



The Ferry News



DECEMBER 2008

Super important stuff!!

- **COCKATOO FERRY** starts again on Saturday 27th December for the school holidays - except PUBLIC Holidays. See next page for running times & fares. **Fill in the coupon below, and give it to the skipper when you purchase your ADULT ticket on the ferry for 1 FREE ticket**
- Thinking of XMAS drinks etc?? BOTH ferries available!!
- **Woy Woy - Empire Bay** service runs on weekend timetable on the following dates:
 - Xmas Eve - with a 07:10 from Central Wharf for those unlucky enough to have to go to work!
 - From Thur 24th Dec - Sun 12th Jan
 - Not operating on Xmas Day & Boxing Day

This entitles the bearer to
BUY 1 ADULT fare get 1 FREE on the
COCKATOO FERRY
Dec 08- Jan 09

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL address: _____

LIMIT 1 per family / household
NB : NOT applicable to group bookings

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FARES UPDATE

- **Woy Woy to Empire Bay:** IPART have set the fares as follows:

Adult: \$6.70 One Way / \$13.40 Return

Child, Student, Concession, Pensioners & Seniors: \$3.40 One Way / \$6.70 Return
- **COCKATOO FERRY:**
\$12 Adults \$10 concessions

TIMETABLE UPDATE:

- **WOY WOY- EMPIRE BAY:**
No service XMAS Day & BOXING DAY.
Weekend Timetable from 24th December - 11th January 2009 incl
- **COCKATOO FERRY:** Starts from 27th December for school holiday period.
Does not operate PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: XMAS Day, BOXING Day, NEW YEARS Day & AUSTRALIA DAY

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XMAS GIFT IDEAS:

(This year from GREENPEACE!)



Let hope be your message for Christmas

For animal species like humpback whales and orang-utans, there's no break from the hunting season. Your gift is a message of hope for their survival.

How this gift works...

Illegal hunting, fishing and logging destroy ecosystems and habitats, endangering many species. In the Paradise Forests of Indonesia, the orang-utan, Sumatran rhinoceros, clouded leopard, sun bear, proboscis monkey and Sumatran tiger are all facing extinction. Your gift will support Greenpeace programs including protecting the habitats of endangered species from illegal and destructive logging, educate consumers and bear witness to the logging companies' destruction.



Make a sea of difference

Our oceans are under threat from overfishing and deep sea trawling. This gift will help expose the dangers of these practices to decision makers and the public, so splash out today.

How this gift works...

There is unprecedented concern about the destruction of our deep seas through overfishing, bottom trawling, and pirate fishing. Greenpeace has long been campaigning to protect our oceans, and will use your critical support to campaign for the establishment of a massive new marine reserve in the Pacific high seas, allowing ocean life to recover. This gift will help Greenpeace programs including our campaign promoting a global network of marine reserves to end destructive fishing methods.

<http://www.greenpeacegiving.org.au/index.php>

SARATOGA on her first run.....



THE COCKATOO FERRY RUNS AGAIN!!

THE COCKATOO FERRY TIMETABLE

This timetable is applicable for Christmas School Holidays.

Please note that this service does not operate on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, NEW YEARS Day and Australia Day.

Woy Woy	9.40am	Woy Woy	1.10pm
Saratoga	9.50am	Saratoga	1.20pm
Hardys Bay	10.25am	Hardys Bay	1.55pm
Ettalong	10.50am	Ettalong	2.20pm
(disembark for 11am Palm Beach Ferry)		(disembark for 2.30pm Palm Beach Ferry)	
Wagstaff	11.00am	Wagstaff	2.30pm
(pick up from 10.50am Palm Beach Ferry)		(pick up from 2.20pm Palm Beach Ferry)	
Hardys Bay	11.15am	Hardys Bay	2.45pm
Saratoga	11.50am	Saratoga	3.20pm
Woy Woy	12.00md	Woy Woy	3.30pm

FARES: Full Fare \$12, Concessions \$10



CODOCK II mirror image....

THIS IS WHERE GEORGE & THE BOYS HAVE BEEN PLAYING……

AZZURA MARINE: SUPERYACHT SAVVY
www.azzuramarine.com



Azzura Marine proves its commitment to quality, innovation and superior service following the successful launch of two superyacht projects at its shipyard in Newcastle, Australia. Boasting a sparkling paint job and new name, Azzura Marine released the much anticipated 45m MY Ilonka into the water after ten months in the group's purpose built refit shed.

