Sydney’s Summer
Aquatic Events
A Boating Guide from
Roads and Maritime Services
December 2018 – April 2019
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Welcome

This booklet has been produced and distributed by Roads and Maritime Services to help everyone make the most of their time on the water during the major aquatic events this summer.

Roads and Maritime will again be enforcing special traffic management measures such as a maximum 6 knot speed limit, minimum wash areas and exclusion zones, as well as the standard boating safety requirements and rules of the waterways.

With so many boats moving about, it is essential for all skippers to observe boating safety guidelines such as keeping a proper lookout and maintaining a safe speed.

Act with care and courtesy to make these aquatic events safer and enjoyable for everyone.

Cover image: New Year’s Eve on Sydney Harbour is a spectacular event where the boating community have ringside seats. City of Sydney picture.
Safe boating during major events

During major events the harbour is busy with small and large craft, which is why it is important to follow these principles of safe navigation:

- Keep a proper lookout
- Maintain a safe speed. Limit your speed to 6 knots or less (equivalent to a slow jog) and minimise your wash when within 30 metres of another vessel
- Remember that creating wash which impacts unreasonably on other vessels, structures or the shore is an offence
- Don’t rush. Allow additional time for delays at boat ramps and longer travel times due to reduced speed limits in the special event areas
- Keep to the starboard (right-hand) side of channels

- Keep clear of seagoing ships, ferries and other large vessels with limited manoeuvrability. For some simple steps to stay safe near ships, download the Big Ships Small Boats flyer from rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime and visit portauthoritynsw.com.au/lookout
- Keep at least 60 metres away from people in the water
- Keep at least 60 metres away from naval installations
- Stay inside Sydney Heads unless you and your crew are experienced, you have the right safety equipment and your vessel is seaworthy
- Avoid taking unnecessary risks
- Don’t set off flares for fun, it is dangerous and illegal
- Obey navigation restrictions and follow the instructions of all control vessels.

Spectator areas get crowded with boats of many different types and sizes during the major aquatic events and can become dangerous for small craft. Watch your speed and wash, stay outside exclusion zones and follow any directions from official control vessels.
Special event areas and exclusion zones

Special conditions apply at major aquatic events, to allow them to be conducted successfully and to protect the safety of both participants and spectators. These include special event areas where speed and wash restrictions apply, and exclusion zones which are out of bounds for recreational craft.

Think of the special event area as the overall space where navigation restrictions apply, and the exclusion zone as the event ‘stage’ where only authorised vessels can enter.

Details of the navigation restrictions for Sydney’s major summer aquatic events are set out in the maps and tables in this booklet, notices published in the NSW Government Gazette and Marine Notices published online at [rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime) during the lead up to the events. Before heading out on the water, take note of the areas affected and the times during which the restrictions will apply.

Special event areas can become very congested, especially along the edges of exclusion zones. Small craft should remain in calm waters, keeping well clear of larger craft, exclusion zones and congested areas. Be aware that the wash from larger vessels can capsize or swamp small craft.

All spectator vessels must:
- Keep well clear of participating craft and support vessels
- Follow the directions of all control vessels
- Limit your wash and keep at least 30 metres clear of Roads and Maritime Environmental Services vessels attending to buoys.

Exclusion zones

Exclusion zones for the major events on Sydney Harbour are marked by yellow boundary buoys and/or patrolled by official control vessels.

- Only authorised vessels (for example, control vessels) can enter an exclusion zone
- Exclusion zones will also exist around vessels participating in special events such as the Australia Day Ferrython and Tall Ships Parade
- All non-participating vessels must observe a speed limit of 6 knots and minimise wash within 200 metres of any exclusion zone for the duration of the event/s
- When anchoring near an exclusion zone, stay well clear of the boundary buoys and do not allow your boat to lie over the boundary line. For more information about anchoring, see page 5
- Allow small craft to take positions along the exclusion zone boundary
- Don’t arrive late and try to push in between anchored boats and the boundary. You will be asked to move!
Safety equipment

When anchoring at night, display an all-round white light where it can best be seen by other craft.

City of Sydney picture.

Safety equipment

Lifejacket rules apply on NSW waterways and you must wear a lifejacket in a range of situations. Children aged under 12 must wear lifejackets at all times on boats less than 4.8 metres, or when they are in open areas of vessels less than 8 metres that are underway.

