

Ferrython AUSTRALIAN EXCLUSIVE

Australia Day



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“As part of the Australia Day celebrations, the Ferrython is one of Sydney’s most-loved annual large-scale spectator events, with crowds flocking to boats and along the harbour foreshore to cheer on the race.” **Time Out**

Ferrython, one of Australia’s most popular and iconic free events, sees our beloved ferries go head-to-head: racing from Circular Quay to Shark Island and back to a glorious finish at the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Pack a picnic or sizzle some snags and gather on the foreshore to cheer on the ferries as they get fast and furious.

The *Ferrython* is the only event to have occurred every year of the Festival since the very first race in 1979. Now in its 37th year, the free event celebrates Sydney’s love for the harbour and its commuter ferries, encouraging Sydneysiders to flock to the foreshore to cheer on their chosen boat.

It’s not only about speed but also about looks. Competing for the best-dressed award, each of the four participating ferries don their colours, streamers and flags, creating a colourful sight to behold as they dash for the finish line. This mad race up and down Sydney’s spectacular harbour is not to be missed.

“Ferrython is such an exciting time for Harbour City Ferries staff, with many volunteering to take part in the race. Competing and winning invokes a real sense of pride with the crews who look forward to the event,” Harbour City Ferries says of the event.

Supported by Harbour City Ferries, the Festival’s sponsors going head to head across the quay will be **The Star**, **China Southern Airlines** and **The National Roads and Motorists Association (NRMA)**.

Ferries began operating on the harbour in 1861 when fewer than 1,000 people lived on the North Shore. Now in 2015, with over 200,000 people living north of the harbour, populations may have changed but Sydney’s love for travel by ferry has remained the same.

Where Sydney Harbour

When Sunday 26 January at 11am

Price Free

sydneyfestival.org.au/ferrython

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