



Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
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19TH ANNUAL STEPPING STONE HOUSE REGATTA



Just a few hours of your time can make a lifetime's difference



YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR THE STEPPING STONE HOUSE REGATTA
8 MARCH 2018 AND BRIDGE DAY, 6 MARCH 2018



Max Connery and his two Managers Jason and Shana

Welcome

Spend a day with us sailing on beautiful Sydney Harbour in the company of like minded people. Give your company some exposure. Enjoy post-race drinks' and a carvery. Or spend a few hours playing Bridge at one of Sydney's most prestigious clubs. At the same time, help Stepping Stone House give young Australians a new start in life.



A Word from our Chairman, Max Connery

Stepping Stone House (SSH) has been helping young people to rebuild their lives for over 29 years.

Our residents have not grown up in the stable loving family environment that we have enjoyed and provided for our children. The consequences of this are that they have lost their way in society through no fault of their own. It is our job to help them put their lives together. We do this at our 3 houses in Dulwich Hill where we accommodate and care for 13 young people.

Over the last 29 years we have made a significant difference to the lives of over 400 young people. We are seeking to make up the deficit caused by Government money which will cease at the end of this year. It is hoped this event and other savings will do that. Our future depends on you.

This year, we also have in our sights the acquisition of another independent living mixed house to provide much needed accommodation for 3 Aboriginal young people.

Last October I met with ex-resident Lola now 30 years and her 2 young children. Lola as a child knew rape and abuse. For 6 months she was hungry, traipsing the streets and looking for refuges. She came to SSH aged 14 and stayed for 2 years. Whilst there, she responded to discipline, pursued her singing and art at school before moving out into real estate where she obtained the Prime Minister's medal thence into law and hospitality. After an unsuccessful marriage of 5 years without children, she finally found her present husband and still plans to complete her legal studies. Her parting words to me were:

Life's getting better every day

I hope you can join us at the Regatta on Thursday, 8 March or at the Bridge Day on Tuesday, 6 March.



Get involved for a great cause



Richard Lawson our Race Co-ordinator

March 8th, 2018 is the 19th ongoing SSH Regatta and is a significant event for the organisation each year. While our yachts and owners continue to support the day, the success is tied to our generous sponsors, both large and small, and the smiles and joy they bring to this unique day.

As the Race Co-ordinator, I feel very privileged to be able assist in bringing this event to fruition as it brings so many of us together for the common good, which is the youth of SSH. This year we again anticipate 25 plus yachts will compete in friendly competition for many prizes and individual challenges such as the 'Hill Cup' and the Farr 40 'Bledisloe Challenge'. *The Count* will return to defend her Div 1 title as will *Magnificat* for Div 2. *Balance* is returning to repel all TP52's for the... 'Stepping Stone House Cup'. All this adds to a wonderful day of "fun-draising" on one the most attractive harbours on the planet!!

A special thanks must go to the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Flag Officers and Committee for their ongoing and generous support, in so many ways. My thanks also goes to the yacht owners, sponsors and crews for their support to this special day on the SSH Calendar. Your attendance inspires us all to keep on presenting this event for such a good cause. I look forward to your participation and contribution to another successful day.

Sandy Lawson our Bridge Convenor

Just two days before the Regatta, the beautiful Carabella Room at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron will be the venue for our supporters to enjoy some rounds of bridge and to support the valuable work of Stepping Stone House. I hope you will join us.

Our Bridge Day is Tuesday, 6 March. Please come and enjoy some competition, lunch and the company of friends.



How to get involved

Regatta: Complete the entry form included with this brochure or go to www.rsys.com.au (go to 'Sailing' and then to the 'Regattas' tab).

Bridge Day: Complete the entry form included with this brochure or phone Sandy Lawson on (02) 9925 0908. Cost is \$70 per player (\$50 tax deductible).

Regatta sponsorship packages

- **Platinum** \$3,400 for 10 guests all provided (\$2,800 tax deductible)
- **Gold** \$2,800 for 8 guests all provided (\$2,400 tax deductible)
- Individual \$280 all provided (\$230 tax deductible)

Regatta Program 8 March 2018

- 12.00pm Skippers, crews and sponsors gather for packed lunch at RSYS Careening Cove Anchorage
- 1.00pm Skippers' Briefing
- 2.00pm Race Start
- 4.30pm Completion of Regatta
- 5.00pm Prize giving, drinks & carvery at the Club
- 6.00pm Raffle draw and auction

For further information contact:
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Max Connery (02) 9909 1737
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Bridge Program 6 March 2018

- 9.30am Welcome, Neutral Bay Room for morning tea and coffee
- 10.00am Play commences in the Carabella Room
- 12.30pm Lunch with a glass of wine
- 3.00pm Playing ends

For further information contact:
Sandy Lawson (02) 9925 0908 or sandylawson44@gmail.com
Lynette Harrison (02) 9960 2287

For Donations to Stepping Stone House

Why wait until March 2018 to make a donation? If you would like to make a donation beforehand, then we would be very grateful indeed.

Please make out your cheque to "Sydney Stepping Stone Inc" and post it to PO Box R512, Royal Exchange NSW 1225, or go to www.stepsingstone-house.com.au to make a donation with your credit card. Remember, all donations are tax deductible and we will immediately send you a receipt.

If you have any queries, please contact Monica Essey on 0417 240 899 or messey@connery.com.au.

Thank you once again.



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