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AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA 2007



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A low-angle, wide shot of two men on the deck of a sailboat. They are both wearing dark t-shirts and light-colored cargo shorts. They are leaning over a white mast, using tools to work on a component. The background shows the white sails of the boat and a clear blue sky. The text 'Even the most talented individuals can benefit from the backing of a brilliant team.' is overlaid in a large, black, sans-serif font at the top left.

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An invitation from the President

Friday, 26th January 2007 will see Sydney Harbour a spectacle of sail as hundreds of sailors and their families celebrate our National Day afloat by competing in the 171st Australia Day Regatta – as their forebears have done since 1837.

Joining the fleet of yachts, classic gaff-riggers, modern and traditional skiffs competing in the world's oldest continuously-held annual sailing regatta, will be naval and merchant ships, historic tall ships, Sydney's famous ferries and hundreds of small spectator craft – all flying the Australian flag.

There is no better way to mark the birth of a nation surrounded by the sea, founded across the sea and developed through our great maritime heritage than by taking part in the Australia Day Regatta.

Join us at the 171st Australia Day Regatta on 26 January 2007 by entering your yacht, be it large or small, old or new, and invite your family and friends to be part of this great day afloat. If you don't live and sail in Sydney, join in the Australia Day regattas being conducted the same day on waterways along the New South Wales coast and inland.

My own personal involvement in the Australia Day Regatta goes back more than 40 years after moving from my home city of Adelaide where I learnt to sail in centreboard boats.

On May 1st 1962, I was transferred to Sydney as Resident Director of the New South Wales branch of our family wine company. My great grandfather had opened the branch immediately upon Federation in 1901.

I spent the first month staying at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron while searching for suitable accommodation into which my family and I could move.

I chose an apartment at Balmoral on the shores of Middle Harbour.

Living at the RSYS I became acutely aware of the wonderful then century old heritage of this famous club, the part it had played – and still plays – in maintaining the unbroken tradition since 1837 of the annual Australia Day Regatta.

In January 1963 I had the pleasure of sailing my Flying Dutchman *Fino* in my first Australia Day Regatta, and I continued to participate in the Regatta down the years, both on the water and as a club representative on the organising committee.

The factotum on this committee in those days was the irrepressible Bob Lundie of the Sydney Flying Squadron, who cajoled and urged the essential need to keep this annual regatta going, especially with his beloved Australian 18 footers.

How wonderful in recent years to witness, in an age of synthetic materials, the renaissance of these quintessential wooden sailing boats.

Our founding fathers would today be so pleased to see their regatta being supported by such great sponsors as the Commonwealth Bank as well as the armed services whose contribution on the day is invaluable.

On top of all that the event is now spread right across the state, thereby giving every competitor a sense of history by participating in the world's longest standing continuous annual regatta.

Good sailing

Sir James Hardy
President
171st Australia Day Regatta

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Schedule of Events

Friday, 26 January 2007

Sydney Harbour

- 1100-1800 The City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Trophy Ocean Race, Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Sydney to Botany Bay and return short ocean race, finishing near the Flagship moored off Rushcutters Bay, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.
- 1330-1800 171st Australia Day Regatta, Sydney Harbour, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Conducted by Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on behalf of the Australia Day Regatta Inc. Open to all classes of keelboats, old and new, fast and slow, small and large, spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions, and including boats from the RSY, SASC, CYCA, RPEYC, MHYC and RANSA fleets. Special events include divisions for Catalina yachts etc, and Modern and Historical Skiffs.
- 1400-1800 Historical Skiffs.
- 1430-1800 Lord Mayor's Cup for 18-footers.
- 1300-1700 Centreboard Regatta – Woollahra Sailing Club

Botany Bay Australia Day Regatta

- 1200-1600 Centreboard Regatta – Georges River Sailing Club
- 1200-1600 Centreboard Regatta – St George Sailing Club
- 1200-1600 Keelboat Regatta – Botany Bay Yacht Club & SSROC Councillors' Challenge
- 1200-1600 Catamaran Regatta – Kurnell Catamaran Club
- 1200-1600 Families Afloat Flotilla – St George Motor Boat Club
- 1200-1600 Centreboard Regatta – Yarra Bay Sailing Club

Brisbane Waters, Gosford

- 1350-1600 Keelboat and Centreboard Regatta, including Sailpast – Gosford Sailing Club

West Harbour

- 1000-1600 NSW Radio Yacht Association Regatta – Drummoyne Sailing Club
- 1300-1600 Centreboard Regatta – Greenwich Sailing Club
- 1300-1630 Centreboard and (Wednesday Twilight) Keelboat Regatta – Greenwich Flying Squadron
- 1300-1700 Keelboat Regatta – Parramatta River Sailing Club
- 1300-1700 Centreboard Regatta – Hunters Hill Sailing Club

