

BAR SPORTS

The Great Bar Boat Race

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For the past 32 years, the first Monday after the end of Michaelmas term is marked by the Great Bar Boat Race which was inaugurated as a competition between members of the Bench and Bar on Sydney harbour.

It was decided two years ago to extend a challenge to the solicitors of NSW. Regrettably, in 2015, they took two of the first three places in the race on corrected time.

The day was met with a reasonable south east wind, and fine weather. The course took yachts from Point Piper, around a

naval buoy, around shark Island, up to Manly and ending with festivities on Store Beach. The conditions made for fast racing with elapsed times between an hour and three minutes, and an hour and 25 minutes. The first two yachts over the finish line were 20 seconds apart, with line honours going to *Next* (solicitors). First on corrected time was *Wine Dark Sea* (NSW Bar).

This event is a great way to end the year, and an opportunity to engage with members of the bench, the bar, and solicitors. Yachts may be hired for the event, and we hope to have more

than 20 entrants in 2016. A number of entrants didn't make it to the start line in 2015 because of late commitments.

The date for the next race is Monday, 19 December 2016. We would welcome suggestions for improvement to this annual event to increase participation, and interaction between various branches of the legal profession. E.g., should the race end up back at, say, RANSA for lunch and prize-giving, or remain at Store Beach?

Line honours	Sail number	Yacht	Skipper	Time	Corrected place
2	6188	<i>Wine-Dark Sea</i>	David Talintyre	12:15:06	1
1	6081	<i>Next</i>	Matthew Fisher (Solicitor)	12:16:46	2
3	64	<i>Fortune of War</i>	Andrew Rowe (Solicitor)	12:19:32	3
5	3302	<i>Blind Justice</i>	Judge Mahony	12:21:37	4
4	2153	<i>Fiction</i>	Michael Blaxell (solicitor)	2:22:04	5
6	4751	<i>Following Sea</i>	Richard Petrie	12:22:45	6
7	AUS158	<i>Jayded</i>	Gordon McGrath	12:24:14	7
9	SM226	<i>Red William</i>	James Kearney	12:26:56	8
8	6452	<i>Irish</i>	Scot Wheelhouse SC	12:27:53	9
10	E226	<i>Pilgrim</i>	Brad Hughes SC	DNF	10