

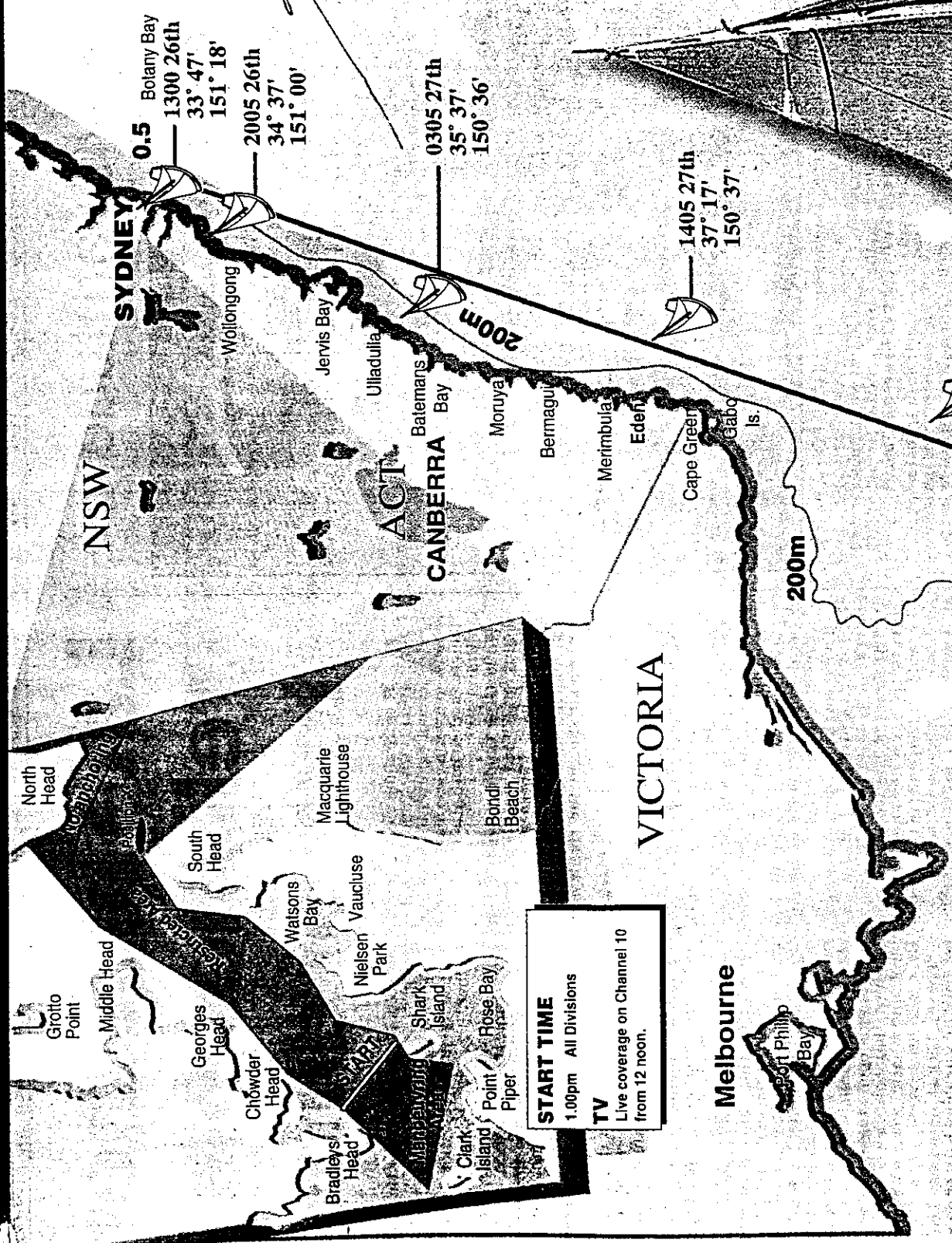
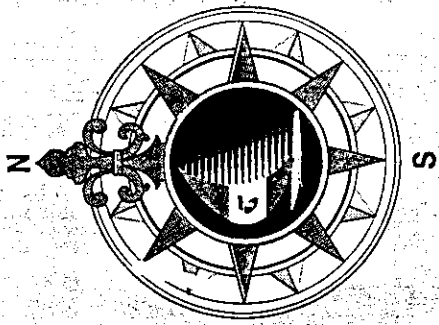


