

26th

Stepping Stone
House Regatta
19 March and
Bridge Day
17 March 2026

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Welcome from our Regatta Chair

Stepping Stone House is having its 26th Regatta at the RSYs on 19 March 2026.

Yes, as the Commodore says, the RSYs community gave us a spectacular 25th regatta last year for which I thank everyone. We do hope that we can equal or better that result this year.

As we prepared for this year's event, I thought how dazzling it would be to see 25 yachts or more sailing on the sparkling waters of Sydney Harbour, the same Harbour that Captain Arthur Phillip sailed through in 1778. You can enjoy this very scene by participating with your yacht or coming with your friends.

By doing so you help the young people who are homeless through no fault of their own.

I warmly invite you to attend.

Max Connery OAM

A Message from RSYS Commodore Russell Taylor

Last year's 25th anniversary Stepping Stone House Regatta was a truly special milestone. Together, our Members, families, and friends raised a record \$196,000 through both the Sailing and Bridge events – an extraordinary effort that shows how a little bit from everyone can make a big difference.

Stepping Stone House provides long-term care and support for vulnerable young people aged 12 to 24, helping them build confidence, education pathways, and essential life skills. Their vision of providing "stepping stones to independence" resonates deeply with our Club's values of community, mentorship, and opportunity.

Since hosting the first regatta 25 years ago, RSYs has been proud to support this remarkable organisation by opening our facilities and our hearts to a day of generosity and purpose. Each year, this event reminds us what can be achieved when the RSYs community comes together for a cause that truly changes young lives.

After such an inspiring result last year, I can't wait to see what 2026 brings – and whether we can set another record in support of this wonderful charity.



Just a few hours of



Richard Lawson Regatta Co-ordinator

Welcome to Thursday 19th March 2026. We are hopeful you can join us for a relaxed, enjoyable afternoon on our most favourite harbour.

In past years we have had some marvellous weather and some close racing, which has made the afternoon on the harbour very pleasant for all concerned.

The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Entry are on the RSYS Website. Go to the Sailing button/ Events and Regattas/Stepping Stone House Regatta/Enter here.

Should you have any questions, please call me.

Sandy Lawson Bridge Convenor

Hello Bridge Players. We would love to have you join our Annual Bridge Day to support Stepping Stone House. It will be held on Tuesday 17th March, 2026 in the Carabella Room at the Royal Sydney Squadron with its wonderful views over Sydney Harbour.

It will be an opportunity to hear more about this very worthwhile charity while you have a relaxed day of Bridge with your friends, and enjoy morning tea and lunch.

**Organised by Stepping Stone Foundation
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Regatta Program 19 March

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 and carvery at the Club
6.00pm	Raffle draw and auction

For further information contact:

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Bridge Program 17 March

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

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How to get involved

We welcome Individuals and Teams, Sailors and Non-Sailors.

Sign up as an Individual or put a Team together! Complete and return the entry form with payment.

Regatta Participation Cost

Each sailor will enjoy a boxed lunch, an afternoon sail on the Harbour, post sailing drinks and carvery dinner.

- **INDIVIDUALS \$300** all provided (\$250 tax deductible)
- **SILVER package** (8 people) – **\$4,000** (\$3,300 tax deductible)
- **GOLD package** (10 people) – **\$5,000** (\$4,300 tax deductible)
- **PLATINUM package** (12 people) – **\$6,300** (\$5,300 tax deductible)

Larger groups may need to be split

Bridge Day Participation Cost

- **Bridge Day Player** – \$90 (\$65 tax deductible)

Donations to Stepping Stone House

Why wait until March 2026 to make a donation?

If you would like to make a donation beforehand, we would be very grateful indeed. You can donate by:

- Credit card via our website www.stepsingstonehouse.com.au
- EFT to our bank account
BSB 032-010
Account No 252769
Ref: Your name
- Cheque to Stepping Stone House Limited
PO Box R512
Royal Exchange NSW 1225

Remember, all donations are tax deductible and we will send you a receipt.

Enquiries and Questions

Contact Monica Essey on 0417 240 899 or monica.essey@steppingstonehouse.com.au

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