Lake Illawarra

- 1230-1630 Centreboard, Sailboard and Trailable Yacht Regatta – Illawarra Yacht Club

Lake Macquarie

- 1300-1600 Keelboat, Trailable Yacht, Multihull and Centreboard Regatta – Wangi RSL Sailing club

Manly

- 1300-1600 Solings and Keelboat Regatta – Manly Yacht Club

Pittwater

- 1300-1600 Wooden Boat Race – Woody Point Yacht Club
- 1300-1700 Keelboat and Dinghy Regatta – Avalon Sailing Club

Chipping Norton Lakes

- 1300-1600 Centreboard Regatta – Chipping Norton Lakes Sailing Club





At the Helm

Each year since 1837 the anniversary of Captain Philip's landing in Sydney

Cove in 1788 has been celebrated by a

sailing regatta on Sydney Harbour. Originally known as the Anniversary Regatta, the Australia Day Regatta is now sailed each year on Australia Day as an important part of the Sydney celebrations of our national day.

Despite the challenges of World Wars and other major events, which had an adverse effect on our normal way of life, the regatta has survived, although in some years competitors have been few. It is the World's oldest continuously-held sailing regatta. The regatta to be sailed on 26 January 2007 will be the 171st – a tribute to the remarkable efforts of all the volunteers who have worked hard over the years to make sure it always happens.

The Australia Day Regatta is not only sailed on Sydney Harbour but throughout New South Wales. On Australia Day 2006 some 750 entrants sailed in the Regatta – on the waters of Sydney Harbour, off the coast of New South Wales, on the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers, at Pittwater, Gosford, Botany Bay, Lake Macquarie, Lake Illawarra and Port Hacking. Competitors have ranged from ocean-going yachts over 18 m in length to radio-controlled yachts with sailors of all ages taking part.

The growth of Australia has always been linked to the sea. We have no land borders – most of our imports and exports come and go by sea and, until the relatively-recent development of inexpensive air travel, most people did also. It is therefore appropriate that we should celebrate the founding of our modern nation by a sailing regatta to remind us of our dependence on the sea and those who sail on it.

Many of those who will sail in the regatta will have years of sailing experience, but many will be young and still discovering the joys of sailing and the challenges of competing with others who share similar interests. Sailing is a marvellous sport that mixes people of different generations, backgrounds and knowledge to share a common experience. It is always a delight to see so many young Australians receive a reward for their efforts each year at the Australia Day Regatta prize giving function in the Sydney Town Hall in March.

There is no better way to celebrate Australia Day than on the water. The Management Committee would like to see as many sailors as possible on the water on 26 January 2007 with family and friends to take part in the many events on the day both before and after the Regatta, to enjoy the displays by the members of the Australian Defence Force, and celebrate Australia Day by sailing in the Australia Day Regatta.

Happy sailing,

John Jeremy

Chairman

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Well another Australia Day is coming up and again Commonwealth Bank is pleased to be a part of the 171st Australia Day Regatta on Sydney Harbour, the world's oldest continuous sailing regatta. To sponsor such an iconic event and be involved with the celebrations in Sydney of our national day is an honour. With formal ceremonies around the country – flag raising, citizenship ceremonies and the presentation of community awards – combined with local events and fun activities, the day belongs to the people.

While the Australia Day Regatta maintains the tradition of being an event for keel yachts, it has expanded to include regattas on waterways that include Botany Bay, Lake Illawarra, Lake Macquarie, Brisbane Waters and Pittwater. Throughout the afternoon hundreds of sailing boats and vessels join in a spectacular maritime celebration of Australia's national day.

Celebrations actively encourage participation of all Australians regardless of age, ethnicity and culture. While the historical aspects of the day will always be acknowledged, there is now a greater awareness of the need to celebrate contemporary Australia with our diversity, remarkable achievements and bright future. The typical Australian embraces such diversity every day – whether at work, through sports, or every day life in general.

Sponsor's message

The Commonwealth Bank, as an Australian institution, shares those values and encourages all Australians to join the festivities on Australia Day, a recognised community day.

On behalf of the Commonwealth Bank, enjoy Australia Day.

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Davidson family donate 140-year-old trophy

A fine claret jug won by the yacht *Ella* in the 1866 Anniversary Day Regatta, as the Australia Day Regatta was then known, has been donated for competition once more, starting with the 171st Australia Day Regatta on Sydney Harbour.

Ella was a prominent competitor in the regattas between 1866 and 1873 and at her first start won the race for Second Class Yachts, an event for yachts under 12 tons displacement. Her owner, Colonel J. Richardson, received the claret jug as his trophy.

With some good fortune, Geoff Lee, the Australian Day Regatta Management Committee Chairman from 2002-2004, and his wife, Judy, discovered this 140-year-old trophy in a Sydney antique shop.

