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Navy support for 2007 Hydro Tasmania Three Peaks Race

The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) is an early entry for the 2007 Hydro Tasmania Three Peaks Race.

Launching the 19th annual race, Chairman and Race Director, Alastair Douglas, said the early entry of the Navy team bodes well for what is hoped to be another growth year for the competition.

Mr Douglas welcomed the continued support of Hydro Tasmania which has been supporting the race as naming rights sponsor since 2003.

“The support we receive from Hydro Tasmania is integral to the success of the race,” he said.

“Next year’s race promises to be one of the best yet. The growth of the Fully Crewed Division last year is a strong indicator that competitors like the challenge of the event with a full crew rather than racing short-handed.

“The inclusion this year of the Navy crew will bring an added dimension to the race with a naval minesweeper visiting Beauty Point then sailing to Hobart in time to greet the first team finishing.

“We have changed the race organisation for the 2007 event, with the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club now being the organising authority of the race. This change has a significant advantage for the race by relieving race organisers of the high costs of public liability insurance premiums.”

Hydro Tasmania’s sponsorship coordinator, Jane Crosswell, said the organisation was proud of its involvement in an event that is becoming renowned around the world.

“The race provides our business with international exposure and is a good fit with our values and vision.” Mrs Crosswell said.

“Like our business, the race committee is always looking for innovative improvements in the race and provide greater challenges for competitors to ensure the sustainability of the race.

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“With wind and water providing the fuel for the yachts the synergy between the two organisations is very strong.”

The race departs Beauty Point on Good Friday, 6 April 2007 for Flinders Island where the runners scale Mt Strzelecki. The yachts then proceed to Coles Bay on the East Coast where the runners climb to the summit of Mt Freycinet before heading to Hobart where the teams will finish the race at Constitution Dock after running up Mt Wellington. Over the course of the event, the teams will have sailed 335 nautical miles in what is often challenging weather and run 131 kilometres.

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Attachments:

- *Race Background*
- *Placement of runners and teams*