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Welcome

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

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.
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 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 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

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.

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

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**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

**ALWAYS WEAR A LIFEJACKET**

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 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

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.

Be penguin-aware and keep a proper lookout!

Boaters on Sydney Harbour are reminded to keep an eye out for Little Penguins between North Head and Manly during the summer breeding season.

A 4 knot speed limit in these ‘Environmental Protected Areas’ extends from Cannae Point to Smedleys Point, and includes Quarantine Bay, Store Beach, Collins Beach and Little Manly. This speed limit also continues north to 100 metres offshore from Smedleys Point toward Manly.

Boaters must anchor at least 50 metres from the high water mark, which is identified by yellow aqua mark buoys and not in the vicinity of known seagrass beds.
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.

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.

THURSDAY 12 TO SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

Sail Sydney Regatta

Now in its 25th year, Sail Sydney is the premier annual dinghy racing regatta in NSW for all ages.

Hosted by Woollahra Sailing Club in Rose Bay, the series will feature racing in more than 20 classes on multiple course areas across Sydney Harbour.

Competitors will range from novices entering their first regatta through to some of the best Olympic class sailors across Australia and the world.

It is a four-day event for Laser Standard, Radial and 4.7, 470 Men & Women, 49er and 49erFX, 420, 29er, Nacra 15, Techno 293, Techno Plus and RSX classes.

Joining in on the weekend of 14-15 December are the Sabot, Optimist, Mirror, Heron, Flying 11, Tasar, RS Aero and Finn classes.

More information:
Australian Sailing
(02) 8424 7400 | sailsydney.org
The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia’s Grinders Coffee 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. Spectator vessels must observe the exclusion zone, 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

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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 – and this year it celebrates its 75th anniversary.

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 entries have come from across Australia and around the world, with a bumper fleet of approximately 160 expected to line up for the historic 75th race.

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 big 75th-year fleet will start at 1pm across four start lines off Nielsen Park. Boats on the northern line will race to Victor mark and boats on the southern lines will race to X-Ray mark at Sydney Heads, before heading out to sea and rounding Yankee, Zulu or Whiskey 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, Yankee or Whiskey marks to starboard before heading south to Hobart.

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**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. Please keep well clear of them.

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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.

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. International viewers can catch the start 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 (Maritime Control)
VHF Channel 13 (Port Authority of NSW)
Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 2019

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For event information visit [rolexsydneyhobart.com](http://rolexsydneyhobart.com)

Tidal predictions for 26/12/2019 at Fort Denison:

- High Water: 9.07am, 1.89m
- Low Water: 3.50pm, 0.28m

(Australian Eastern Daylight Time)
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 a world renowned fireworks display 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.

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 of any bad spirits, with an Aboriginal Elder onboard Tribal Warrior giving a Welcome to Country.

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

9pm – Family fireworks
Enjoy a dramatic eight-minute fireworks display at a family-friendly time. The display is complete with soundtrack on KIIS 1065 and effects launched from barges on Sydney Harbour and from 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 launched from locations including harbour 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.

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 10am with access from 9am 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.

Access for people with a disability

We want a Sydney New Year’s Eve that is safe, inclusive, accessible and enjoyable for all. The ABC will broadcast a live audio description of the 9pm family fireworks, Harbour of Light Parade, Calling Country and the midnight fireworks. Tune in through your local ABC Radio station, via free-to-air TV channel 25, the ABC Listen app or the ABC website. You can also listen to the live audio description through 2RPH.

For more information and a list of accessible wharves, visit sydneynewyearseve.com.
No shorelines access

Special Event Area
3pm–2am
Minimum Wash: 6 knots
Maximum Speed
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
Authorised commercial vessels only
No vessels over 15 metres

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rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime
For event information visit
sydneynewyearseve.com

Tidal predictions at Fort Denison:
Tuesday 31/12/2019
High Water 12.27pm 1.62m
Low Water 7.13pm 0.48m
Wednesday 1/1/2020
High Water 1.19am 1.27m
Low Water 6.48am 0.70m
(Australian Eastern Daylight Time)
NEW YEAR’S EVE, TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2019

Special Event Area
3pm–2am
Minimum Wash
6 knots Maximum Speed

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

3pm–2am: 6 Knots - Minimum Wash
7pm: Tug water display
7.30pm: Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
8pm: Air displays
8pm–12.45am: Exclusion Zone active
9pm: Family Fireworks (barge and bridge firings)
9.08pm: Calling Country (pylon projections)
9.15pm: Harbour of Light Parade
12am: 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

Additional Spit Bridge opening times on 1 January 2020:
2.15am
3.15am
For complete timetable visit rms.nsw.gov.au
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, Clarkes 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.

SPECIAL EVENT AREA ACTIVE
Between Cockatoo Island and Steele Point
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 or in areas that will become an exclusion zone for the event

PORT CLOSURE
Midday 31 December – 6am 1 January

SAFETY MESSAGES
Marine radio band 27.88
VHF Channel 17 (Maritime Control)
VHF Channel 13 (Port Authority of NSW)
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 or Maritime Control on VHF 17.

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

THURSDAY 9 TO MONDAY 13 JANUARY

International 5.5 Metre World Championships

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club in Newport will host the 2020 world championships for the 5.5 Metre keelboat class, with racing outside Pittwater on the Palm Beach Circle.

Established in 1949 as an international class, 5.5 Metres are a construction class divided into three divisions: Modern, Evolution and Classic.

