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***Maserati and Giovanni Soldini currently lying fourth in battle for line honours
Locked in duel with Ragamuffin 100 with 273 miles still to go to Hobart***

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The organisers of the 71st Rolex Sydney-Hobart Race have described Maserati as "a dark horse in the race" because of her surprise ability to compete with the lead group of larger yachts, the American maxis, *Comanche* (100') and *Rambler* (88'), and the Australian 100' *Ragamuffin*.

Over the last few hours, in fact, the Italian VOR 100 has been locked in a fierce match race with *Ragamuffin 100* as the duo battle it out for third position just one mile apart.

Maserati is currently in fourth position for line honours courtesy of her clever tactical decision after the start to stay well to the east of the fleet. This allowed her take full advantage when the wind turned southerly from a south-westerly.

"Morale aboard is very high," Giovanni

Soldini declared. "Yesterday's tactical choices have paid off. We're managing to give much faster boats a real run for their money. We're now entering the high pressure area and the wind is easing off so the coming hours are going to be very tricky for us. The 100 footers are much faster than we are in light air, partly because they have 50' masts that let them catch wind that just doesn't exist at sea level. That said, we are happy with the race and, as always, we'll be giving it our absolute best shot".

A total of 29 yachts have now retired, not least *Wild Oats XI* and the VOR 70 *Black Jack*.

Maserati still has 273 miles of the 628-mile route to cover before she sails into Hobart in Tasmania. The Italian VOR 70 is also 36 miles behind race leader, *Comanche*.

Skipper Giovanni Soldini is flanked aboard *Maserati* by a highly experienced, competitive crew: Italians Guido Broggi, Corrado Rossignoli, Matteo Ivaldi, Francesco Malingri, Carlo Castellano; Spaniards Carlos Hernandez and Oliver Herrera; Pierre Casiraghi of Monaco; Brit Sam Goodchild; and Australians Elizabeth "Liz" Wardley, Drew Mervyn Carruthers, Trevor Brown, and journalist and "special guest" Nick Vindin.

Video footage and still photographs from the boat can be found at www.maserati.soldini.it and on the following social networks: Facebook (Giovanni Soldini



Pagina Ufficiale, over 40.000 friends) and Twitter @giovannisoldini (over 127.000 followers).

The challenge is sponsored by the main partner, Maserati, after which the yacht is named, and by co-sponsors Swiss Bank BSI and Unipol SAI Assicurazioni.

The official suppliers to the challenge are Z Zegna (clothing), Vodafone Italia (telecommunication services and official website development) and Boero Bartolomeo S.p.A. (specialist hull paints and enamels).

Also aboard Maserati are Eataly (provisioning), Beta Utensili (all professional tools), Corderia Lancelin (specialist lines and cables), Jeppesen (cartography), B&G Navico (technical assistance with onboard instrumentation), Cantiere Picchiotti of La Spezia (Maserati's home base ashore), and the La Spezia Port Authority (Maserati's home port afloat).

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