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**Rolex Sydney Hobart - Trophy presentation in Hobart**



...rophy from His Excellency Peter Underwood A.O., the Governor of Tasmania, where the Official Prize Giving took place.

Graham Taplin, commodore of the RYCT welcomed guests and noted: 'No other sport brings sport to the forefront as this great race does.'

Cruising Yacht Club of Australia commodore, Garry Linacre concurred before calling for a one minute silence for Gary Tiehurst, the helicopter pilot who was known to Rolex Sydney Hobart competitors as 'our angel in the sky'. Gary was tragically killed when his helicopter crashed in August last year.

Both commodores thanked the hardworking Robert 'Biddy' Badenach from the RYCT. Commodore Linacre said: 'Biddy has dedicated his life to this race,' because he has been a fixture of it for such a long time.

Commodore Linacre pointed out the number of young sailors in this year's race. 'Jessica Watson and her young crew - their results are a great lead-in for youth to be involved. Laura Roper and Peter Langman (a 22 year-old from Tasmania and 18 year-old from Sydney, skippering family yachts for the first time) are very inspiring to young people.'

'We had two graduates from the CYCA Youth Academy, Will Parker and Robert Scrivener aboard the line honours winner, Investec Loyal. Maurie Cameron and Ian Treleaven were at the forefront of the Club's Youth Academy, which has come a long way,' he said.

Tony Cable is with us today, having contested his 46th race to Hobart. What an achievement,' he said. His Excellency, the Honourable Peter Underwood, A.O., Governor of Tasmania was invited to present major trophies.

His Excellency welcomed all visitors to Tasmania. He said: 'From 88 starters, 77 finished - and what a nail biter finish - 3 minutes 8 seconds separated the two (Investec Loyal and Wild Oats XI). It was the fourth closest finish ever - it was as good as it gets. It takes tactics, skill, alertness and cunning; good on Investec Loyal.'

'I congratulate all in the Sydney Hobart for the work and support that goes into making this race a success,' he said before presenting the line honours trophy.

This year was the closest finish of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 38 years, with victory going to Investec Loyal, a Greg Elliot designed super maxi owned and skippered by Anthony Bell. Investec Loyal races for the Loyal Foundation and to date has raised over \$3 million for charity.

Robert Scrivener and Justin Clougher, a Tasmanian crew member, accepted the J.H. Illingworth Trophy for line honours on behalf of owner, Anthony Bell.

Patrick Boutellier, general manager of Rolex Australia presented the two with a Rolex Yacht-Master timepiece.

Investec Loyal also won the F & J Livingstone trophy for First Yacht Due South of Tasman Island and the CYCA Trophy for placing third in IRC Division O.

Clougher, known to sailors as 'Juggy', responded to congratulations, saying: 'I'm a Tassie guy and it doesn't get any better than this. None of us expected to be match racing nearly all the way home. This one stands out for us - we had a lot of laughs all the way here.'

'We had a lot of celebrities aboard who were aboard also to help raise money for the Humpty Dumpty charity, but they were also great guys and put in the hard work - and we got the top result in the boat race,' he said.

Clougher also complimented Stephen Ainsworth on a great result in winning the race overall. 'He was seeking it for a long time,' Clougher said.

'I thank Rolex and encourage all competitors to keep doing this great race,' he finished. Wild Oats XI (Bob Oatley) received the Jack Rooklyn Memorial Trophy for First Yacht Out of Sydney Heads and the CYCA Trophy for Second over the line

For most meritorious performance as judged by the race committee, the Rani Trophy was awarded for outstanding seamanship to Mary Holley, the radio operator and part owner of Aurora for her outstanding effort in assisting the Radio Relay Vessel JBW in the radio skeds during the race. This was Mary's 15th Sydney Hobart and she co-owns the yacht with husband Jim, who has completed 24 Hobarts.

The Jane Tate Memorial Trophy, for First Female Skipper, was awarded to Ella Bache, Jessica Watson. The trophy commemorates the first woman to complete the Sydney Hobart race back in 1946, and appropriately it has been won 65 years later by Jessica Watson, who sailed around the world non-stop at 16 years of age. Carol Mason, the granddaughter of Jane Tate, was on hand for the presentation.

Ella Bache also received the CYCA Trophy for Second Sydney 38. Accepting her trophies, Watson responded: 'A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible. It's great to see so many young people and two other female skippers in this race. To my crew - thank you. It's great to have a great crew.'

To the oft asked question of how hard it was to sail with a full crew after sailing around the world alone, Watson said: 'Some days it would have been good to have peace and quiet around me again.'

The Sydney Yachts Trophy for First Sydney 38 went to TSA Management (Tony Levett). This was the yacht's sixth Rolex Sydney Hobart and her second successive win in this one design class.

Victoire, owned by Darryl Hodgkinson, won First IRC Division 3 and Winner of the CYCA Blue Water Pointscore and received the CYCA Trophy and RORC Trophy.

For the first time, the Rolex Sydney Hobart decided for the CYCA's prestigious Blue Water Pointscore and Victoire has

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