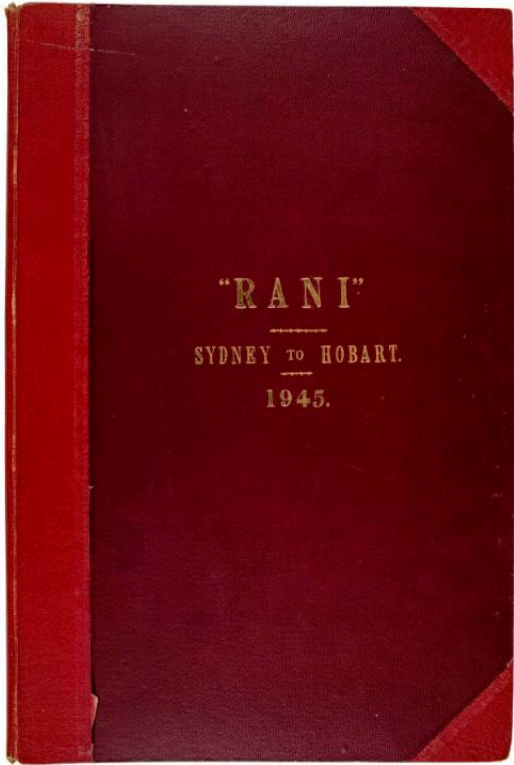


Basic Detail Report



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Title

RANI Sydney to Hobart 1945

Date

1945

Primary Maker

Raymond Richmond

Medium

Ink on paper, photographs

Dimensions

Overall: 505 x 345 x 20 mm

Name

Scrapbook

History

In 1945 Jack Earl, Peter Luke and others from the fledgling

Cruising yacht Club of Australia planned a Christmas Cruise from Sydney to Hobart. British ocean-racer John Illingworth, skipper of RANI suggested making it a race. Working with the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania a friendly fleet was assembled. The race set off with a knockabout character of improvisation, mateship and gentlemanly rivalry. When three yachts went missing, there was intense media coverage until they were found. The race had established an enduring place in the imagination of a war-weary public. RANI was first across the line and winner on handicap with a time of 6 days and 14 hours. RANI's success was due to the skipper/owner Captain John Illingworth's thorough understanding of ocean racing and the co-operation of the crew who made the necessary sail changes without delay. The yacht was sailed with naval efficiency hard by night and day with a system of four hourly watches alternating with the evening dog watches. This ensured all crew had proper rest. RANI also sailed the shortest course as Illingworth had obtained local information for the voyage from fishermen, pilots and sea captains.