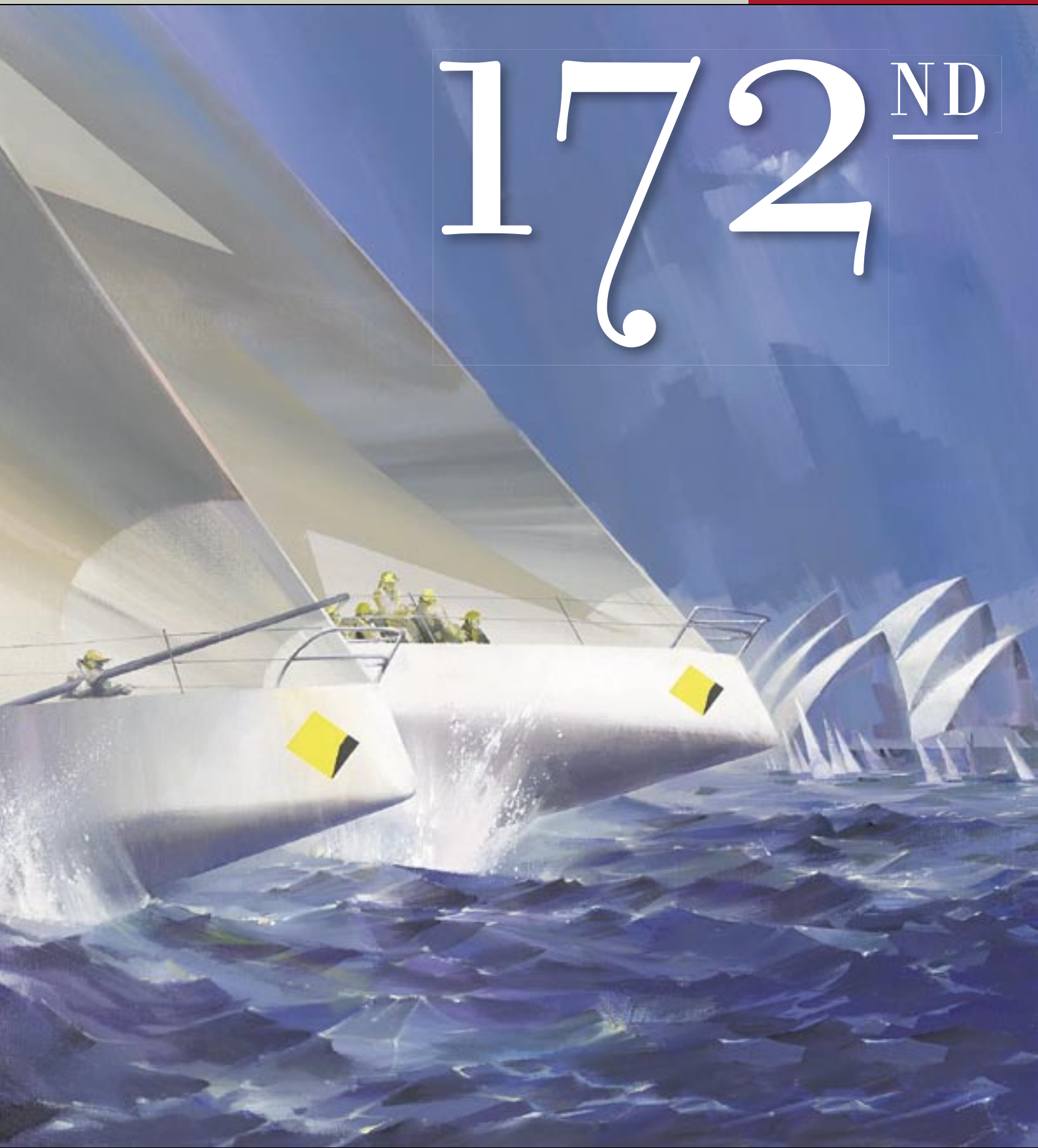


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An Invitation from the President



SIR JAMES HARDY
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REGATTA

ON SATURDAY 26 January 2008 we will celebrate the 172nd Australia Day Regatta on Sydney Harbour, one of the greatest waterways in the world. Hundreds of sailors and their families will participate in this wonderful spectacle, which has been held every year since 1837.

It is hard to believe the Anniversary Regatta (as it was then known) commenced just one year after South Australia was proclaimed a colony and before Victoria, Queensland or Tasmania (it was still called Van Diemen's Land still in 1837) were formally declared provinces.

Please join us for the 172nd Australia Day Regatta 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. Should you not live or sail in Sydney we are conducting Australia Day Regattas in other coastal and inland waterways of New South Wales.

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

Among the grand fleet of vessels on Sydney Harbour will be tall ships, modern yachts of all descriptions, classic heritage gaff-rigged boats, modern and traditional skiffs as well as the famous Sydney ferries, naval and merchant ships and hundreds of spectator craft, all flying the Australian flag.

For my own part I have been involved in the Australia Day Regatta since 1962 when I was transferred from Adelaide to become Resident Director of the Sydney branch of our family wine company. My great grandfather Thomas Hardy founded the branch in 1901 immediately upon Federation.

I learned to sail at a young age in South Australia in the 12 foot Cadet Dinghy class designed in Sydney by A.C. Barber. This class was very strong and was sailed in every state from the late 1920s right up until World War II. It is now only sailed in South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania having been replaced by several international class small boats which nevertheless give aspiring young men and women sailors the opportunity to compete overseas.

