



CLASSIC YACHT TROPHY RACE

BRIEFING NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

The format of this year's Australia Day Regatta on Sydney Harbour has been changed to include a special event to commemorate 175 years of maritime tradition on Sydney Harbour — the sailing of a regatta to celebrate the founding of modern Australia. Instead of two separate divisions, one for gaffers and one for other classic yachts, a combined Classic Yacht Trophy Race has been organised with a handicap start after the other divisions in the regatta have started. Details of the starting procedure and the course etc. are included in the sailing instructions.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions are available at www.australiadayregatta.com.au, www.rsys.com.au and www.sasc.com.au. Please note that the Classic Yacht Trophy Race is a non-spinnaker event and is being sailed in accordance with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea and NSW Maritime Regulations rather than the Racing Rules to enable yachts which do not normally race to take part.

HARBOUR EVENTS

Sydney Harbour is a busy place on Australia Day with many spectator boats and other craft out for a fun day on the harbour. In particular, the Ferrython (which begins at 1100) and the Tall Ships Parade from Bradleys Head to the Bridge (which begins at 1300) will make passage from the north side of the harbour to the south difficult or impossible during those events and competitors are advised to make their way to the starting area in the vicinity of Clark Island in good time to avoid missing their start. All competitors are also reminded to keep clear of yachts starting during start sequences before their own.

AFTER THE FINISH

After the finish competitors in the Classic Yacht Trophy Race are invited to sail past the Regatta Flagship, HMAS *Ballarat*, and to sail around Fort Denison before dispersing in order to add to the spectacle for others on or around the harbour. Sailing around Fort Denison is, however, entirely at the discretion of the skipper of each yacht.

POST-EVENT GATHERING AT THE SASC

Competitors in the Classic Yacht Trophy Race are invited to gather at the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club in Mosman Bay after the race for a celebration and prizegiving. If you have not already been asked if you intend to bring your yacht to the SASC, please let the organisers know at ADR175@sasc.com.au or by telephone (02) 9953 6597 or (02) 9953 1433 as soon as possible in order that mooring space can be arranged. On arrival, please follow the directions of the Wharf Master who will help with mooring arrangements. A tender service will be available.

Have a happy and safe day and enjoy the sailing!