

Australia Day Regatta



190 YEARS



*26 January 2026
Join us on the water to celebrate
our National Day*



endorsed by the Australia Day Council

AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2026



Botany Bay — Saturday 24 January 2026

1230-2030 Navigators' Cup short ocean race conducted by Cronulla Sailing Club, start off Port Hacking Estuary. Div 1 to Botany Bay, Wedding Cake Island, via Waverider, back to Port Hacking. Div 2 to Botany Bay and then Port Hacking. Div 3 (Inshore) Bate Bay course. Prizegiving and BBQ after racing at CSC.

Monday 26 JANUARY 2025

1100-1800 City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Trophy short ocean race, Sydney Harbour to Botany Bay and return, conducted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia. Starts north of Shark Island and finishes south of the Flagship moored off Rushcutters Bay.

1330-1800 190th Australia Day Regatta, Sydney Harbour, conducted by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on behalf of Australia Day Regatta Inc. Open to all class of keel boats, old and new, fast and slow, small and large, spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions and includes boats from RSYs, SASC, SFS, CYCA, RPEYC, MHYC, GSC, GFS and RANSA fleets.

1430-1800 Lord Mayor's Cup for modern 18-footers - Australian 18-footer Sailing League

1200-1700 Botany Bay — Botany Bay Regatta — Botany Bay Yacht Club, Kogarah Bay Sailability, Kurnell Catamaran Club, and Yarra Bay 16ft Skiff Sailing Club.

1350-1600 Brisbane Waters — Centreboard, Multihull and Yacht Regatta, Gosford Sailing Club

1130-1400 North Harbour, Sydney — Sailability Regatta, Manly Yacht Club

1000-1600 West Harbour, Sydney — Sabot Association Regatta Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club

1400-1700 West Harbour, Sydney — Centreboard & Sailboard Regatta, Dobroyd Aquatic Club

1430-1730 West Harbour, Sydney — Centreboard Regatta, Hunters Hill Sailing Club

1000-2000 Lake Illawarra — Centreboard, Sailboard, Multihull and Trailable Yacht Regatta, Illawarra Yacht Club

1300-1600 Lake Macquarie — Centreboard, Multihull, Keelboat and Trailable Yacht Regatta, Wangi Wangi RSL Sailing Club

1300-1700 Pittwater — Yacht, Centreboard and Multihull Regatta, Avalon Sailing Club

1500-1800 Chipping Norton Lakes — Centreboard Regatta, Chipping Norton Lakes Sailing Club

West Harbour, Sydney — Wednesday 28 January 2026

1745-2000 Twilight Yacht Regatta, Greenwich Flying Squadron

West Harbour, Sydney — Saturday 31 January 2026

1300-1600 Yacht Regatta, Greenwich Flying Squadron

West Harbour, Sydney — Sunday 1 February 2026

1300-1600 Senior Lasers, Greenwich Flying Squadron

OTHER AUSTRALIA DAY HARBOUR EVENTS

0520 Dawn reflections

0745 Indigenous Morning Ceremony — raising of the Aboriginal and Australian Flags on Sydney Harbour Bridge.

0800-1045 Sydney Harbour Splash Rose Bay

12.00 National Anthem and 21-gun salute

1202 RAAF F37 Flypast and Display over Sydney Harbour and beaches

1210 Ferrython 1800-2130 Australia Day Live-Circular Quay



HOW TO ENTER

It's easy and quick to join the Sydney Harbour fleet for the Australia Day Regatta. Just go to our website: australiadayregatta.com.au
For local events, you can enter directly through your local sailing club.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN

ADVISORY COUNCIL



Fellow sailors,

The unbroken history of the Australia Day Regatta is truly remarkable. When it began in 1837, “Australia” as a unified nation did not exist and the event was initially named the “Anniversary Regatta”. Since 1901 it has seen 31 Prime Ministers come and go. By the time the first of our AUKUS submarines arrives, the regatta will be 200 years old. It is the world’s oldest continuously-run annual sailing event.

The Regatta has endured because it embodies the fundamental principles of our nationhood. It is an opportunity for us all to celebrate what being an Australian means. And what better way can there be for sailors to acknowledge our heritage than to get out on the water and participate in friendly races in everything from offshore yachts to radio-controlled models. At the same time, we recognise and remember that Indigenous Australians have sustained a relationship between land and sea that stretches back millennia.

