

Aloha! Thank you for your joining the Giant Steps Sydney 2019 Autism Sailing Regatta being held at Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC) – Friday 1st November.

The Giant Steps Sailing Regatta is an exciting and unique fundraising day with all money raised at the event going to Giant Steps Australia – a world class centre for children with autism.

The following pages provides you with an insight to the event and its exciting program.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you on the day.



THE DAY'S PROGRAM

Below is the Regatta Program filled with fun, fundraising, competition, business networking, socialising, excellent food, and great prizes to be won.

- 9:45–11:15am ★ Check-in at the Official Registration Desk
 ★ The *South Pacific Morning Tea*
- 11:30am ★ Official Race Briefing
- 11:50–1.20pm ★ Meet your skipper ★ board your yacht ★ luncheon on board
- 1:20pm ★ Ten-minute warning gun
- 1:30pm ★ Official race starts (handicap start)
- from* 3:30pm ★ Arrive back to shore after the yacht race
 ★ The *Tiki Bar* opens
- 4:00pm ★ The *Aloha! Beach Party* commences
 ★ Live Band begins
 ★ Beach food huts open
- 5:30pm ★ Live auction commences
- 5:45pm ★ Trophy presentation commences
- 6:00pm ★ The *Beach Raffle* closes
- 6:20pm ★ Raffle draw
- 7:00pm ★ Function closes



Guests who are late and arrive after their yacht has 'set sail' may miss out on the sailing component of the event.

THEME



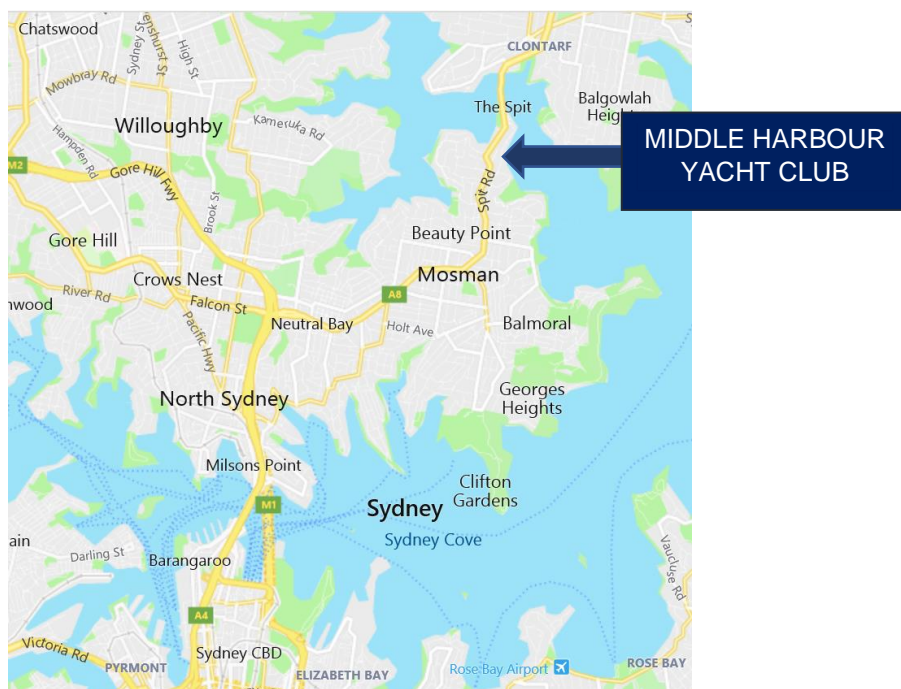
The theme for this year's Giant Steps Charity Regatta is *Aloha!* – a tropical beach setting to get you and your guests into the Summer spirit.

Areas of the yacht club will be dressed in stunning tropical colours and there will be fabulous tropical food to compliment the setting.



