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Aquatic
Events
A Boating Guide

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Welcome to NSW Maritime’s annual safe boating guide for the major aquatic events this summer in Sydney.

Once again thousands of boats will be heading out to watch the start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart race on Boxing Day, the fireworks on New Year’s Eve and the festivities on Australia Day, as well as other established popular events on the Harbour and Pittwater.

Getting afloat on our magnificent waterways to share these community events with fellow boating enthusiasts is one of the great highlights of Sydney’s summer. In the interests of safe and enjoyable boating for everyone, NSW Maritime will again be enforcing special traffic management measures such as a maximum 6-knot speed limit, ‘no-wash’ areas and exclusion zones, as well as the standard boating safety requirements and rules of the road.

The purpose of this booklet is to provide boaters with safe navigation information needed to make the most of these big aquatic events. It is produced and distributed free of charge by NSW Maritime, the State Government’s boating agency, and includes general safety advice as well as details of the special restrictions for each event and tips for spectator vantage points and preferred anchorages.

This summer NSW Maritime is asking for special caution in relation to small passive craft such as kayaks, canoes and surfboats. For their own safety, people in these craft are encouraged not to enter the crowded areas within 100 metres of exclusion zones, while skippers of larger vessels need to keep a careful lookout at all times to avoid collision with low-visibility craft.

When so many boats are moving about, it is essential for all skippers to observe boating safety guidelines such as keeping a proper lookout and maintaining a safe speed, and act with care, courtesy and commonsense. The cooperation provided by the boating community is extremely valuable and very much appreciated.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer of boating.
Anchoring
It can be tricky dropping anchor in a crowd of spectator vessels. With care, you can avoid a tangled mess at the end of the event. Follow these simple steps to anchor appropriately:

- 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.
- Keep your distance – multiply the length of your boat by three and that is the distance to maintain from other vessels anchored nearby.

Watch the weather. Wind and waves can cause your anchor to drag.

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 should you need to move your vessel to take someone ashore.

- 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, boaters should communicate with authorities on radio VHF 16.
- NSW Maritime Info Line operates during the day (8.30am to 4.30pm) for all major aquatic events. Call 13 12 56.
- Follow the directions of all control vessels.

Safety equipment
Skippers should make sure everyone on board has a lifejacket. Children and poor swimmers should wear a lifejacket at all times when in open areas of a boat where it is possible to fall directly overboard.

Be bright at night
Ensure you have appropriate navigation lights – particularly if you want to watch night-time events.

Safe navigation
During an aquatic event, the Harbour is awash with small and large craft. In the interests of safety, each skipper should maintain a safe speed, keep a proper lookout, avoid taking risks and obey navigation restrictions.

- When within 30 metres of another vessel, limit your speed to 10 knots or less. Note: Maximum speed in an event area is 6 knots – the equivalent to a fast jog.
- Keep to the starboard (right-hand) side of channels.
- Keep 60 metres from ships/naval installations. Stay inside the Heads unless you and your crew are experienced, you have the right safety equipment, and your vessel is seaworthy.
- When operating in a special event area:
  - Limit your wash and keep at least 30 metres clear of NSW Maritime Environmental Services vessels attending to buoys.
  - Small craft should remain in calm waters, keeping well clear of larger craft, exclusion zones and congested areas.
Operators of passive craft such as kayaks, canoes and surfboats are encouraged not to enter areas within 100 metres of exclusion zones for their own safety.

All skippers should keep a careful lookout for unexpected and low-visibility craft.

**Sun and fun afloat**

It can be a long day afloat and both skippers and passengers can suffer from fatigue. Be wary of sunburn and keep below the 0.05 blood alcohol limit. Random breath testing can be applied to skippers of boats underway.

**Navigation restriction summary**

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**Protect the harbour environment**

With or without playing host to an aquatic event, Sydney Harbour is spectacular. Let’s keep it that way. It is illegal to pollute any waterways in NSW with litter, oily bilge or galley water and sewage.

