

Seasick Karl's Loyal toil

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HE was sick as a dog almost all the way to Hobart.

But after sailing on line honours winner Investec Loyal in his debut Sydney-Hobart last night, Today Show presenter Karl Stefanovic was all smiles.

"It doesn't get any better. It's an amazing feeling," said Stefanovic, who added the Illingworth Trophy to the Gold Logie he won in May.

"I've loved this race, watching it as a spectator all my life. To come through and get over the line first, I couldn't have dreamed of it."

All race his television colleagues debated how sick Karl would be.

"But the truth is, I was sick that first night from 11pm through to about 4pm yesterday," he said. "It was horrible. About 4pm yesterday I came good and I was back eating and felt great.

"A lot of the professional sailors out there were sick as well, so I haven't embarrassed myself."

Rival morning show presenter Larry Emdur sailed aboard Investec Loyal in the previous two Sydney-Hobarts, twice finishing runner-up.

Stefanovic would love to sail in the race again and would consider doing it even with Emdur onboard.



Karl Stefanovic celebrates Investec Loyal's victory. Picture: RAOUL KOCHANOWSKI

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