‘Wraith of Odin’ 1951 to 1997

The 1952 Hobart Race

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SIX ENTRIES LODGED FOR SYDNEY-HOBART CLASSIC

From Our Special Representative

SYDNEY, Wed. - The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia has so far received only six official entries for the Sydney-Hobart yacht race starting on Boxing Day. However, the club secretary, Mr Dave Allworth, believes that last-minute entries will bring the fleet to at least 16. The closing date for entries is still a week ahead, and the owners of six more yachts have intimated that they will be starters. Of the yachts so far officially entered, two are from Sydney, two from Newcastle, and one each from South Australia and Tasmania the latter the perennial trier, Eric Massey’s Wanderer, from Launceston. Last year’s winner, and runner up, Struen Marie and Lahara, will not be starters this year, and Margaret Rintoul, twice a winner, is also regarded as an unlikely starter. But several new names are expected to be listed when the fleet is finally announced. Official entries so far received are E. Massey’s Wanderer, 46ft. staysail schooner (Tasmania); G. Brenac’s White Cloud, 50ft. cutter (Sydney); P. ‘G. Heaton’s Nirvana, 60ft. cutter Newcastle); A. V. Tolls’ Ruthean, 60ft. yawl (Newcastle); R. C. Hodson’s Ripple, 35ft. sloop (Sydney); and J. S. Taylor’s Ingrid, 38ft. ketch (South Australia). Definite entries are expected from H. S. Evans’ Moonbi, 35ft. yawl (Sydney), E. H. Wilson’s Landfall (Melbourne), George Maynes Pavina (South Australia), D. McRae’s Kintail (Tasmania), K. Gourlay’s Terra Nova (Tasmania), and F. Hickman’s Nell Gwyn (Tasmania).

Among the possibles are M. O’BRIEN’S WRAITH OF ODIN (Sydney), J. H. Clark’s Karura (Sydney), the Livingston brothers’ Kurrewa III, and S. Bird’s Horizon, though the latter is doubtful. The start of the race on Boxing Day will be at the usual line across Sydney Harbour and the Royal Australian Navy will make a boat available for the starter and officials. The Governor, Sir John Northcott, and the Naval Officer in Charge at Sydney, Admiral Showers, have been invited. Mother ship for the fleet at sea will be Vic Myers’ big 75ft. yacht, Lonna, which is fitted with a powerful radio installation for ship to
shore and ship to ship communication. Sydney Harbour's "Showboat' will take spectators from Circular Quay down to the Heads to watch the start.

A new feature this year will be a brief voyage by the Lloyd Triestino liner, Australia, which at £6 a head will take spectators from the Quay to the start and follow the yachts down the coast until dusk.