

JJ GILTINAN

18^{FT} SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIP

2025

March 8-16, 2025

Host Club: Australian 18 Footers League

Sydney Harbour, Australia

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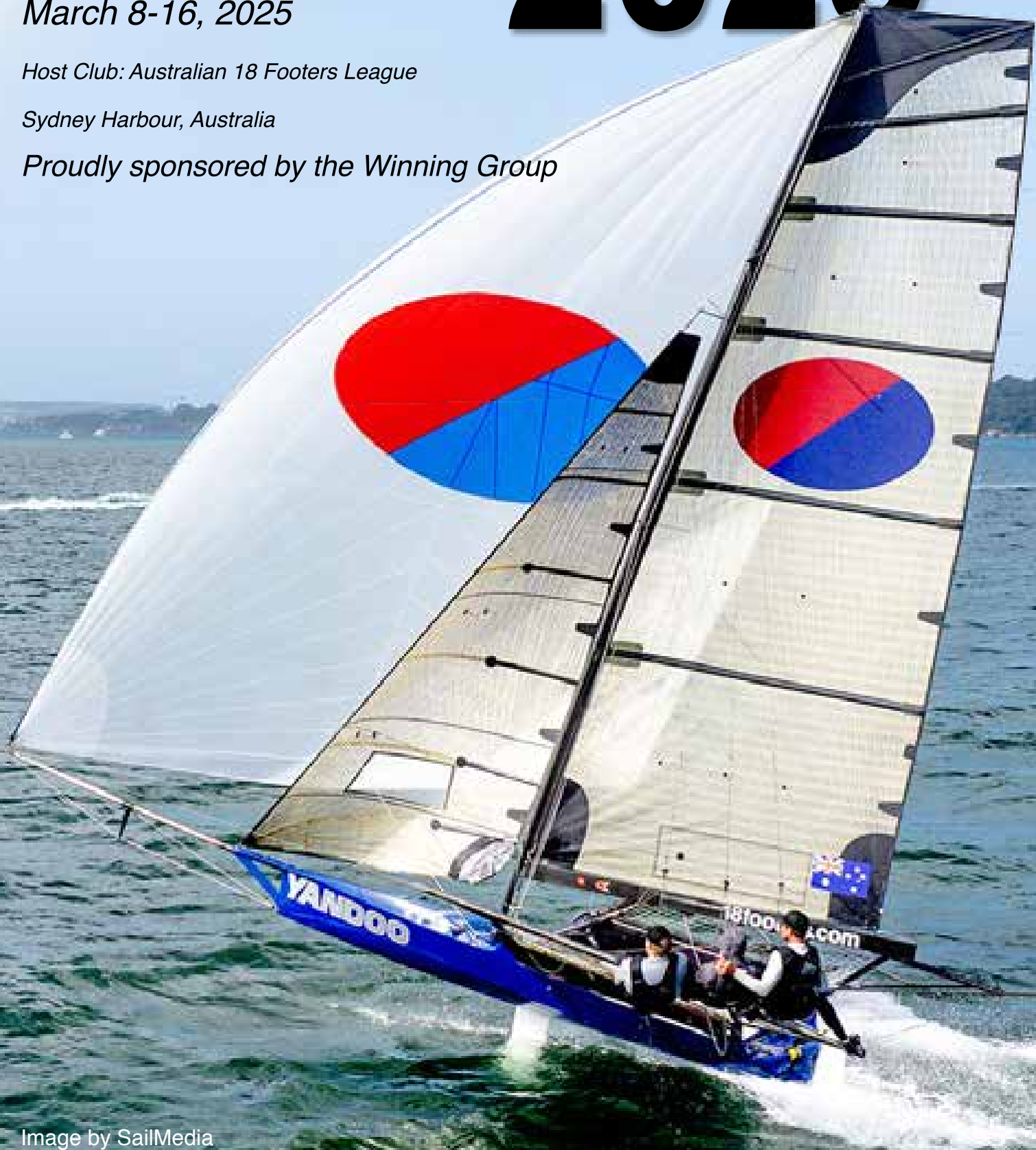


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76th JJ Giltinan Championship 2025

