Sydney’s Summer Aquatic Events
A Boating Guide
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Info Line 13 12 56
www.maritime.nsw.gov.au

Cover: Historical 18ft Skiff crew racing in the Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta.
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Welcome

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

The program includes the start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart race on Boxing Day, the fireworks on New Year’s Eve and the nautical festivities on Australia Day, as well as other major events on the Harbour, Pittwater and Botany Bay.

Getting afloat to share these community events with fellow boating enthusiasts is one of the highlights of Sydney’s summer. This booklet has been produced and distributed free of charge by NSW Maritime, the State Government’s boating agency, to help everyone make the most of their time on the water. It includes general boating safety advice as well as details of special restrictions for each event and tips for spectator vantage points and preferred anchorages.

New lifejacket rules now apply on NSW waterways and it is mandatory to wear a lifejacket in a range of situations. All children aged under 12 must wear lifejackets at all times on boats less than 4.8m, or when they are in open areas of vessels less than 8 metres that are underway. Everyone on small boats up to 4.8m must wear a lifejacket when boating alone, or at night, or on open (ocean) waters; or when instructed to by the skipper. For full details of the new lifejacket rules, visit www.maritime.nsw.gov.au, or call the Info Line on 13 12 56.

During Sydney’s big aquatic events, 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, in the interests of safe and enjoyable boating for everyone.

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. The cooperation of the boating community to act with care, courtesy and commonsense will be greatly appreciated.
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.

Tips For Attending Boating Events

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.

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.

BE BRIGHT AT NIGHT

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

Photo: Ben Townsend / ADCNSW
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### 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.

### 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 Millers 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.
Sail Sydney, NSW’s premier dinghy racing event, will take place on magnificent Sydney Harbour as part of the annual Sail Down Under series incorporating Sail Brisbane, Sail Sydney and Sail Melbourne.

Competitors from around the world will bring the harbour to life as they strive to establish themselves on the sailing scene in the lead up to the London Olympics in 2012. Sail Sydney has been classified by the International Sailing Federation as a Grade 1 event, one of only two in the Southern Hemisphere.

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

Over 400 sailors are expected to participate from host venue Woollahra Sailing Club in Rose Bay.

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

Rolex Trophy One Design Series

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 10 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 12 December.
SOLAS Big Boat Challenge

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 but must be mindful of the size, speed and manoeuvrability of competing yachts and to stay well clear.

This is the fourth 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 Race. Since 1999 the Trusts have donated more than $550,000 Australia wide to support search and rescue organisations.

Rolex Trophy Rating Series

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.

Rolex Trophy Passage Series

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

These races are ideal crew training opportunities leading in to the Australia’s pre-eminent blue water event.

The Passage Series will run over the weekend of 18-19 December and will consist of two offshore passage races – one race per day starting at 11am in Sydney Harbour.
66th Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia’s flagship event, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will start at 1pm on Boxing Day from Sydney Harbour for the 66th consecutive year.

No other commercial port in the world can boast the start of such an internationally recognised 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 90 plus strong fleet with a clear run to sail unobstructed through the Heads.

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 before heading out to sea and rounding Zulu Mark, 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 second 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. As the fleet heads south into the Tasman Sea, the yachts 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 conditions at sea.

Australia’s premier ocean race attracts some of the world’s best skippers and most experienced crews, including Robert Oatley’s 100ft Wild Oats X1, four-times line honours winner (2005 to 2008) and Stephen Ainsworth’s RP63 Loki. The maximum length overall was increased to 100 feet (30.48 metres) for last year’s race and this year, up to five maxis are expected to race for the line honours trophy while 80 per cent of the fleet will be vying for the historic Tattersall’s Cup, awarded for overall handicap honours.
Yachts and crews will participate from all states of Australia and the ACT, while six international entries have been received from France, Hong Kong, Italy, the 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
Competitors will sail out of Rushcutters Bay and other parts of the Harbour into the exclusion zone at least an hour prior to the starting sequence and must ‘check in’ with the race committee vessel with their storm sails (usually orange) hoisted.

Each competing yacht 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 Zulu Mark 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 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 Watsons Bay and South 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 the exclusion zone between 12pm and 2.20pm to ensure that Boxing Day is enjoyable and safe for all afloat.

Support craft specially authorised to be inside the exclusion zone will display a special flag in a prominent position.

On water: 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.

On land: The best vantage points are Bradleys Head, Chowder Bay, Georges Heights and Middle Head on the west; Shark Island, Steele Point, Vaucluse Point, South Head and The Gap on the east; North Head in the north.