Lifejackets must be worn by everyone on small boats up to 4.8 metres when boating at night, or on open (ocean) waters, or when boating alone, or when instructed to by the skipper.

For full details of the lifejacket rules and safety equipment in general, visit rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime or call Roads and Maritime on 13 12 36.

BE BRIGHT AT NIGHT

Ensure you have appropriate navigation lights, particularly if you want to attend night-time events.

- Check they are in working order and you have spare fuses, globes and torches before heading out
- Ensure navigation lights are on and working between sunset and sunrise
- Turn off cabin lights as they may reduce your ability to see
- If the vessel has a flybridge and weather permits, it is generally preferable to drive from there as you will have a better all-round view
- Avoid using flood/spot lights high up. These lights reduce the night vision of other skippers
- When at anchor at night, show an all-round white light where it can best be seen.
Sydney Harbour has more to offer the general boating public with the installation of courtesy moorings and a destinations plan increasing access to services and amenities.

The pink courtesy moorings are available to moor recreational vessels for up to 24 hours, or where emergency mooring is required but not available. They provide an environmentally sensitive alternative to anchoring and are available for short term use by any registered vessel.

Courtesy moorings have been installed around Sydney Harbour including Balmoral, Rose Bay, Chinamans Beach, Hermit Bay, Chowder Bay, Taylors Bay, Camp Cove, Watsons Bay, Vaucluse Bay, Nielsen Park and McMahons Point West.

The Sydney Harbour Destinations Plan is another initiative of the NSW Government to increase the number of services and amenities available to the general boating public on Sydney Harbour through participating marinas.

Facilities available include access to toilets, pump out, water and fuel, cafés, kiosks and marine services.

When out on Sydney Harbour, look for the green Boating Destination marina banner on display at participating marinas. Blue banners within the marinas show the location of available Boating Destination berths.

To find your closest destination marina or courtesy mooring, visit rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime.

MARINE RESCUE NEW SOUTH WALES

Log On when you leave
Log Off when you return

VHF Ch16 or 27MHz Ch88

Or use the free MarineRescue App

In boating emergencies use radio or call 000

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Volunteers saving lives on the water
Communication

It is important to have the right communication tools so you can stay informed while afloat. In the event of illness or emergency, a marine radio will give you a direct line of communication with authorities.

VHF channels 13 and 17 broadcast general safety messages including weather forecasts. Information is also available on 27.88 MHz.

In the event of an emergency on the water, communicate with authorities on radio VHF 16 or if you only have a mobile phone, call 000.

The Roads and Maritime information line 13 12 36 operates from 8.30am to 4.30pm during all major aquatic events.

Go easy on the drink

Random breath testing can be applied to skippers of boats underway. Keep below the 0.05 limit.

It can be a long day afloat and both skippers and passengers can suffer from fatigue, sunburn and wind chill. Be aware that the boating environment can multiply the effects of alcohol.

Protect the harbour environment

Sydney Harbour is spectacular. Let’s keep it that way. It is illegal to pollute any waterways in NSW with oily bilge or galley water, litter or sewage.

Collect all your rubbish on board and dispose of it properly ashore. This includes cigarette butts and oil or grease from deck-mounted barbecues. Stow it, don’t throw it.

Boating maps

Roads and Maritime produces a comprehensive series of boating maps including Maps 9D and 9G for Sydney Harbour. They can be viewed in digital form or purchased in print on waterproof paper online at rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime.

The relevant Australian Hydrographic Service nautical chart is AUS 200. For more information visit hydro.gov.au.

Anchoring

It can be tricky dropping anchor in a crowd of spectator vessels. Gain experience and confidence by practising anchoring before the big events, and follow these simple guidelines:

• Know the depth of water before you anchor
• Ensure there is adequate chain on the anchor, generally one to two times the length of the boat
• Ensure you have an appropriate anchor for the size of the craft. Carry a spare anchor and rope/chain in case your main anchor gets fouled
• Keep your distance and maintain a space at least three times the length of your boat from other vessels anchored nearby
• Keep 200 metres clear of submarine cables or pipelines
• Carry fenders as spectator areas may be very crowded
• Watch the weather. Wind and waves can cause your anchor to drag
• Do not anchor close to ferry channels or exclusion zone boundaries. For more information, see the exclusion zone section on page 4.
TUESDAY 4 TO SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

Sail Sydney Regatta

Organised by Australian Sailing, Sail Sydney is the premier dinghy racing regatta in NSW for all ages. Now in its 24th year, Sail Sydney will take place on Sydney Harbour and will be hosted by Woollahra Sailing Club in Rose Bay.

