

SMIX Bash — 1 December 2022

The 22nd SMIX (Sydney Marine Industry Christmas) Bash was held on Thursday 1 December aboard the beautifully-restored *James Craig* alongside Wharf 7, Darling Harbour, from 1730 to 2200. The Bash was organised jointly by RINA (NSW Section) and the IMarEST (ACT & NSW Branch). About 200 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 recent graduates to the elders of the marine community. It was also great to see intrastate and interstate visitors in the throng, including Brendan Egan from Lake Macquarie, Liz Hay from Brisbane, Gregor Macfarlane, Nic Bender and Gabriel Tooker from Launceston, Ian Coker and Katie Tribe from Adelaide, and Gavin Stewart from Perth, among others.

Sydney turned on a beautiful evening, partners in attendance enjoyed the view from the decks of *James Craig*, and many tall tales and true were told.

Drinks (beer, champagne, wine and soft drinks) and finger food (parmesan-crusted chicken skewers and salt-and-pepper prawn cutlets with a chili glaze) were served on the main deck. A delicious buffet dinner was served in the 'tween decks, including hot, cold and salad selections, and mixed breads and butter. Desserts included individual ice-creams, mini mixed tarts and cream, and Australian cheese and crackers, followed by tea and coffee.



James Craig alongside Wharf 7 in the late afternoon



Some of the crowd enjoying drinks and finger food on board *James Craig*

Formalities were limited to a speech from the Chair of the NSW Section of RINA and Chair of the SMIX Bash Organising Committee, Belinda Tayler, who welcomed the guests and thanked the industry sponsors and the

others on the Organising Committee, and short speeches by representatives of the Platinum sponsors. These were Sam Benson for TeeKay Shipping (Australia) (deputising for Tony Armstrong who had been unavoidably detained and arrived after the speechifying), Martin Mitchell for Atlantic & Peninsula Australia, Chris Bradley for Halliday Engineering, and Sean Langman for Noakes Group.

The raffle was drawn by Sam Benson from TeeKay Shipping (Australia), who donated the hampers, and the winners were:

Third	Simon Spratt	Chandon Celebration Hamper
Second	Liz hay	Moet with Australian Sweet sand Nuts Hamper
First	Greg Hellessey	Christmas Bites with Moet Hamper

The lucky-door prize was drawn by Sean Langman from Noakes Group, who donated the prize, and the winner was Adam Williams, who scored a \$100 gift voucher to Boat Books shops.



Belinda Tayler welcoming guests and thanking sponsors



Sam Benson of TeeKay Shipping (Australia) addressing the guests



Raffle second-prize winner, Liz Hay (R) with Sam Benson and Belinda Tayler



Raffle first-prize winner, Greg Hellessey (L) with Sam Benson and Belinda Tayler



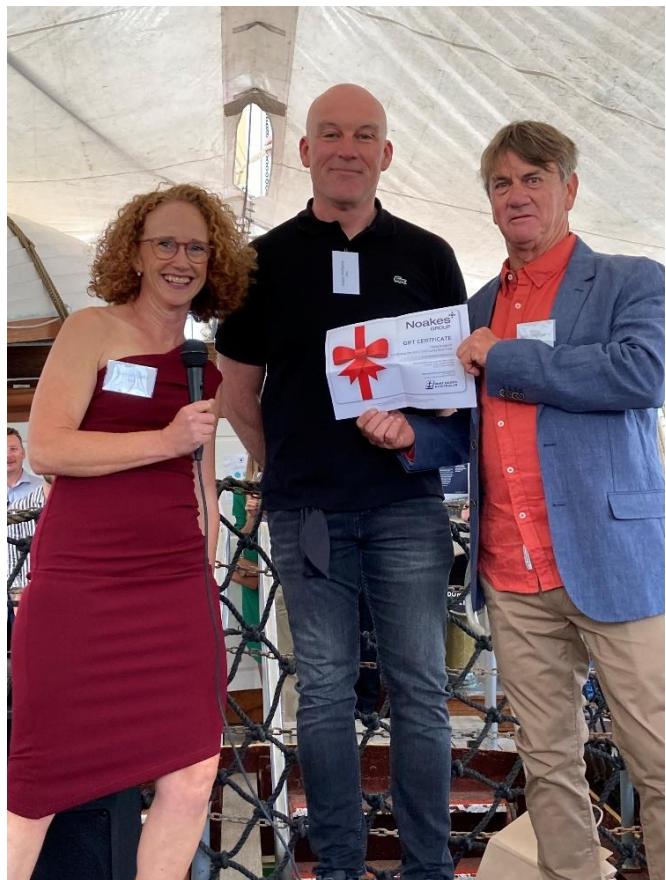
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Sean Langman of Noakes Group addressing the guests



Lucky Door Prize winner, Adam Williams (C) with Belinda Tayler and Sean Langman



The servery for dinner in the 'tween decks



Dinner in the 'tween decks

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

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Our thanks to them for their generosity and support, without which SMIX Bash could not happen.

It is rumoured that some of the stayers, who were shown the gangplank late in the peace, rocked on to other venues and continued to party until the wee small hours.



James Craig alongside Wharf 7 in the late evening