Collect all your rubbish on board and dispose of it properly ashore – this includes cigarette butts. Stow it, don’t throw it.

**Sydney Harbour Bridge Transit Zone**

Since 2007 there has been a Sydney Harbour Bridge Transit Zone in which the maximum speed limit is 15 knots.

This is well signposted, and is in the vicinity of the Sydney Harbour Bridge – between a line drawn between Bennelong Point and Kirribilli Point to Milers Point and Blues Point. It does not include Walsh Bay, Sydney Cove or Lavender Bay north of a line between Blues Point and the southern extremity of Milsons Point ferry wharf.

Within this zone anchoring or drifting is effectively prohibited unless in the event of an emergency.
Held annually, Sail Sydney will take place from the 5-8 December 2009 on magnificent Sydney Harbour as part of the Sail Down Under series incorporating Sail Brisbane, Sail Sydney and Sail Melbourne.

Competitors from around the world will bring Sydney Harbour to life as athletes look to establish themselves on the sailing scene in the lead up to the London Olympics in 2012.

The four-day regatta will incorporate Olympic, International and Youth classes on three Sydney Harbour courses used by the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Spectacular action from the 49er and International Moth classes can be expected along with the 470, Laser, Laser Radial, Finn and RS:X classes as they campaign towards 2012.

Over 400 sailors are expected to participate and sail out of host venue Woollahra Sailing Club in Rose Bay.

For more information please go to www.sailsydney.org.au.

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia’s summer of sail in Sydney will begin with the prestigious Rolex Trophy One Design Series for one design classes including Farr 40s and Sydney 38s.

The Rolex Trophy will start on Friday 11 December for the Farr 40 class, while the remaining one design classes will begin their two-day regatta on the Saturday. Races for all classes will conclude on Sunday 13 December.

Photos: Carlo Borlenghi/Rolex.
The CYCA’s SOLAS Big Boat Challenge is a unique opportunity for the public to see some of the world’s biggest and fastest maxi yachts racing around a spectacular course on Sydney Harbour.

The CYCA will invite yachts ranging from 18 metres up to 30.48 metres to compete in the event.

Starting at 12.30pm off Steele Point, an option of two courses will take the fleet between North Head and Fort Denison, finishing in Farm Cove near the Opera House. Private and charter vessel operators are encouraged to join the spectator fleet for this exciting Rolex Sydney Hobart line honours preview.

This is the third year that the event has been dedicated to the host club’s Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Trusts, which were established following the stormy 1998 Sydney Hobart. Since 1999 the Trusts have donated more than $470,000 Australia-wide to support search and rescue organisations.

After a three-day break in the Rolex Trophy, the IRC and PHS rated classes (including many large and small entrants for the Rolex Sydney Hobart), will race over four days in the Rating Series.

Four windward/leeward races are scheduled off Sydney Heads, in addition to two ocean passage races.

In 2008 the CYCA introduced a new component of the Rolex Trophy Series. The Passage Series has been created as an alternative IRC rated event for competitors who are not keen on the traditional format of windward/leeward races, allowing them to still be a part of this exciting lead-up event.

These races are ideal crew training opportunities leading in to the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

The Passage Series will run over the weekend of 19–20 December and will consist of two offshore passage races – one race per day.
No other commercial port in the world can boast the start of an annual blue water classic, with the natural grandeur of Sydney Harbour providing a unique backdrop for competitors as well as the hundreds of thousands of spectators afloat and ashore.

The port of Sydney will be closed from 9am to 4pm on Boxing Day in the interests of safety and to give the yachts a clear run as they exit the Harbour. An exclusion zone will be effective from 12.00pm until 2.20pm, providing the racing crews with a chance to sail unobstructed through the Heads.

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia’s Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will start for the 65th time on Boxing Day.

