dual Finishers</u>	Ron Jacobs Steve Kulmar Lloyd Griffiths Lester Nibbs John Solomon Rod Cowen Peter Hopkins Roger Howlett Peter Fletcher Rod Jackman Perry Foster Plus many not yet traced