Over 100 specialist technicians were involved in the major refit of MY Ilonka. Her main engines were rebuilt, substantial structural modifications were made to her exterior and a new air conditioning plant and interior ventilation system was installed, amongst other items. Azzura Marine's in-house design team managed the extensive refurbishment of Ilonka's luxuriously appointed interior whilst electronics experts fitted a new and upgraded audio-visual package.

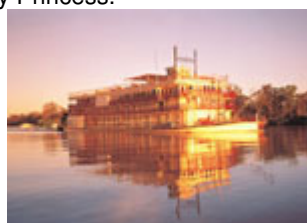
With its impressive site features and vast technical experience, Azzura Marine has established a solid reputation as the superyacht refit and repair centre of choice for yachts visiting the Australasian and South Pacific regions. To read more on this article go to <http://megayachts.ru/en/news/13/719/>



Did you put the bung in Dad?

GREAT AUSSIE BOAT RIDES.. Murray River -CAPTAIN COOK Cruises are offering a "Take your partner for half price SUMMER SALE" - 3, 4 & 7-Night Murray River Cruises

There's no better way to see the Murray River and a slice of the hauntingly beautiful and dramatic Australian outback, it's unique flora and fauna, and the rich legacy of old riverside ports and indigenous culture close up than to drift unhurried and quietly under the power of the paddle-wheeler PS Murray Princess.



for more details- www.captaincook.com.au

THINGS TO DO: SYDNEY HARBOUR

- *Sydney International Regatta – Dec 6-9*

This international regatta is for Olympic class yachts and will be regarded by several participating nations as their final selection trial for the Beijing Olympics next year.

There will be four courses; one in the Sound, one off Watsons Bay, one North of Garden Island and one in Rose Bay. There will be 400 yachts taking part with about 1,000 competitors. Yachts will be on the water from 1100 until about 1700.

- *Big Boat Challenge – Dec 16*

This event will take place on the Eastern part of the Harbour and will feature up to 30 maxi yachts preparing for the Sydney-Hobart Race a fortnight later.

Yachts will start off Steele Point at 1230 and finish off Farm Cove at approximately 1600.

- *Rolex Sydney-Hobart Start – Dec 26*

The Race will start at 1300 from two lines to accommodate the nearly 100 competitors. The first line will be off Steele Point with the second 500 m behind it to the South-West. The Exclusion Zone will extend from South-West of Shark Island up the Harbour to the Heads. It will be in effect from 1200 to 1400. Boats wanting to follow the fleet up the Harbour must do so on the Eastern side of the course and return on the Western side.

- *New Year's Eve – Dec 31*

There will be eight minutes of fireworks at 2100 and 12 minutes at mid-night. The fireworks will be fired from four barges, two on each side of the Bridge, and the latter from six, three on each side of the Bridge.

There will be more activity this time before 2200 and between the firings. For example, there will be four fly-pasts of vintage aircraft hourly between 1500 and 1800 and there will be displays on the Bridge pylons between the firings



Night New Years Eve Cruise



MV Captain Cook's Explorer offers front row seats to all the action and celebrations of New Years Eve on Sydney Harbour. Join us on this special two night cruise.

For Details Phone 1800 804 843 Or visit
www.captaincook.com.au/home.asp

THINGS TO DO: HERE

- *7 December 2008*

CAROLS at KINCUMBER PUBLIC SCHOOL-Starting at 6pm on Sunday 7 December within the school grounds on Avoca Drive Kincumber, highlights of the evening will include performances from the school students. Other acts will include songs performed by youth from the Gosford Music Society, dance routines and a special puppet show! The Gosford Musical Society will also give a special preview of the upcoming Alice in Wonderland production.

- *13 December 2008*

MARFEST 08 -at Kurrawarra Ave, Point Clare TS Hawkesbury will host a number of Maritime displays who have joined them to help make their 40th birthday memorable. The day starts at 10am. The Royal Australian Navy will conduct major displays which include the Royal Australian Reserve Navy Dive Team Five with a dive display tank, 109E Navy Helicopter from 723 Squadron HMAS Albatross and Defence Force Recruiting. Other attractions include the Kariong NSWFB and Rural Fire Service, NSW Waterways, Gosford Volunteer Coastal Patrol, NSW Water Police.

- *14 December 2008*

Fairhaven Services Charity Market- you can catch the FERRY to this one!!

Fairhaven Services will be running a Charity Market at Davistown RSL, 19 Murna Road, Davistown on Sunday December 14 from 10am-2pm. Stalls can be booked for only \$20. To book a stall or for more info please phone Sue on 43233566 or 0407757866.