The fleet will start at 1.00pm from two start lines off Nielsen Park. Boats on the northern line will race to Victor Mark and boats on the southern line to X-Ray Mark at Sydney Heads, then heading out to sea and rounding Mark Zulu, one nautical mile east of the Heads.

The biggest boats will start off the front line north of Shark Island. The rest of the fleet will start from the back line, 0.2 nautical miles behind. Having two rounding marks at Sydney Heads will compensate for the distance between the two lines before the fleet heads out to sea and then south to Hobart.
Ranked as one of the most demanding long ocean races in the world, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race covers a distance of 628 nautical miles. Heading south into the Tasman Sea, the fleet will battle challenging wind and sea conditions before reaching the finish between two and five days later, depending on the size of the yacht and the consistency, strength and direction of the winds.

Australia’s premier ocean race attracts some of the world’s best skippers and most experienced crews. This year the maximum length overall has been increased to 100 feet or 30.48 metres and eight maxis are expected to race.

Bob Oatley’s maxi Wild Oats XI is aiming for an historic fifth line honours win as well as a possible new race record time, and the historic Tattersall’s Cup awarded for overall handicap honours.

Yachts and crews will participate from all states of Australia, while 11 international entries have been received from the Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, USA and United Kingdom.

The fleet can be tracked all the way to Hobart with each yacht’s position in the fleet and progressive handicap result updated continuously via Yacht Tracker on the official race website, www.rolexsydneyhobart.com.

**Competing Yachts**

Competing yachts will sail out of Rushcutters Bay and other parts of the Harbour into the exclusion zone at least 60 minutes before the starting sequence and must ‘check in’ with the race committee vessel with their storm sails (usually orange) hoisted.

Each competing boat will fly a distinctive race flag on its backstay. After the start the fleet must remain within the exclusion zone until they clear the Harbour, with all boats leaving Mark Zulu to starboard before heading south to Hobart.
Spectator Vantage Points

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

On the water, spectators who position themselves 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 Middle Head) from the start line before the starting cannon fires.

On-water spectators who intend to just watch the race start should position themselves on the western side of the Harbour. Remember to observe the 6-knot ‘no wash’ restriction.

Please follow the advice of officials on the water and stay well clear of any vessel displaying such flags.

Race Entrants

Competing yachts will display a special race flag on their backstay. Please keep well clear of any vessel displaying such flags.

Start Times

12.50pm – 10 minute warning signal and cannon
12.55pm – 5 minute preparatory signal and cannon
1.00pm – starting signal and cannon
Sydney New Year’s Eve is a spectacular event that brings family, friends and the community together. It is a time when people throughout Sydney and the world turn to Sydney Harbour for the world’s most-watched fireworks displays.

Sydney New Year’s Eve, produced by the City of Sydney, will entertain approximately 1.5 million spectators around the Harbour. This year’s “Awaken the Spirit” theme will gather people in unity and friendship around Sydney Harbour to awaken Sydney’s spirit for the New Year ahead.

An exciting pre-show entertainment program will commence at 5pm and continue in the lead up to midnight. The program will include aerial flyovers, an Indigenous Smoking Ceremony, Acknowledgement of Country and other special fireworks effects throughout the evening to Awaken the Spirit.

The 9pm Family Fireworks Display will be followed by the Harbour of Light Parade where illuminated vessels parade on Sydney Harbour. The celebrations culminate with the breathtaking Midnight Fireworks Display and Sydney Harbour Bridge Effect.

Fireworks

The Sydney New Year’s Eve fireworks displays are among the largest in the world, with firing positions extending 6km up the Harbour and using in excess of 100,000 individual effects.

The 9pm Family Fireworks will be an eight minute display with fireworks from four barges, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and CBD building rooftops.

The Midnight Fireworks will be a 12 minute display with fireworks from seven barges, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and CBD building rooftops.

Both fireworks displays will be accompanied by a specially compiled soundtrack broadcast on radio 104.1 2DayFM.