With racing in over 20 classes in multiple course areas across the harbour the event draws a diverse range of dinghy sailors, from novices entering in their first regatta through to some of the best sailors across the country and the world.

Olympic Classes will compete from 4–7 December, while Invited Classes will race from 7–9 December. These include 29er, 420, Nacra 15, Laser 4.7, Optimist, Bic Techno, RS:X, Sabot, Manly Junior, Mirror, Open Bic, Flying 11 and Tasar.

More information: Australian Sailing (02) 8424 7400 | sailsydney.org

Sydney Harbour Bridge transit zone

The Sydney Harbour Bridge transit zone shown in the diagram below has a 15 knot maximum speed limit.

Within this zone, stopping, anchoring or drifting are prohibited other than in an emergency. Vessels may only travel through it to reach an area outside the transit zone.

Note: Further restrictions may apply in this zone during special events.
TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

SOLAS Big Boat Challenge

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia’s SOLAS Big Boat Challenge whips up excitement around Sydney Harbour with some of the biggest and fastest yachts in the world racing in one of the greatest natural arenas on the globe.

Racing will start from 12.30pm off Point Piper and take the fleet between Sydney Heads and Farm Cove, near the Opera House, where the race will also finish.

Exclusion zones will be in place either side of the start line and around the turning marks near inner North Head and Shark Island. Spectator vessels must observe the exclusion zones, follow instructions from control vessels and keep clear of competing yachts. Skippers must also be mindful of their wash and distance from other spectator vessels.

More information: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (02) 8292 7800 | cyca.com.au

SOLAS BIG BOAT CHALLENGE COURSE
Start Point Piper - Inner North Head - Shark Island - Inner North Head - Shark Island - Finish Farm Cove

Map not to be used for navigation purposes and may be subject to change. For updates visit rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime
Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia’s pinnacle blue water event, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, will start at 1pm on Boxing Day in Sydney Harbour for the 74th consecutive year. No other commercial port in the world can boast the start of such an iconic and internationally recognised blue water classic, with the natural grandeur of Sydney Harbour providing a unique backdrop for competitors and spectators alike.

Ranked as one of the most challenging and prestigious long ocean races in the world, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race covers a distance of 628 nautical miles. As the fleet heads south into the Tasman Sea, the yachts will battle the elements before reaching the finish between two and five days later, depending on the size of the yacht and sailing conditions.

Australia’s premier ocean race attracts some of the best boats, skippers and crews from all over Australia and the world. This year international entries include boats and crews from the USA, Poland, Germany, China, Russia and France.

The maximum length overall for a competing yacht is 100 feet (30.48 metres) and this year it is expected that five super maxis will compete for line honours glory. Most of the fleet will also be vying for the historic Tattersall Cup, awarded for overall handicap honours.

The Rolex Sydney Hobart fleet can be tracked all the way to Hobart with each yacht’s position updated continuously via the Yacht Tracker on the official race website at rolexsydneyhobart.com.
The start

The fleet of around 85 yachts will start at 1pm across three start lines off Nielsen Park. Boats on the northern line will race to Victor mark and boats on the other two lines will race to X-Ray mark at Sydney Heads, before heading out to sea and rounding either Yankee or Zulu marks, one nautical mile east of the Heads.

The biggest boats will start off the front line north of Shark Island. Having two sets of rounding marks at Sydney Heads will compensate for the distance between the start lines as the fleet heads out to sea and then south to Hobart.

After the start, the fleet must remain within the exclusion zone until they clear the Harbour with all boats leaving Zulu or Yankee marks to starboard before heading south to Hobart.

START TIMES

12.50pm – 10 minute warning signal and cannon

12.55pm – 5 minute preparatory signal and cannon

1pm – Starting signal and cannon

Competing yachts

Competitors will sail out of Rushcutters Bay and other parts of the Harbour into the exclusion zone at least one hour prior to the starting sequence with their storm sails (usually orange) hoisted and check in with the race committee vessel.

All competing yachts can be recognised by a distinctive Rolex race flag on their backstay and Rolex logo on their bow. Please keep well clear of them.

