



# 70 yachts coming

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REGISTRATIONS have started for the 59th Adelaide to Lincoln Bluewater Classic yacht race, which will head off from Adelaide on February 20.

Lincoln Week committee chairman David Buckland said organisation for the event was going well at both ends of the 156 nautical mile race.

This year the event will be held in conjunction with the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia helping to coordinate the Adelaide end of the race.

Registrations are starting to come in and organisers expect about 70 boats across all divisions to compete in this year's race and the following Lexus Lincoln Week Regatta.

Mr Buckland said the Sydney to Hobart race, starting on Boxing Day helped spark interest in the Lexus Adelaide to Lincoln race.

A number of boats that competed in the Sydney to Hobart have also registered or expressed an interest for the Adelaide to Lincoln race including Secret Men's Business, Pale Ale Rager and True North.

The owner of another Sydney to Hobart yacht, Quest, had been interested in competing as well before it sank and the crew had to be rescued during the Sydney to Hobart.

While the world financial situation has stopped some boats from interstate making the trip to South Australia, not all interstate entries have been deterred with five boats expected from Port Fairy in Victoria.

"The Port Fairy Yacht Club has always supported the race," Mr Buckland said.

"Last year they had one boat; this year there will be five boats coming from there."

Following the ocean race will be the 34th Lincoln Week Regatta, a week of racing on Boston Bay for IRC, Cruising, Multihull's, Trailables and J24's.

Mr Buckland said the local hospitality helped to set Lincoln Week apart from other regattas and the local seafood and wine was worth the trip itself.