LOCATION OF MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

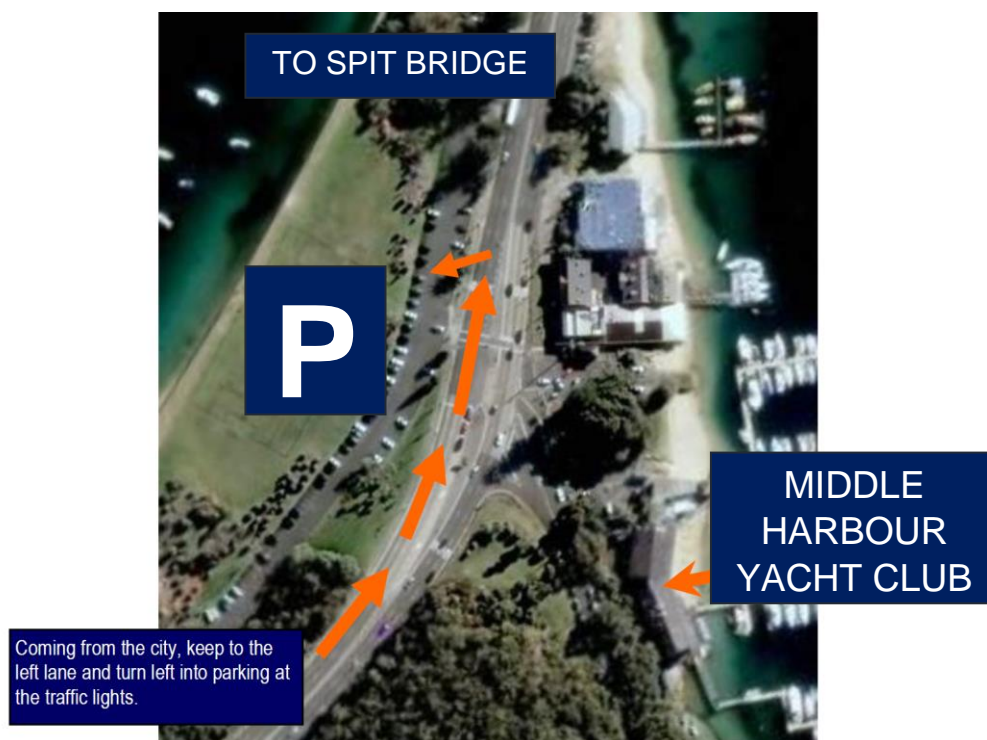
The Middle Harbour Yacht Club is located on Lower Parriwi Road, The Spit, Mosman
Telephone: 9969 1244



PARKING AT MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

There is limited paid parking on the grounds of MHYC for the event – we suggest guests park opposite the yacht club (over the road), in the paid Council Car Park, as shown below.

You may like to consider taxis for a relaxed experience and for a safe drive home.



OFFICIAL CHECK-IN ON REGATTA DAY

Our Official Check-in on Regatta Day is between 9:45am and 11:15am.

The *South Pacific* Morning Tea will be served at this time.

Each participant is required to sign-in on arrival at our Official Check-in at the Registration Desk located at the entrance to the yacht club.

Your company representative will collect your Corporate Hospitality Pack at the Registration Desk. The pack will include sailing instructions, information about our raffle, silent and live auction and more.

At 11:30am there will be a Race Briefing, tender schedules and information about the day for all Corporate Entrants, as well as Skippers and Crew.

YACHT RACE INFORMATION

Information about the yacht race including your sailing division and handicap, the course, sailing instructions, course map and relevant information will be sent to you and your skipper prior to the event – a copy of the handicaps will be included in your Corporate Hospitality Pack for collection at the Official Check-in Desk on Regatta Day.

The Notice of Race (NOR) has been posted on the MHYC and Giant Steps websites.

MHYC and Giant Steps will post the race instructions on their website in advance of the event: www.mhyc.com.au

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, club officials will determine if the sailing element should proceed due to the safety of all participants. MHYC reserves the authority to modify or cancel the race portion of the event should they deem the conditions unsafe (high winds, rough seas).

There are different levels of 'inclement weather' which will determine the decision of how the beach party would be presented.

SAFETY ON YOUR YACHT

All yachts have submitted a "Yachting Australia Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Certificate" (or equivalent) and come with statutory safety equipment.

Please do not hesitate to request a life jacket should you wish to wear one.