Consequently, Suzanne Davidson, wife of Colin Davidson (Chairman of the Regatta 1989-1995) purchased the claret jug and has donated it to the Australia Day Regatta as a perpetual trophy to be known as "The Davidson Family Trophy" for future regattas.

Coincidentally, Colin Davidson's mother was called Ella, and he and Suzanne have a granddaughter who is also named Ella.

The yacht *Ella* was a cutter of 11 tons built for Colonel Richardson in 1866 by Dan Sheehy at Woolloomooloo, under the supervision of her designer William Bourke Rusesell Watson. It was he who in the 1880s devised a system of tonnage and measurements that was used for yacht racing as late as 1919.

Her official number was 64372, her dimensions being: Length 35.9 feet; Beam 9.0 feet; and Draft 7.0 feet.

Ella sailed in numerous races conducted by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron as well as the Anniversary Regatta from 1866-1873 and the Balmain Regatta. Her Anniversary Regatta record is below.

In 1879 *Ella* transferred from Sydney to Hobart Town where she sailed with the Derwent Yacht Club. In 1886 she was still on the register of that Club.

The Australia Day Management Committee has decided at Colin Davidson's request that, as *Ella* was



the winner of the race for Second Class Yachts at the 1866 Anniversary Day Regatta, then the historic claret jug should be awarded to the winner of Division 2 for the 171st and future Australia Day Regattas on Sydney Harbour. It will be known as The Davidson Family Trophy.

And back in 1866...

The 1866 Anniversary Day Regattas was reported in the Sydney (Morning) Herald the following day in the colourful prose of journalism of that day, with much coverage given to the social aspects of the celebration.

Ella's victory came in the Tenth Race for Second Class Yachts, of twelve tons and under, with centreboards excluded. The handicap time for tonnage was half a minute to the ton. The course was from their own moorings in Farm Cove round flag-boats off Goat Island, then round a boat moored off Manly Beach, back round the Flagship, then round Shark Island and back to the Flagship. The first prize was 20 guineas and Colonel Richardson also received the fine claret jug.

Describing the event, the 'Sydney Herald' reported:

'This was a very pretty race from start to finish. The *Ella*, a new yacht built by Sheehy, of Woolloomooloo, for Colonel Richardson, went to the front immediately after the start, and was evident that the other yachts would have their work to do to beat her. *Ida* was second, *Crusader* third and *Gitana* fourth, and this was maintained during a great portion of the race.

'*Vivandiere* unfortunately carried away her peak halyard early in the race, and thus lost any chance she might have had. *Ella* increased her lead to the end and finished 3 minutes 14 seconds ahead of the *Ida*, to whom she had to allow one minute; *Ella* consequently won this race by two minutes 14 seconds; *Ida* was second, and *Gitana* third.'

Dr Frank McGrath new Life Member



Dr Frank McGrath OBE, AM, has been elected a Life Member of the Australia Day Regatta in recognition of his long service to the regatta in the 1970s and 1980s.

Frank joins other Life Members Colin Davidson OAM, Geoff Lee AM, OAM, Dick Notley, Brian Northam and Justus Veeneklaas who have contributed so much to the ongoing success of the Regatta.

After a very successful career as a barrister, Dr McGrath was a Judge of the Compensation Court of NSW and its predecessor, The Workers' Compensation Commission, for more than 20 years. For the last ten of these years he was the Chief Judge.

A keen sailor, he served on the Royal Sydney Anniversary Regatta (as it was then known) Management Committee for many years and was its Chairman for 16 years from 1973 to 1988. Nominating Dr McGrath for Life Membership, Life Member (and former Judge) Colin Davidson recalled that, together with the then Honorary Secretary, Bob Lundie, Frank "ran the Regatta not on the smell of an oil rag, but on a breath of fresh air!"

Judge Davidson added: "Frank, in his earlier years, was a very keen Heron sailor and a member of the Double Bay Sailing Club. Past Regatta programs record that he sailed his Heron *Stelazine* in the 1971, 1972 and 1973 Regattas. It is interesting to note that in 1973 one of our

current committee members, John Winning, sailed his 12ft skiff *Yandoo*."

Judge Davidson went on to quote the 1989 Regatta program's acknowledgement of Frank McGrath's service to the Regatta:

'Judge McGrath has brought to the office of Chairman a practical understanding of the significance of the Regatta.

'Despite a heavy workload as Chief Judge of his Court, he has displayed great enthusiasm and effort in discharging his duties as our Chairman. In particular, we remember the significant part that he played in organising our most successful 150th Regatta in conjunction with the Maritime Services Board. It was fitting that he was our Chairman on this historic event.

'Judge McGrath's firm but courteous manner has enabled him to co-ordinate the energies of the members of the Committee and ensure the perpetuation of this historic event.'