I participated in my first Australia Day Regatta in 1963 sailing my International Flying Dutchman *Fino*. Later in that decade I sailed the International 505 class and was fortunate to win the World Championship in Adelaide. This was the first World Championship for an international class sailed in Australia.

It is wonderful to see in these days of synthetic materials and plastic boats the renaissance of the quintessential varnished wooden sailing vessels - the Australian 18 Foot Skiffs. It is very pleasing that there are still boat builders with the skills to construct these replicas with their beautiful red Australian cedar hulls and sparkling silver ash ribs, and stringers all fastened with copper rivets.

There will be about 10 of these new replicas racing with their cloud of sail in their own division at this year's Australia Day Regatta.

Again I extend the warmest invitation to participate in the 172nd running of the world's oldest continuous annual regatta. – **Good sailing**



Schedule of Events

172nd Australia Day Regatta

Saturday, 26 January 2008

Sydney Harbour

- 1100-1800 City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Trophy Ocean Race, Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Sydney to Botany Bay and return short ocean race. Starts north of Shark Island, finishes near the Flagship moored off Rushcutters Bay.
- 1800-1800 172nd Australia Day Regatta, Sydney Harbour, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's Private Bank. 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 RSYS, SASC, CYCA, RPEYC, MHYC and RANSA fleets. Special events include divisions for Catalina yachts and Modern and Historical 18-foot Skiffs.
- 1400-1800 Historical Skiffs – replicas of 18-footers of the 1920s and earlier – Sydney Flying Squadron
- 1430-1800 Lord Mayor's Cup for modern 18-footers – Australian 18ft Sailing League
- 1300-1700 Centreboard Regatta, Rose Bay – Woollahra Sailing Club

Botany Bay

- 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 Councillor's 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
- 1630-1630 Centreboard and Twilight Keelboat Regatta – Greenwich Flying Squadron
- 1700-1700 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 Wangi RSL Sailing Club

Manly

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

Pittwater

- 1300-1700 Keelboat and Dinghy Regatta – Avalon Sailing Club

Chipping Norton Lakes

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



At the Helm

ON SATURDAY 26 January 2008 we will maintain tradition with a sailing regatta on Sydney Harbour - that is now well into its second century - to celebrate the anniversary of Captain Phillip's landing in Sydney Cove in 1788.

The day is now celebrated as Australia Day and the regatta is now the Australia Day Regatta. For many years it was known as the Anniversary Regatta and was sailed on various dates in January, but today the Australia Day Regatta is sailed each year on Australia Day as an important part of our National Day.

Whilst the tradition began on Sydney Harbour in 1837, today the Regatta is also sailed on other waters in New South Wales and off the coast. On Australia Day 2007 over 700 competitors participated 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.

The Regatta has always had a close relationship with the armed services — the Royal Navy ships on the Australia Station and their crews began the tradition and Royal Australian Navy ships have continued this tradition by participating regularly ever since. The association with the Australian Defence Force continues today with the Royal Australian Navy providing a flagship for the Regatta (subject to operational commitments, of course) and the RAAF and the Army conducting displays for the people of Sydney that are a highlight of the day.

There have been many challenges for the Regatta over the years but despite World Wars and economic turmoil the tradition has been maintained and the Australia Day Regatta is the World's oldest continuously conducted sailing regatta. This is a great tribute to the efforts of the many volunteers who have worked to make sure that it happens every year.

The Australia Day Regatta, as we know it today, would not be possible without the generous support of the Regatta sponsors, in particular our principal sponsor, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's Private Bank. On behalf of the organising committee and all those who enjoy the Regatta I thank all the sponsors and the Australian Defence Force for their support.

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 2008 with family and friends to take part in the many events both before and after the Regatta, to enjoy the displays by the members of the Australian Defence Force, and to celebrate Australia Day by sailing in the 172nd Australia Day Regatta. – *Happy sailing*

JOHN JEREMY

CHAIRMAN, AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA RACE
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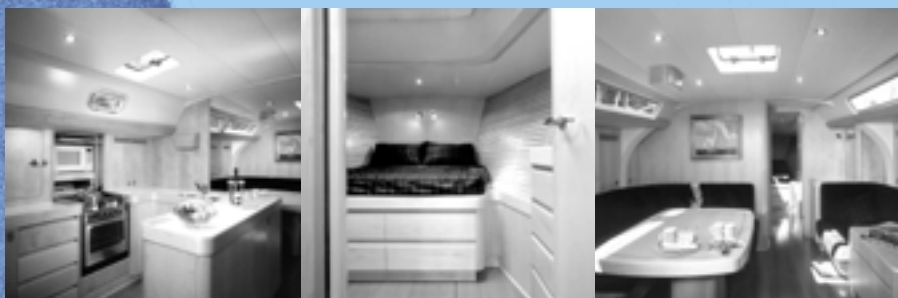
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ON AUSTRALIA DAY we come together as a nation to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. It is also a day to reflect on what we have achieved, what we can be proud of, and for us to re-commit to making Australia an even better place to live in now and in the future.

For the fifth year running the Commonwealth Bank, and more specifically, Commonwealth Private Bank, is delighted to be the principal sponsor of the Australia Day Regatta on our stunning Sydney Harbour waterways.

The regatta is the world's oldest continuous annual sailing regatta, a celebration of the day when a small group of sailors, marines and convicts of the First Fleet founded the colony of New South Wales that was to become our great nation, the Commonwealth of Australia.

