



Paralympian Liesl Tesch.

# Liesl to enjoy ride second time around

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EVEN if she hadn't fallen in love with the race — and a crewmate — the first time round, Liesl Tesch would always have come back for a second Sydney to Hobart.

Yesterday the Paralympic sailing gold medallist again headed off as a

crew member on David Pescud's yacht *Sailors with DisABILITIES*.

"I had to go," she said. "The first race was a complete blur. I barely remember a thing."

A former professional wheelchair basketball player, Tesch contested her first race in 2010, fell in love with crewmate Mark Thompson and decided sailing was her new

sporting love. Two years later she has joined Pescud's crew with even more enthusiasm for the task ahead.

"The last time it was like jumping off a cliff, everything was so new to me," Tesch said.

"I got smacked in the face by a new experience every second.

"This time I am going to take it all in a bit more."

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