

Sydney - Hobart + Southern Cross Yacht Race Weather Services

The following services are to be provided by the NSW RFC in support of the 54th Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race.

Pre race briefings - Provided by Kenn Batt on 15 December 1998 and at 9AM on 24 December 1998 at the CYCA (Rushcutter's Bay).

Race Day Briefing Stand - Brett Gage is organising this, starting at around 7AM on 26 December 1998 at the CYCA.

Forecasts issue times from Sydney (All times Eastern Summer Time)

Dec 26 3 forecasts (0500, 0900, 1200) Sydney - Jervis Bay

Dec 27 2 forecasts (0100, 1200) Jervis Bay - Gabo Is

Dec 28 2 forecasts (0100, 1200) Jervis Bay - Gabo Is

(To be provided one hour prior to delivery to the yachts via the Young Endeavour - also available through the Bureau's Sydney - Hobart web page:

http://www.BOM.GOV.AU/reguser/sp_ev/sydhob.shtml)

Young Endeavour Contact: Neil Galletly 0417 668770

Mobile: 018 237 628 (The 2i/c Matt Rowe usually carries this).

Sydney 93681800 (Young Endeavour land office).

SATCOM fax No: 450 300141 (forecasts relayed through HO comms.)

Forecast issue times - provided from Hobart

(Contact: Senior Meteorologist 03 6221 2000)

Dec 27 1 forecast (1200) Bass Strait
~~Dec 28~~ 2 forecasts (0100, 1200) Bass St + E. Coast Tasmania.
Dec 29 2 forecasts (0100, 1200) Bass St + E. Coast Tasmania.
Dec 30 2 forecasts (0100, 1200) Bass St + E. Coast Tasmania.
Dec 31 2 forecasts (0100, 1200) Bass St + E. Coast Tasmania.

As is usual, the Sydney Office will provide forecasts to 38 South and the Hobart Office will provide the forecasts from 38 South to Hobart.

Observations from the Young Endeavour and Yachts in the Race

The Young Endeavour will be providing three hourly ship observations (**BBXX VMGW**) for the duration of the race.

An e-mail address has been set up for 20 or so yachts with e-mail facilities to enable them to email into the Bureau's forecasting offices in Sydney and Hobart their current weather observations. The e-mail address is: **whrsyd@bom.gov.au**

These observations will be forwarded to the SPOC e-mail address and the RFC forecasters responsible for issuing the forecast should look at this e-mail for any observations received. As this is the first time this system has been set up we are unsure how much it will be used.