For me, the Commonwealth Bank, an Australian institution, shares the heritage and values of diversity, achievement and an enduring spirit of mateship and fairness that characterise the Australia Day Regatta.

What better way to recognise these ties than to encourage camaraderie of all Australians regardless of age, ethnicity or culture and embrace the Australian spirit of coming together and achieving beyond expectation.

On behalf of Commonwealth Private Bank, I wish you a most enjoyable Australia Day.

**James Craig and Young Endeavour in the
Tall Ships Race, Australia Day 2007**





Yendys to sail again on Australia Day

The Historical Skiffs Race will be a highlight of the 172nd Australia Day Regatta and among the competitors will be a replica of a famous 18-footer that took part in the New South Wales Anniversary Regatta 81 years ago.

THE RESTORED 18ft skiff *Yendys* holds pride of place in the foyer of the Sydney Heritage Fleet at Wharf 7, Darling Harbour, a stirring reminder of grand days of skiff sailing in the first half of the 20th century.

Whilst saved from an ignominious end as a derelict and decaying hull at Balmain, her sailing days have long since ended. But there is a new *Yendys* on the water, built to the exact hull dimensions and rig of the original *Yendys* and showing the same exhilarating performance.

The new *Yendys* has already raced with success with the Historical Skiff Sailing Association on Sydney Harbour and in the Centenary Pittwater Regatta early in 2007. On 26 January 2008 the new *Yendys* is expected to be among a large fleet of replicas of the traditional 18-footers competing in the 172nd Australia Day Regatta.

The *Yendys* saga began in 1925 when enthusiastic skiff sailor Norm Blackman commissioned Charlie Hayes to design him a new 18-footer to replace his boat *Sydney*. Her design was revolutionary in that she had a distinctive snub nose bow, which gave her a theoretical waterline of 27 feet and performance to match.

He named the boat *Yendys*, a reverse spelling of *Sydney*. Blackman raced *Yendys* until 1942, competing for 17 seasons with the Sydney Flying Squadron.

Over more than half a century since *Yendys* was

built, the 18-footer won races, was abandoned during World War II, converted to a launch, sank at her mooring, then was salvaged, rebuilt and inspired a new generation to build replicas.

The original saviour of the original *Yendys* was George Williams, an 18-footer sailor in his youth, who could not bear to see *Yendys* end her days as a hulk.

Williams persuaded his old friend George McGoogan, Dock Superintendent at Vickers Cockatoo Island Dockyard, who was also involved with the Sydney Maritime Museum, to have a look at *Yendys*.

Within months the decision was made to save the boat and the *Yendys* Committee was formed, including Dick Humbley, John Jeremy and George McGoogan. The restoration work was completed by successive years of apprentices from all departments at Vickers.

Under the watchful eye of charge hand shipwright Russell Barton, *Yendys* was substantially rebuilt as very little of the original craft remained intact. The transom, the keel and the stern knee survived, but nearly all the rest had to be replaced.

The restoration of *Yendys* was finally complete in 1982 and the boat was donated to the Sydney Maritime Museum. The restored *Yendys* was sailed in several special events, but her sails were too delicate for racing.

Members of the Australian Historical Skiff Sailing Association now have a number of replica historic skiffs and regularly race on Sydney Harbour. *Tangalooma* was the first to be built, followed by *Scot*, *Aberdare*, *Top Weight*, *Australia*, *Alruth*, *Britannia*, *Jenny IV* and *The Mistake* and many of these skiffs will also compete in the 172nd Australia Day Regatta.

This enthusiasm has led to the formation of the Australian Open Skiff Trust under the direction of John 'Woody' Winning, a former champion in modern 18-footers, a member of the Australia



The original *Yendys* racing in the 1930's and the replica *Yendys* in 2006



Day Regatta Management Committee and owner of three historical skiffs. The Trust's aim is to replicate pre-1950 18-footers and keep them in racing order so future generations of Australians can share the experience of this type of racing.

The replica of the *Yendys* was built by professional boat builder Ian Perdriau, who donated his time and skill to complete this superb craft with the assistance of shipwright Col Bailey, one of the Cockatoo Island apprentices who

helped restore the original *Yendys* in the 1980s.

The hull of the replica *Yendys* is cold moulded with two diagonal skins and one fore and aft, all of solid cedar. Instead of traditional tea tree knees, the replica *Yendys* has her knees made from laminated cedar and spotted gum.

The replica *Yendys* is a unique part of Sydney's maritime heritage sailing on the Harbour, as is the restored original *Yendys* at the Sydney Heritage Fleet.

This article is based on the brochure, "*The Yendys Saga*", produced for the Australian Open Skiff Sailing Association with research by John Stanley and story by Leanne Gould, with editing by Peter Campbell

Say it with Sir James

SIR JAMES

Anniversary Day, 26 January 1926 was a day of great celebrations on and around Sydney Harbour – as it had been since 1837 when the first regatta to mark the founding of the Colony of New South Wales was conducted.

New South Wales Anniversary Regatta 1926

THE NEW SOUTH WALES Anniversary Regatta 1926 (now the Australia Day Regatta) was the focal point for the citizens of Sydney to gather on the Harbour and on its headlands to celebrate Australia Day and participate in or watch the spectacle of this great aquatic event.

There were races for yachts and skiffs, rowing skiffs, motorboats, service boats and model yachts centred around the traditional Flagship, that year being the Orient S.N. Coy's ship, the RMS *Orvieto*.

