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Tesch prepares for Syd-Hobart challenge

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The gold medal party is still going on in the head of Paralympic sailing champion Liesl Tesch, as she prepares to end an amazing year with her second crack at the Sydney to Hobart race.

Tesch has scooped several awards since the Paralympics, where she teamed up with Daniel Fitzgibbon to win the SKUD 18 gold medal.

The ebullient Tesch, who suffered incomplete paraplegia as a result of a bike accident in 1998, had won one bronze and two silver Paralympic wheelchair basketball medals before concentrating on sailing a couple of years ago.

'The gold medal party is still going in my head at least - it's amazing,' Tesch told AAP on Saturday.

'You see all these people win gold medals on the television and now I'm one of those people, so it's just been absolutely fantastic.'

Her next sporting task is tackling the Sydney to Hobart aboard the 52-foot Sailors With Disabilities.

She was preparing for a more responsible role than on her first Hobart campaign three years ago.

'Last time, I was just hanging on for dear life but, this time, I've come back with a bit more experience,' Tesch said.

'I've actually got the honour of trimming the headsails, so I'm pretty excited and it's going to be a big challenge.'

'The concentration for the duration of the race is going to be tough, but I'm going to give it my best shot.'

'At the moment, my goal is to get to Hobart as best and as fast as we possibly can.'

'It's a pretty hectic, fast and dangerous boat, so there's going to be a lot of effort to get it down there and not break anything and do it well.'

Tesch said Fitzgibbon was taking a break, but thought they would probably team up again for the 2016 Paralympics in Rio.



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