Exclusion Zone

In the interest of public safety, an Exclusion Zone – marked by lit yellow buoys – will extend from Cockatoo Island in the west to Clark Island in the east. The Exclusion Zone will be activated from 8pm on New Year’s Eve until at least 12.45am on New Year’s Day. No unauthorised traffic will be allowed inside the Exclusion Zone and there will be no access under the Sydney Harbour Bridge during this time.
The Exclusion Zone will remain active for approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Midnight Fireworks display to facilitate the safety clearance of the fireworks barges. Vessels must keep outside this area until the exclusion zone is lifted.

A maximum 6-knot no-wash speed limit will be in force between Cockatoo Island and Steele Point from 3pm, 31 December 2009 to 2am, 1 January 2010.

If you need to move your vessel due to an emergency, speak with the operator of one of the on-water control vessels: NSW Maritime, Water Police, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol or Australian Volunteer Coast Guard.

With so many small and large vessels in the dark at night, it is important that skippers adhere to the appropriate navigation lights, for the safety of their craft and passengers.

**Advice to spectators**

- Plan your night ahead at [sydneynewyearseve.com](http://sydneynewyearseve.com)
- Make it a safe night. Don’t take glass, know your limits and look after each other.
- Maximum 6-knot no-wash in force between 3pm, 31 December 2009 and 2am, 1 January 2010.
- Move into position early, preferably well before sunset, as popular spots such as Farm Cove fill quickly. Do not arrive late and try to push in between anchored vessels and the buoy line. You will be moved!
- Exclusion Zone in operation from 8pm, 31 December 2009 to at least 12.45am, 1 January 2010.
- No traffic under Sydney Harbour Bridge from 8pm, 31 December 2009 to at least 12.45am, 1 January 2010.
- Remember, be bright – think safety at night! Use appropriate navigation lights.
- Do not use flood/spot lights high up. These lights destroy the night vision of other skippers.
- Anchor clear of the Exclusion Zone buoys. Dragging anchor will not be tolerated. Do not allow your vessel to lie over the boundary line.
- Use Farm Cove only if your vessel is less than 15 metres in length.
- Allow small craft to position themselves at the exclusion zone boundary.
Spectator Vantage Points
Both sides of Sydney Harbour Bridge provide ample opportunity for on-water spectators.

Comfortable boating improves as you move away from the Sydney Harbour Bridge/Farm Cove area into the calmer waters near the outer west and eastern fireworks sites (Cockatoo and Clark Islands).

North-West of the Harbour Bridge:
Clarke’s Point, Ferry Jetty, Manns Point, Balls Head, Berrys Bay, Lavender Bay.

South-West of the Harbour Bridge:
Mort Bay, Ballast Point.

North-East of the Harbour Bridge:
Neutral Bay, Shell Cove, Mosman Bay, Athol Bay.

South-East of the Harbour Bridge:
Farm Cove, Woolloomooloo, Rushcutters Bay, Double Bay, Rose Bay.

- When dropping anchor keep 200 metres clear of submarine cables or pipelines.
- Rafting up will be permitted, but securing to the shore will not.
- Keep under the 0.05 alcohol limit if you are the master of the vessel.
- Don’t set off flares for fun. It is dangerous and illegal.
- The transfer/loading of alcohol or glass to boats will not be permitted via Man ‘O’ War Jetty or Farm Cove Precinct.

