



NOTICE OF RACE
BALMAIN REGATTA
Incorporating the
“Cockatoo Island Classic”

SUNDAY October 29 2017 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, when it was discontinued. It was revived in 1994 by the Wooden Boat Association, and the Balmain Sailing Club. Today it is run by Balmain Sailing Club, with the support of other harbour sailing clubs and community organisations, and is a real celebration of Balmain and sailing on the Western Harbour. The Balmain Sailing Club invites sailors, boaties and the general community to join with us for the 2017 Balmain Regatta. It will include a full day of racing and water events, along with a non-stop stream of food, refreshments and activities for everyone. The racing area will generally be west of Sydney Harbour Bridge – although some of the faster classes will venture under the Bridge to Shark Island before returning to finish with all other classes in front of the Balmain Sailing Club.*

1. RULES The 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 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 Saturday October 28, 2017. Vintage Skiffs should enter via the link to the 'Yacht Entries – Regatta' link. Modern Dinghies (Lasers, Tasers etc) 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 29th of October 2017.

3. ENTRY FEES

Vessels from the Australian Maritime Museum & The Sydney Heritage Fleet	Free
Waterman & Vintage Skiffs	\$35.00
Yachts & Dinghies	\$55.00
Pubs	\$550.00

4. COCKATOO ISLAND CLASSIC

The 2017 Balmain Regatta will once again incorporate the Cockatoo Island Classic for Metre Boats. Further details will be made available on www.balmainsailingclub.com/balmain-regatta

5. MIXED FLEET CLASSES

Open Dinghies, Vintage Skiffs, Open Yachts A, Open Yachts B (non spinnaker), Classic Yachts A and B, Pub and Local Businesses Challenge, Services Cup.

7. OTHER EVENTS

Waterman's Race (classic rowing dories)

Presentation

Band and entertainment.

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

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) or higher, and Yacht entrants warrant they hold this. A yacht's Safety Certificate must be produced on demand.

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, or visit the website www.balmainsailingclub.com/balmain-regatta

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