



SMIX Bash

SMIX Bash was inaugurated in 2000 and is organised as a joint-venture function by the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (NSW Section) and the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (Sydney Branch). It is a Christmas party for those involved in various marine industries and activities based in the Sydney area and those from further afield.

The name was derived as a contraction/acronym for “Sydney Marine Industries Christmas Bash”. The inaugural function was held on board the Sydney Heritage Fleet’s beautifully-restored barque, *James Craig*, at Darling Harbour, and was so successful that the same venue has been booked for the event every year.

The essential principles are:

- SMIX Bash provides an informal, convivial atmosphere in which as many people as possible who share a maritime interest can meet, with the primary intent of promoting friendship, mateship and networking.
- SMIX Bash provides an opportunity for people to meet others who they do not encounter in their day-to-day activities but with whom they share a common maritime interest, be it in ship and boat design, construction, survey, classification, operation, management, navigation, brokerage, repair, equipment/material supply, pilotage, towage, research, training, etc. SMIX Bash also welcomes people who have no day-to-day involvement with the maritime industries but who have a love of or fascination with those industries.
- Partners are also most welcome, as it is intended that the event be a fun social occasion as well as a get-together for industry hacks!
- There will be no speeches, other than a short welcome from the Chair of the RINA NSW Section committee.
- *James Craig* makes a delightful venue for SMIX Bash, and will be at her usual berth at No. 7 Pyrmont, adjacent to the Australian National Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour. Access is easy, by public transport or car. There is ample parking at the Casino, just across the road from the wharf.
- The function will run from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Drinks (beer, wine, and soft drinks) will be served throughout the evening, and a buffet-style meal will also be served. Guests are welcome to arrive at any time and stay as long as they like within the 5:30 to 9:30 pm time frame.
- Those who attend SMIX Bash are asked to pay a nominal amount which only partly covers the cost, but there is a group of sponsors who are each prepared to make a contribution in order to ensure the success of the event and to have their names associated with SMIX Bash.