In fact, for just two shillings for Gentlemen, one shilling for Ladies, the non-sailing citizens of Sydney could spend the day aboard the Flagship, moored off Neutral Bay, where 'the starts and finishes of all events can be comfortably viewed from her decks', according to the Official Programme (which cost sixpence) of the 1926 Regatta, a copy of which is in the possession of the 172nd Australia Day Regatta Management Committee.

Also aboard the Flagship was the N.S.W. State Military Band entertaining guests with a wide variety of renditions, beginning with the appropriate march 'Flying Squadron', followed by the waltz 'Over the Waves', the fox trot 'Moonlight and Roses' and, towards the end of a day of festivity afloat, by the fox trot 'Show Me the Way to Go Home' and the march 'On the Quarter Deck.'

No doubt those competing in the New South Wales Anniversary Regatta 1926 also enjoyed the band's lively renditions wafting across the water, such as music from Gilbert & Sullivan's *Iolanthe* and Rossini's *William Tell* as they sailed and rowed and motored near the Flagship.

Just organising the Anniversary Regatta must have been a huge task, judging by the list of officials of the Regatta published in the Official Programme of 1926. There were three Patrons: His Excellency the Rt Hon Baron (Lord) Stonehaven PC, GCMG, DSO, Governor General of Australia, His Excellency Sir Dudley De Chair, KCB, Governor of New South Wales, and Commodore T E Wardle DSO, RN, Commanding HM Australian Fleet.

President was Alderman P V Stokes, MLA, Lord Mayor of Sydney, Vice Presidents being Judge A P Backhouse, Q L Deloitte Esq and Alfred G. Milson Esq, who was also Chairman of the General



Competitors in the Anniversary Regatta 1926 included Hoana (LC Buckle)



Cliff Gale's June Bird was one of the yachts in the Cruisers Race at the Anniversary Regatta 1926



Committee with Colonel A Spain as Vice-Chairman.

The General Committee, including the Chairman and Vice Chairman, totalled 51 men representative of the wide range of aquatic sports participating in the events. Then there were sub-committees for Sailing, Rowing, Service Sailing and Rowing and Motor Yachts. Many prominent yachtsman of that era were members of the General Committee or the Sailing sub-committee.

In total there were 12 races for yachts and skiffs, with some still well known names involved. Interestingly, while the Sailing Rules of the Sydney Yacht Racing Association then largely governed yacht racing on the Harbour, most of the events were conducted under various individual club rules.

The Cruisers Race was sailed under the rules of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, the two 12ft Skiff Handicaps saw one event sailed under the rules of the Greenwich 12ft Flying Squadron and the other under the rules of the Lane Cove Sailing Club.

One design 12ft Dinghies (Cadet class) sailed under the rules of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, the 18ft Boats Handicap raced under the rules of the Sydney Flying Squadron, the 16ft Skiff Handicap under the rules of the Port Jackson Skiff Club. Other clubs involved included the Woolwich Sailing Club (Boats 18ft and under Handicap) and Balmain 10ft Dinghy Club (10ft Dinghies Handicap).

The 18ft and 16ft skiffs drew the biggest fleets and provided the most spectacular racing, but a prestigious event was the 21ft Restricted Class Yachts Scratch Race.

The 21ft Restricted Class had been developed for interstate competition in the early 1920s and while their fleet on Australia Day 1926 was small, it was an elite turnout headed by *Corella*, owned by joint Patron of the Anniversary Regatta, Lord Stonehaven, and skippered by W D M Taylor.

Lord Stonehaven bought *Corella* from his predecessor Lord Forster, who had presented the Forster Cup for perpetual interstate competition in the 21ft Restricted Class. Whilst not an active sailor like Lord Forster, Lord Stonehaven showed his interest in sailing by purchasing *Corella* and presenting the Stonehaven Cup for interstate competition in 12ft dinghies.

Other boats in the 21ft Restricted Class race at the 1926 Anniversary Regatta included *Boomerang*, owned and skippered by Frank Albert, *Nettle*, owned and skippered by W E Arnott, and J L Milson and S M Demster's *E.O.J.*

Many of Sydney's larger racing yachts from the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron competed in the All Yachts Handicap, which saw a scratch start near the Flagship *Oviato* and an interesting handicapping system of minutes for a 'work' and a 'lead'.

For example, *Meteor*, skippered by A. Robinson, had a 'work' handicap of 33 minutes and a 'lead' handicap of 30 minutes. The new *Awanui IV*, skippered by Alexander Sexton, had a 'work' handicap of 12 ½ minutes and a 'lead' handicap of 11 ½ minutes. Scratch boat was Frank Albert's famous *Rawhiti*, skippered by E E Sayer, while also in the fleet was the veteran *Bona* (R L Patrick)

Sadly Alexander Sexton, a most successful yachtsman and rear commodore of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, died later in the year when struck by the boom and knocked overboard during a cruise from Sydney Harbour to Broken Bay aboard *Awanui IV*.

The Cruisers Race (General Handicap) attracted a strong fleet, including many boats from the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club. Scratch boat was *June Bird*, skippered by Cliff Gale, who later designed the famous Ranger class boats, while other wellknown competitors from the Amateurs included Stanley Spain skippering *Mischief*, and Walter Rayment, a member of the Amateurs from 1909 to 1959, at the helm of *Snowdrop*.