Spectator craft can follow the fleet from both the east and west sides of the harbour, staying outside the exclusion zone set aside for the racing yachts. Rolex/Daniel Forster picture.
Spectator vantage points

In what has been a Boxing Day tradition for Sydney since 1945, thousands take to the water and the foreshores to watch the start of this iconic race. Sometimes it is a colourful spinnaker start, in other years a beat to windward with the yachts crossing tacks as they sprint towards the open sea.

On the water, spectator craft can follow the fleet from both the east and west sides of the harbour, staying outside the exclusion zone set aside for the racing yachts.

Spectators who position their vessels in the eastern channel can watch the race start and follow the fleet down the Harbour to the Heads and out to sea. To watch the fleet sail through the Heads, it is advisable to move well down the Harbour (towards Watsons Bay and South Head) before the starting cannon fires at 1pm.

On-water spectators who intend to watch the race start but not follow the fleet after the start, should position their vessels on the western side of the Harbour.

There are vantage points either side of the start line, Steele Point on the east and Taylors Bay on the west. Boaters can position themselves in the western channel at Chowder Bay, Obelisk Bay and waters to North Head or in the eastern channel, Watsons Bay, Camp Cove and around South Head.

To purchase tickets for the CYCA’s spectator boats, visit rolexsydneyhobart.com or call (02) 8292 7800.

The Seven Network will broadcast the start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race live from 12.30pm, and it will also be webcast live on the race website at rolexsydneyhobart.com.

Exclusion zone

The exclusion zone will be marked with yellow buoys and some fixed navigation markers. All spectator craft must remain outside the exclusion zone and cannot anchor within 100 metres of the boundary.

Spectator craft are not permitted to operate under sail near the exclusion zone from midday until the fleet clears the Heads.

Non-powered (passive) craft such as kayaks, canoes and surfboats are prohibited within 100 metres of the exclusion zone. This area is unsafe for non-powered craft because of the large number of bigger boats and their wash, as well as the potential difficulty in seeing and avoiding passive craft.

For more information about exclusion zones, see page 4.

More information:
Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
(02) 8292 7800 | cyca.com.au

6 KNOTS MINIMUM WASH
11.30am – 2pm

EXCLUSION ZONE ACTIVE
12 – 2.20pm

NO ANCHORING
within 100m of the exclusion zone or where indicated.
11.30am – 2.20pm

PORT CLOSURE
8am – 4pm

SAFETY MESSAGES
Marine radio band 27.88
VHF Channel 17 (Roads and Maritime Services control network)
VHF Channel 13 (Port Authority of NSW)
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For updates visit rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime

For event information visit rolexsydneyhobart.com

Tidal predictions for 26/12/2018 at Fort Denison:

- Low Water: 11.52am 1.95m
- High Water: 18.35pm 0.20m

(Australian Eastern Daylight Time)
NO ANCHORING NORTH OF LAINGS POINT

- Victor
- Xray
- Zulu
- Yankee

North Harbour
Pacific Ocean

Special Event Area
Minimum Wash – 6 Knots
Maximum Speed 11.30am–2.20pm

Exclusion Zone Active 12–2.20pm
Exclusion Zone Buoy
No Anchoring OR Passive Craft
Direction of Travel
6 knot minimum wash enforcement area
Emergency mooring

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Sydney New Year’s Eve on Sydney Harbour

Sydney New Year’s Eve is one of the most spectacular events in the world. Celebrate the New Year with our famous fireworks displays set against glittering Sydney Harbour.

The event is produced by the City of Sydney and involves seven tonnes of fireworks and a pre show program.

3pm – 6 knot speed limit
A 6 knot speed limit to minimise wash will be in force between Cockatoo Island and Steele Point from 3pm on New Year’s Eve to 2am New Year’s Day.

6pm and 8pm – Air displays
Flyovers with aerial displays by flying ace Matt Hall.

7pm – Fire tug water display
A Port Authority of NSW fire tug blasts tonnes of water into the skies.

7.30pm – Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
Eucalyptus smoke is released from two Tribal Warrior Association vessels, cleansing the harbour or any bad spirits, with an Aboriginal Elder onboard Tribal Warrior giving a Welcome to Country.

9pm – Family fireworks
Enjoy a dramatic eight-minute fireworks display at a family-friendly time. The display is complete with soundtrack for children on KIIS 1065 and the full effect of four firework barges and the underside of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Projections and lighting will continue throughout the evening.

9.08pm – Calling Country
This ceremony reflects our respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their heritage and living cultures in spectacular images on the Sydney Harbour Bridge pylons.