To purchase tickets on board the CYCA’s spectator boats, please contact the club on tel: 8292 7800 or email: reception@cyca.com.au

Once again, the Seven Network will broadcast the start of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race live from 12.30pm, and for the third year in a row, the event will also be webcast live via Seven’s online partner Yahoo!7 worldwide.

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
Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Start 2010

Exclusion Zone Buoy
Rounding Mark
Shipping Channel
No Anchoring OR Passive Craft
Minimum Wash - Maximum 6 knots between 11:30am - 2:20pm
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, our theme is Make Your Mark – a reflection on the decade that was, the lasting impressions left by our actions and how we can make our mark for the future, as the annual ritual continues with people gathering in friendship around and on the Sydney Harbour to welcome the New Year.

An exciting pre-show entertainment program commences at 5pm and continues in the lead up to midnight. The program includes aerial flyovers, an Indigenous Smoking Ceremony, Acknowledgement of Country and other special fireworks effects throughout the evening that Make our Mark.

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

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

Both fireworks displays are 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 is activated from 8pm on New Year’s Eve until at least 12.45am on New Year’s Day. No unauthorised traffic is allowed inside the Exclusion Zone and there is no access under the Sydney Harbour Bridge during this time.
The Exclusion Zone remains active for approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Midnight Fireworks display to facilitate the safe 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 is in force between Cockatoo Island and Steele Point from 3pm, 31 December 2010 to 2am, 1 January 2011.

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, NSW Marine Rescue.

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 www.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 2010 and 2am, 1 January 2011.
- 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 2010 to at least 12.45am, 1 January 2011.
- No traffic under Sydney Harbour Bridge from 8pm, 31 December 2010 to at least 12.45am, 1 January 2011.
- 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. Anchoring is prohibited in shipping channels after 2am, 1 January 2011.
- 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.
2010 Sydney New Year’s Eve (continued)

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.

www.sydneynewyearseve.com

- 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, Farm Cove Precinct, Yarranabbe Park and Darling Point Park (McKell Park) wharves.
- It will not be possible to use these wharves when the adjacent precinct parks are closed, until approximately 6am, 1 January 2011. Refer to www.maritime.nsw.gov.au and relevant Agency/Council linked websites for further details.
- Families wishing to leave the Harbourside East after the 9pm Family Fireworks should contact the nearest NSW Maritime Boating Safety Officer. Call VHF 17 or tel (02) 9563 8542 before the fireworks on the night, or ask a harbour volunteer.
2010 Sydney New Year’s Eve
9PM FIREWORKS – MIDNIGHT FIREWORKS

8:00pm-12:45am: Exclusion Zone active
8:00pm: Indigenous Smoking Ceremony (barges and vessels)
8:40pm: Acknowledgment of Country (barge firings)
9:00pm: Family Fireworks (barge and bridge firings)
9:15pm: Harbour of Light Parade
10:00pm-12:00am: Awaken Firings (barge firings)
12:00am: Midnight Fireworks (barge and bridge firings)

3:00pm-2:00am: Minimum wash - Maximum speed 6 knots
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 is expecting a large fleet to assemble off Barrenjoey in Sydney’s north to help celebrate the 30th anniversary of the 226nm “warm water classic” Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Yacht Race, which gets underway on 2 January 2011.

A five race series will kick off with the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour ocean race, followed by four races in Coffs Harbour over two consecutive days on 5 and 6 January, with a short windward/leeward sprint and a longer race around the South Solitary Islands each day.

The Coffs Harbour Yacht Club has embarked on renovations to their clubhouse and will be eagerly awaiting the race crews when they arrive. The Coffs Harbour International Marina is also ready to accommodate as many boats as needed, a huge positive for the 2011 event which could mirror the 10th and 20th anniversary races, which both attracted more than 100 entries.

The Pittwater to Coffs Harbour ocean race had humble beginnings in 1981 with just 14 boats. Winner was Keith Le Compte’s White Pointer.

The race record is held by Bob Oatley’s Wild Oats IX with a time of 18hrs 29mins 14secs in the 2003. Wild Oats IX’s bigger sister Wild Oats XI took line honours in the 2010 race, with the perennial competitor Dark & Stormy Witch taking the IRC handicap honours. Le Billet won the overall IRC series, with the J35 Jayhawk taking out the PHS series. All have vowed to be back for the 30th Anniversary to defend their titles.

