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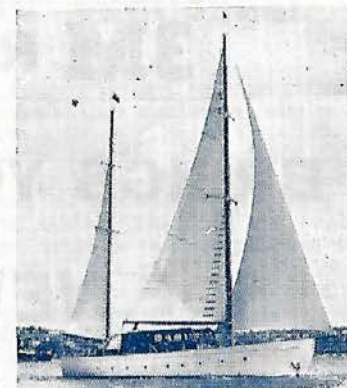
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"LAURIANA"—Sail No. CYC30.

L.O.A., 62ft.; Beam, 16ft.; Draft, 8ft.

"Lauriana" is not a competitor in the race but is the Radio-Relay Vessel and her duties will be to cruise along with the racers, using both motor and sail, and keeping radio contacts with the yachts and co-relating this information before sending it ashore to the Australian Broadcasting Commission. She carries beautiful radio equipment and in the crew are an operator and computer who keep the news going through. This year, the owner, Jim Sampson, is competing in his own ocean racing yacht, "Anitra," but "Lauriana" has been made available for the sixth time, in the command of Doug Hale. The organising yacht clubs, together with the families and friends of competitors, are most grateful for this voluntary service. "Lauriana" was built in Sydney to a design of A. C. Barber in 1938 and saw quite a bit of war service, during which General MacArthur spent some time aboard, and she was credited with the first sighting of the Jap. midget submarine in Sydney Harbour. After this she was bought by Vic Meyer, the present owner of "Solo," and restored to virtually original condition, which has been more than maintained by Jim Sampson.



Crew Members: D. Hale, *Skipper*, 5 H.R.; M. E. Davey, 7 H.R., 6 M.I.; G. A. Barton, 6 H.R., 5 M.I.; B. Oliver, 3 H.R.; T. J. Amos, 5 H.R.; M. Hogg, 8 H.R., 9 M.I.; E. G. le Brun, 2 H.R., 1 M.I.; R. Terry, 4 H.R.; Z. C. Tatton, 1 H.R.; T. Wheeler, 3 H.R.; N. Ruby, 1 H.R.; C. Trideaux; D. Baglin 5 H.R., 3 M.I.

An Appreciation

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia is indeed fortunate to have had the co-operation of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania in the organisation of this event since its inception. Apart from the tedium of keeping a twenty-four-hour-a-day watch on the Finishing Line, the Royal Yacht Club excels itself in the hospitality extended to yacht owners. Official functions are organised, such as the Prizegiving in the Town Hall and the Ball at the Clubhouse. Then there are all the other arrangements that we all accept as a matter of course, the use of Constitution Dock, the use of the shower and toilet facilities at the Waterside Workers' Recreation Centre, deliveries of food, refuse disposal, and the manning of the tender to tow yachts after the finish. All run smoothly, thanks to the efficient organisation of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Every yacht is officially welcomed in Hobart Bay by Flag Officers of the Club and, of course, Honorary Membership is bestowed upon all crew members.