9.15pm – Harbour of Light Parade
Sydney Harbour is illuminated with ships gliding across the water. The vessels are decorated with changing coloured lights, dazzling the crowds as they dance around the harbour.

12am – Midnight fireworks
At the stroke of midnight, Sydney’s world-famous fireworks bring in the new year in spectacular style with a 12-minute display. The fireworks are synchronised to the soundtrack on KIIS 1065 and include seven barges, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the four sails of Sydney Opera House. Each year the design of the fireworks surprises and wows millions of viewers around the world.
Plan your night

Advise your passengers that if they need to travel through the city, road closures will be in place. Bus and train times and stops may be different. Visit sydneynewyearseve.com/plan-your-nye for details.

With congestion around boat ramps and a 6 knot speed restriction in place from 3pm, allow extra time to get to your desired viewing area. Popular spots such as Farm Cove and Athol Bay fill up quickly, so it’s best to get in position early.

Access for people with a disability

We want a Sydney New Year’s Eve that is safe, inclusive, accessible and enjoyable for all. A live audio description will be broadcast on the ABC Listen app or ABC Extra on digital radio. You can also listen to the live audio description through 2RPH on 1224AM or 100.5FM.

For more information and a list of accessible wharves, visit sydneynewyearseve.com.

Wharf and foreshore access

If you intend to pick up passengers in the event area, have a plan in place. Many of Sydney Harbour’s wharves will only be accessible to pedestrians through alcohol-free and ‘no glass permitted’ zones. Road closures may also be in place at many locations. For more information visit sydneynewyearseve.com.

No foreshore access (including transfer of alcohol or glass to boats) will be permitted via Yarranabbe Park at Rushcutters Bay, McKell Park at Darling Point and Pirrama Park at Pyrmont.

Man O’War jetty (Farm Cove) will close at 11am with access from 10am via Macquarie Street. Please leave plenty of time to get through security checkpoints. **Recreational vessels are not permitted to enter Sydney Cove.**

There will be no beach/shoreline access between Taronga Zoo ferry wharf and Taylors Bay (Bradleys Head National Park including access via Athol Bay and Bradleys Head lighthouse) on New Year’s Eve. Bradleys Head precinct is a ticketed event with restricted access and securing your vessel to the shore is not permitted. Passenger pick up and drop off at Taronga Zoo ferry wharf will be permitted but boaters are not to impede ferry services.

Land access to Jeffrey Street wharf at Kirribilli will close from 8am on New Year’s Eve.

Spectator vantage points

Both sides of Sydney Harbour Bridge provide plenty of opportunity for on-water spectators. Comfortable boating improves as you move away from the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Farm Cove areas into the calmer waters near the outer western and eastern fireworks sites of Cockatoo and Clark islands.

**Recommended areas include:**

- **North-west of Sydney Harbour Bridge,** Clarke’s Point, Greenwich Ferry Jetty, Manns Point, Balls Head, Berrys Bay, Lavender Bay
- **South-west of Sydney Harbour Bridge,** Mort Bay, Ballast Point, Snails Bay
- **North-east of Sydney Harbour Bridge,** Neutral Bay, Shell Cove, Mosman Bay, Athol Bay
- **South-east of Sydney Harbour Bridge Farm Cove, Woolloomooloo, Rushcutters Bay, Double Bay, Rose Bay.

Note: Use Farm Cove only if your vessel is less than 15 metres in length.
No shoreline access

Special Event Area
Minimum Wash — 6 Knots
Maximum Speed 3pm—2am
Exclusion Zone Active 8pm—12.45am
East to west escorted transit
marshalling area 9.15pm—10pm
East to west escorted transit path, 9.30pm & 10pm sharp
Submarine Cable or Pipeline

Fireworks Exclusion Zone
Naval Exclusion Zone
Defined No Anchoring Area

Position of Fireworks Barge
No Anchoring
Commercial Vessel Area
Superyachts Over 30 Metres
Emergency moorings

Authorised commercial vessels only
No vessels over 15 metres

Map not to be used for navigation purposes and may be subject to change.
For updates visit rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime
For event information visit sydneynewyearseve.com

Tidal predictions at Fort Denison:

**Monday 31/12/2018**
Low Water  4.54pm  1.38m
High Water  11.08pm  0.47m

**Tuesday 1/1/2019**
Low Water  5.41am  1.57m
High Water  12.08pm  0.58m
(Australian Eastern Daylight Time)
NEW YEAR’S EVE, MONDAY 31 DECEMBER 2018