Indeed, Life Member Frank McGrath's efforts, along with those of more recent members of the Management Committee, have ensured the future and the expansion of the Australia Day Regatta as a fitting commemoration of our National Day.

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HMAS Newcastle returns as Flagship

The frigate HMAS *Newcastle* will return as Flagship for the 171st Australia Day Regatta in 2007, a role which she and her crew fulfilled so admirably for the 162nd Australia Day Regatta in 1968.

HMAS *Newcastle* is named after the City of Newcastle, located 200km north of Sydney. Since commissioning, the crews of *Newcastle* have maintained a close relationship with their namesake City. At least one visit to Newcastle City is conducted each year.

HMAS *Newcastle* is a long range escort with roles including area air defence, anti-submarine warfare, surveillance, reconnaissance and interdiction. The ship is capable of countering simultaneous threats from the air, surface and sub-surface. Powered by modern gas turbines, the ship can be underway from cold in 30 minutes. In addition, two forward mounted retractable auxiliary propulsion units provide a secondary means of propulsion plus excellent manoeuvrability in confined waters.

The ship's principal weapons are the Standard medium range air-to-air missile and the Harpoon anti-ship missile. The ship is also equipped with a 76mm gun, a Phalanx close-in-weapon-system, and two triple torpedo tubes.



For long range anti-submarine tasks the ship is equipped with a flight deck and two hangars for two S-70B-2 Seahawk Helicopters. The ship's sensor package includes long range radars for air and surface surveillance, and is the second FFG to be fitted with the Australian designed and built Mulloka sonar.

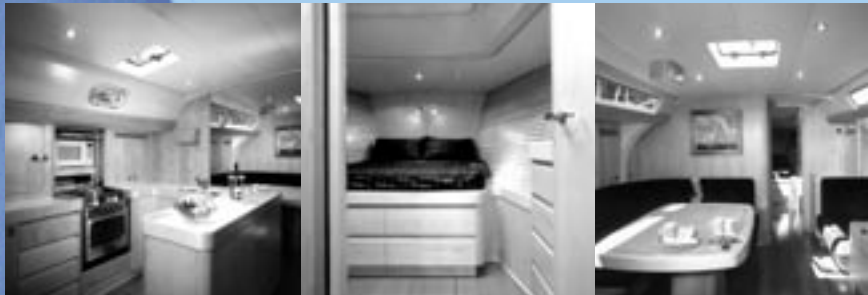
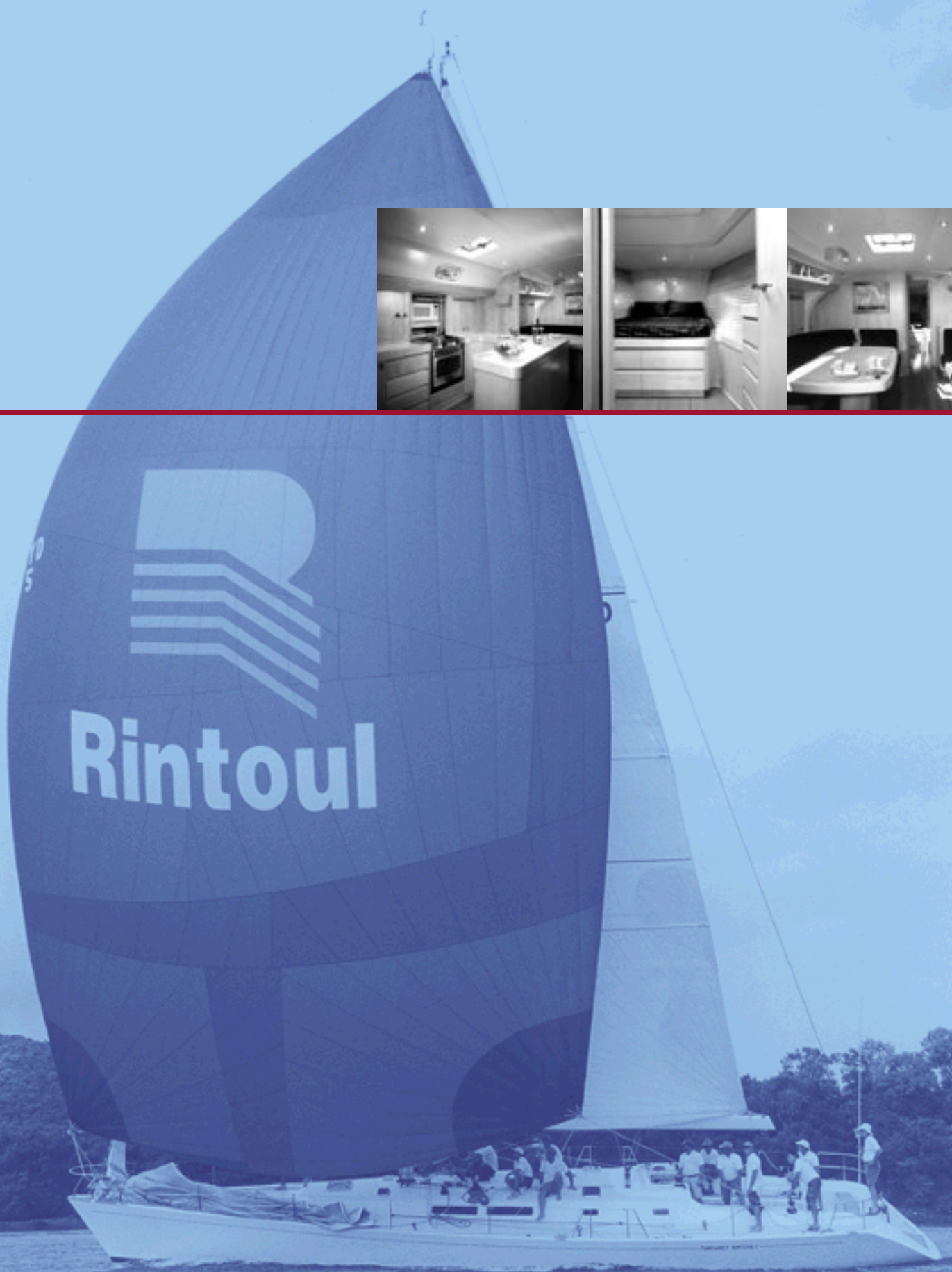
Newcastle is the first RAN ship to bear the name, although there have been eight British *Newcastle*'s. The latest, a destroyer, is still serving.

