

Merit to front up yet again

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TELCOINABOX Merit is on route to it's homeland of Airlie Beach after a successful run at the 2009 Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

Upon arriving in Airlie Beach the crew and the yacht will take a well earned rest before they start preparing for the Whitsunday events later on this year.

Merit skipper Leo Rodriguez said they had every intention of being their again for the big one on Boxing Day this year after a very successful campaign in the recently completed race.

Merit finished 19th across the line and came fifth in the PHS Division 1 category.

Rodriguez said they will be looking to improve on that next year by trying a few new things in preparation for the big one.

The skipper added that if the wind had blown in their favour at the right time they could have been even further up the ladder, after being in 10th position at one time in the race.

"I was very, very happy with the overall result," he said.

Another positive to come out of the experience was the live streaming which could be seen at various intervals throughout the race by visiting .

At one stage over 800 people were separately logged in watching the Airlie Beach crew intently.