Race Dates

Friday	March 7, 2025	Invitation Race
Saturday	March 8, 2025	Race 1, George Calligeros Trophy
Sunday	March 9, 2025	Race 2, Cliff Monkhouse Memorial Trophy
Tuesday	March 11, 2025	Races 3 & 4, Alan Cole Memorial Trophy
Wednesday	March 12, 2025	Races 5 & 6, A. J. Reynolds Trophy
Thursday	March 13, 2025	Race 7, Bill Miller Memorial Trophy
Saturday	March 15, 2025	Race 8, Big Kite Memorial Trophy
Sunday	March 16, 2025	Race 9, Ribbon and J.J. Giltinan Trophy

(Wednesday, March 12 is also scheduled for any possible re-sail, if required)

The scheduled time of the warning signal for all races is 14:40 hours
(On multiple race days, the second race will be as soon as practical after the completion of the previous race)

Racing on each day will start at 14:45 hours

Spectator Ferry

The Australian 18 Footers League will charter a spectator ferry to follow the racing
Booking online is essential through the club's website – www.18footers.com

Follow the Championship

or all race reports, race results and photographs
Go to the club website – www.18footers.com
Livestreaming of each race is available on 18FootersTV



The Story Behind The Name And Logo On The Sails Of The Defending Champion

The iconic red and blue oval has appeared on the sails of the Winning family's 18 footers and 12ft skiffs named Yandoo since the 1950s but few know the story behind the name and the logo, and the reason why the Winnings have continually honoured its memory.

It began with Sylvester (Sil) Edwin Rohu, who enlisted in 1915 as Acting Bombardier in the Field Artillery Brigade 7, Battery 26 and embarked on board HMAT Argyllshire on 11 May 1916. He served on the Western Front, returned to Australia on 1 July 1919 and was discharged on 2 October 1919. He received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal

During WWI Sil Rohu, with two comrades, was responsible for production of the weekly regimental paper of the 7th Field Artillery Brigade, the "Yandoo," which finished at the end of the war, on his return to Sydney.

The typewriter, paper and duplicator were purchased at Durban, South Africa on the way to England with the convoy that conveyed the Third Division A.I.F. The staff worked at high pressure collecting and writing copy and then printing it, and the project was a success from the outset.

They reproduced 1,200 copies of each issue using the typewriter and wax duplicator. On one occasion, passing through the tropics on the way to England, the wax melted, while in the trenches in France the wax sometimes froze.

The equipment travelled on transport vehicles when the Battery moved from one position to another on the Western Front. The old typewriter is now preserved in the National War Memorial at Canberra.

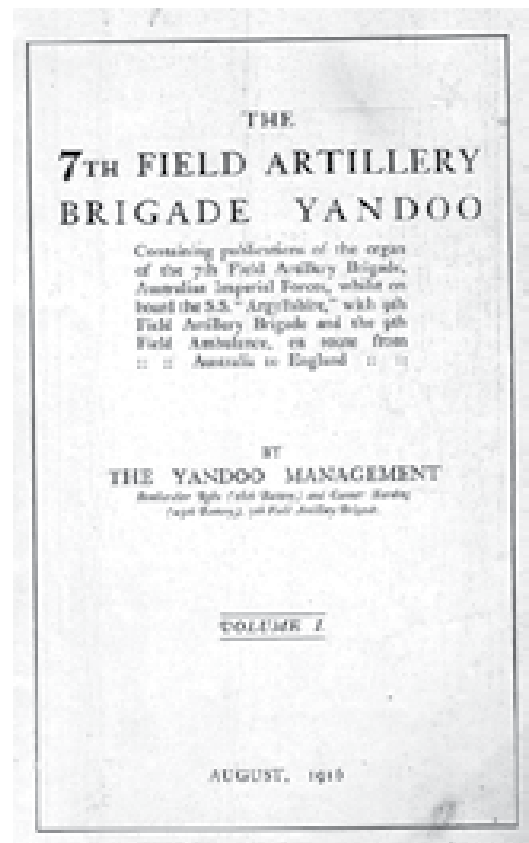
The red and blue oval is the colour patch of the 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

One of Sil's later ventures was the foundation of the Vacluse Amateur Sailing Association out of which came the famous 'V.J', (Vacluse Junior) sailing craft.