- Use of Man O’ War jetty (Farm Cove) up to 3pm and wharves in the Circular Quay precinct are subject to approval from NSW Maritime. Unless authorised, there is no access to Man O’ War jetty between the end of the fireworks and 6am, 1 January 2010.
- Families wishing to leave the Harbourside East after the 9pm Family Fireworks should contact the nearest NSW Maritime Boating Safety Officer. Call VHF 17 (02) 9563 8542 on the night or ask a harbour volunteer.
2009 Sydney New Year’s Eve
9pm Family Fireworks – Midnight Fireworks

8:40pm: Acknowledgment of Country (barge firings)
8:00pm: Indigenous Smoking Ceremony (barges and vessels)
3:00pm-2:00am: Minimum wash - Maximum speed 6 knots
9:00pm: 9pm Family Fireworks (barge and bridge firings)
3:00pm-2:00am: Minimum wash - Maximum speed 6 knots
12:00am: Midnight Fireworks (barge and bridge firings)

No anchoring with any part of vessel across the Exclusion Zone boundary or within 200m of submarine cables or pipelines.
The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club situated on Pittwater will host the 29th annual Pittwater & Coffs Offshore Series, one of the largest offshore racing series in Australia. More than 75 yachts from across Australia are again expected to compete.

The 226 nautical mile Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean race gets underway on Saturday, 2 January 2010 at 1pm and is part of a four race series conducted by RPAYC in association with the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club.

The Pittwater & Coffs Harbour Offshore Series kicks off with a 30-40nm offshore race starting off Barrenjoey on 30th December. Next is the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Race, followed by two offshore sprint races in Coffs Harbour encompassing the majestic Solitary Islands on 5-6 January to round out the series.

Diehard competitors can then join in the inaugural Paradise series which commences with a 150nm coastal sprint race from Coffs Harbour to Southport starting on 7 January, followed on 10 January by the Sail Paradise Series - five days of exciting short races off the Queensland Gold Coast’s beaches, conducted by the Southport Yacht Club.

Both the Pittwater & Coffs Harbour Offshore Series and the Paradise Series form the brand new East Coast Offshore summer circuit. Competitors will be able to contest any sector of the East Coast Offshore circuit – from all races to just one. There will be an overall championship trophy plus trophies for each event.

RPAYC Commodore Russell Murphy says, “We invite and welcome all competitors to get a taste of some challenging and spectacular east coast racing to kick off the new decade.”

“The Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Race is one of the most popular racing events in Australia and is one of the major offshore events on the RPAYC’s racing calendar. For the 29th running of the event we have some major social events planned to keep competitors entertained on lay days and we intend to ensure that all competitors enjoy great racing and tactical challenges in a true Corinthian spirit, along with great camaraderie and a few laughs along the way.”

“In partnership with both Coffs Harbour Yacht Club and now Southport Yacht Club we are looking forward to offering competitors the opportunity to cherry pick one or more races or participate in the whole two-week series.”
“With the introduction of the brand new Paradise series we look forward to going further north after Coffs Harbour and anticipate this will become the one of the most popular ocean racing circuits in Australia.”

There will be IRC and PHS divisions with additional one-design categories for Sydney 32s and 38s, subject to the number of entries.

The 2009 race attracted a strong field of 61 yachts with line honours going to RPAYC member Bruce Hogan’s Perpetual Mocean, a Marten 49 in the closest finish in the history of the race, crossing the finish line a mere three and a half minutes ahead of the Farr 45 Pretty Woman.

IRC Handicap honours for both the Coffs race and series went to About Time, a Cookson 11 owned by CYCA’s Julian Farren-Price. Coffs Harbour yachtsman Andrew Johnson’s Overdrive won the PHS division.

The current race record set in 2003 by Bob Oatley’s Wild Oats IX (now Wild Joe) is 18 hours 29 minutes and 14 seconds.

For more information, visit www.pittwatertocoffs.com.au, or call the RPAYC sailing Office on (02) 9997 1633.