Commanding Officer of HMAS *Newcastle* is Captain David L. Johnston RAN, who took command of the ship in December 2005.

A graduate of the Royal Australian Naval College, he specialised as a Principal Warfare Officer before being posted to sea in 1989 on the guided missile frigate HMAS *Adelaide*.

Promoted to Commander in 1999, he returned ashore to joint staff positions, including the role of Operations Manager at Sailors' Career Management. Captain Johnston returned to *Adelaide* as Commanding Officer in June 2002 for 18 months before attending the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies at the Australian Defence College.

In January 2005, Captain Johnston assumed the role of Director Joint Plans in Strategic Operations Division, where he was responsible for the development of military response operations for consideration by the Government. He assumed command of HMAS *Newcastle* in December 2005.



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**R.M.S. Mongolia leaving
Sydney in a gale July 9th 1904**

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One hundred years ago

The Australia Day Regatta 2007 will mark the 171st running of the regatta. One hundred years ago the 'Sydney Morning Herald' reported on the 70th annual commemoration of the founding of New South Wales (and ultimately Commonwealth of Australia) under the heading 'Fine and Breezy Weather'.

Judging from the report in the 'Sydney Morning Herald' of 28 January 1907 the Anniversary Regatta (as it was then called) held on the previous Saturday was another great celebration afloat for the citizens, sailors and oarsmen of Sydney.

The flagship chosen for the occasion was the P&O Company's fine steamer *Mongolia* under the command

of Captain C.F.Prescott RNR. (Sadly, ten years later, *Mongolia* was sunk after striking a German mine on a voyage from London to Sydney, see separate story).

On Anniversary (Australia) Day 1907, however, *Mongolia* was, according to the 'Herald'..."profusely decorated with flags, and in splendid order, and the officers appeared to vie with each other in their courtesy to the visitors."

The newspaper reported that, compared with the previous year's regatta, there was a considerable increase in the entries for the different events... 'the north-easter was sufficiently strong for the sailing events, and not too powerful for the rowing competitors.

'Many of the contests were interesting and were closely watched by the hundreds aboard the flagship, and those who had taken up positions at Cremorne

An ill-fated Flagship

Flagship of the 1907 Australia Day Regatta (then called the Anniversary Regatta) was the P&O steamship *Mongolia*, a wellknown and record-breaking passenger liner on the London to Australia run before World War I.

She will be remembered, however, as probably as the only Regatta Flagship to be lost by enemy action, sinking in June 1917 after striking a mine laid in the Arabian Sea by the notorious German 'Q' ship, SS *Wolf*.

Mongolia was on a voyage from London to Sydney, her passengers mainly on government service, when, only 17 nautical miles from Bombay, a huge explosion rocked the ship. *Mongolia* had hit a 'two-tier' mine laid by the *Wolf*, and it appeared the main 'second' charge exploded directly beneath the engine room, killing three officers, and 17 crewmembers/passengers.

Mongolia foundered in 13 minutes but according to contemporary reports, regular lifeboat drill throughout the voyage contributed to the saving of every person on board other than those killed in the explosion, a total of 450 people.