The 1920s and 1930s were the heyday of racing in the 18ft and 16ft skiffs, drawing huge crowds on ferries to watch (and bet on) their favourites. The Anniversary Regatta of 1926 drew a fleet of thirtyone 18-footers and thirtynine 16ft skiffs.

Among the 18-footer fleet was the new *Yendys*, a radical snub-nosed 18-footer designed for Norm Blackman, and carrying a large red anchor as the emblem on its mainsail. In the 1980s she was found as a derelict hull in Balmain, restored by apprentices at Vickers Cockatoo Island Dockyard and presented to the Sydney Heritage Fleet, where the fully rigged skiff is on display at Pyrmont.

A replica of the original *Yendys*, built for the Australian Open Skiff Trust and launched in early 2007, will compete in the Historical Skiff Race at the 172nd Australia Day Regatta on Saturday, 26 January 2008.

Other famous 18-footers of that era which competed in the Anniversary Regatta of 1926 included *H C Press II*, skippered by the famous Chris Webb, *Britannia* (George Robinson), *Arline* (Wesley West) and *Australia* (Bill Fisher).

Biggest fleet of the day was the 16ft Skiff Handicap with thirty-nine entries. Among them was *Thrush*, skippered by Alf Beashel, father of 18-footer world champion Ken Beashel and grandfather of Olympic medallist and 1983 America's Cup sailor Colin Beashel and his brother Adam, a current America's Cup sailor.



Cover of the Official Programme of the New South Wales Anniversary Regatta 1926 and, below, Lord Stonehaven's Corella which competed in the race for the 21ft Restricted Class.



"Australia Day 1926 was small, it was an elite turnout headed by Corella"

Rowing was a major part of the Anniversary Regattas up until World War II and in 1926 they competed over a course between Bradley's Head and the Flagship *Orvietto* moored in Neutral Bay. There were amateur events for Senior Fours, Light-Weight Maiden Fours, Maiden Fours, Junior Fours, Single Sculls and Single Sculls in Gladstone Skiffs, with all Sydney rowing clubs represented.

A feature was the presentation of the prestigious Deloitte Jubilee Cup to the Leichhardt Rowing Club's winning eight in the 1925 NSW Eight-Oared Championship.

The Anniversary Regatta 1926 programme included two races for Motor Yachts, run under the rules of the Motor Yacht Club of NSW (now the Royal Motor Yacht Club), one for vessels with a speed of 6 and under 12 mph, the second for boats with a power of 12 mph and over.

There was also an exhibition run by W Walder's speedboat *Century Tire*, then the fastest motor boat in Australia and this was followed by a Speed Boat Race (20 mph and over) over a course that took the fleet from the Flagship down the Harbour to Watsons Bay and back. Among the competitors was the then Commodore of the Royal Motor Yacht Club Stuart F Doyle with *Lady Betty*. He later owned the palatial motor cruiser *Miramar*.

The Defence Forces, notably the British Navy in early years and the Royal Australian Navy, have played a significant role in the success of the Anniversary Regatta/Australia Day Regatta since its inception in 1837. Navy ships have been Regatta Flagships and Navy personnel have been regular competitors, with the Navy being joined by the RAAF and Australian Army in their ongoing support for the Australia Day Regatta.

In 1926 Royal Australian Navy ships' crews and Naval Cadets took part in rowing (pulling) and sailing Services Races. The Service Whalers Handicap Race, pulling five oars, saw entries from HMAS *Adelaide*, HMAS *Anzac*, HMAS *Sydney*, HMAS *Moresby*, HMAS *Platypus*, HMAS *Herald* and two RANR Cadet crews. Navy League Cadets also raced "double-banked in Service Cutters, Whalers and Gigs" with ten entrants.

The big event was the Montague Whalers and Whalers with Fins with 17 entries, including the ships mentioned previously plus HMAS *Tasmania*, HMAS *Success*, HMAS *Tingira* and two RANR Cadet crews.

Whilst we won't see the Montague Whalers and Service Whalers competing again in the Australia Day Regatta, the Management Committee is looking at reviving participation by motor yachts and rowing clubs in events to mark Australia Day.

Researched and written by Peter Campbell



The Flagship – HMAS Kanimbla

Flagship of the 172nd Australia Day Regatta will be HMAS Kanimbla, one of two Royal Australian Navy helicopter capable amphibious transport vessels.

HMAS *Kanimbla* was built for the United States Navy as USS *Saginaw* and was commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy in August 1994. She has undergone extensive modifications for her new role as a helicopter capable amphibious transport ship.

Under the command of Commander Jay Bannister RAN, *Kanimbla* has been made available to the Australia Day Regatta Management Committee as the Flagship and also to entertain guests, including Chiefs of the Australian Defence Forces, clients of the Regatta sponsors, the Private Bank division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, members of the Australia Day Regatta Advisory Council and Commodores of major yacht clubs participating in the Regatta.

As Flagship, *Kanimbla* will be the focal point of the Regatta in which other Australian Armed Services Australia Day activities will include a dramatic flyover by an RAAF FA-18, a spectacular aerobatics display by the RAAF's Roulettes, parachute drops by members of the Army's Red Beret unit and other Defence Forces displays ashore and in Farm Cove. A Navy Sea Hawk helicopter will also fly the Australian white ensign over the Harbour.

