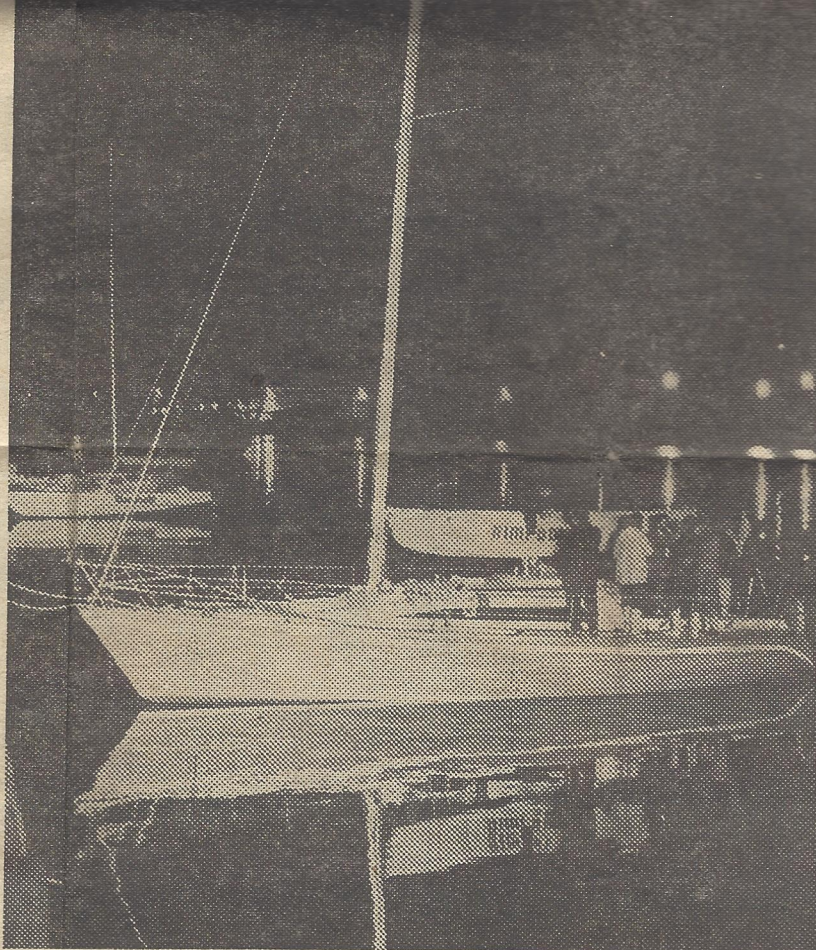
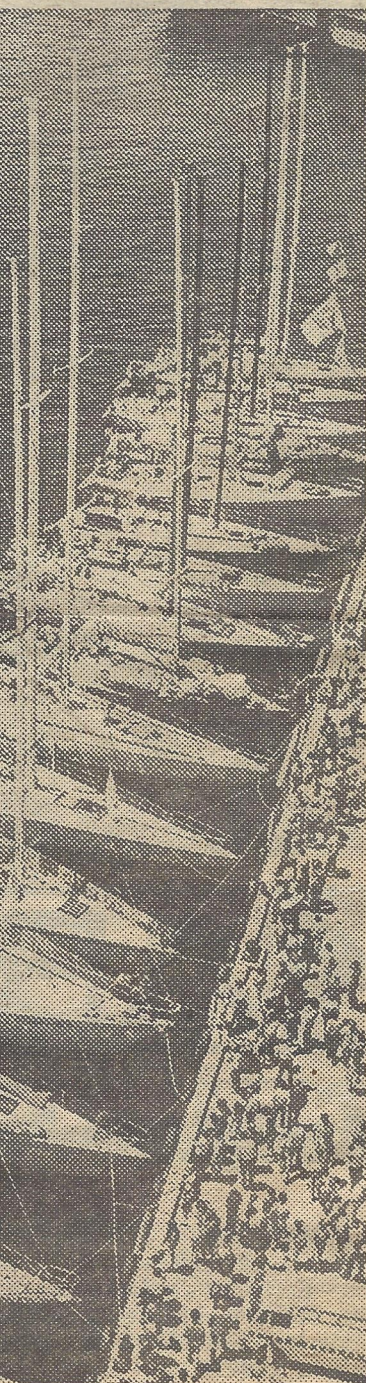


Zealand, which won line and handicap honors in the Sydney-to-Hobart classic.

