‘Wraith of Odin’ 1951 to 1997

The 1952 Hobart Race

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Field Of 15 Likely

SYDNEY, Thurs. - Unless post entries are received, the field for the 628-mile Sydney Hobart yacht race, starting at 11 a.m. on Boxing Day, will number 15. Cruising Yacht Club of Australia secretary (Mr. Dave Allworth) announced today. Only five of the craft have previously competed in the ocean classic. Entries officially closed at midnight with eight yachts from New South Wales, three from Tasmania, and two each from Victoria and South Australia. The official list of entries is now:

New South Wales:
Moonbi, 35ft. yawl, owner-skipper Hal Evans
White Cloud, 48ft. cutter, owner George Brenac, skipper John Halliday;
Ripple, 35ft. sloop, owner-skipper R. Hobson
Ruthean, 60ft. yawl, owner-skipper A. V. Toll
Nirvana, 63ft. cutter, owner-skipper S. Heaton
Solveig, 36ft. sloop, owner-skipper T. and M. Halvorsen
Wraith of Odin, 57ft. ketch, owner-skipper B. R. O'Brien
Kurara, 30ft. sloop, owner-skipper J. Clark.

Victoria:
Kurrewa III, 58ft. ketch, owner-skipper P. Livings ton
Landfall, 44ft. yawl, owner Don Richardson, skipper Neil MacAllister.

South Australia:
Pavana, 52ft. schooner, owner-skipper George Mayne
Ingrid, 38ft. ketch, owner-skipper J. S. Taylor.

Tasmania:
Wanderer, 46ft. staysail schooner, owner-skipper Eric Massey
Kintail, 40ft. cutter, owner-skipper Duncan McRae; Terra Nova, 35ft. cutter, owner-skipper K. R. Gourlay.
MORE NEW COMPETITORS

New competitors outnumber "old stagers" by two to one. Only Moonbi and Solveig from New South Wales, Pavana from South Australia, and Wanderer and Kintail from Tasmania, have been in earlier races. Kurrowa III has been in previous races, and has acted as mother ship to the fleet a function to be performed this year by Vic Meyer's luxurious cruiser Louriana.

Wraith of Odin and Kurara are almost new yachts. Ruthean, which was originally to be built for Sir Claude Plowman, was only recently completed for Vic Toll, of Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, and tried her sails for the first time last week. "She all ready is a potential favourite among yachtsmen who have seen her afloat." Wraith of Odin, built to an American design, is about a year old, and had for some time been the home of her owner. Mick O'Brien, in Mosman Bay. J. Clark's Kurara, two years old, was placed third in the Montagu Is. race recently to Struen Marie and Lahara, Hobart race winner and runner up, and also is highly praised by a veteran yachtsman who has sailed in her.

All yachts will this year be re-measured in Sydney in accordance with new standardised instructions from the Royal Ocean Racing Club for the ratings which will govern the race. There will be a change this year in the starting line, which will be south-east of the former line and will give plenty of space in Double Bay for manoeuvring before the start. Mr. Allworth said interstate entrants in the race probably were sheltering from the stiff south-westerly that lashed the New South Wales coast to-day. He is awaiting the arrival of Landfall (V.), Ingrid (S.A.), Wanderer, Terra Nova, and Kintail (T.). The two Newcastle entrants, Ruthean and Nirvana, are expected in Sydney soon. Mr. Allworth sent a telegram to Tasmanian yachting officials today to find out when their entrants would reach Sydney. He said he expected the other two interstate craft in Sydney within two days if the weather cleared.