Diehard competitors can join in the Paradise series which commences with a 150nm coastal sprint race from Coffs Harbour to Southport 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.
A few firsts have been put in place for the 30th Anniversary including an online entry system to facilitate the entry process and alleviate the pile of paperwork normally required to enter the Cat 2 race, also a Shorthanded Division will be part of the race so that those who prefer to sail two or three up can do so and finally satellite GPS trackers will be installed on each boat and will follow the fleet with boat’s positions updated on the event website every 15 minutes. This will assist media, competitors, spectators and families onshore following the race.

Follow all the action during the race via the event website at www.pittwatertocoffs.com.au

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 2011**
Mandatory Race Briefing, RPAYC – 1800hrs

**SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2011**
Mandatory Weather Briefing – 0900hrs
Race 1
30th Pittwater to Coffs Harbour
Ocean Race – 1300hrs

**MONDAY 3 JANUARY 2011**
Competitors begin to arrive at Coffs Harbour Marina

**TUESDAY 4 JANUARY 2011**
Competitors arrive at Coffs Harbour Marina
Mayoral reception – CHYC & Passage race Prize Giving, – 1730hrs

**WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY 2011**
Race 2 & 3
Solitary Island Races Coffs Harbour – 1100hrs
Races 2 & 3 Prize Giving, CHYC - 1730hrs

**THURSDAY 6 JANUARY 2011**
Race 4 & 5
Solitary Island Races Coffs Harbour – 1100hrs
Series Prize giving presentation CHYC - 1900hrs

**FRIDAY 7 JANUARY 2010**
Coffs to Paradise Race – 1000hrs

**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.
Australia’s best and most promising young sailors will be in Sydney in January to race in the OAMPS Insurance Brokers Australian Youth Sailing Championship on Botany Bay.

The series will be conducted by Yachting Australia in conjunction with the Georges River 16ft Sailing club at Dolls Point.

The series begins with registration and measurement on 5-6 January, followed by racing from 10am on 7-10 January. Racing will be on the waters of Botany Bay, off the beaches of Ramsgate and Monterey and between Towra Point Nature Reserve to the south and the Kingsford Smith Airport runways to the north.

Classes to be sailed are the Techno 293 windsurfer (Boys and Girls); Laser 4.7 single handed dinghy (Boys and Girls); Laser Radial single handed dinghy (Boys and Girls); Laser Full Rig (Boys); 420 double handed dinghy (Boys, Girls and Mixed); 29er double handed dinghy (Boys, Girls and Mixed); and Hobie16 multihull (Open).

This event forms part of Yachting Australia’s selection process for the Australian team to compete in the 41st ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship in Croatia in July 2011.

The following Australian open championships on NSW waters will also serve as part of the youth team selection:

- Laser class, Georges River 16ft Sailing Club, Botany Bay, 27 December to 4 January
- 420 class, Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Sydney Harbour, 11-17 January
- Hobie 16 class, Vincentia, Jervis Bay, 30 December to 5 January
- 29er class, Belmont 16ft Sailing Club, Lake Macquarie, 27 December to 2 January.

For more information visit: www.youthchamps.org.au or phone Yachting Australia on 8424 7400.
Australia Day 2011 on Sydney Harbour

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 Wednesday, 26 January 2011.

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 supported by Sydney Ports.

Best Dressed Vessel judges will be out on Sydney Harbour from the start of the Ferrython, until the end of the parade (11.00am to 2.00pm).

$500 cash will be awarded to the winners of the following first four categories:

1. Best Dressed Overall
2. Best Dressed Small boat (up to 6 metres)
3. Most Original Theme
4. Best Flag Display

Perpetual trophies will be awarded to:

5. Best Charter Boat
6. Best Working Boat

- 8.30am Body Science Great Aussie Swim Series

Be part of history when competitors battle it out in the final ocean swim of the inaugural Great Australian Swim Series. The final of the series is being held on the doorstep of the Sydney Opera House in Farm Cove on Australia Day.

Join the likes of elite swimmers, Brendan Capell and Ky Hurst for 2.5km swim or a more casual 750m splash. There is something for the young ones as well with the Junior Kids 300m Swim, who will be joined by the elite swimmers. Other race categories include “anything goes” and “dash for cash”.

Farm Cove will be closed to all boats during the swim.

Best vantage point: Farm Cove, Sydney Opera House

- 11.00am CYCA Short Ocean Race

This Short Ocean Race from Sydney Harbour to Botany Bay is conducted by CYCA on behalf of the Australia Day Regatta Inc, for the City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Trophy.