During 1931, Sil planned a boat which was designed specifically for children and teenagers as a training and racing craft. He had his sailing



Sylvester (Sil) Edwin Rohu



partner, Charles Sparrow, come up with a plan for an inexpensive father and son boat. The result was the Vacluse Junior (or VJ).

He realised that 18-year-olds were not permitted to sail a Vee Jay, so he was responsible for the development of the Vee S so those youngsters could continue their sailing.



7th Field Artillery Regimental Patch

Long Term Sponsorships

A history of partnerships in 18ft Skiffs

There have been many very good organisations and individual supporters, whose support has gone beyond ten years and deserves recognition on these pages.

Travelodge

The Travelodge motel chain was the first major sponsorship to enter the 18 footers class when the Chairman, Mr. Alan Greenway, sponsored Bob Holmes in 1964-65. Travelodge sponsored boats in NSW, New Zealand, Queensland and the first USA entry, during a 16-year period which ended in 1980-81. From 1978, new boats in NSW were branded Pacific Harbour Fiji, then in 1979 a new boat in Queensland was branded Park Royal.



Patrick Corrigan, AM

Mr. Patrick Corrigan, AM is an Australian businessman, and philanthropist, who was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia medal in the 2000 Honours List.

His first involvement with the 18s began in 1969 and became a two-boat sponsorship program during the 1970s. As costs rose in the 1980s, he came up with a multi-sponsorship of corporations and won the world championship. When the new 18s were introduced in the 1990s, he continued his sponsorship support and Stephen Quigley skippered AEI-Pace Express to victory in 1996, giving Patrick his second Giltinan Trophy victory.



Asko Appliances

Asko Appliances began its sponsorship in 2002 and maintained a high standard of entries each season until the sponsorship concluded in 2019.

The company was a great supporter of the club and its sailing activities, including the club's spectator ferry and won two Australian championships, the first in 2005-06 and the second in 2018-19. Asko Appliances also won two Mark Foy Trophy regattas, at Lake Garda, Italy in 2018 and 2019.



Rag & Famish Hotel

The Rag & Famish Hotel, or 'The Rag' as it is affectionately known, has been a boat-sponsoring partner of the Australian 18 Footers League since 1996-97 when the late George Calligeros decided to sponsor a skiff for his son to sail on, and was rewarded when his boat won the 2001 Giltinan Championship.

Since George passed away in 2005, Peter and his sister Anna have continued the boat sponsorship and ensured George's memory would not go away as the George Calligeros Memorial Trophy is presented to the winning team of Race 1 in the annual championship.



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De'Longhi

De'Longhi sponsored the Australian 18 Footers League for 12 years, racing a skiff named De'Longhi or De'Longhi-Rabbitohs, each season from 2005-06 to 2017-18, and additionally, from 2011-12 to 2013-14, also raced a second skiff in the name of Kenwood-Rabbitohs.

As sponsor of the South Sydney Rugby League team, De'Longhi introduced the 'Rabbitohs' to the 18s, which was historically important to the Australian 18 Footers League club, which gained its name 'the League' and Mr. James Joseph Giltinan from a very close association with Rugby League.



Channel 7

Mr. Ted Thomas, GM of ATN Channel 7, wanted his station to become involved in 1976-77 and, with Iain Murray as his skipper, the pair formed a sailing 'partnership' which amassed an incredible six World championships, an Open worlds and 11 Australians in 'Color 7' skiffs.

In 2006, Channel 7 requested Iain Murray to put together a new, young crew and another Channel 7-sponsored skiff was back in the 18 footer fleet. The team, racing under the name of Gotta Love It 7, had Iain Murray as Team Manager, and added another seven Giltinan world Trophy victories to its record. Channel 7's sponsorship spanned 15 years.



Gotta Love It 7 TEAM

Smeg

Smeg Australia's sponsorship with the Australian 18 Footers League began in the 1996-97 season when its team, racing as Omega Smeg-2UE, gave the company its first of five Giltinan Championship victories in 1997.

In the same year, the team won a second Giltinan championship, the only time in its history, as two regattas were raced in the one calendar year, and in 1998 won its third consecutive title. Smeg's fourth Giltinan Championship win came in 2016 and its fifth victory came in 2021.



