

# OFFSHORE NEWS



## Bass Strait 2011

The ultimate power boat adventure

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Event promoters, Geographica Corp, are pleased to announce that the Australian Offshore Challenge will again be run in 2011. Australia's greatest power boating adventure is on again and will return to southern waters with the Bass Strait Rally edition of the Offshore Challenge to be staged next February.

In 2007, the Australian Offshore Challenge pioneered long distance, city-to-city power boating with a 700 nautical mile navigation rally. Starting in Hobart and travelled the east coast of Tasmania, the whole event then crossed Bass Strait via the islands of the Furneaux Group and then on to Westernport to the finish in Melbourne. Crews who have already enjoyed this adventure with us continue to describe the "Bass Strait Rally" as a highlight of their power boating experience.

Bass Strait has long been the playground of cruising yachties and yacht racers, but is rarely experienced by power boat enthusiasts. The Australian Offshore Challenge makes this possible by island hopping across the open water stages in a convoy formation and escorted by large powerful support craft.



Already the organisers are receiving a steady stream of interest from power boaters keen to participate in this unique event. So now is your chance to join this elite band of Offshore Challengers and come with us as we again venture into Australia's most spectacular coastal scenery in February 2011.

The Offshore Challenge is definitely not just a tag-along cruise. Participants are given detailed navigation instructions each day and have to plot their own course through the myriad of islands, passages and inlets that make up the navigational part of the Challenge.

However the event is also not a race. Its competition is all about navigation and the spirit of adventure. Fun and camaraderie are central to each day's activities and with an overnight stopover at a different port each day, you will have plenty of time to relax and enjoy recreational boating at its best.



You don't need a modified or special purpose boat, just a standard production power boat with an offshore capability – and equipped with the usual marine safety gear normally required for offshore cruising.

Full details of entry requirements are contained in the event regulations which can be downloaded from the web site, or by request in the Event Info Pack.

To be part of this unique and truly fantastic power boating experience, register your interest now. Because of the logistics involved, numbers will be limited, so **REGISTER NOW** and be sure of your place in the Bass Strait edition of the Australian Offshore Challenge for 2011.

Complete and email/post the attached Pre-Registration Form and an **Information Pack** will be sent out to you.



DATES for the 2011 Australian Offshore Challenge are February 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.



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