



## **ANNOUNCEMENT - 2011 AROUND AUSTRALIA OCEAN RACE & RALLY**

- **Out of Time for 2011**

The Around Australia Ocean Race & Rally event has received unprecedented interest from local and international yacht owners, crew and supporters, along with a ground swell of enthusiasm from potential event hosts around Australia – including yacht clubs, local councils, port authorities, tourism and development authorities and governments.

Like any major international sporting event involving the whole of a nation the event requires many levels of state, national, private and public sector buy-in and support.

Despite exhaustive efforts and the depth of enthusiasm for the inaugural Rally event, it is with deep regret that Ocean Events advises the 165 Rally competitors, their crew and associated supporters who have registered to participate that we have run out of time to secure the logistical and sponsorship support necessary to stage the Rally event in 2011.

Whilst there is more time available for the inaugural Race preparations there is a need for a similar level of logistical and sponsorship support. We cannot guarantee our 97 Race competitors who have registered to participate that the support will be secured in time to stage the inaugural Race in 2011.

### **As a result:**

- **The 2011 Inaugural Race and Rally event will not proceed as planned.**
- **We will continue to review alternative strategies for running these events in the future.** Updates will be provided on progress as appropriate.
- If you are willing to keep your interest to participate at a later time alive we will be very pleased to keep your details registered.
- If not slot reservation fees paid for the 2011 Race and Rally event will be refunded on written request.

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