Constant development fostered by carefully advanced class rules has resulted in state-of-the-art boats continuing to join the fleet. At the same time the class formula has allowed for a wide range of boat ages to compete effectively in international regatta events.

The boats attract a strong following due to their unique upwind abilities and the challenge of handling their large spinnakers downwind. The world championships in January are expected to attract a top field of international regatta sailors.

The series will be preceded by the Scandinavian Gold Cup from 3-7 January.

More information: The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club
(02) 9998 3700 | rpayc.com.au
Australia Day on Sydney Harbour

A colourful aquatic spectacle, the 2020 Australia Day Harbour Program brought to you by P&O Cruises and the Port Authority of New South Wales 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.

From 6:30am – P&O cruise ships
Behold the grand giants of the sea. See the P&O cruise ships in Sydney Harbour as they ride the waves and make their way to dock for our celebrations.

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–12.05pm– Salute to Australia
It’s the ceremonial peak of Australia Day. The Australian Army, Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force combine, featuring the HMAS Adelaide on the water, a 21-gun salute on land and a fast jet flyover.

Join Australians young and old to hear the Governor’s Address and to sing our national anthem.

You can stream the soundtrack live. Go to www.australiaday.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 glide across the water in harmony with helicopters above, in an epic piece of musical magic.

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 aircraft flying low over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, capped off with a Red Berets parachute display by the Australian Army over Farm Cove. 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 – 184th 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.

It’s a race for the ages as vessels big, small, new and old compete in an event that has been conducted annually since 1837.

Best vantage point: Eastern part of Sydney Harbour.

6:30pm – 9:30pm – Australia Day Live
A show incorporating fireworks displays will take place in Sydney Cove. An exclusion zone will be in place and will have impacts on navigation around the area, including the Sydney Harbour Bridge transit zone.

Vessels must follow the direction of control vessels and must not stop in the transit zone.
Between 7.45pm and 8.15pm the exclusion zone footprint will be increased from the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Fort Denison and the transit zone will be closed for all vessels. East-west traffic will not be possible during this period.

More information:
Australia Day Council of NSW
(02) 9513 2009 | australiaday.com.au
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## 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 boat? No need to fish for compliments on Australia Day, just deck your boat out!

Head to [australiaday.com.au](http://australiaday.com.au) for more information on how to register and be in the running to win an awesome prize pack, 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.

The lucky winners will also be invited to show off their decorations to the crowds in Circular Quay and score the best seats in the house for Australia Day Live – a maritime, musical and pyrotechnic extravaganza in Sydney Cove.

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 Biz Award** – best commercial vessel
- **Hello Sailor! Award** – best newcomer
- **Best Dressed Award** – best dressed
- **Going Overboard Award** – most imaginative
Central Harbour inset map

Exclusion Zone Buoy
21 Gun Salute Exclusion Zone
HMAS Adelaide
Fire Tug
Fire Tug Exclusion Zone
Tug and Yacht Ballet Vessels
Exclusion Zone

Central Harbour Program
10.45–11.30am: Ferrython
11.56am: 21 Gun Salute to Australia
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12.45–2pm: Australia Day Harbour Parade
1–1.30pm: Tall Ships Race

Exclusion Zone 11.45am to 12.30pm

Fire Tug Clears Path

HMAS Adelaide
10.40am to 12.30pm

Warship to Garden Island

For event information visit australiaaday.com.au
AUSTRALIA DAY, SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2020

Ferrython 10.45am
Ferry movement after race
Tall Ships Race 1pm
Australia Day Harbour Parade

Tidal predictions for 26/1/2020 at Fort Denison:
High Water 10.11am 1.80m
Low Water 4.47pm 0.35m
High Water 10.44pm 1.36m
(Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

Rivercat

Maps not to be used for navigational purposes and may be subject to change. For updates please visit rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime
Event information visit australia.com.au
Australia will again host the first SailGP event of the year, when Season 2 kicks off on Sydney Harbour in February.

Six teams will race identical wingsailed F50 catamarans capable of breaking the 50-knot barrier.

Australia’s Tom Slingsby will be seeking to defend his championship title, looking to put early points on the leaderboard in front of a home crowd. National teams from China, France, Great Britain, Japan and the United States will take on Australia and go head to head over a series of short-format races.
Spectators

Racing will take place within an exclusion zone from 2pm to 5pm, with three races scheduled per day. The race courses will be set daily within the exclusion zone according to wind direction.

There will be marked navigation channels around Bradleys Head, Vaucluse and Point Piper where ferries and other vessels will be required to keep moving. Follow directions of control vessels to dedicated spectator areas where boaters can anchor or drift to watch the racing.

Register your vessel free at SailGP.com/Sydney to receive live updates from race management, including racecourse position and timings to help get the best position on water.

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

Exclusive tours are available to go behind the scenes at the SailGP technical base on Cockatoo Island. Get up close to the world-class athletes and shore teams as they make final preparations to the world’s fastest sail racing boats - the F50s. Tours take place from Monday to Thursday, 17-27 February.

More information: SailGP.com/sydney
SATURDAY 7 TO SUNDAY 8 MARCH

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 15th staging of this event is expected to attract more than 200 keelboats racing in numerous divisions and 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

SATURDAY 14 TO SUNDAY 22 MARCH

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
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

**DURING** your time on the water monitor VHF Channels for vessel movements.

Sydney Harbour VHF 13
Botany Bay VHF 12

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Aquatic events contacts:

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In case of an emergency, call Triple Zero (000).