

SMIX Bash — 7 December 2017

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The eighteenth SMIX (Sydney Marine Industry Christmas) Bash was held on Thursday 7 December aboard the beautifully-restored *James Craig* alongside Wharf 7, Darling Harbour, from 1730 to 2130. The Bash was organised jointly by the IMarEST (Sydney Branch) and RINA (NSW Section). About 185 guests came from the full spectrum of the marine industry, including naval architects, marine engineers, drafters, boatbuilders, machinery and equipment suppliers, regulators, classifiers, surveyors, operators, managers, pilots, navigators, researchers, and educators. Equally importantly, the full spectrum of age groups was represented, from present students to the elders of the marine community.



James Craig at her Wharf 7 berth, with the registration desk in action
(Photo Phil Helmore)

It was also great to see intrastate, interstate and international visitors in the throng, including Werner Bundschuh from Queensland, Martin Renilson, Gregor Macfarlane and Dean Cook from Tasmania, and Tim Speer from Western Australia.



Some of the crowd enjoying pre-dinner drinks and canapes on board *James Craig*
(Photo Phil Helmore)



More of the crowd enjoying pre-dinner drinks and canapes on board *James Craig*
(Photo Phil Helmore)

Sydney turned on a beautiful evening, and many partners in attendance enjoyed the view from the decks of *James Craig*. Drinks (beer, champagne, wine and soft drinks) and finger food (Peking duck pancakes, roast pumpkin and fetta tartlets, Thai-style spring rolls, parmesan-crusted chicken skewers, and salt-and-pepper prawn cutlets) were provided. A delicious buffet dinner was served in the ‘tween decks (including Sydney rock oysters, smoked salmon, barbecued marinated octopus and calamari, roasted beef fillet, seasoned turkey breast, honey leg ham, roasted vegetables, pasta in pesto with pumpkin and spinach, and a selection of salads) and many tall tales and true were told.

“Early bird” pricing and credit-card facilities for “early bird” payments continue to be successful, and all tickets were sold before the event — you really do have to be early!



The buffet table in the ‘tween decks
(Photo Phil Helmore)



Dinner tables in the ‘tween decks
(Photo Phil Helmore)

Formalities were limited to one speech from the Chair of the SMIX bash Organising Committee, Nate gale, who welcomed the guests on board and thanked the industry sponsors.



Chair of the SMIX Bash Organising Committee, Nate Gale,
welcoming the guests on board and thanking the industry sponsors
(Photo Phil Helmore)

The lucky-door prize was drawn by Belinda Tayler from Noakes Group. The prize was a Moet and Chandon champagne Christmas hamper, won by Joan Porter, with the prize being delivered to her doorstep.



Belinda Tayler of Noakes Group announcing the winner of the Lucky-door Prize
(Photo Phil Helmore)

The raffle was drawn by Josh Day of Teekay Shipping and Tom Charter of Damen. The prizes were Christmas hampers, won by Mori Flapan and Todd Maybury, with the prizes being delivered to their doorsteps.

This year's event was sponsored by the following organisations:

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Phil Helmore