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Sydney Ferries is Well Prepared for Summer

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Summer is by far the busiest time for Sydney Ferries as regular customers and visitors alike flock to the Harbour.

‘Good weather permitting, from December 20 to late January, Sydney Ferries carry almost two million passengers,’ said Sydney Ferries CEO Geoff Smith.

‘Manly is by far our busiest run, and once again we’ll see our regular four-boat running with all our big Manly boats operating to a timetable that will mean more services between Circular Quay and Manly, starting earlier and finishing later.

‘Changes to the Darling Harbour and Balmain / Woolwich timetables came into effect on December 20 to create extra services to Cockatoo Island and other destinations. These increased runs will help holiday-makers explore Sydney Harbour over the festive period’.

Sydney Ferries will run services on public holidays including Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Some services affected by heavy congestion, tidal restrictions and event exclusion zones will run to amended timetables.

‘Sydney Ferries has made sure customer information is available through multiple channels. We have 25 additional customer service representatives on wharves, a detailed Summer Services Guide which can be downloaded from the Sydney Ferries website www.sydneyferries.info as well as new pocket sized timetables and regular website updates’ said Geoff Smith.

There is also the Transport Infoline on 131 500 which is an invaluable source of information for the latest public transport information.

Upcoming highlights for the summer include:

- Sydney Ferries will operate special event cruises on Boxing Day and New Year’s Eve.
- On Boxing Day, two cruises will operate from Circular Quay to view the start of the Rolex Sydney to Hobart yacht race. This year each cruise has a live band and great value food packs.
- For New Year’s Eve there will be three Family Fireworks cruises and two Harbour of Light cruises. There will also be live entertainment on board.
- Sydney Ferries will again race decorated First Fleet vessels in the Ferrython as part of the Sydney Festival and Australia Day celebrations.
- Sydney Ferries Heritage Cruise departs daily at 1:30pm from Circular Quay.

For more information generally and about the special event cruises, visit Sydney Ferries’ website www.sydneyferries.info. Timetables and other information is also available online and in hard copy at Manly and Circular Quay wharves.

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