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The Kitchen Maker

Darren McKavanagh and his family's The Kitchen Maker business, and the Australian 18 Footers League, have had a great relationship over many years, firstly while Darren was a competitor for ten years, then as a boat sponsor for the past 15 years.

Darren originally came into the 18s, as a competitor in 2001 then went on to sail a variety of different 18s before deciding to sponsor his own boat. The Kitchen Maker presently has a brand new hull competing in 2025.



Thurlow Fisher Lawyers

Thurlow Fisher Lawyers commenced its 18 footer sponsorship in 2007 and raced the team as Thurlow Fisher until the start of the 2009-10 season, when the name changed to Thurlow Fisher Lawyers until the sponsorship retired at the end of the 2016-17 season.

During the period, Thurlow Fisher Lawyers won the 2017 Giltinan and three Australian championships, but unfortunately for the team, was runner-up on five occasions in the Giltinan between 2010 and 2015.



Winning Family

The Winning family members and their businesses have been enormous contributors to the Australian 18 Footers League and 18 footer racing for several decades and the extent of their support cannot be adequately covered in these few words.

John (Woody) Winning first sponsored his own 18 in 1980, and has sponsored it again since 1995. John (Herman) Winning Jr, has also sponsored himself under the business names Appliancesonline, The Winning Group and Andoo.

Many of the sports long-time sponsors were introduced to the 18s by the Winning Family, which is also responsible for the concept to film the 18 footer races, its introduction and much of its funding over several years, which has seen the livestream coverage shown each week to the world.



Fisher & Paykel

Fisher & Paykel has had a great relationship with the Australian 18 Footers League since the 2003-04 season when its name first appeared on Sydney Harbour and remained in the fleet until the end of the 2014-15 season.

After a short break, the Fisher & Paykel name re-appeared in the 2021-22 season and has continued the sponsorship it previously had for twelve years.



Keagan York

Keagan York is the MD of Finport Finance and was co-founder of Compass Global Markets and the sponsor and skipper of the 'Finport Finance' 18ft skiff team which won the 2022-23 Australian Championship and 2023 Mark Foy Trophy, and is one of the 2025 Giltinan entries.

He began competing in the 18s, as sheet hand, in 2010-11 season and continued until he decided to go his own way as skipper of a self-sponsored skiff, 'compassmarkets.com' in 2014-15. The name changed to Finport Finance in the 2017-18 season. This season is Keagan's fifteenth sailing in the 18s, including his eleventh as sponsor.



Sean Langman, Noakes

Sean Langman, MD of Noakes Group and one of Australia's most successful and versatile yachtsmen, has had an association with 18ft Skiff Racing going back to the mid-1990s when he skippered 2UE, and continued until 2023.

He has been an owner-skipper of several skiffs but his influence became greater in 2006-07 when he introduced a Noakes Youth campaign to "assist young people make their way in the world".





Competitors 2025



List of Entries

Yandoo	(Aust)	Tom Needham, Fang Warren, Lewis Brake
Rag & Famish Hotel	(Aust)	Harry Price, Max Paul, Finn Rodowicz
Finport Finance	(Aust)	Keagan York, Angus Williams, Phil Marshall
Black Knight	(Germany)	Heinrich von Bayern, Thomas Martin, Andy Martin
ASCC	(NZ)	Eli Liefiting, Adam Mustill, Josh Schon
Balmain	(Aust)	Henry Larkings, Tom Grimes, Flynn Twomey
Big Foot Bags and Covers	(Aust-Q)	Dave Hayter, Ben Roxburgh, Elliott Mahar
Lazarus Capital Partners	(Aust)	Tom Cunich, Josh Feldmann, Paddy Bannon
C-Tech	(NZ)	Alex Vallings, Matt Steven, Brad Collins
Burrawang-Young Henrys	(Aust)	Simon Nearn, Max Nearn, Tom Quigley
Marine Outlet	(Aust)	Josh Porebski, Cam Gundy, Charlie Gundy
Vaikobi	(Aust)	Kirk Mitchell, Andrew Stephenson, Daniel Barnett
Sixt	(Aust)	Jacob Marks, Alex Marinelli, Matt Doyle
Smeg	(Aust)	Nathan McNamara, Jed Cruikshank, Jack Taylor
Team Vic	(Aust-V)	Scott Cunningham, Brody Riley, Dave Cunningham
The Kitchen Maker	(Aust)	Lachlan Steel, Jerome Watts, Darcy McCracken
WLTH	(Aust-Q)	Josh Sloman, George Morton, Angus Barker
The Oak Double Bay-4 Pines	(Aust)	Hugo Stoner, Hugo Leeming, Daniel Watson
Shaw and Partners Financial Services	(Aust)	Emma Rankin, Brandon Buyink, James Turner
Akarana Eatery	(NZ)	Tim Howse, Ollie Gilmour, Pat Morgan
Noakes	(Aust)	Bec Hancock, Cam Walker, Ben Kirkby
Honda Marine	(NZ)	Harry Butler, Olly Lloyd, Tony Fitzgerald
Gotcha4Life	(Aust)	Dave Lightfoot, William Dargaville, Michael Kennedy
18 Footers Bar and Restaurant	(Aust)	Luca Gambacorti. Nathan Byrne, Nic Livermore
Big Pete	(Germany)	Benjamin Bohringer, Mickey Martin, Tamara Baumann
Hoefle Haus	(Germany)	Holger Hoefle, Eicke Dietrich, Cam De Nardis
UK 91	(UK)	Luke Goble, Cam Barr, James Taylor
Allen	(UK)	Anthony Godwin, Daniel Bevan, Uffe Anferon