We would be delighted if you could join us for the 189th Australia Day Regatta on 26 January 2025. Please come and enjoy a unique informal sporting competition on the world’s most beautiful waterways – our harbours, rivers and lakes – and to acknowledge a key moment in the nation’s history. It is a day for all Australians.

We are pleased to acknowledge the Armed Services for their continuing support. Their contribution to our Australia Day celebrations is much appreciated. We particularly wish to thank the Royal Australian Navy for the provision of the flagship for the Regatta.

To all participants we extend our best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Australia Day.

Bruce Dover
Chairman

Noel Cornish
President



Patron

Her Excellency the Honourable
Margaret Beazley AO KC,
Governor of New South Wales

Advisory Council Members 2025-2026

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189TH AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA PERPETUAL TROPHY AND MEDALLION WINNERS



Perpetual Trophy & Medallions won in the 189th Australia Day Regatta held on Sydney Harbour on 26 January 2025 and at satellite Australia Day Regattas on other waterways in New South Wales were presented at the Sydney Town Hall where winners were guests of the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Councillor Clover Moore, represented by Councillor Emelda Davis.

City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Ocean Race Trophy to the handicap winner of the CYCA Australia Day Regatta Ocean Race to Botany Bay and return
My Way, David Aylward

The Australia Day Council Trophy to the first on handicap, Division 1 Classic of the Sydney Harbour Australia Day Regatta
Fidelis, Nigel Stoke

The Australia Day Regatta Centenary of Federation Medal to the handicap winner of a classic Division of the Sydney Harbour ADR
Caress, Michael Paull

Geoff Lee Ocean Race Trophy to the Line Honours Winner CYCA Australia Day Regatta Ocean Passage race to Botany Bay and return
Smuggler, Sebastian Bohm

H C Dangar Memorial Trophy known as the Australia Day Regatta Sponsors' Cup – 1st on Handicap Division 2 (Non-Spinnaker)
Colleen III, James Bevis

Switzerland Insurance Australia Day Challenge Cup to the handicap winner of Division 1 RSYs (spinnaker) in the Sydney Harbour Australia Day Regatta
Triton, David Gotze

The Davidson Family Trophy – 1st on Handicap Division 2 (Spinnaker)
As You Do, Ross Littlewood

The Hunters Hill Council Trophy – 1st on scratch in division with the greatest number of starters at the Hunters Hill Sailing Club Australia Day Regatta.
Shift, Zac Howell in the Optimist Division

Bass and Flinders Trophy to the fastest boat to complete the course of all the Botany Bay Regatta event
Davo, in the ILCA (Laser) class from the Yarra Bay 16 foot Skiff Sailing Club sailed by Les "Doc" Davidson.

The Hood Sailmakers Trophy for Line Honours in the Senior One Up Sabot Division at the Australia Day Sabot Regatta
Eat My Bubbles, Blake Watson

The Northam Family Trophy for line honours in the Junior two-up Sabot Division at the Australia Day Sabot Regatta
The Five, Rupert Anderson & Oscar Patton

The Australia Day Council Youth Sailor's Trophy – Zac Howell sailing *Shift* an Optimist at Hunters Hill Sailing Club

Avalon Sailing Club
Scratch Moth
Stunned Mullet Andrew Sim
Scratch OK Dinghy
Jellybean Craig Jelfs
Scratch Junior Centerboard
Scarborough Charlie Quinn
Handicap Junior Centerboard
Zephyr Frederik Attrill & Emma Tallis
Scratch Laser
Moo to You Too Gavin Jones
Handicap Yachts Spinnaker
Greybeard Malcolm Bradford
Scratch Yachts Spinnaker
8 Ball Cameron Miles
Scratch Yachts Non-Spinnaker
Element Rob Slack
Handicap Yachts Non-Spinnaker
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Botany Bay Yacht Club
Handicap Open
Wundurra Brian Christenson

Chipping Norton Lake Sailing Club
Handicap Open
Sunrise Brodie Cooley

Cronulla Sailing Club
Handicap Division 1
Let's Go Tim Macgillray
Handicap Division 2
Sea Twist Rod Nairn

Dobroyd Aquatic Club
Handicap Open A
Bango Matt Rafferty
Handicap Open B
Hansa Molly Boland
Handicap Sailboards
2777 Baily Nann

