

Wild Oats sows line honours favouritism

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SOLAS Big Boat Challenge on Sydney Harbour. Winner Wild Oats X1 crosses the finish line. Picture: Brett Costello

SYDNEY to Hobart line honours favourite Wild Oats XI has won the Big Boat Challenge on Sydney Harbour for the fifth time.

The five-time Sydney to Hobart line honours winner completed the 14-nautical mile course in one hour seven minutes and nine seconds, nearly three minutes ahead of fellow supermaxi Investec LOYAL.

Wild Thing was third across the line followed by Lahana.

Fifteen boats entered the race, which is one of the glamour events in the leadup to the Sydney to Hobart.

They competed in south to south westerly breezes of between 18 and 23 knots.