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Sydney to Hobart finish line ceremony for a wonderful 125th year

There will not be a champagne toast at the ceremony for the University of Tasmania's milestone 125th year that commenced on the Derwent River this morning.

Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Galford said the significance of the Cougar II heading to the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race finish line under the University's proud heraldic lion was quite literally a vision of a legend.

The Cougar II, a Transpac 52 (TP52) class boat skippered by University alumni Dr Tony Lyall, crossed the finish line at Betty's Point in 13th position with a time of 2 days, 17 hours, 52 minutes and 50 seconds.

"We are proud of the efforts of Tony and his crew, several of whom are alumni of the University of Tasmania's Maritime Centre (AMC)," Professor Galford said.

"This is an outstanding arrangement to mark the start of our 125th year, but the association and symbolism through our relationship to the Cougar II is

The 125th anniversary of the University of Tasmania will be celebrated throughout the year.

This includes community events throughout Tasmania, but also alumni gatherings across Australian capital cities and key regions across the world.

Special initiatives during the year will include [a celebratory dinner](#) in the history of the University.

The University's most globally recognisable alumna, Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark, is official patron for the year.

"This is a once-in-a-generation chance to celebrate the deeply positive impact of the University both within Tasmania and upon [the world](#)."

"It is an opportunity to reflect upon our contribution and also contemplate the [future](#) of the University."

The 125th celebrations will be launched at a gala function on January 10.

The website for the year is utas.edu.au/125.

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