



## NEW YEAR'S EVE ON SYDNEY HARBOUR – 2016

Hi All!

New Year's Eve is drawing near so I have outlined a broad schedule for our time on the Harbour.

To celebrate New Year's Eve with 'gusto' everyone and anyone is invited to join us on the Harbour - (family, friends, former members, prospective members, interstate clubbies and friends, any brand or size of boat).

The schedule will be very flexible and if you wish to head off and do your own thing, please feel free to do so and maybe meet up for evening nibbles and a cordial.

The weather will be the final dictator, so changes may be inevitable OR popular vote will most certainly overrule. If a group wishes to break away from the fleet, just let us know.

### Main Harbour Launching Ramps:

- Forget Rose Bay Ramp as it gets parked out very quickly and there is very limited parking for large trailer boats.
- Five Dock Bay Ramp is a great location but suffers from restricted space.
- Burwood Road, Canada Bay (Exile Bay) has a pay lock-up parking area and a restricted parking limit of (I think) 24hours. Some members like it, I don't and it is not a starter for an extended stay.
- Cabarita Park Ramp suffers from the same as Burwood road ramp and street parking has been known to 'upset the natives'.
- On the northern side of the river is Kissing Point Ramp at Putney. It is a good ramp with adequate parking suitable for 7metre boats, but it can be subject to the Rivercat ferries and wash. I have used it but find long parking spots are limited for our CR2800.
- Wharf Road, West Ryde Ramp (Ermington) is my preferred launching ramp as there are ample 'large rig' parking spots and security surveillance cameras installed. Also, the Police tend to monitor it during holiday times. I travel some distance to reach this preferred ramp. It would also be the most direct ramp coming from Melbourne.
- On the northern side, the best ramp is at Roseville in the upper reaches of Middle Harbour, not far from Sugarloaf Bay.

### Tides –

	Mon26	Tue27	Wed28	Thur29	Fri30	Sat31	Sun1	Mon2	Tue3
High	0715	0754	0831	0908	0945	1022	1101	1142	1225
	1936	2019	2059	2135	2216	2257	2339	0000	0025
Low	0040	0120	0158	0235	0313	0352	0432	0516	0603
	1351	1431	1509	1545	1621	1659	1738	1819	1902

Allow an extra 1.25 - 1.5hours later for tides at Wharf Road launching ramp

**Marinas:**

- Most marinas have visitor facilities and some have toilet/shower facilities available.

**Shore based showers:**

- At Manly – Balmoral – Chinaman’s Beach (I am sure there are more that I don’t know of - just ask the Whittley boat owners)

**Fuel/water:**

- It is advisable to have a full tank of each before launching (a full tank of fuel should see the distance), however fuel and water is available when leaving Blackwattle Bay (Fish Markets) – Birkenhead – Cabarita – The Spit (two marinas)

**Shopping:**

- Birkenhead – Fish Markets - Manly – Balmoral - The Spit

**Fish Markets - BY BOAT:**

- There is currently a drop-off/ pick-up pontoon OR anchor at Blackwattle Bay and walk the shoreline to the Markets and back (approximately three kilometres).

**Darling Harbour:**

- Because of firework barges, Cockle Bay/ Darling Harbour will be closed to all petrol driven boats.

**What You Need:**

- If possible, a tender (not mandatory, as others will help you out as needed)
- Food for your stay
- Swimmers
- Slip-slop-slap
- A cordial or two/three (to suit your particular thirst)
- BBQ (not mandatory, as others will help you out as needed)
- Happy-hour nibbles
- Ropes/ fenders/safety gear for rafting-up (subject to weather)

**PLANNED SCHEDULE –**

- **Mon 26th**  
For the early birds, overnight in Blackwattle/Rozelle Bay (head straight under the Anzac Bridge and turn 5 degree to starboard. The raft will be against the southern shore in the small cove). Radio!
- **Tues 27th**  
Cruise the lower Lane Cove River to overnight raft back at Blackwattle Bay (if voted).
- **Wed 28th**  
Cruise down river past Luna Park, under the Bridge and cruise the north side bays to Athol Bay (the Taronga Zoo) for lunch, then back past the Opera House, under the Bridge, past the new Barangaroo development, Darling Harbour, Maritime Museum to Blackwattle/Rozelle Bay for another night’s raft.
- **Thurs 29th**  
Back under the Bridge, past Circular Quay, Botanic Gardens, Lady Macquarie’s Chair, Woolloomooloo Bay, Garden Island, Rushcutters Bay, Double Bay, Rose Bay and each bay all the way to Watsons Bay whilst envying the other half and viewing the hovels on which they pay rates. Then across the Heads to Middle Harbour to spend a night’s raft off the beach at Balmoral Beach (showers/toilets available).
- **Fri 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Swimming, sunning, making sand castles on the beach, walking through Balmoral picking up ‘fish-n-chips’. OR, a restaurant (if preferred) for lunch and another night’s raft at Balmoral Beach.