With all her radio equipment destroyed, the outside world was ignorant as to the fate of the *Mongolia* as she did not have any escort vessels at that time. The Captain decided to take his lifeboat and two others to Bombay under sail while the remaining 11 boats made for the nearest land, reaching a deserted beach.

Eventually the survivors were rescued by the minesweeper *Curlew* and other vessels, but not before a gruelling march of ten miles to a small port.

• Research based on the records of the State Library of New South Wales.

and other spots in the vicinity of Neutral Bay, off which the *Mongolia* was moored,' the report continued.

'The aspect of the harbour was animated to a degree, and the spectator, looking towards Watson's Bay, at any period of the day after the first race started, had a view which for picturesqueness could hardly be excelled. The 'white wings' were visible everywhere, and round the flagship, the movement of steam pleasure yachts, swiftly gliding motor-boats, the stately sailing yachts, and the numerous craft that made up the 'midget' fleet was full of kaleidoscopic change and vivacity,' wrote the 'Herald's' scribe.

Another important event on Australia Day 1907 was the unveiling of the *Sirius* anchor and cannon in Macquarie Place (where it still remains), then 119 years after *Sirius* arrived as Captain Phillips' flagship of the First Fleet. Several guests had attended that function before joining other dignitaries aboard the Regatta flagship *Mongolia* for the official luncheon. The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Thomas Hughes, proposed the toast "The Day We Celebrate" noting that as a native-born Australian he appreciated very much the honour conferred on him.

The program for the 1907 Anniversary Regatta comprised sailing and rowing events, for professionals, amateurs and service personnel. The sailing included race for dinghies as small as 8 feet, 18ft skiffs, Service boats, Interstate dinghies (including entries from Queensland), Sobroan Boys' cutter race and yachts.

The main race, the All Yachts Handicap, took the fleet of many well-known Sydney racing yachts around a 15.75 sea mile course from Neutral Bay down to Watson's Bay and Manly and back to finish off the *Mongolia*. *Meteor*,

piloted by Mr R.Stevens, had a runaway win for owner Captain Rivett from her 8 minute start, to collect first prize of 10 pounds 10 shillings. *Meteor* won from the scratch boat *Sunbeam* (A.W.Crane) and *Ku-kuburra* (A.E.Cutler) and famous *Culwalla* (W.M.Marks).

The race for Yachts (Cruisers) with fore and aft canvas only, saw a race in which the lead changed several times, with *Athena* (D.Carment) getting the best start and then, as the breeze freshened taking the lead at the lightship. Working into Manly Cove, however, *Bul Bul* (E.W. Barker) crossed *Athena* and was never headed. The scratch yacht *Herreschoff* (D.Duval) passed *Athena* on the run home up the harbour to finish only seven seconds astern of *Bul Bul* at the finish.

In the Cruisers' Race, first place went to *Mischief* (Roxburgh, Raine and Horne) from *Eva* (W.R.Crane) and *Olive* (H.Walters).

Among the competitors in the Sailing Skiffs race was *Linnett*, skippered by Dick 'Rocko' Beashel, a champion 18ft skiff sailor of that era. He was the father of Alf Beashel, one of the founders of the Australian 18ft Sailing League (after whom the Beashel Buoy is named), grandfather of 16ft and 18ft skiff champion sailor Ken, and grandfather of America's Cup and Olympic sailor Colin.

The race for Service Boats (under canvas) produced an interesting winner – Submarine Miners' No 1 Cutter, skippered by Sergeant-Major Firman A.E., outsailing the Naval Brigade entrants.

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Many yacht and sailing clubs contribute to the success of the Australia Day Regatta, not only in conducting the traditional regatta on Sydney Harbour but in organizing and conducting regattas to mark Australia Day on other waterways in New South Wales, from Lake Macquarie in the north to Lake

Illawarra in the south and inland to the Chipping Norton Lakes.

Local authorities also support these regattas and the Australia Day Regatta Inc is appreciative of their contribution to the success of these events.

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City of Sydney Lord Mayor's Cup

Line Honours, Australian 18' Skiff fleet
– ASKO APPLIANCES, Hugh Stodart

SYDNEY FLYING SQUADRON

Victor & Viney Everson Trophy

Handicap Winner, Historical Skiff fleet – BRITTANIA,
Ian Smith

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

H C Dangar Memorial Sponsors Cup

Handicap Winner in largest keelboat fleet in 170th
Australia Day Regatta on Sydney Harbour (Non-
Spinnaker Division) – COOL CHANGE, Shayne Dumbrell

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Trophy

Handicap Winner in largest one-design keelboat fleet
(Yngling class) – MISTRAL, William Houston