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Event Schedule

**Wednesday 30 December 2009**
- Competitors Briefing – 0800hrs
- Race 1
  - Pittwater Trophy Offshore Race – 1000hrs

**Saturday 2 January 2010**
- Mandatory Race & Weather Briefing – 0800hrs
- Race 2
  - 29th Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race – 1300hrs

**Sunday 3 January 2010**
- Competitors begin to arrive at Coffs Harbour Marina

**Monday 4 January 2010**
- Competitors arrive at Coffs Harbour Marina
- Mayoral reception – RCVP Coffs Harbour – 1730hrs

**Tuesday 5 January 2010**
- Race 3
  - Solitary Island Race Coffs Harbour – 1200hrs

**Wednesday 6 January 2010**
- Race 4
  - Solitary Island Race Coffs Harbour – 1200hrs
  - Prize giving presentation at Coffs Harbour Yacht Club - 1900hrs

**Starting Line:**
Between Barrenjoey headland and Lion Island in Broken Bay

**Spectator vantage points:**
Barrenjoey Lighthouse, West Head, headlands all the way up to Coffs Harbour.
British sailor Archie Massey will be out to defend his crown at the CST Composites International 14 World Championship to be sailed on Sydney Harbour from 3-11 January 2010.

Massey will be skippering one of an estimated 90 boats expected for the regatta that is attracting entries from around Australia, Canada, Japan, USA and Germany.

The origins of the I14 class can be traced back to the late 1800s but the class rule is a progressive one encouraging experimentation. From legendary Uffa Fox to America’s Cup designer Paul Bieker, the class has always attracted design innovation.

Today’s boats feature adjustable hydrofoiled rudders for increased speed upwind and down. These are craft with a powerful sailplan that rewards excellence in boat handling.

The I14 series begins on 28 December with a Teams Racing event. The World championship opens with an Invitation Race on 3 January, followed by heats from 4-11 January out of Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club in Manly Cove.

For more information please visit www.i14worlds.com.

Photos: Neil Patchett
Get out on Sydney Harbour this Australia Day.
It’s easy, free and fun to be part of the many events taking place on and around the water on Tuesday 26 January 2010

**Enter the Best Dressed Vessel competition – and win cash!**

Decorate your vessel and be part of the waves of colour out on Sydney Harbour as part of the Best Dressed Vessels competition proudly sponsored by Sydney Ports.

Best Dressed Vessel judges will be out on Sydney Harbour throughout the day. Give the judges the opportunity to get up close and see your decorated vessel in Farm Cove near the Royal Botanic Gardens between 12.15pm and 12.45pm; and at Athol Bay, near Bradley’s Head between 12.45pm and 1.15pm.

Cash prizes of $500 each will be awarded to the winners of the following four categories:

- Best Dressed Overall
- Best Dressed Small Boat (up to 6 metres)
- Most Original Theme
- Best Flag Display

Perpetual trophies will be awarded to:

- Best Charter Boat
- Best Working Boat

Visit www.australiaday.com.au for your chance to win one of 20 decoration packs for your vessel.

The winners of the Best Dressed Vessel competition will be announced at the Sydney Ports Jazz on the Water concert in the evening.

**Best vantage point:** Farm Cove and Athol Bay

**Events:**

- **11.00am – CYCA Short Ocean Race**
  
  This Short Ocean Race starts from Sydney Harbour to Botany Bay and return. It is conducted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia on behalf of the Australia Day Regatta Inc, for the City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Trophy.

- **11.00am – AAMI Ferrython**
  
  In 2010 the Ferrython will once again let loose those four sassy and spirited old gals, the much-cherished little green and yellow catamarans, to race up and down Sydney Harbour. And as always, they’ll be racing at full throttle in a battle for line honours and the coveted Lord Mayor’s Trophy.

  Please note: there is a 50 metre exclusion zone around each competing ferry.

  **Best vantage point:** Between the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Shark Island.
Australia Day 2010 (continued)

- **12.00pm midday – 21 Gun Salute**
  To commemorate the federation of our nation, the 23 Field Regiment from the Royal Australian Artillery will fire a 21 Gun Salute at midday from Fleet Steps North, The Domain (eastern side of the Royal Botanic Gardens).
  Please note: there is a 180 metre exclusion zone to the north, south and west (water side) of the gun positions.