*at the time of going to press

Points Score System

The Low Point System will apply to the regatta.

Each boat starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress shall be scored points as follows:

First 1, Second 2, Third 3, Fourth 4, Fifth 5, Sixth 6, Seventh 7. Each place thereafter ADD 1 point.

A boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

Where six (6) or more races have been completed, a skiff's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

New Breed Sponsors

Over the past six years a number of new sponsors have become boat-sponsoring partners with the Australian 18 Footers League. They are the 'New Breed sponsors'



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Courses for the 2025 JJ Giltinan Championship

COURSE 1 - NORTH-EAST

Start line in vicinity of Clark Island
Beashel Buoy - AS
Shark Island - AS
Clark Island - LM
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Shark Island - AS
Finish line in vicinity of Clark Island
(all marks starboard hand)

COURSE 2 - EAST

Start line in vicinity of Robertson Point
Rose Bay - LM
Clark Island - LM
Kurraba Point - LM
Rose Bay - LM
Kurraba Point - LM
Rose Bay - LM
Finish line in vicinity of Clark Island
(all marks starboard hand)

COURSE 3 - SOUTH-EAST

Start in vicinity of Taylors Bay
Rose Bay – LM (starboard)
Robertson Point – LM (port)
Clark Island – LM (port)
Chowder Bay – LM (starboard)
Rose Bay – LM (starboard)
Taylors Bay – AS (starboard)
Rose Bay – LM (starboard)
Robertson Point – LM (port)
Finish line in vicinity of Clark Island

COURSE 4 - SOUTH

Start line in vicinity of Athol Bay
Clark Island – LM (port)
Obelisk Bay – AS (starboard)
Shark Island – AS (starboard)
Athol Bay East – LM (port)
Clark Island – LM (port)
Obelisk Bay – AS (starboard)
Shark Island – AS (starboard)
Athol Bay East – LM (port)
Finish line in vicinity of Clark Island

COURSE 4/2 – SOUTH (STORM)

Start line in vicinity of Athol Bay
Clark Island – LM (port)
Chowder Bay North – AS (starboard)
Shark Island-AS (starboard)
Athol Bay East-LM (port)
Clark Island-LM (port)
Chowder Bay North-AS (starboard)
Shark Island-AS (starboard)
Athol Bay East-LM (port)
Finish line in vicinity of Clark Island

COURSE 5 - WEST

Start line in vicinity of Rose Bay
Kurraba Point - LM
Clark Island - LM
Rose Bay - LM
Kurraba Point - LM
Rose Bay - LM
Kurraba Point - LM
Finish line in vicinity of Clark Island
(all marks port hand)

COURSE 6/2

Start
Mark 1 - (port)
Gate 2 – (gate mark)
Mark 1 – (port)
Finish

COURSE 6/3

Start
Mark 1 - (port)
Gate 2 – (gate mark)
Mark 1 – (port)
Gate 2 – (gate mark)
Mark 1 – (port)
Finish