Kanimbla's primary role as a member of the Royal Australian Navy fleet is to transport, land and support a force of up to 450 personnel, their vehicles and equipment. *Kanimbla* is fitted with a helicopter hangar capable of supporting up to four Army Black Hawk or three Navy Sea King helicopters. Army landing craft can also be carried on the forward flight deck to provide ship-to-shore transport. Accessed through a stern door, storage space is available on the vehicle deck for Army vehicles and other large items of equipment.

The ship has operations and planning rooms and a comprehensive array of communications equipment to support joint operations. *Kanimbla* is fitted with the largest and most comprehensive medical facilities in the Fleet, with a 40-bed hospital incorporating full surgical and recovery facilities.

HMAS *Kanimbla* is the second RAN ship to carry the name. *Kanimbla I* was a fast cruiser requisitioned and converted to an armed merchant cruiser for the Royal Navy during World War II. In 1943, she was further converted to an infantry landing ship and commissioned into the RAN.

The Captain of HMAS *Kanimbla*, Commander Jay Bannister RAN took command of the ship in June 2006 whilst on operations in East Timor.

As a junior officer he experienced a range of postings in HMA ships *Stalwart*, *Geelong*, *Torrens*, *Derwent* and the USS *Towers*.

Commander Bannister is a specialist in surface warfare and a mine clearance diving officer and served as executive officer of Clearance Dive Team One in 1992-1993. He served as warfare officer in HMA ships *Brisbane* and *Sydney* and was commanding officer of the coastal minesweeper HMAS *Gascoyne* in 2002-2003. More recently he was a staff officer to the Chief of Defence Force.

The Roulettes are the Royal Australian Air Force's elite formate aerobatic display team that showcase Air Force flying skills to the Australian public. Team members, led by Squadron Leader Steve Bekker, are flying instructors at the RAAF's Central Flying School at East Sale, Victoria.

The Roulettes currently fly Pilatus Pc-9/A aircraft, a two-seat single-engine turboprop aircraft that is the major basic training aircraft for the Australian Defence Forces.

In addition to a spectacular run over Sydney Harbour, the RAAF's FA-18 from Williamtown base will fly over Lake Macquarie, Pittwater, Botany Bay and Lake Illawarra where Australia Day Regattas are also being held.



(Left) **NAVY BAND:** A lively Navy Band entertained guests aboard the Flagship HMAS Manoora

Australia Day

TOP BRASS: Commander Charles McHardie, left, with Air Vice Marshall John Quaife, Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas and Major General Mark Kelly aboard the Flagship



THE FERRYTHON
The colorful Ferrython gets everyone in the mood to celebrate Australia Day afloat



OLD TIMER: An Historical Skiff enjoying the fresh no'easter

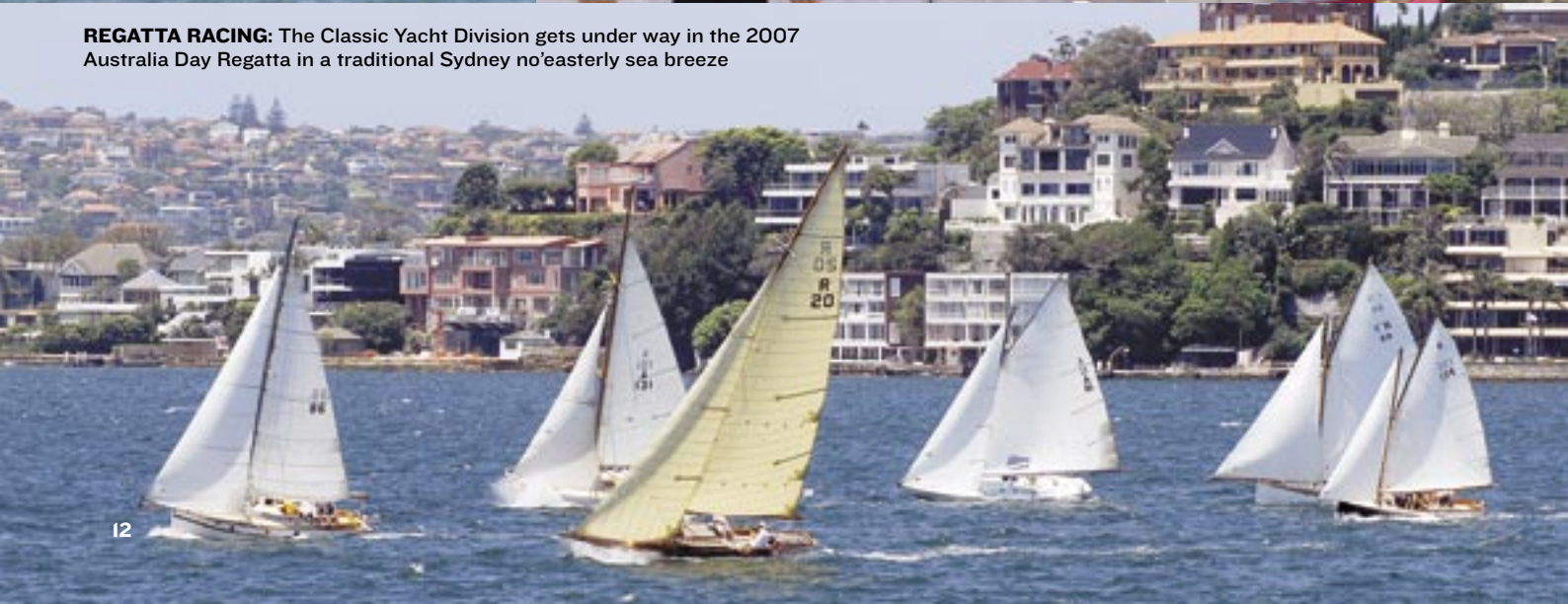


TALL SHIP: Duyfken



SIR JAMES AND FRIENDS: Sir James Hardy, President of the Australia Day Regatta and John Jeremy, Chairman of the Regatta Management Committee, with Defence Forces chiefs and their partners aboard the Flagship

