

Heavy weather blasts Lexus Adelaide Port Lincoln

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Preparing to start the race in 25+ with very messy seas - Adelaide Pt Lincoln Race 2008 Maggie Joyce - Mariner Boating Holidays
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Carnage for the 2008 Lexus Adelaide Lincoln Bluewater Classic, with half the fleet retiring and one of line honours favourite dismantled. Grant Wharington's supermaxi Skandia wins line honours and Brenton Pegler's new Sydney 36CR Another Planet wins on handicap.

With the pre-race weather forecast on Thursday night suggesting a 20-30 knots south wester skippers were expecting a long slog to the famous South Australian fishing town.

By 1300 on Friday it was becoming apparent that conditions were strengthening. In the startline area in the St Vincent Gulf there were heavy two metre waves (the typically steep local variety) and the starting sequence was delayed by 15 minutes.

Lara III was the first retirement of the race after being hit by fellow RSAYS boat Renegade, skippered by Bob Francis who was competing in his 40th Bluewater Classic.

Many thought that Lara III wouldn't be the last of the race, however very few expected what the morning



Lexus warming up for the start - Adelaide Pt Lincoln Race 2008 © Maggie Joyce - Mariner Boating Holidays
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not surviving until the 1805 sked.

An updated weather forecast informed the fleet of SW winds of 30-35knts and rising seas.

By 2200 boats were starting to drop like flies.

Melbourne orthodontist Martyn Riley's super fast 50 foot catamaran Raw Nerve attempt at breaking the race record was in tatters after losing her mast in large seas during the early evening.

By Saturday morning day break eight of the nine starters in the Multihull division had retired, leaving Gerald Valk to claim the podium all on his own with his crew on board Timewarp.

A similar scenario had unfolded in the Cruising division with ten of the 12 starters fleeing for cover along the exposed lower York Peninsular. This left Tiki to claim bragging rights ahead of Milou.

After running onto Marion Reef, Here and Now were escorted back in to Edithburgh, whilst taking on water, by the local Sea Rescue. These tireless volunteers deserve our thanks from all for their vigilance over our vast coastline.



Renegade pick up their bow man and continue the race after a 720 on the start line - Adelaide Pt Lincoln Race 2008 © Maggie Joyce - Mariner Boating Holidays <http://www.marinerboating.com.au>

Grant Wharington's super maxi Skandia A worked hard through the night, at times launching through the 3.5 metre swells at over 14 knots, and was forced to drop their headsail completely for an quite some times in an effort to depower the boat. It was certainly an exhilarating ride for retired double premiership Crows Captain Mark Ricciuto who had "an absolute ball".

"We just weren't able to get the record this time but we're still pretty happy with our time given the stiff conditions through the night. I just know how hard it must have been for the smaller guys bashing straight in to that all night long" said Tim Cowen of The Boat Shed.

Skandia crossed the line at 0709 after a little under 16 hrs for the 156 nautical mile race.

Rager, skippered by owner Gary Shanks was second on line honours at 0937, with Nick George in his DK46 Exile crossing the line at 1031 in third place.

Winning this year's 2008 Lexus Adelaide Lincoln Bluewater Classic on PHS and IRC was Brenton Pegler sailing his brand new Sydney 36 CR Another Planet.

After a record breaking list of retirements, organizers are pleased with the number of competitors bringing their boats by road from Adelaide just in time for Lexus Lincoln Race week.



One of the only multihulls to make it to Pt Lincoln after half the fleet withdraw in difficult conditions - Adelaide Pt Lincoln Race 2008 © Maggie Joyce - Mariner Boating Holidays <http://www.marinerboating.com.au>

Caillin Howard and crew on board Sixfish suffered some annoying gear failure. "We only started sailing my new Mumm 30 this season, so it was pretty annoying when a \$10 dollar fitting ruins your race. We only lost our leech cord but we decided that if we continued in these conditions we were just going to flog our brand new sail to bits and end up missing out on race week.

'We all agreed that missing Race Week was not an option so we chucked the boat on the back of the car and here we are, just in time for the pub!'

2008 LEXUS BLUEWATER CLASSIC



As Good As It Gets has a good start in difficult conditions - Adelaide Pt Lincoln Race 2008 © Maggie Joyce - Mariner Boating Holidays
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PHS OVERALL results Start : 15:15:00