Switzerland Insurance Trophy

Handicap Winner Division 1 – SWEET CHARIOT,
Ray Entwistle

RANSA Trophy

Handicap Winner Division 3 – HOODWINKED,
Noel O'Brien

Catalina Trophy

Handicap Winner Catalina Division – SAGACIOUS,
Peter Muller

Australia Day Council Mug and the Australia Day Regatta Centenary of Federation Medal

Handicap Winner, Classic Yachts – REDPA, Tony Tyson

AVALON SAILING CLUB

Australia Day Council Youth Sailor's Trophy

Manly Junior Scratch Winner – MAXIMUM VELOCITY,
Carl Bromfield & Charlie Bradshaw

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Trophy

Winner Yacht Class – ILUKA, Di Mattes

HUNTERS HILL SAILING CLUB & GREENWICH SAILING CLUB

Hunters Hill Council Trophy

Handicap Winner Laser Class – BIG KEV, James Burman

ILLAWARRA YACHT CLUB

Doug Prosser Trophy

In recognition of all Lake Illawarra Yacht Club Winners
– Accepted by Andrew Beazley

NSW SABOT ASSOCIATION

Hood Sailmakers Trophy

Scratch Winner Sabot Senior One-up Class – SHAKE
A LEG 2, Toby Dind

Northam Family Trophy

Scratch Winner Sabot Junior Two-up Class – DOUBLE
BACK, Matthew Graham & Vardon Robson

CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

The City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Ocean Race Trophy and Geoff Lee Ocean Race Trophy

Not awarded – Race abandoned due to lack of wind



Paul Kofod of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia presenting the
Sponsor's Trophy to Shayne Dumbrell, skipper of *Cool Change*, at
the Sydney Town Hall.

Other fine trophies

Competitors in the 171st Australia Day Regatta on Sydney Harbour will be sailing for many fine perpetual trophies that have been donated to the Regatta over the past years.

The newly donated Davidson Family Trophy (mentioned above) will be presented to the handicap winner of Division 2 yachts, but perhaps the most spectacular trophy is the HC Dangar Memorial Sponsor's Trophy which will go with the handicap winner of the largest keelboat fleet racing on 26 January 2007.

The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron presented the Dangar Cup for the annual Australia Day Regatta under a Deed of Loan from RSYS to the Royal Anniversary Regatta Association (as it was then known) dated September 1994. It is now listed as "The Sponsors' Trophy".

Mr R N Dangar originally presented the H C Dangar Trophy to the Squadron in memory of his father, a prominent member over many years. A letter in the files of the Squadron notes "the appeal of this gift is particularly strong in that it links the present with the earliest days of the Club's history, in which your Father (sic) took part as a foundation Member (sic) and later as a Flag Officer, and in whose memory your gift will be held and cared for."

Another historical trophy is The Centenary of Federation Trophy for handicap winner of the Gaff-Rigged Yacht Division of the Australia Day Regatta. The trophy, a gold medallion, is a Sydney Amateur Sailing Club trophy and is described in the SASC Sailing Program as the *Sainora* Medal won by James MacIntosh in the first *Sainora* at the Federation Regatta in 1901. His son, grandson and great grandsons have continued to own yachts and race with the SASC.

Classic Yachts race for the Australia Day Council Mug underlining the Council's recognition of the Regatta as a significant part of Australia Day celebrations afloat. The Australia Day Council Youth Sailor's Trophy is an award that is won by a successful competitor in a junior dinghy class.

The Lord Mayor and the City of Sydney have always had close links with the Australia Day Regatta and, appropriately, two perpetual trophies underline the City's recognition of sailing as an integral part of Sydney.

The City of Sydney Lord Mayor's Cup is sailed for each year by the Harbour's famous 18-footer fleet and awarded to the line honours winner of the race

on Australia Day. The City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Trophy, presented to mark the 150th anniversary of the City, is a perpetual trophy for the Overall Winner under PHS handicapping of the Ocean Race to Botany Bay and return conducted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

The line honours winner of this race wins the Geoff Lee Ocean Race Trophy, presented by Geoff Lee, a former Chairman of the Australia Day Regatta Management Committee and Life Member.

Another Life Member, Brian Northam, donated the Northam Family Trophy which is awarded each year at the Town Hall for scratch winner of the Sabot Junior (two-up) class. The Hood Sailmakers Trophy is another perpetual trophy for this famous training class, the Sabot Senior (one-up) class.

In addition to the hi-tech 18-footers, a feature of the Australia Day Regatta is the race for Historical Skiffs, replicas of 10-footers and 18-footers that raced on the Harbour a century ago.

The Victor & Viney Everson Trophy commemorates the contribution to 18-footers by Victor Everson, who was Commodore of the Sydney Flying Squadron for 30 years, ably supported by his wife Viney.