REGATTA RACING: The Classic Yacht Division gets under way in the 2007 Australia Day Regatta in a traditional Sydney no'easterly sea breeze



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CATALINA DIVISION: Australia Day is a special day for owners of Catalina class yachts



WINNERS ARE GRINNERS: Young prize winners at the Sydney Town Hall presentation for the 171st Australia Day Regatta

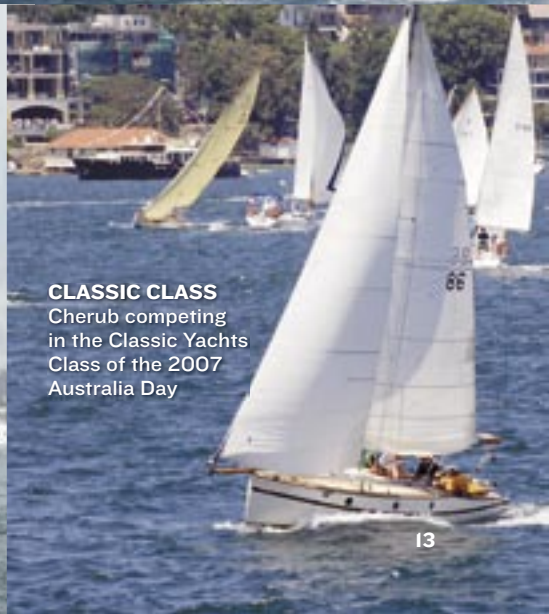


BIG BOATS: Braveheart and Sydney duelling at the start of Division I

THE TALL SHIPS: The Tall Ships made a majestic sight on Sydney Harbour



DRESSED SHIP: The Royal Australian Navy's HMAS Manoora proved a wonderful Flagship for the 2007 Regatta



CLASSIC CLASS
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The 171st Australia Day Regatta 2007 - On the Water

The success of the Australia Day Regatta on the water depends on good race management by a small team of volunteers. Regatta Management Committee Deputy Chairman, Charles Maclurcan, reviews the 2007 regatta.



Considering the potential number of boats able to participate in on-water activities on Australia Day the planning and arrangements made by NSW Maritime are most welcome. Parades of sail and ferry races were held independent of our Regatta without incident this year.

As usual, the RSYS Sailing Office received our entries and our web site disseminated information to those interested in competing on the day. With entries lodged the boats were arranged into compatible divisions and an expert handicapper allotted a time correction factor for each yacht. The results this past year were outstanding with just a

few seconds separating some places.

We set off in Gitana, nice and early to set up a start in the vicinity of the Flagship HMAS *Manoora*. As usual our start boat was well provisioned for a fairly long day on the water. A couple of new volunteers assisted in 2007 and have undertaken to help again in 2008.

A line for the 'requested' north-east breeze was laid and we commenced searching for the 90 or so starters. We needed to hand sponsors flags and instructions to a few boats and this was completed before the 45-minute sequence commenced. The starts were generally quite close and aggressive and were easily observed from the Flagship.

We started 10 Divisions with over 90 yachts. As usual, the Historical Skiffs brought up the rear and provided great entertainment as they offered each other a little good advice close to the start line.

Once again, a number of competitors finished with an encouraging word for the officials indicating that their race for the 171st Australia Day Regatta had been a great success. There is no doubt that the current procedure results in a practical event for both the competitors and the managers.

My thanks to everyone out there on Australia Day 2007 and good sailing for 2008.

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The Regatta Trophies for 2008

Competitors in the 172nd Australia Day Regatta on Sydney Harbour will be sailing for many fine perpetual trophies that have been donated or loaned to the Regatta over the past years.

The HC Dangar Memorial Sponsors Trophy, a large embossed silver cup, will be awarded to the handicap winner of the largest keelboat fleet racing on Sydney Harbour while the Davidson Family Trophy, a delicately crafted 140-year-old crystal and silver claret jug, will go to the handicap winner of Division 2.

In 1997 the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron presented the H C Dangar Memorial Cup for the annual Australia Day Regatta under a Deed of Loan to the Royal Anniversary Regatta Association (as it was then known). It is now listed as The Sponsors Trophy

RN Dangar originally presented the cup to the Squadron in memory of his father, a foundation member of the Squadron who, among other things was honorary treasurer for many years and was aboard the famous yacht *Xarifa* when it won Australia's first ocean race, from Sydney to Newcastle and return, in 1864.

The claret jug that is now the Davidson Family Trophy originally was won by the RSYs yacht *Ella* in the race for Second Class Yachts at the Anniversary Regatta of 1866. It was located in a Sydney antique shop in 2006 and subsequently purchased and presented to the Australia Day Regatta Inc by Suzanne Davidson, wife of Colin Davidson who was Regatta chairman from 1989-1995 and is a Life Member.

Another historical trophy is The Centenary of Federation Medallion for handicap winner of the Classic Yacht Division of the Australia Day Regatta. The gold medallion is a Sydney Amateur Sailing Club trophy and is described in the SASC Sailing Program as the Sainora Medal won at the Federation Regatta in 1901.