Whilst the course will be held within the confines of the Harbour, the yachts will heel and tack. All guests should remain alert at all times while on board, especially for movement of sails and lines. It is important that all guests obey any commands from the skipper to avoid accidents.

INDEMNITY FORM

In order to meet our safety requirements, it is essential that each participant completes and signs an indemnity form.

The final page of this document previews the indemnity form which must be signed at Check-in at the Official Registration Desk, on the day by each person sailing.

WHAT TO WEAR

In order to foster a team spirit, teams are encouraged to dress in branded company apparel (company colours inclusive of logo) eg polo shirts, spray jackets and/or caps.

For non-company teams, we recommended polo or t-shirts and comfortable shorts as you will frequently be moving around the boat.

All participants sailing should dress for comfort and wear closed-in shoes suitable for walking on boats, and with non-marking soles. A good fitting cap, sunglasses, a spray jacket/raincoat and sunscreen are also recommended.

Don't forget to bring your hat and sunblock!

ONBOARD CATERING

Your on-board catering – food and beverages will be delivered by our volunteer crew to your boat in a Giant Steps esky. Luncheon will also be provided for the skippers and crew.

The cost of your onboard catering is included in your Regatta package – there are no extra costs, and you do not need to organise any catering in advance.



POST-RACE FUNCTION – THE ALOHA! BEACH PARTY

The Aloha! Beach Party tickets are available on the Giant Steps website for only \$100 per person <https://www.giantstepsregatta.net.au/#register>

VOLUNTEER GROUND CREW

We  our
Volunteers

A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers from BlackRock and First Sentier Investors, as well as family and friends of Giant Steps who will be working tirelessly at this year's Regatta.

We really appreciate our dedicated volunteers who will be helping with setup, hosting the teams, arranging morning tea, welcoming guests at registration, theming and ensuring everything goes to clockwork to make the event special and memorable for you.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Hashtags for our Sailing Regatta this year are as follows – we would love you to use these when uploading your photos to social media!

#giantstepsautism

#giantstepsregatta

#giantstepsregatta2019

FUNDRAISING

Giant Steps Australia does not charge any fees and relies heavily on fundraising events such as today's Regatta.

Please support our raffle and check out the amazing prizes on offer in our silent and live auction <https://app.galabid.com/gsregatta> Thank you for your support.



YOUR PERSONAL CONTACT

Please do not hesitate us to contact us if you have any questions or need assistance.

Rosemary Smithson at rsmithson@rasconsulting.com.au | 0412 231 321

We all look forward to seeing you on Regatta Day for a great fundraising experience!

INDEMNITY FORM
PREVIEW ONLY
To be signed on the day

I make the following declarations as a condition for being permitted to participate in the 2019 Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta.

ENTRY DECLARATION

- I am bound by the Racing Rules of ISAF and by all other Rules that govern the Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta.
- I acknowledge that Rule 4 – Decision to Race states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I unconditionally acknowledge that I am participating of my own free will and choice in the Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta on Friday 1 November 2019.

I recognise that there is a significant element of risk in any activity associated with the outdoors and that I may be exposed to physical, mental and emotional hazards, adverse weather conditions and unanticipated or unforeseen risks and dangers.

In consideration of your permitting me to participate in the 2019 Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta, I agree to:

- assume ALL RISKS associated with my participation in the Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta;
- assume FULL RESPONSIBILITY for any injuries I sustain (including complications arising therefrom) and all medical expenses that may arise as a result thereof; and
- INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Giant Steps Sydney and Middle Harbour Yacht Club, its representatives and employees, all boat owners, skippers and their crews and all corporations or persons that may sponsor or promote the 2019 Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta from any and all loss or damage, actions, claims, demands whatsoever, both to person or property which may arise from my participation in the 2019 Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta.

I confirm the provisions of this document bind my heirs, executors and personal representatives.

As an invited guest to participate in the above Regatta being conducted at Middle Harbour Yacht Club, I confirm I am over the age of 18 years, I agree to follow direction of Club Management, adhere to Club rules and by-laws, and understand I am granted temporary membership, valid only for the day or period of this event.

Print Name: _____ Company/ Group: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Contact No: _____

Signature: _____