- 11.00am Ferrython

This enormously popular Australia Day event sees Sydney’s favourite green and gold ferries race up the harbour like watercraft possessed. Punters line
the harbour foreshore to barrack on these spirited old gals as they race from Circular Quay to Shark Island before crossing the finish line under the Harbour Bridge. Pack a picnic lunch and prepare to cheer up a storm.

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

**Best vantage point:** Harbour foreshore between the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Shark Island.

- **12.00pm 21 Gun Salute**
  To commemorate the federation of our nation, the 7th and 23 Field Regiments from the Royal Australian Artillery will fire a 21 Gun Salute at midday from Mrs Macquarie’s Point, The Domain (eastern side of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Farm Cove).

- **12.15pm & 12.45pm RAN Search and Rescue Display**
  See the Royal Australian Navy’s Dive Team in a Sea King Helicopter perform a series of search and rescue displays at Farm Cove at 12.15pm and Athol Bay at 12.45pm.

- **1.00pm Australia Day Parade Down the Harbour**
  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 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 175th Australia Day Regatta**
  The 175th 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.
  Traditional and Classic Yachts from around the nation, some up to a century old, are being invited to take part in this historic event. 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.

- **2.00pm F/A-18 Hornet Flyover**
  Look to the sky for the spectacular flyover of the FA/18 Hornet. You’ll hear them coming but they’re fast so be ready.

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

- **2.30pm Red Berets Splash Into Farm Cove**
  Watch the Red Berets from the Army Parachute Training School splash down into Farm Cove as they perform their parachute display.
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FERRYTHON – PARADE DOWN THE HARBOUR

- **Ferrython 11am**
- **Ferry Movement After Race**
- **Tall Ships Parade Path**
- **Jazz Concert Viewing Area**
- **Exclusion Zone Buoy**
- **Jazz Concert Restricted Areas & Access Channels**
- **Jazz Concert No Anchoring or Berthing Alongside**
- **SAR Helo Restricted Area**
- **Minimum Wash - Maximum 6 knots**
- **Within 200m of Exclusion Zone**

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**Event Schedule**

- **Start (11am)**
  - 21 Gun Salute (12pm)
  - Red Beret (2:30pm)
  - Parade Down the Harbour Finish (1pm)

- **Jazz Concert (4pm)**
  - Jazz Concert Viewing Area

- **SAR Helo (12:45pm)**
  - Parade Down the Harbour Start (1pm)

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**Map Details**

- **Scale**: 1:35,000
- **Exclusion Zone**
- **Jazz Concert Area**
- **SAR Helo Area**
- **Parade Path**
- **Ferry Movement Path**
- **Jazz Concert Viewing Area**
- **Minimum Wash Zone**

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**Additional Notes**

- **Ferrython Start (11am)**
- **Ferry Movement After Race**
- **Tall Ships Parade Path**
- **Jazz Concert Viewing Area**
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 and a chance to win a decoration pack for your vessel. Hurry - packs are limited!

When moving throughout the Harbour please observes the 6-knot “no wash” speed limit.

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 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

Summer temperatures in Sydney can get hot so please be sun safe, eat well and drink plenty of water.

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 12 January 2011
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 2011 PLEASE CONTACT:

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Website: www.australiaday.com.au

NSW MARITIME AUTHORITY
Ph: 13 12 56
Website: www.maritime.nsw.gov.au
Australia Day 2011
Traffic arrangements for
Darling Harbour 1500 - 2300

Wednesday 26 January 2011

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The Rolex Farr 40 World Championship will return to Sydney waters in February, having last been raced here in 2005. This will be the 14th Worlds for this pre-eminent one design class.

Teams from Australia, the USA, Italy, Germany, New Zealand and Denmark will be vying for the title. Defending champion Nerone owned by Massimo Mezzaroma from Italy will be travelling to Sydney to defend the 2010 title.

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron will host the 2011 Rolex Farr 40 World Championship as well as the precursor event, the 2011 Farr 40 Australian Championship on February 18-20. Racing for both events will be conducted off Sydney Heads on either the Manly or Macquarie circle.

For more information go to www.farr40worlds.com.
The JJ Giltinan Trophy Championship

Highlight of the Australian 18 Footers League season on Sydney Harbour is the JJ Giltinan Trophy Championship Regatta. 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 medallists.

The 2011 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:

Australian 18 Footers League
77 Bay Street, Double Bay 2028
Tel: (02) 9363 2995
e-mail: frank@18footers.com.au
Web: www.18footers.com.au or www.flying18s.com
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, Sydney Flying Squadron, 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.

The event kicks off with a charity regatta in support of The Smith Family on Friday 4 March, 2011.

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 breakfast by the beach.
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.

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