Classic Yachts also 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 Sailors Trophy is an award that is won by a successful competitor in a junior dinghy class.

The City of Sydney Lord Mayor's Cup is competed for each year by the Harbour's spectacular 18-footer fleet and is awarded to the line honours winner of the championship 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 receives 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 and former Chairman of the Australia Day Regatta Management Committee, Brian Northam, donated the Northam Family Trophy that is awarded each year at the

Town Hall for the scratch winner of the Sabot Junior (two-up) class. The Hood Sailmakers Trophy is awarded to 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 between the two World Wars.

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.

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.

The Hunters Hill Council, which has been a long-time local government supporter of the Australia Day Regatta, presents the Hunters Hill Council Trophy for the dinghy class events sailed on the waters that bound the municipality.

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.

Avalon Sailing Club has been a long supporter of the Australia Day Regatta with its own 'satellite' event for yachts and dinghies. A new trophy is the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Trophy for yachts.

171st Australia Day Regatta

Perpetual Trophy Winners

AUSTRALIAN 18 FOOTER SAILING LEAGUE

City of Sydney Lord Mayor's Cup
Line Honours Australian 18' Skiff fleet race
SSANGYONG YANDOO – John Winning

AVALON SAILING CLUB

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Trophy
Handicap Winner Yacht Class
LAURA – Claude Moffat

CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

The City of Sydney Sesquicentenary
Ocean Race Trophy Overall Winner on Handicap
SPEARHEAD – Rick Fielding, Ian Currie, Craig Shooks

The Geoff Lee Ocean Race Trophy

Line Honours Winner
VANGUARD – Dick Cawse

HUNTERS HILL SAILING CLUB

Australia Day Council Youth Sailors Trophy
Line honours in a nominated yacht (under 17) class
Sabot-One Up
SHAKE A LEG – Felix Grech

Hunters Hill Council Trophy

1st on scratch in division with the greatest number of starters at Hunters Hill – Laser Radical
WINKIE – Jenni Bonnitche

ILLAWARRA YACHT CLUB

Doug Prosser Trophy
In recognition of all Lake Illawarra
Yacht Club Winners - Scratch Juniors
A BLONDE MOMENT - Ryan Lindsay

NSW SABOT ASSOCIATION

Hood Sailmakers Trophy
Scratch Winner Sabot Senior One-up Class
XLR8 – Bryce Powe

Northam Family Trophy

Scratch Winner Sabot Senior Two-up Class –
THUNDERSTRUCK – Vardon Robson & Lindsay Pike

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

Switzerland Insurance Australia Day Challenge Cup
1st on Handicap Division I, Sydney Harbour
UBS WILD THING - Geoff Lavis

Davidson Family Trophy

Handicap Winner Division 2, Sydney Harbour
SINEWAVE – Greg Mason

RANSA Trophy

Handicap Winner Division 3, Sydney Harbour
CARINA – Greg Nelson



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John Nutt, skipper of Come by Chance, collects the historic H C Dangar Memorial Sponsor's Cup from Paul Kofod, General Manager of the Commonwealth Bank Private Bank, at the Town Hall Prizegiving.

H C Dangar Memorial Sponsor's Cup

Handicap Winner of largest keelboat fleet in Sydney Harbour
(Non-Spinnaker Division I)
COME BY CHANCE – John Nutt

Centenary of Federation Medal and

Australia Day Council Trophy

Handicap Winner Classic Yacht Division, Sydney Harbour
GUMLEAF – Orion Alderton

Catalina Trophy

Handicap Winner Catalina Division, Sydney Harbour
MAGNIFICAT – John & Robyn Hancox

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Trophy

Handicap Winner in largest one-design keelboat fleet
(Yngling Class)
MISTRAL – David Chapman, Simon Wubben, Laurence Milne

SYDNEY FLYING SQUADRON

Victor & Viney Everson Trophy
Handicap Winner Historical 18ft Skiff fleet
SCOT – John Eyles

Red Ensigns to fly

Each yacht competing in the 2008 Australia Day Regatta will be asked to fly the maritime version of the Australian flag – the Red Ensign – from their backstay during the event.

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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 organising and

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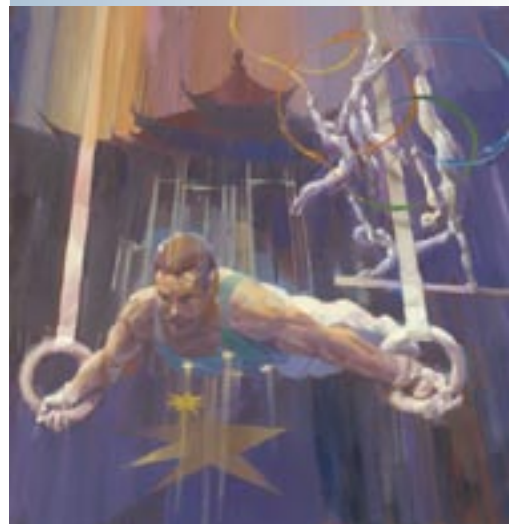
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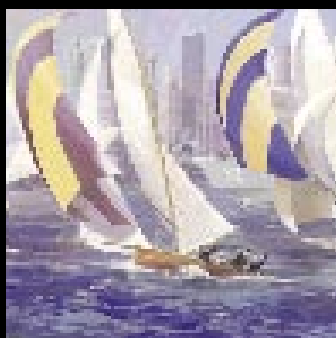
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