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24th Stepping Stone
House Regatta
21 March 2024

Bridge Day 19 March

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of your time
can make a lifetime's
difference*



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elcome from our Regatta Chair

Max Connery

I invite you to our 24th regatta on 21 March in Stepping Stone's 35th year of operation. What better place to make a difference to the lives of homeless young people than sailing from RSYS in competition and with fun on Sydney Harbour. There are 16 young people in the 3 Stepping Stone houses at Dulwich Hill and more than 44 in other houses supported by our Aftercare Program. This whole enterprise "costs" and your support is important to us.

I heard recently this story from a Stepping Stoner, Tim Spillane (not his real name) who spoke of his experience on a 10-day Pacific Ocean voyage on the *Young Endeavour*, a sailing yacht operated by the Navy. He had a scholarship from Sydney Cove Rotary (Captain Trevor Haworth Memorial).

Tim had been in care from a very early age and came to the house as an adolescent, like many others. "I was very apprehensive, initially", he said. In fact, the organiser could not believe the transformation in Tim from the time he first met him. He is now very confident.

Tim described to me how he climbed the mast three times (in port) – "It was like riding a horse". He explained how he developed co-ordination with a friend to ensure the sheet was fed to the sail as it was hoisted. He was very affable as he answered questions and recalled that he was last off the ship because of these onboard friendships.

His final answer to a question was "This (the voyage) was the best thing that happened to me".

Tim, has applied to join the Navy, whilst continuing to work as a barista.

It is for Tim and his co-residents that you come to this Regatta, in which ever way you choose. See the back page – only \$295 for an individual.

Our co-cultural house, which opened in December 2021, has 4 Aboriginal residents with 2 Aboriginal staff.

I ask that you join us at this event and extend an invitation to your friends and colleagues.



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Richard Lawson Race Co-ordinator

As we approach the 2024 SSH Regatta, on 21 March, planning is well advanced, and we are hoping you are able to join us for a day of fun and enjoyment on our wonderful Sydney Harbour. Each year this Regatta Day has brought its challenges, particularly with the weather, yet each time we have had brilliant experiences on the water. Last year's finish was totally unique with yachts overlapped and calling for 'buoy room' at the finish line!! That result, along with the beautiful breeze we enjoyed, has left an indelible memory on my mind and if we can repeat that for our guests in 2024 that would be brilliant.

All Regatta sailing information, e.g. NOR/SI's, will be on the RSYS website by early March 2024. Please go to the 'Sailing' tab and click on 'Events Regattas'/SSH Regatta 2024.

Should you have any questions please contact me.

Sandy Lawson Bridge Convenor

On Tuesday, 19 March 2024 we will be holding the Stepping Stone House Bridge Day and look forward to welcoming you and your friends to the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. It will be held in the Carabella Room, overlooking Sydney Harbour, and we want you to enjoy a relaxing day with morning tea, lunch and Bridge. The Bridge Day has been a wonderful support for Stepping Stone House and we will take the opportunity to tell you more about this worthwhile charity.

Regatta Program 21 March

- 12.00pm Skippers, crews and sponsors gather for packed lunch at RSYS Careening Cove Anchorage
- 1.00pm Skippers' Briefing
- 2.00pm Race Start
- 4.30pm Completion of Regatta
- 5.00pm Prize giving, drinks and carvery at the Club
- 6.00pm Raffle draw and auction

For further information contact:

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Rex Harrison 0410 524 158
Max Connery 0418 647 576
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Bridge Program 19 March

- 9.30am Welcome, Neutral Bay Verandah for morning tea and coffee
- 10.00am Play commences in the Carabella Room
- 12.30pm Lunch with a glass of wine
- 3.00pm Play ends

For further information contact:

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Get involved
for a great cause

How to get involved

We welcome Individuals and Teams, Sailors and Non-Sailors. Sign up as an Individual or put a Team together! Complete and return the entry form with payment.

Regatta Participation Cost

Each sailor will enjoy a boxed lunch, an afternoon sail on the Harbour, post sailing drinks and carvery dinner.

- **INDIVIDUALS** \$295 all provided (\$240 tax deductible)
- **SILVER package** (8 people) – \$3,500 (\$3,000 tax deductible)
- **GOLD package** (10 people) – \$4,400 (\$3,800 tax deductible)
- **PLATINUM package** (12 people) – \$5,500 (\$4,800 tax deductible)

Bridge Day Participation Cost

- **Bridge Day Player** – \$80 (\$55 tax deductible)

Donations to Stepping Stone House

Why wait until March 2024 to make a donation?

If you would like to make a donation beforehand, we would be very grateful indeed. You can donate by:

- **Credit card** via our website www.stepsingstonehouse.com.au
- **EFT** to our bank account
BSB 032-010
Account No 252769
Ref: Your name
- **Cheque** to Stepping Stone House Limited
and post it to PO Box R512
Royal Exchange NSW 1225

Remember, all donations are tax deductible and we will send you a receipt.

Enquiries and Questions

Contact Monica Essey on
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Thank you once again.



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