

## SMIX Bash 2021

Following the cancellation of SMIX Bash 2020 due to the pandemic, the 21st SMIX (Sydney Marine Industry Christmas) Bash was held on Thursday 2 December 2021 aboard the beautifully-restored *James Craig* alongside the North Wharf, Darling Harbour, from 1730 to 2130. The event was organised jointly by RINA (NSW Section) and the IMarEST (ACT & NSW Branch). About 150 guests (limited by pandemic restrictions) 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. Sydney turned on a beautiful evening, and many partners in attendance enjoyed the view of Darling Harbour and the city lights from the decks of *James Craig*.



*James Craig* berthed at the North Wharf, Darling Harbour  
(Photo Phil Helmore)

Drinks (full-strength and light beers, Australian sparkling, cabernet merlot and cabernet sauvignon wines, orange juice and soft drinks) and canapés (Peking duck pancakes, roast pumpkin and feta tartlets, Thai-style spring rolls with sweet chilli, parmesan-crusted chicken skewers, and salt-and-pepper prawn cutlets with a chilli glaze) were provided.

Formalities were limited to one speech by the Chair of the NSW Section of RINA and Chair of the Organising Committee, Belinda Tayler, who welcomed the guests and thanked the industry sponsors, and then a few words from each of the Platinum Sponsors, Scott Willey for Atlantic and Peninsula, Luke Halliday for Halliday Engineering, and Tony Armstrong (the younger) for TeeKay.



Belinda Tayler welcoming guests  
(Photo Phil Helmore)



Belinda Tayler with Scott Willey  
(Photo Phil Helmore)



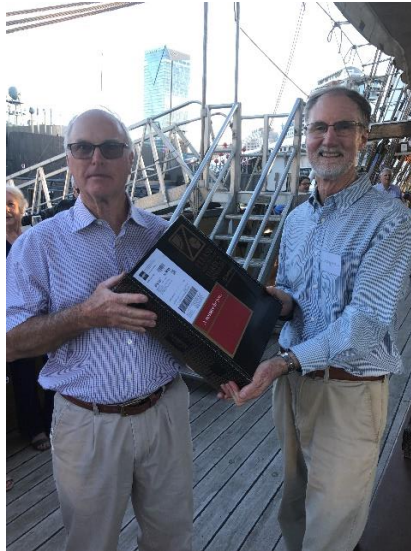
Belinda Tayler with Luke Halliday  
(Photo Phil Helmore)

TeeKay provided the raffle prizes and the winners, drawn by Tony Armstrong and presented by Adrian Broadbent, were:

Third	Greg Hellessey	Chandon Celebration Hamper
Second	Felicity Kelleher	Moet with Australian Sweets and Nuts Hamper
First	Jan Arnott	Christmas Bites with Moet Hamper



Belinda Tayler and Tony Armstrong preparing to draw the raffle prizes  
(Photo Phil Helmore)



Adrian Broadbent (R) presenting third-place raffle prize to Greg Hellessey  
(Photo Phil Helmore)



Adrian Broadbent presenting second-place raffle prize to Felicity Kelleher  
(Photo Phil Helmore)



Adrian Broadbent presenting first-place raffle prize to Jan Arnott  
(Photo Phil Helmore)



A delicious buffet dinner (roasted beef fillet served with a shiraz jus, seasoned turkey breast roast with cranberry, honey leg ham, roasted seasonal vegetables, herb buttered chat potatoes, penne pasta tossed in pesto, Sydney rock oysters, smoked salmon, BBQ marinated octopus and calamari, and Greek, coleslaw, Caesar, Tabouli, and Vietnamese noodle salads, with brewed coffee and tea selection) was served in the 'tween decks, with afters (individual ice creams, mini mixed tarts and cream, and Australian cheese and crackers) served on deck, and many tall tales and true were told.



Buffet servery in the tween deck  
(Photo Phil Helmore)



Dinner in the tween deck  
(Photo Phil Helmore)

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

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Our thanks to them for their generosity and support of SMIX Bash 2021, without which it could not happen.

Some of the stayers, who were shown the gangway late in the piece, rocked on to other venues and continued to party until the wee small hours.