

NOTICE OF RACE

BALMAIN REGATTA

SUNDAY October 28 2018 from 1100hrs

PREAMBLE: *The Balmain Regatta is one of Sydney's oldest sporting events, with a long history in our waterways. It was first held in 1849 and continued until 1934. It was revived in 1994 by the Balmain Sailing Club. The Balmain Regatta is a celebration of Balmain and sailing on the Sydney Harbour. The Balmain Sailing Club invites sailors, boaties and the general community to join with us for the 2018 Balmain Regatta. It will include a full day of racing and water events, along with food and refreshments for everyone.*

The Balmain Regatta includes the annual 'Pub Challenge'. Balmain is home to the highest number of pubs per capita in Australia. Combining Balmain's rich maritime history with its traditional pub culture – The Pub Challenge presents an opportunity for pub owners to put together crews consisting of staff, regular customers and sailors alike it what has become a great local rivalry!

1. RULES: The Balmain Regatta will be governed by the ISAF 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of Sailing Australia (SA), by this Notice of Race and by the Balmain Regatta Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

The Balmain Regatta is open to any vessel acceptable to the Regatta Race Committee.

Eligible boats shall enter via the Top Yacht Entry System (TES) on the the Balmain Sailing Club's Balmain Regatta page of the club's website

[<http://www.balmainsailingclub.com/balmain-regatta>] by no later than Friday October 26, 2018.

Vintage Skiffs should enter via the link to the 'Yacht Entries – Regatta' link.

Dinghies should enter via the link to the 'Dinghy Entries – Regatta' link.

Entrants in the *Watermans* race can enter and pay at the race office prior to the race on Sunday the 28th of October 2018.

3. ENTRY FEES

Vessels from the Australian Maritime Museum & The Sydney Heritage Fleet	Free
Waterman & Vintage Skiffs	\$35.00
Yachts & Dinghies	\$55.00

4. MIXED FLEET CLASSES

Open Dinghies : Vintage Skiffs : Yachts – Spinnaker Divisions, Non-Spinnaker Divisions, Super 30s, Classic Yachts and the Pub Challenge.

5. OTHER EVENTS

Waterman's Race (classic rowing dories)
Presentation
Live Music
Refreshments available from early to late

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Regatta Sailing Instructions will be posted on the BSC website and emailed to competitors in the week leading up to the Regatta.

9. REGATTA SITE AND RACING AREA

The regatta will be held on Sydney Harbour primarily west of the Harbour Bridge, but with some courses extending east to Shark Island. The starting and finishing area will be between Cockatoo Island and Balmain Sailing Club.

10. COURSES

Will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first three places in each division.

12. INSURANCE & SAFETY

All participating Yachts will be required to hold a current Safety Certificate (Category 7 – YA Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2). A yacht's Safety Certificate shall be produced if requested.

All owners of vessels competing in the Balmain Regatta will be required to hold current Third Party Liability Insurance cover of not less than \$10 million for each separate incident and current on the date of the Regatta. All owners must warrant that their vessel's insurance fulfils this requirement while under racing conditions.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 in the Racing Rules of Sailing, - Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please email racing@balmainsailingclub.com

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