Special Event Area
Minimum Wash — 6 Knots
Maximum Speed 3pm—2am

Exclusion Zone Active 8pm—12.45am
- Exclusion Zone Buoy
- East to west escorted transit marshalling area 9.15pm—10pm
- East to west escorted transit path, 9.30pm & 10pm sharp

Submarine Cable or Pipeline

Fireworks Exclusion Zone
Naval Exclusion Zone
Defined No Anchoring Area
Position of Fireworks Barge
No Anchoring
Commercial Vessel Area
Superyachts Over 30 Metres
Emergency moorings

Additional Spit Bridge opening times on 1 January 2019:
2.15am
3.15am

For complete timetable visit
rms.nsw.gov.au
Exclusion zone

An exclusion zone starts at 8pm and will be marked by yellow lit buoys (see map). It includes all waters under the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Boaters wishing to leave the eastern harbour after the 9pm Family Fireworks should gather in the marshalling area off Kirribilli and contact the nearest control vessel or call 02 9563 8484 before the fireworks on the night.

There will be two escorted transits from Kirribilli under the Harbour Bridge to the western harbour at 9.30pm and 10pm sharp. No other transits under the Bridge will be permitted while the exclusion zone is active.

If you need to move your vessel because of an emergency, contact one of the on-water control vessels.

The exclusion zone stays in place until about 12.45am to make sure all the fireworks are safely extinguished. For your own safety you must keep clear of the exclusion zone. When the exclusion zone is lifted it will be announced on VHF channels 17 and 13 and projected on the Sydney Harbour Bridge pylons.

It may be necessary to keep the exclusion zone in place longer. If this occurs please follow directions from the official control vessels.

For more information about exclusion zones, see page 5.

More information: sydneynewyearseve.com

SPECIAL EVENT AREA ACTIVE
Between Cockatoo Island and Steele Point
3pm – 2am
6 knot minimum wash speed limit
3pm – 2am

EXCLUSION ZONE ACTIVE
Between Cockatoo Island and Clark Island including no unauthorised traffic under Sydney Harbour Bridge
8pm – 12.45am

NO ANCHORING
In shipping channels before midday 31 December or after 6am 1 January

PORT CLOSURE
Midday 31 December – 6am 1 January

SAFETY MESSAGES
Marine radio band 27.88
VHF Channel 17 (Roads and Maritime Services control network)
VHF Channel 13 (Port Authority of NSW)
WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY

Club Marine Pittwater to Paradise Race

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club will host the third Club Marine Pittwater to Paradise Yacht Race open to both monohull and multihull vessels. The 370 nautical mile race offers competitors a strategic challenge as they race between the surf line and the southerly current, past the scenic NSW coastline, prior to crossing the border and arriving at Southport on Queensland’s Gold Coast.

The race will start at 1pm on Wednesday 2 January 2019 for monohulls and 1.15pm for multihulls at the entrance of Broken Bay, Pittwater.

Spectator vantage points are at Barrenjoey Lighthouse, West Head and headlands all the way up to Southport. Alternatively you can follow the fleet online with the event’s tracking system which can be found through the website.

More information:
The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club
(02) 9998 3700 | pittwatertoparadise.com.au

TUESDAY 1 TO SUNDAY 6 JANUARY

Mirror Dinghy World Championships

Woollahra Sailing Club in Rose Bay will host the 18th Mirror Dinghy World Championships on Sydney Harbour from Tuesday 1 to Sunday 6 January, with a Pre-Worlds event from 26-30 December.

The red-sailed dinghies are a popular and competitive international class with strong family participation.

More information: Woollahra Sailing Club
(02) 9371 9805 | woollahrasailingclub.org.au
2019worlds.mirrorsailing.org
A colourful aquatic spectacle, the 2019 Australia Day Harbour Program brought to you by P&O Cruises and Port Authority will see some of the day’s most symbolic and historic events returning to the water, as well as some new and exciting activities perfect for boaties.

10.45am–11.30am – Ferrython
Cheer on your favourite ferry as they carve up the harbour and make their final dash to the finishing line under the Harbour Bridge in Sydney Festival’s Ferrython.

Best vantage point: Best not to chase after the ferries, why not watch the finish from Jeffrey St Wharf area, Lavender Bay or Farm Cove?