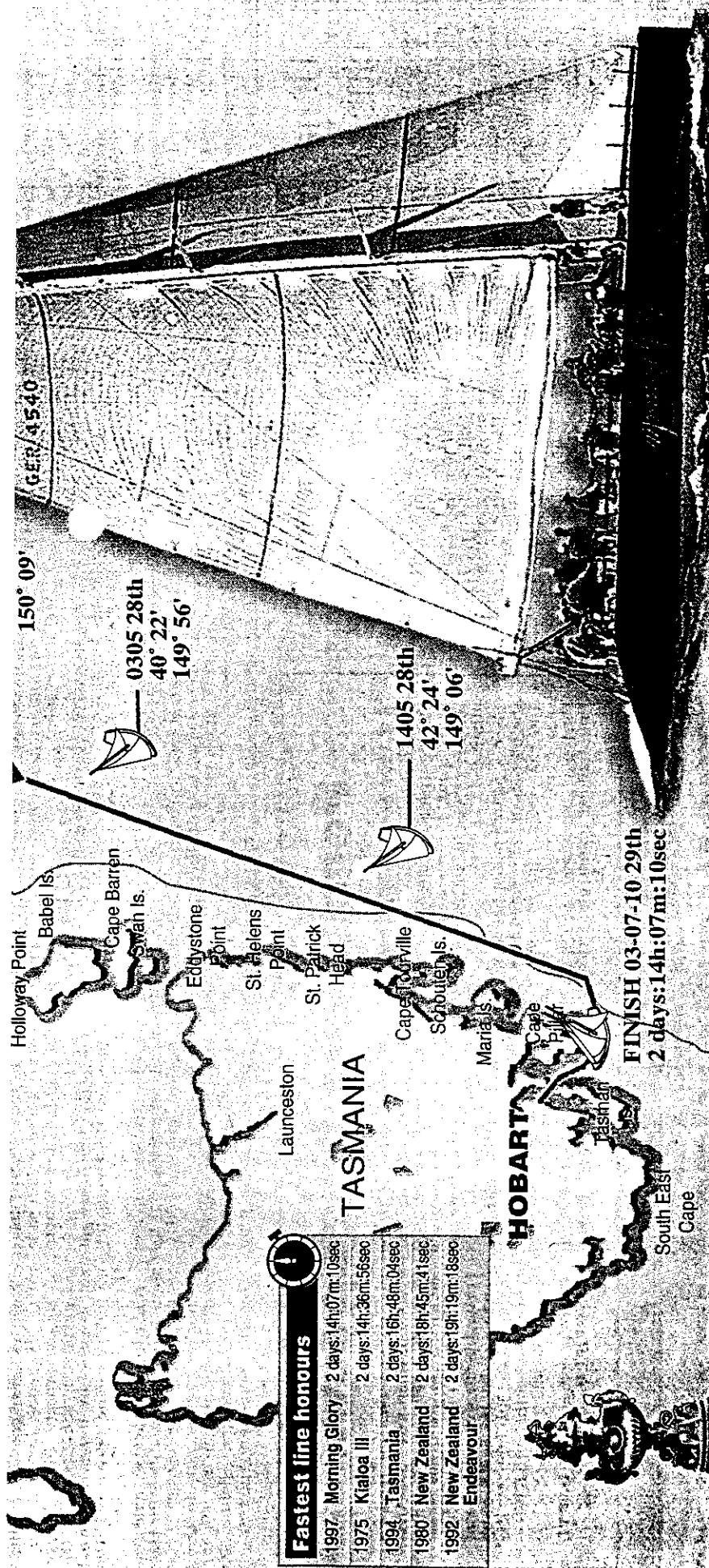
1998 SYDNEY TO HOBART



 Morning Glory's record run (Position as reported during 1996 race)
 Rhumb line is the shortest route



START TIME
 1.00pm All Divisions
TV
 Live coverage on Channel 10
 from 12 noon.



The most controversial race was in 1990 when line honours winner Rothmans was penalised for breaching advertising rules.

Double line and handicap winners have been Rani (1945), American Eagle (1972), Kialoa (1977), New Zealand (1980) and Sovereign (1987).

The most prolific Sydney to Hobart yacht is Margaret Rintoul which has sailed in 20 races and will be on the start line this year.

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The closest finish was in 1982 when just seven seconds separated Condor of Bermuda and Apollo.

The best Hobart record was the yacht Freya which won the race three times in succession in 1963-64-65.

The best line honours record is held by Morna which was first to Hobart in 1946-47-48 and when renamed Kurrewa IV was first home in 1954, 1956 and 1957.

First legalised betting on the race was in 1983 when the Tasmanian TAB staged a feature double on the line honours and handicap winner.

The first race was in 1945 and contested by only nine boats. All but one finished the race.

The largest fleet was in 1994, the 50th Anniversary, when 371 yachts started the race.

Last year's fleet was 114 starters, 99 finishers.

The first line honours winner was the 35-foot cutter Rani, skippered by Commander John Illingworth.

The slowest Hobart overall winner was the yacht Christina which took six days, 18 hours, 51 minutes and 15 seconds to complete the 630nm journey in 1946.