COURSE 6/4

Start
Mark 1 - (port)
Gate 2 – (gate mark)
Mark 1 – (port)
Gate 2 – (gate mark)
Mark 1 – (port)
Gate 2 – (gate mark)
Mark 1 – (port)
Finish

Past Winners

1938	Taree	Bert Swinbourne	Aust
1939	Manu	Gordon Chamberlin	NZ
1948	Crows Nest	Bill Hayward	Aust
1949	Marjorie Too	Tony Russell	Aust
1950	Komutu	Jack Logan	NZ
1951	Myra Too	Bill Barnett	Aust
1952	Intrigue	Peter Mander	NZ
1954	Intrigue	Peter Mander	NZ
1956	Jenny VI	Norm Wright	Aust
1958	Jantzen Girl	Len Heffernan	Aust
1960	Surprise	Bern Skinner	NZ
1961	Venom	Ben Lexcen	Aust
1963	Schemer	Ken Beashel	Aust
1964	Toogara	Cliff Monkhouse	Aust
1965	Travelodge	Bob Holmes	Aust
1966	Travelodge	Bob Holmes	Aust
1967	Associated Motor Club	Don Barnett	Aust
1968	Daily Telegraph	Ken Beashel	Aust
1969	Travelodge	Bob Holmes	Aust
1970	Thomas Cameron	Hugh Treharne	Aust
1971	Travelodge	Bob Holmes	Aust
1972	Smirnoff	Don Lidgard	NZ
1973	Travelodge	Bob Holmes	Aust
1974	Travelodge New Zealand	Terry Mc Dell	NZ
1975	KB	Dave Porter	Aust
1976	Miles Furniture	Stephen Kulmar	Aust
1977	Color 7	Iain Murray	Aust
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1981	Color 7	Iain Murray	Aust
1982	Color 7	Iain Murray	Aust
1983	Tia Maria	Peter Sorensen	Aust
1984	Tia Maria	Peter Sorensen	Aust
1985	Bradmill	Robert Brown	Aust
1986	Entrad	Robert Brown	Aust
1987	Chesty Bond	Trevor Barnabas	Aust
1988	**Chesty Bond	Trevor Barnabas	Aust
	**Southern Cross	Robert Brown	Aust
1989	Prudential	Michael Walsh	Aust
1990	Bank of New Zealand	Scott Ramsden	Aust
1991	AAMI	Julian Bethwaite	Aust
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1993	Winfield Racing	Michael Spies	Aust
1994	Nokia	Neil Cashman	Aust
1995	Winfield Racing	Michael Spies	Aust
1996	AEI-Pace Express	Stephen Quigley	Aust
1997	Omega Smeg-2UE	Trevor Barnabas	Aust
1997	Smeg	Trevor Barnabas	Aust
1998	Omega Smeg-2UE	Trevor Barnabas	Aust
1999	Rockport	Tim Robinson	UK

2000	AMP Centrepoint	John Winning	Aust
2001	Rag & Famish Hotel	John Harris	Aust
2002	GE-US Challenge	Howie Hamlin	USA
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2004	RMW Marine	Rob Greenhalgh	UK
2005	Club Marine	Euan Mc Nicol	Aust
2006	Casio Seapathfinder	Michael Coxon	Aust
2007	Fiat	Michael Coxon	Aust
2008	Gotta Love It 7	Seve Jarvin	Aust
2009	Southern Cross Constructions	Euan Mc Nicol	Aust
2010	Gotta Love It 7	Seve Jarvin	Aust
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2014	Gotta Love It 7	Seve Jarvin	Aust
2015	Gotta Love It 7	Seve Jarvin	Aust
2016	Smeg	Lee Knapton	Aust
2017	Thurlow Fisher Lawyers	Michael Coxon	Aust
2018	Honda Marine	David McDiarmid	NZ
2019	Honda Marine	David McDiarmid	NZ
2020	Honda Marine	David McDiarmid	NZ
2021	Smeg	Michael Coxon	Aust
2022	Andoo	Seve Jarvin	Aust
2023	Andoo	John Winning Jr	Aust
2024	Yandoo	Micah Lane	Aust

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