11.45am – Salute to Australia
The 21 Gun Salute will be fired from North Sydney under the bridge and received by the HMAS Choules in Sydney Cove, as Australia’s armed forces combine efforts to pay tribute to this great southern land.

The Salute will also include an address from the Governor of NSW, a performance by the Navy Band, synchronised choirs at key vantage points singing the national anthem, and a Royal Australian Air Force finale. When you hear the anthem, join in with your guests.

You can stream the soundtrack live on your phone. Go to australia.com.au for more details.

Best vantage point: East of the Sydney Opera House or West of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Remember the central harbour exclusion zone is in force from 11.45am - 12.30pm.
12.05pm – Tug and Yacht Ballet
The Tug and Yacht Ballet is a spectacular display of nautical precision as a fleet of yachts, personal watercraft, tugboats and ferries tack in unison to a musical score that you can stream live on your phone.

Following the Ballet, HMAS Choules will come out of the exclusion zone at 12.15pm and go east to Garden Island.

**Best vantage points:** East of the Sydney Opera House or west of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

12.00–2.00pm – In the Sky: Red Berets, Qantas and RAAF
The skies over the harbour will be alive with activity including a squadron of the Red Berets and a fly past by the Royal Australian Air Force. Check the schedule on the next page for a full list.

**Best vantage point:** Over the eastern part of Sydney Harbour.

12.45pm – Australia Day Harbour Parade
Celebrate with some of Sydney’s most iconic vessels parading around the harbour in a dazzling display of national spirit.

Vessels of all shapes and sizes are welcome to join the flotilla. Check the next page for details on the prizes up for grabs and how to register.

1pm – Tall Ships Race
Starting at Bradleys Head, an impressive fleet of historic vessels will cut their way across the harbour in the Tall Ships Race, to finish under the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

**Best vantage point:** From Bradleys Head to the Harbour Bridge on the northern side of Sydney Harbour.
1.30pm – 183rd Australia Day Regatta

The Australia Day Regatta is the world’s oldest continuously conducted annual sailing event. More than 100 boats will be racing in Sydney Harbour in events for all classes of yachts and 18ft skiffs.

Best vantage point: Eastern part of Sydney Harbour.

9.15pm – Fireworks

Fireworks display within Sydney Cove exclusion zone in place.

Best vantage point: Farm Cove, Athol Bay or watch it from shore in the Quay. The soundtrack will be streamed live and available on your phone. Go to australiaday.com.au for more details.

Australia Day Captains Info Session – You’re Invited

Captains of all craft from navy ships to tinnies are invited to attend the Australia Day Captains Info Session.

Date: Tuesday 22 January 2018
Time: 5.30pm start
Venue: Roads and Maritime Services, 33 James Craig Road, Rozelle
RSVP: australiaday@dpc.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9513 2009

More information:
Australia Day Council of NSW
(02) 9513 2009 | australiaday.com.au
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So, she’s a beauty? Prove it

Enter the Australia Day Harbour Parade!

Ready or knot, it’s time for the one and only Australia Day on Sydney Harbour. This ain’t no plain sailing, it’s the biggest day on the Harbour. Private, charter & working vessels of all shapes hit the water, each vying to be the best-dressed boat. There are great prizes up for grabs for boats big and small. Are you ready to rock the boats? No need to fish for compliments on Australia Day, just deck your boat out!

Head to australiaday.com.au for more information on how to register and be in the running to win a share of $2000 in cash prizes, and get a front row seat for the Salute to Australia in the exclusive viewing area which will only be open for Harbour Parade participants.

Approved Harbour Parade vessels will marshal at Jeffrey Street Wharf from 11:45am and depart at 12:45pm. The parade will do a loop of the harbour, finishing at Athol Bay at 2pm for the awards ceremony.