- **12.15pm – Farm Cove, 12.45 – Athol Bay**
  Watch the RAN Sea King Helicopter stage a Search and Rescue (SAR) exhibition, lowering a crewman from the hovering aircraft to the water.

- **1.45pm – RAN Sea King Helicopter**
  Watch the RAN Sea King helicopter fly over Sydney Harbour with the giant Australian flag as it follows the Tall Ships Race.

- **1.00pm – Tall Ships Race**
  Join the magnificent tall ships as they round out the day’s activities on the main harbour. Starting at Bradley’s Head, the Tall Ships will lead the spectacular fleet of historic and charter vessels as they make their way to finish under the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
  Please note: there is a 50 metre exclusion zone around each tall ship.

**Best vantage point:** Bradleys Head to the Bridge on the northern side of the Harbour.

- **1.15pm – 174th Australia Day Regatta**
  The 174th Australia Day Regatta, the world’s oldest continuously conducted annual sailing regatta, will take place throughout the afternoon, with events for all classes of yachts and 18ft skiffs, conducted by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on behalf of the Australia Day Regatta Inc. Special events will be races for Classic Yachts and Historical 18ft Skiffs.
  In addition to the main harbour regatta, a large fleet of ocean racing yachts will be racing to Botany Bay and return for the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia’s City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Trophy (see above).
  Australia Day satellite regattas will be held on the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers, at Manly and Rose Bay and on coastal waterways and lakes including Lake Macquarie, Brisbane Waters, Pittwater, Botany Bay, Broken Bay and Lake Illawarra. Placegetters in each event will receive a specially struck Australia Day Regatta medallion.
• 2.00pm – F/A-18 Hornet Flyover
Keep your eyes on the sky and watch the Royal Australian Air Force’s F/A-18 Hornets fly over Sydney Harbour.

**Best vantage point:** Anywhere on the main harbour.

• 2.30pm – Red Berets splash down into Circular Quay
Catch the Red Berets from the Army Parachute Training School splash into Circular Quay as they perform a parachute display.

**Best vantage point:** Circular Quay

• 3.00pm – Hawk 127 Flyover
Don’t miss the Royal Australian Air Force’s Hawk 127s flying over Sydney Harbour.

**Best vantage point:** Anywhere on the main harbour.

• 4.00pm – C130 Hercules Flyover
Keep your eyes on the sky and watch the Royal Australian Air Force’s C130 Hercules fly over the main harbour and Johnstons Bay before heading out past Darling Harbour.

**Best vantage point:** Anywhere on the main harbour and Johnstons Bay.

• 4.00pm to 9.30pm – Sydney Ports Jazz on the Water Concert
Audiences both on and off shore will be able to chill out to the sublime sounds at the Sydney Ports Jazz on the Water concert from 4.00pm. Boaties are invited to drop anchor in Johnstons Bay from 3.00pm for a prime viewing spot.

Pack a picnic and enjoy the free concert where everyone can groove to the sounds of jazz.

**Best vantage point:** Johnstons Bay.

• 7.00pm – 9.00pm Darling Harbour Australia Day Spectacular
The day’s celebrations wrap up with the government ceremony then a spectacular show of light, sound and fireworks against the glittering backdrop of Cockle Bay.

If you would like to participate with a display for the show contact astrid@banksevents.com.au.

**Best vantage point:** Cockle Bay will be closed from 8.00am till 11.30pm. The fireworks can be seen from Darling Harbour, outside the Exclusion Zones and out on the main channels near Goat Island.
Extra Advice for Spectators and Participants

Australia Day has lots of activities and opportunities for your vessel and crew to be involved in. Visit www.australiaday.com.au for ideas and tips on how to decorate your vessel.

When moving throughout the Harbour please observes the 6-knot “no wash” speed limit within 200 metres of the exclusion zone around Tall Ships, ferries and other key vessels.

