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# Injury forces Danny Green to quit Sydney-Hobart race

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**THREE-division boxing world title winner Danny Green has been forced out of the Sydney-Hobart yacht race for a second straight year.**

Green, who was due to sail aboard celebrity-studded supermaxi Investec Loyal, pulled out yesterday after receiving medical advice.

According to a statement yesterday, Green had a medical procedure following his loss to Poland's cruiserweight world champion Krzysztof Wlodarczyk in Perth last month.

"I am gutted that I will miss this year's race as I truly enjoyed and treasure my previous experiences with the Investec Loyal team and wanted very much to take my place on the team," Green said.

"As much as I want to race, I also don't want to let the team down and potentially be a passenger, so I will take my place in the team in a later campaign."

His management said he had not had surgery following last month's fight, but he had some stitches inserted in his mouth after the fight.

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Green, who did sail aboard Investec Loyal in 2009, pulled out of last year's race because his recovery from knee surgery was slower than anticipated.

"Danny had a procedure done after his fight and he left it till this week to try and get a clearance from his medical advisers that he was OK to sail," Investec Loyal owner and skipper Anthony Bell said yesterday.

"They recommended against it, that he hadn't completely recovered and so he pulled out today."

Bell said he would not draft in a replacement for Green.

"It's too late to train up someone. We're going with the crew that we've got," Bell said.

Green's decision to pull out of the race came as a shock to his long-time trainer, Angelo Hyder.


"I've just got back from a business trip to Singapore and I'm totally in the dark," Hyder told The Weekend Australian.

"All I can tell you is that he was looking forward to the sail."


Second across the line last year to rival supermaxi Wild Oats XI, Bell's boat is again considered the major threat to the five-times line honours winner.

Despite losing Green, Investec Loyal still has plenty of celebrities aboard.

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