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Records Go in 1951

This race made yachting history, for the first three boats to finish—"Margaret Rintoul," "Lass O' Luss" and "Struen Marie"—all broke the course record set by "Morna" in 1948. All the boats sailed over the finish line within an hour of each other. First home was "Margaret Rintoul," and had she carried her spinnaker as often as weather conditions permitted, she might have easily clipped more hours off the record passage. As it was, she clocked 4 days 2 hours 29 minutes 1 second—clipping 3 hours 32 minutes 20 seconds off "Morna's" record.

The 35-ft. Sydney sloop/cutter, "Struen Marie," owned and skippered by Tom Williamson, was superbly handled throughout the race, to win the George Adams (Tattersall) Cup on corrected time, with an hour to spare from the runner-up. This was the 33-ft. sloop "Lahara," skippered by owner, Des Ashton, and flying the flag of Port Moresby Aquatic Club. Third place went to 41½-ft cutter, "Lass O' Luss," skippered by owner, John Colquhoun.

"Struen Marie," built specially for the Hobart race in 1951, to the Robert Clark design, did remarkably well to snatch Australia's coveted yachting trophy in her first season. Actually, this race was won and lost on the Derwent. "Lahara" was there in winning position, but became becalmed and fell back to second place.

Yachts were escorted for the first time by a radio mother ship, the 57-ft. ketch, "Kurrewa III," a veteran of Trans-Tasman and Honolulu races as well as the Hobart race. "Kurrewa" provided the most dramatic episode of the whole race when her co-skipper, Frank Livingston, contracted blood poisoning in the middle of Bass Strait. After an unsuccessful attempt to drop drugs to her from a flying boat, Livingston was put ashore at St. Helen's and rushed by ambulance plane to Melbourne for treatment.

OFFICIAL PLACINGS

(Times are given in days, hours, minutes, seconds.)

Pl.	Yacht	Owner	El. Time	T.C.F.	Cr. Time
1	"Struen Marie"	T. Williamson	4-3-38-35	.6805	2-19-48-26
2	"Lahara"	D. Ashton	4-7-24-59	.6652	2-20-47-33
3	"Lass O' Luss"	J. Colquhoun	4-3-12-5	.7509	2-22-1-35
4	"Fortuna"	W. Fesq	4-5-54-38	.6923	2-22-33-10
5	"Ellida"	J. Halliday	4-14-51-58	.6603	3-1-13-18
6	"Solveig"	T. & M. Halvorsen	4-7-24-25	.7081	3-1-13-21
7	"Nocturne"	J. R. Bull	4-5-33-34	.7337	3-2-30-51
8	"Margaret Rintoul"	A. W. Edwards	4-2-29-1	.7606	3-2-54-24
9	"Irene"	H. Hughes	4-10-46-10	.7105	3-3-51-35
10	"Nimbus"	A. T. Cohen	5-3-25-10	.6564	3-9-0-45
11	"Wanderer"	E. Massey	4-10-46-35	.7679	3-9-59-37
12	"Pavana"	G. Mayne *	4-7-43-1	.8166	3-12-41-43