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	From	Elapsd	AHC	HC	Cor'd	T	BCH	Skipper	Class	Score	Fin Tim	ETOI
1	YC521	ANOTHER PLANET	CYCSA	21:52:35	0.890	19:28:12	0.925	B Pegler	D1	1.0	01:13:07:35	7		
2	SA346	ENCHANTRESS	RSAYS	23:02:19	0.850	19:34:58	0.879	J Muirhead	D2	2.0	01:14:17:19	15		
3	YC360	KINETIC ENERGY	CYCSA	22:20:50	0.880	19:39:56	0.906	A Shipp	D1	3.0	01:13:35:50	13		
4	SA119	SUNBURST	RSAYS	23:20:27	0.845	19:43:23	0.867	J Howell	D2	4.0	01:14:35:27	17		
5	YC5974	TRUE NORTH	CYCSA	21:56:03	0.910	19:57:36	0.923	A Saies	D1	5.0	01:13:11:03	10		
6	YC651	CLOUD IX	CYCSA	01:00:05:06	0.830	19:59:26	0.841	A Corletto	D2	6.0	01:15:20:06	22		
7	SM2004	ANOTHER CHALLENGE	SYC	21:52:58	0.915	20:01:22	0.925	J Bannister	D1	7.0	01:13:07:58	8		
8	5846	AS GOOD AS IT GETS	CYCSA	22:00:32	0.910	20:01:41	0.920	R Fidock	D1	8.0	01:13:15:32	12		
9	L1	AZZURRA	PLYC	23:35:27	0.850	20:03:08	0.858	A Puglisi	D2	9.0	01:14:50:27	18		
10	L320	SLAP&TEAKLE	PLYC	23:35:36	0.850	20:03:16	0.858	M Stephens	D2	10.0	01:14:50:36	19		
11	YC61	MARNICO	YC	21:58:20	0.915	20:06:16	0.921	G Footer	D1	11.0	01:13:13:20	11		
12	YC560	RAGER	CYCSA	18:22:43	1.100	20:12:59	1.101	G Shanks	D1	12.0	01:09:37:43	2		
13	YC46	EXILE	CYCSA	19:16:48	1.050	20:14:38	1.050	N George	D1	13.0	01:10:31:48	3		
14	YC295	LOCOMOTION	CYCSA	23:42:07	0.855	20:15:55	0.854	P Hall	D1	14.0	01:14:57:07	20		
15	4200	SPIRIT OF LEXUS	YC	20:28:24	0.990	20:16:07	0.989	M Keough	D1	15.0	01:11:43:24	5		
16	L53	OCEAN MENTOR	PLYC	23:56:15	0.850	20:20:49	0.846	S Turvey	D2	16.0	01:15:11:15	21		
17	YC717	LIBERATOR	CYCSA	01:01:06:22	0.815	20:27:41	0.806	G Catt	D2	17.0	01:16:21:22	23		
18	8800	FIREBALL	CYCSA	23:17:06	0.880	20:29:27	0.869	W Strangways	D1	18.0	01:14:32:06	16		
19	4826	CARPE DIEM	RSAYS	21:54:39	0.940	20:35:46	0.924	C Riggs	D1	19.0	01:13:09:39	9		
20	SA59	KAOS	RSAYS	01:04:23:33	0.730	20:43:36	0.713	P White	D2	20.0	01:19:38:33	27		
21	YC690	G-WIZZ	CYCSA	20:16:04	1.025	20:46:28	0.999	G Patten	D1	21.0	01:11:31:04	4		
22	YC477	RAPID 1	CYCSA	21:52:26	0.960	20:59:56	0.925	K Finch	D1	22.0	01:13:07:26	6		

24	CB22	2 TOP CATS	RSAYS	01:01:16:56	0.845	21:21:48	0.801	S Mutton	D2	24.0	01:16:31:56	24
25	HI27	SEA HAWK	RSAYS	01:03:29:47	0.825	22:41:04	0.736	J Brown	D2	25.0	01:18:44:47	26
26	SA303	VICKIJ IV	RSAYS	01:02:21:59	0.890	23:27:58	0.768	T McHugh	D1	26.0	01:17:36:59	25
27	L7	FRESH	PLYC	01:05:12:53	0.850	01:00:49:57	0.693	K Clarke	D2	27.0	01:20:27:53	28
28	M10	SKANDIA	MYC	15:54:21	1.800	01:04:37:50	1.273	M Pearce	D1	28.0	01:07:09:21	1
DNF	112	ARCADIA	RSAYS		0.795			P Bogner	D2	46.0		
DNF	5077	NAIAD	RSAYS		0.795			I Power	D2	46.0		
DNF	7883	MARABUNTA	RSAYS		0.895			S Bohm	D1	46.0		
DNF	PF1	HANSON MONKEY PUZZLE	PFYC		0.915			P Young	D1	46.0		
DNF	PF10	OUTRAGEOUS	PFYC		0.825			D Cairns	D2	46.0		
DNF	SA3	JUBILATION	RSAYS		0.820			R Smith	D2	46.0		
DNF	SA29	KAESLER	RSAYS		0.920			C Fraser	D1	46.0		
DNF	SA81	HERE AN NOW	RSAYS		0.820			J Mullan	D2	46.0		
DNF	SA194	LARA III	RSAYS		0.825			D Henshall	D2	46.0		
DNF	SA308	SIX FISH	RSAYS		0.890			C Howard	D1	46.0		
DNF	SA548	ROZINANTE II	RSAYS		0.800			J Munch	D2	46.0		
DNF	SA714	SPELLBOUND	RSAYS		0.740			C Gaffney	D2	46.0		
DNF	SA982	NEW MORNING III	RSAYS		0.805			P Vincent	D2	46.0		
DNF	YC270	PATRICE III	CYCSA		0.795			S Wiseman	D2	46.0		
DNF	YC762	CARIOCA	CYCSA		0.770			C Hutton	D2	46.0		
DNF	YC880	YOUNG EINSTEIN	CYCSA		0.775			R Moore	D2	46.0		
RAF	SA98	RENEGADE	RSAYS		0.850			R Francis	D2	46.0		
DNC	SA881	REPRIEVE	RSAYS		0.710			D Barnfield	D2	47.0		

43 boats are entered in Lexus Lincoln Race Week which will see crews sail six races over four days around the magnificent Boston Bay.

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