Award Categories

Budgie Smuggler Award – best small vessel
Best in Show Business Award – best commercial vessel
Hello Sailor! Award – best newcomer
The Captain’s Choice Award – best dressed
Going Overboard Award – most imaginative
Tidal predictions for 26/1/2019 at Fort Denison:

- Low Water: 7.08am, 0.47m (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)
- High Water: 1.21pm, 1.68m

Emergency moorings

**Ferrython**
10.45am

**Ferry movement after race**

**Tall Ships Race**
1pm

**Australia Day Harbour Parade**

**Marshalling area for Harbour Parade vessels**

**P&O Cruises ships**

**Special Event Area**

**Minimum Wash – Maximum Speed 6 Knots**
all day within 200m of participating vessels

**21 Gun Salute**
1.45 – 2.15pm

**Red Berets Parachute Drop Exclusion Zone**

For event information visit australiaday.com.au

Maps not to be used for navigational purposes and may be subject to change. For updates please visit rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime

**Central Harbour Program**

10.45–11.30am: Ferrython
11.56am: 21 Gun Salute to Australia
12.05pm: Tug & Yacht Ballet
12.45–2pm: Australia Day Harbour Parade
1–1.30pm: Tall Ships Race
2pm: Red Berets Australian Army Parachute Display Farm Cove

**Exclusion Zone 11.45am to 12.30pm**

**Fire Tug Clears Path**
11.45am to 12.30pm

**HMAS Choules**
10.40am to 12.30pm

**Warship to Garden Island**

**Scale at A3 Sheet 1:5,000**
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FRIDAY 15 TO SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2019

SailGP Sydney

Australia will host the first SailGP event on Sydney Harbour in February, when six teams will race identical wingsailed F50s – supercharged catamarans capable of breaking the 50-knot barrier. This will be the first round in an international series carrying a US$1 million prize.

Racing will take place from 4-6pm on Friday 15 February, when three fleet races are scheduled. On Saturday 16 February a further two fleet races and a match race final are scheduled from 3-5pm.

The F50 is a sophisticated and technologically advanced development of the AC50 class used at the last America’s Cup in Bermuda. Top speeds are expected to be 53 knots when the boat is reaching in 20 knots of wind speed.

The F50s will sail with just five crew. The teams include an Australian entry headed by Olympic sailing gold medallist and America’s Cup winner Tom Slingsby.

The supercharged F50 class has been developed from the Americas Cup for the new SailGP circuit.
Spectators

Race courses will be set daily according to wind direction. For accurate exclusion zone and spectator viewing information go to SailGP.com/sydney.

Private boat owners and their guests will be able to watch the races from the edge of the SailGP course and can register for the free SailGP Sydney Boater Program on the SailGP website to receive important race management information including the latest race courses.

There will be marked navigation channels around Bradleys Head, Chowder Head, Georges Head, Steele Point, Point Piper and possibly Cremorne Point, where no stopping or drifting will be allowed.

The organisers will have a number of ticketed experiences as well as free engagement programs in the lead-up to the racing.

The six competing teams will set up their technical team bases on Cockatoo Island where there will be a designated viewing area and guided tours of the team bases.

More information: SailGP.com/sydney
JJ Giltinan Trophy Championship

The JJ Giltinan 18ft Skiff Championship has been the premier event on the skiffs’ calendar since the first regatta in 1938. It will again feature the best sailing talent in the skiff world when it is staged by the Australian 18 Footers League on Sydney Harbour.

In winning contention will be the leading local teams with the strongest competition expected from New Zealand, USA and UK.

The League has spectator ferries following each of the seven races in the regatta.

The ferries leave Double Bay Public Wharf, alongside the clubhouse, each race afternoon.

More information:
Australian 18 Footers League
(02) 9363 2995 | 18footers.com.au

Sydney Harbour Regatta

Sydney Harbour Regatta is one of the largest competitive keelboat events in Australia. A true sailing spectacle, the regatta is conducted annually by Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC) with the participation and support of the major Sydney sailing clubs. The 14th staging of this event is expected to attract more than 200 keelboats racing in 20-plus divisions across 10 course areas inside Sydney Harbour and offshore.

Visit MHYC over the weekend to enjoy live entertainment, great food and drinks or watch the racing from vantage points around Sydney Harbour.

More information:
Middle Harbour Yacht Club
(02) 9969 1244 | shr.mhyc.com.au

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour

Opera Australia will stage the landmark musical West Side Story, at a specially-built venue at Mrs Macquaries Point in Farm Cove for four weeks in March and April.

The venue is a pop-up opera house with purpose-built bars, restaurants and a grandstand under the stars.

An exclusion zone will surround the stage and fireworks in Farm Cove.

More information:
Opera Australia
(02) 9318 8200 | opera.org.au
Always keep a look out and keep clear of large ships.

Sydney has two busy working ports with large ships coming in and out every day.

**BEFORE** heading out check daily vessel movements at portauthoritynsw.com.au/lookout

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Sydney Harbour VHF 13
Botany Bay VHF 12

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