Gosford Sailing Club
Handicap Yachts Division 1
Animal Farm David Rowe
Handicap Yachts Division 2
Red October Simon Smith
Handicap Yachts Division 3
Farr2D2 Luke Scott
Handicap ILCA
Simply the Best Chris Meech
Handicap Mixed Fleet
Tricy Brian Pike

Hunters Hill Sailing Club

Scratch Optimist

Shift Zac Howell

Handicap Optimist

Loki Cleo McLay

Scratch ILCA

Fred Kevin Burman

Handicap ILCA

168174 Patrick Hickson

YS ILCA

Skafos Zack Howell

Illawarra Yacht Club

Scratch Trailable Yachts

Hydroflasks Vince Zweers

Scratch Hansa

IYC Tubby Anthony Delle Vergin & Len Snowdon

Scratch Open Monohull

Bandit Glenn Cardwell

Kurnell Catamaran Club

Division 1

Aus 144 Brad Ashmore

Manly Yacht Club - Sailability

Hansa 303

Black Swan Clare Archer & Jeremey Tebbutts

Sabot Association at Lane Cove 12ft Skiff Sailing Club

Scratch Sabot 1-Up

Eat My Bubbles Blake Watson

Scratch Sabot 2-Up

The Five Rupert Andersen & Oscar Patton

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Handicap Division 2

Caress Michael Paull

Handicap Division 3

Colleen III James Bevis

Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club

Division 1

Essential Services Mark Hickey

Division 2

Titoki Tim Binns

Division 3

Windwood Max Wood

Yarra Bay 16ft Skiff Sailing Club

Skyrider

Ferg Avery Crespi

BIC

Downwind Ben Hunter

Northbridge Senior

Aero Charlie Wait

Laser

Pressure Drop Gil Mor



HOST CLUBS ON AUSTRALIA DAY



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Host Club mailing address

Australian 18ft Sailing League, PO Box 42 Double Bay NSW 2026
Avalon Sailing Club, PO Box 59 Avalon Beach NSW 2107
Botany Bay Yacht Club, 44 Endeavour Street San Souci NSW 2219
Chipping Norton Lakes Sailing Club, PO Box 358 Moorebank NSW 1875
Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, New Beach Rd, Darling Point NSW 2027
Cronulla Sailing Club, 50 Waratah St., Cronulla NSW 2230
Dobroyd Aquatic Club, PO Box 70, Five Dock NSW 2046
Greenwich Flying Squadron, PO Box 5092 Greenwich NSW 2065
Gosford Sailing Club, PO Box 187 Gosford NSW 2250
Hunters Hill Sailing Club, PO Box 11 Hunters Hill NSW 2110
Illawarra Yacht Club, PO Box 148 Warrawong NSW 2505
Kurnell Catamaran Club, PO Box 255 Caringbah NSW 2229
Manly Yacht Club, PO Box 22 Manly NSW 1655
NSW Radio Yacht Association, secretary.nswrya@rcyachts.net
RANSA, Sir David Martin Reserve, New Beach Rd, Rushcutters Bay NSW 2027
Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay, PO Box 78 Newport NSW 2106
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, PO Box 484 Milsons Point NSW 2060
Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, 1 Green Street Cremorne NSW 2090
Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club, PO Box 100 Wangi Wangi NSW 2267
Yarra Bay 16ft Sailing Club, PO Box 198 Matraville NSW 2036



SUPPORTERS OF THE 190TH AUSTRALIA DAY



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE 190th AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA

We extend a big thanks to all who have contributed to the planning and running of the Australia Day Regatta on 26 January 2026. This includes the contribution of the many sailing clubs, and their volunteers, who support the various Regattas conducted across the waterways of New South Wales.

We also acknowledge the support of the Royal Australian Navy and in particular, the captain and crew of the flagship for this year's Regatta. We also express our thanks to the Royal Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force for their special contribution to the spectacle on Sydney Harbour for this historic event.

As always, our special thanks go to the City of Sydney and the Lord Mayor, Councillor Clover Moore, who hosts the annual prize giving for the Australia Day Regatta in the historic and splendid Sydney Town Hall.

Major contributors to the management of the Regatta have again been made by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, their staff and volunteer race officers.

We acknowledge the generous support for the Regatta by Hardys Wines and Lorica for providing financial advice to the Committee on a pro bono basis.

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