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The Ultimate Endurance Challenge
Hydro Tasmania Three Peaks Race
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Love this challenge

[Copy of speech made by Race Director, Alastair Douglas at the media launch of the 2007 race.]

Ladies & Gentlemen

Firstly I would like to thank Hydro Tasmania for their continued support of the Three Peaks Race as naming rights sponsor. Hydro's sponsorship and a continuity of sponsorship are critical for the successful operation of any event and the race committee certainly appreciates and values your backing and also the friendly and supportive relationship. Indeed all our sponsors are fall into this category and are highly appreciated.

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Just prior to the 2006 race earlier this year saw the start of a new era for the Hydro Tasmania Three Peaks Race. Without elaborating on this point, as I know Peter Sluce, the Vice Commodore of the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club will have something to say about this shortly, I would like to note that this new phase in the life of the race has provided a valuable safety net for the event in the face of what was becoming an unmanageable insurance premium for public liability.

We know that this race is a major community event not just on the Tasmanian sporting calendar but nationally. It has a reputation of providing hard competition for competitors in the two disparate sports of endurance running and ocean racing. The race draws together a range of volunteers from many communities who willingly give their time and expertise to ensure the race is run efficiently and safely and it brings together a range of different businesses from around our beautiful island state as sponsors and supporters.

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This coming race in 2007 will be the 19th event, a not inconsiderable achievement by all who have been involved over those 19 years to not just keep the passion for the race alive but in fact continue to ensure that the evolution in certain aspects of the race keeps it fresh, developing and yet keeping its essence of straight competition, camaraderie and community.

For the 2007 race the committee is looking to have an increased number of teams from Victoria particularly from the Beneteau yacht owners. It still remains a challenge to make many Melbourne sailors believe that navigating the Rip at Queenscliff can be done and to do so would open possibilities for some great and memorable experiences that they have not dreamed of. Bass Strait can be safely crossed and having done so Tasmania offers so many opportunities to safely cruise our waters and, of course, include in their trip a world recognised national event, the Hydro Tasmania Three Peaks Race.

For any potential competitor apprehensive about navigating our waters we have experienced persons willing to provide careful and comprehensive advice to make their trip easier, safe and enjoyable.

It is now with pleasure that I invite Mrs Jane Crosswell, Internal Communications & Events Management, Hydro Tasmania to officially launch the 2007 race. Jane has had the unique opportunity of having seen the race from the different and unusual aspects of being the naming rights sponsor's representative and also twice as a race competitor.