For owners of Catalina cruiser/racers, the Australia Day Regatta on the Harbour is their major get-together as a class, racing as a division for the Catalina Trophy, donated by the Catalina Anchorage, now named Ausail Marketing Group.

Other Australia Day Regatta Perpetual Trophies include the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (winner of largest one-design class), the Switzerland Insurance Trophy (handicap winner of Division 1 yachts), the Royal Australian Navy Sailing Association (handicap winner of Division 3 yachts).

The Hunters Hill Council Trophy has been a long time local government supporter of the Australia Day Regatta, in particular, the dinghy class events sailed on the waters that bound the municipality. The Hunters Hill Council Trophy is awarded at the Sydney Town Hall prize giving to the handicap winner of the largest centerboard fleet.

Australia Day always sees a big sailing regatta on Lake Illawarra, south of Wollongong, and the Doug Prosser Trophy is awarded in recognition of all Lake Illawarra winners. A nominated winner accepts the perpetual trophy each year at the Sydney Town Hall.

Supporters of the 171st Australia Day Regatta

The 171st Australia Day Regatta Management Committee wishes to express its sincere thanks to all who will have contributed to the success of the 2007 Australia Day Regatta, but most of all those who will participate on Sydney Harbour and many other New South Wales waterways.

For the fourth year, the sponsor of the world's oldest continuously held sailing regatta is the nation's great financial institution, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. We thank the Bank, in particular the Private Bank, not only for its ongoing support but also for its considerable help in the production of the official program for the 171st Australia Day Regatta.

We also acknowledge the long-time supporters of this historic event, especially the Royal Australian Navy and, in particular, the captain and crew of HMAS *Newcastle*, the Royal Australian Air Force and members of No 3 Squadron and the Roulettes, the Royal Australian Army and its Red Berets unit, the Australia Day Council of NSW, the Lord Mayor of Sydney and the Sydney Ports Corporation.

We would especially like to thank the Billich Gallery for their contribution to this program, in particular, the striking cover painted by Charles Billich, an artist of international acclaim.

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On the water in 2006



The success of the Australia Day Regatta on the water hinges on good race management from a small team of volunteers, writes Management Committee Vice-Chairman Charles Maclurcan.

What a wonderful tribute to our heritage the 2006 Australia Day Regatta on Sydney Harbour provided for all those observing and participating.

Prior to the Event the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Race Management Team swung into action, accepting entries, sorting them into divisions and handicapping them appropriately.

On the day, *Gitana*, still the definitive start boat, was well provisioned with supplies of sandwiches, cheese and wine. The four individuals crewing her, set out to position the start/finish line adjacent to the Flagship HMAS *Stuart*, a couple of hours before commencement of proceedings.

This was deemed wise as there can be a tendency to be overwhelmed with random anchoring yachts and even misdirected parades and besides, the guests on the Flagship must have something to talk about. So a line for a north east breeze was laid and the crew waited.

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia abandoned its Offshore Race around noon, but the Harbour Team

remained resolute. At 1.00pm, still the wind refrained from appearing. *Gitana* swung lazily with the tide.

Almost as the echo of the Warning Signal faded the wind arrived and filled in from the north-east at a perfect strength and angle. A 45 minute sequence followed, launching nine Divisions with over 100 yachts. The Historical Skiffs brought up the rear and provided great spectacle as the wind increased. What a terrific way to generate memories for generations of older sailors who are able to recall the heyday of these craft when ferries, filled with punters followed the fleet.

The Catalina Division was hotly contested and whilst it insisted on self handicapping, nothing prevented the usual boat from winning. The Gaff Rigged and Traditional yachts from the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club lent dignity to the waterway and numerous well-known yachts from the RSYs competed with flair. The Dickson's *Norske* and Bruce Gould's beautiful vintage *Margaret Rintoul* set a cracking pace.

The number of competitors finishing with an encouraging word for the Officials proved that the Race had been a great success. The new "no recall" procedure simplifies the start for everyone and whilst a few penalties were applied there seemed to be no dissatisfaction.

Angela Mayhew completed her 11th consecutive year on the Start Boat this year as a recorder and it is my honour to announce her retirement and thank her for her contribution.

Billich Gallery Relocates...

After more than 10 years at 100 George Street, the iconic Billich Gallery has relocated to 3 doors down toward Circular Quay at 106 George Street.

Similar to the previous Billich Gallery our new premises are also steeped in maritime history with the building formerly The Sydney Sailors Home.

Built in 1864 and opening in 1865 the building has had an interesting history and 2 substantial additions through time.

Improvements and additions were made in 1882 after a donation of 500 pounds was generously provided by Prince Alfred in an earlier visit in 1868.

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A bequest in the 1916 estate of Miss Mary Carss enabled the Carss wing to be added with construction starting in 1925 and completed in 1926.

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