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Clipper Race fleet now on east coast of Australia

The Clipper Round the World Yacht Race fleet has made it to the east coast of Australia and has one more race left before it starts heading north to the Whitsundays, in Queensland.

The Clipper yachts started arriving into Sydney on Friday, December 15, and crews will now enjoy a rest in the nation's capital before taking on the renowned Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, on Boxing Day.

After another short break in Hobart, the Clipper crews will commence Race 6 of their epic 40,000 nautical mile voyage around the world, heading up the east coast of Australia to the Whitsundays.

The region is ready to roll out the red carpet for their guests, with a 2-week Whitsundays Clipper Race Carnival planned from January 13 to 29, 2018.

There will be a raft of free events on offer for sailing enthusiasts including tours of the Clipper yachts, public talks and opportunities to meet the crews.

Tourism Whitsundays Sales & Marketing Manager Tash Wheeler said it was a unique opportunity to get amongst the action and experience the atmosphere of one of the toughest endurance tests in the world.

"Take a tour of the ocean racing yachts, meet the courageous crew and skippers, attend public talks and hear what it takes to embark on the race of your life," she said.

"This unique event sees novice sailors teamed with experienced skippers and you can hear all about this amazing challenge when the fleet arrives in the Whitsundays.

"And for something extraordinary, book yourself a place on the Clipper Race Day for an exhilarating day's racing around the Whitsunday Islands on one of the Clipper yachts. Tickets for this this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity are selling fast, so be quick!

"There are also events planned right around the region as part of the Whitsundays Clipper Race Carnival including the Bendigo Bank Clipper Welcome Party, the Fish D'Vine White on Whitehaven Long Lunch and the Whitsunday Foodservice Progressive Cruise Lunch."

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The Clipper Round the World Yacht Race is the only race of its kind and crew members can take part in just one leg or every leg of the 11-month long race, which starts and ends in Liverpool in the UK and takes in Uruguay, South Africa, Australia, China, the USA and Northern Ireland.

For more information and to book tickets for the Whitsundays Clipper Race Carnival events please visit www.whitsundayclipperrace.com.au.

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