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### **NAVY TEAM FOR THREE PEAKS RACE**

The Royal Australian Navy is looking forward to fielding a team in the 2007 Hydro Tasmania Three Peaks Race, Commander Mark Burling, Commanding Officer, Navy Headquarters Tasmania, said today.

"Navy has made arrangements to use the ex-Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race star performer *Scandia Cyclone* and is now on the hunt for sailors and runners to make up the Navy team for this prestigious sporting event.

"We have issued the challenge throughout the fleet to encourage our best sportsmen and women to participate."

Commander Burling said that the race's attraction for the RAN was the opportunity to challenge its members as well as the participation in a well-regarded community event.

"The fact that the event focuses on two of Tasmania's more remote regions and the state's capital, provides a great opportunity for locals and visitors to see their Navy in action, albeit in a sporting event.

"The fitness, skill and teamwork imperatives demanded by Three Peaks are in line with the Navy's philosophy. Our people are up to the challenge.

"It is also important for Navy to be active within the community we serve, and Three Peaks is another great opportunity to do just that."

Commander Burling said that the Navy was also planning for a Navy ship, probably a mine hunter, to participate in the start of the race and to visit Hobart during the finish.

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