

MEDIA RELEASE

DEPUTY MAYOR TO TEST NEW WATERS

Mick Grimshaw, Deputy Mayor of Flinders Island and local farmer, is about to swap his Blundstones for gumboots when he takes part in the gruelling Hydro Tasmania Three Peaks Race.

The Three Peaks Race begins on Good Friday, April 2nd at Beauty Point just north of Launceston and will finish in Hobart on the Derwent River. The race is unique in that it requires teams to scale 3 mountains along the arduous sailing course, including Mt Strzelecki, Mt Freycinet and Mt Wellington.

While Grimshaw may lack a wealth of sailing experience, his time as a lobster fisherman has placed him in good stead to battle the treacherous weather conditions aboard the yacht **visitflindersisland.com.au**. Grimshaw will also supply a diet of local Crayfish and Mutton Birds to his more experienced crewmen.

In a crew of 5 men, Grimshaw will join skipper Steve Laird aboard the yacht **visitflindersisland.com.au**, aptly named to encourage people from far and wide to visit this natural wonderland. Flinders Island will also provide the first hurdle of the race in the form of Mt Strzelecki.

2010 will be the first time a Flinders Island named yacht has competed in the Three Peaks race, but the 47 foot Chamberlain Catamaran already has some experience in the treacherous seas on Bass Strait having completed the recent Launceston to Hobart race.

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Crew: Steve Laird (0) sailor, Mt Nelson Tas; Michael Grimshaw (0) sailor, Flinders Island Tas; David Jones (1) sailor, Hobart Tas; John Wilson (3) runner, Kayena Tas; John Cannell (1) runner, Launceston Tas.

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