Each event has special traffic coordination arrangements. Follow the advice of authorities.

Make sure everyone has a lifejacket.

It’s a long day on the water; be mindful of fatigue and sunburn and keep under the 0.05 alcohol limit.

Ensure you have appropriate working navigation and anchor lights particularly if you intend to watch the night-time events on Australia Day.

There are plenty of quiet spots where you can take a break, and relax from the days activities on the Harbour. Rest Spots: Berry’s Bay and Snails Bay to the west and Taylor’s Bay and Athol Bay to the east.

For details on accessing Sydney Harbour and Darling Harbour, visit www.maritime.nsw.gov.au

Australia Day Harbour Captains Briefing – You’re Invited!

Captains who are planning to be on the Harbour on Australia Day are invited to attend the Australia Day Captains Briefing.

Date: Wednesday, 13 January 2009
Time: 5pm start, followed by drinks
Venue: Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour
RSVP: australiaday@dpc.nsw.gov.au or call on 02 9513 2000

Refreshments will be provided as well as an opportunity to meet other skippers.

For further information about Australia Day 2010 please contact:
Australia Day Council of NSW
Ph: 02 9513 2000
E-mail: australiaday@dpc.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.australiaday.com.au

NSW Maritime
Ph: 13 12 56
Website: www.maritime.nsw.gov.au
Australia Day 2009
Traffic arrangements for Darling Harbour
1500 - 2300

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Highlight of the Australian 18 Footers League season on Sydney Harbour is the JJ Giltinan Trophy Championship Regatta, which will be conducted from 12-21 February 2009.

The event has been conducted since 1938 and is regarded as the world championship of 18ft Skiff Racing.

Many past winners and competitors have become world famous in the yachting world including such names as Iain Murray, Ben Lexcen, Hugh Treharne and Bruce Farr as well as Olympic gold medalists.

The 2010 regatta will be conducted in an area east of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and will provide some spectacular, action packed racing.

Competitors will represent USA, Great Britain, Europe and New Zealand as well as the best local Australian teams.

As well as vantage points on both sides of the harbour, the Australian 18 Footers League will have spectator ferries following all the racing.

For further information contact the host club:
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77 Bay Street, Double Bay 2028
Tel: (02) 9363 2995
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Web: www.18footers.com.au
Middle Harbour Yacht Club’s Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta is Australia’s “Celebration of Sail” on Sydney Harbour.

This annual yacht racing championship attracts the highly competitive, glamorous racing yachts frequently seen gracing the harbour, as well as the most popular international keelboat classes.

A sailing regatta for all sailors, the Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta also includes non-spinnaker racers and classic yachts.

Sydney’s celebration of sail is the second leg of the prestigious Audi Australian IRC Championship, an annual series which includes four of Australia’s major yachting events.

The Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta involves the participation and support of the major Sydney clubs: Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Manly Yacht Club, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, Royal Australian Navy Sailing Association, Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club and Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, making this event Sydney Harbour’s largest since the Olympics.
Competitors race for the ultimate overall prize - an Audi vehicle.

This sailing spectacular provides a stunning tapestry of colour and constant action for spectators both on the water or from any of the harbour foreshore vantage points. Racing commences each day from 11am.

Middle Harbour Yacht Club is the centre of shore-side activity and entertainment. Visitors can mingle among the sailors each morning as they prepare for their day’s competition, while enjoying a shore-side breakfast.

Daily there’s a fashion parade, remote control yachts, dinghy sailing, and alfresco dining overlooking the MHYC marina.

Each evening the marina and beach are awash with sailors and many stories are shared. Live entertainment sets the party mood while a massive screen on the beachfront replays the day’s action.

Enjoy the entertainment program at MHYC by becoming a member. A variety of membership options are available; Phone 9969 1244 and quote ASHR.

For spectator vantage points and to find out more information visit www.audisydneyharbourregatta.com or phone Middle Harbour Yacht Club on 9969 1244.

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