- *17 December 2008*

2GO & Newcastle Permanent Carols by Candlelight The Newcastle Permanent 2GO Central Coast Carols by Candlelight is on again this year on Wednesday, December 17 at Bluetongue Central Coast Stadium in Gosford. **TIME** Gates open - 5pm, Show starts - 6.00pm (approx); Show ends - 9.30pm (approx.); Fireworks - 9.30pm(approx.)

- *31 December 2008*

Family Fun Race Day at Gosford Race Club - from 11am with FREE entry for football ticket holders, Mariner pass holders and Gosford City rate payers. **Central Coast Mariners** - v Perth Glory, at BlueTongue Central Coast Stadium with kick off at 6pm. **Fireworks Spectacular 9pm** - there will be live music, food and drink stalls and circus performers on Leagues Club Field prior to the Fireworks Spectacular at 9pm at Gosford Waterfront.

For further information, see
www.gosfordnye.com.au



FERRY to the FOOTBALL
**Catch the *Ferry* to see
MARINERS V Sydney FC
Saturday 13th December 2008**

Departs:

Empire Bay (on request) 5:15 pm
Davistown–Central Wharf 5:20 pm
 Lintern St Wharf 5:30 pm
Saratoga– Veterans Hall 5:35 pm
Woy Woy (on request) 5:45 pm
Arrives Gosford Wharf app 6:15pm for a 7:00pm game.

Return Tickets: Adults \$12, Child \$6. ([family deal= 3rd child free!](#))

**MARINERS V Perth Glory
New Years Eve! 31st December 2008**

Departs:

Empire Bay (on request) 4:15 pm
Davistown–Central Wharf 4:20 pm
 Lintern St Wharf 4:30 pm
Saratoga– Veterans Hall 4:35 pm
Woy Woy (on request) 4:45 pm
Arrives Gosford Wharf app 5:15pm for a 6:00pm game.

- Departure after fireworks display @ 9:00PM .
- Tickets are non refundable and are return only –regardless of whether you plan to only go one way.
- Cost Adults \$12, child \$6
- **TICKETS MUST BE PRE PURCHASED FOR THIS GAME- available on the SARATOGA**

Bookings essential—call the Skipper 0418631313

Or visit www.centralcoastferries.com.au for details

Upcoming Home Games:

DATE / TIME	OPPONENT
Sat 13/12 7:00 PM	Sydney FC
Wed 31/12 6:00 PM	Perth Glory
Sat 10/1 7:00 PM	Queensland Roar
Sun 25/1 7:00 PM	Adelaide United FC



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WHAT'S ON....

www.davistownrsl.com.au

DAVO MARKETS

Date : Sunday 14th December 2008

Start Time : 10:00 AM

End Time : 2:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS, TOYS, BODY PRODUCTS, JEWELLERY, PHOTOGRAPHY, POTTERY, NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCTS, CORKBOARDS, CHILDRENS WEAR, GOURMET FOOD AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

New Years Eve

Date : Wednesday 31st December 2008

Start Time : 8:00 PM

End Time : 1:00 AM

Cost : Free

Location : AUDITORIUM

Smoke Free : Yes

Age Restrictions : Over 18's Only



The Endless Summer Beach Party Band and retro music with DJ Dave. THE BIGGEST BEACH PARTY OF THE YEAR. Dress up in your best beach wear. Dress code applies:- No Hats, no bare feet, no tank tops, no singlets



Editors Notes:

Here we go again, the end of another year! So much has happened this year- hopefully next year it will be better for all. This is a BIG newsletter this time- lots to share!

As you can see IPART have set the fares again at a small rise for our passengers. We are in the process of making an application to the Government for our service to be included in PET (Pensioner Excursion Travel) – so will keep you all informed on that one!

Regarding SSTS- thanks to a great representation by David Cribb, from the Commercial Vessel Association, we will still be able to continue with this service from Woy Woy – Saratoga for the Green Point Christian School. We haven't been that lucky with pupils attending Brisbane Water Secondary College from our area- but we haven't given up the fight yet!!

Please note the amended timetables for Xmas holidays and please come for a ride on the COCKATOO Ferry when she starts again on Sat 27th- it is a great trip – and if you buy 1 ADULT FARE you can get 1 FREE!! How good is that – but sorry it is limited to 1 per household/family and you will need to fill in the coupon to get it.

We wish you all a safe and happy Xmas and New Year and look forward to more Ferry Fun in the New Year!

Bets



He finally did it – I can relate to this!!!