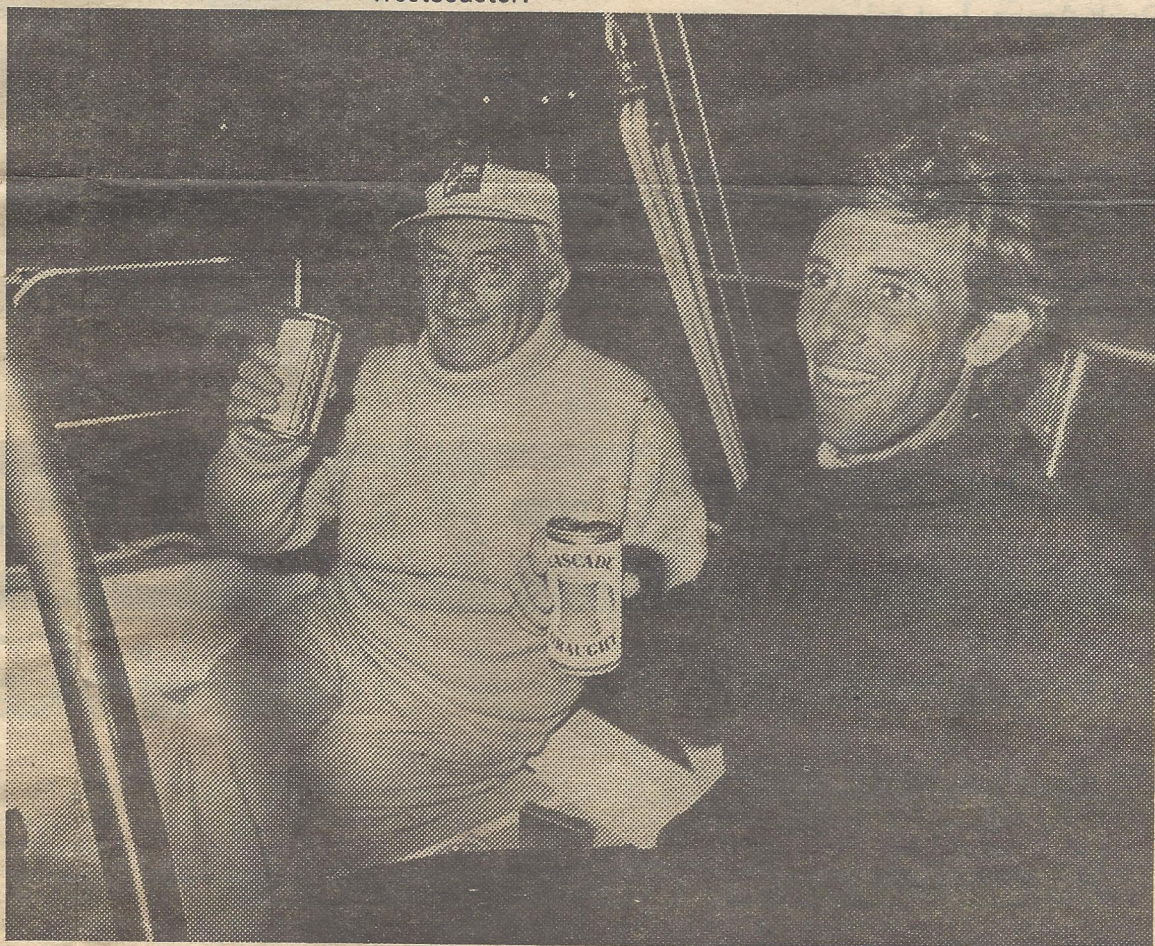
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Don's eye view from atop New Zealand's mast, surveying the fleet of Sydney-to-Hobart and Westcoaster yachts tied up at Hobart's Elizabeth St wharf.



The South Australian yacht Nimrod, tied up after taking line honors in the Westcoaster race.

Below, the jubilant father and son team of Jim and Chris Howell, from Adelaide, celebrate their yacht Nimrod's win in the Westcoaster.



been in Hot Prospect, when he was either skipper or crewing for his father.

Near the end of the race Relentless was well in contention for both line and handicap honors.

"We led Nimrod around South-West Cape at dawn by 200m, but we put the spinnaker up and Nimrod took off," Mr Searle said.

At the same time, Kiknos, the Tasmanian sloop, Invincible and Taurus were still strong contenders for placings.

Taurus was third across the line as well as third on provisional handicap results, ahead of Invincible.

Relentless, a Petersen one ton design with a wooden hull, was launched in 1977.

It has sailed in two Sydney to Hobart races, coming 19th across the line in 1979.

Mr Searle attributed the win to an exceptionally good eight-man crew.

The yachts were buffeted by 55-knot winds during the first day and a half of the race.

At yesterday's 3.30 pm radio schedule Pathfinder was at the rear of the fleet just south of Cape Bruny.

With light and fluky wind conditions the finish time is uncertain, but it is expected to be early today.

Two yachts, Shenandoah and Amazing Grace, have retired.