Ship and boat builders of Sydney

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The register of Australian and New Zealand Ships and Boats

Currently contains over 32,000 records
List of Sydney ship & boat builders

An updated list of Sydney ship and boat builders can be viewed on the Boatregister website.

Morfarch
Built Berry’s Bay in 1927
Do you know the builder?
Magnitude of the industry

The register has recorded over 3000+ boats as being built in Sydney. Of these, the builder has been identified for about 2000 vessels.
Sydney—a major maritime centre
Intercolonial & coastal shipping

Passengers, produce, general cargo, coal and timber
Harbour shipping

Ferries, dredgers, lighters, tugs & barges
Defence and government

The Australian Squadron, Colonial Navy, revenue, pilots, police, government departments
Commerce

Whaling, sealing, pearling, sandalwood, cedar, fishing, indentured labour
The King’s Dockyard
1789-1926
James Underwood
1800-1805
Sydney Cove

The first shipyards of the colony were established on the shores of Sydney Cove.
The first ships were for government service. The Francis & the Lump
Restrictions on the building of ships to prevent escape from the convict settlement.
Underwood opened the first private yard. The Governor King.
Cuthbert’s Shipyards Shipyard
Australasian S.N. Co

Located on Darling Island, Pyrmont
John Lihr 1844
George Buddivant 1844
James Entwistle 1852
John Booth 1855-56
Thomas Rountree & Co 1859-85
G. Thompson 1866
J. Milson 1866
T.M. McArthur & Co 1867-74
W. & D. Bates 1868-70
Morts Dock & Engineering Co 1874-58
Duncan & Sorrie 1875-84
H. Perdriau 1877-81
George W. Ellis 1879-93
Henry Beattie 1881-89
William Golding 1880s-1910
Ephriam Ward 1882-83
Jonathan & Henry Piper 1882-85
Allen & Ward 1883-84
Alfred William Settree 1883-97
Balmain-A centre of boatbuilding

Rountree

Cooroyba

Killara

Kelpie
Balmain (cont)

J. Beatty 1936
Gordon E. Beattie 1937-38
Vincent Bros 1945
Brown Bros 1946-70s
G.W. Bowcock 1960
L.L. Fountain 1967
Bill King 1983

S. Briggs 1883-84
James Lynch 1884-87
Foster & Minty 1885-97
John Fenwick 1885
David Drake 1885-1934
W.J. Watson 1886
James Pashley 1886-89
C. Benbow 1888
J. Reynolds 1890
James Cox 1895
Joseph Conlon 1894
James Scott 1896
Morrison & Sinclair 1899-1958
N. Emerson 1900
Sydney Ferries Ltd 1900
Poole & Steele 1912-54
G.A. Washington 1913
John Robinson 1922-37
Morrow Bros 1928-52
William Henry White 1929
Cockatoo Island

NSW Government Dockyard Biloela
1875-1911
Commonwealth Naval Dockyard
1914-18
Australian Commonwealth Shipbuilding Board
1919-33
Cockatoo Docks & Eng. Co Ltd
1933-84
Morrison & Sinclair

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Karingal

Oomoobah
Ships built at Cockatoo
Lavender Bay, McMahons Point & Milson’s Point

Wm. Dunn 1870s
James Halstead 1878-86
T. Peel 1891
Henry Green 1899-1902
Wm. Holmes 1901-1960s
George Griffin 1928-
R.E. Campling 1928
Neptune Engineering Co 1939
Fisher Bros 1938
Wm.H. Barnett 1956-73
Tony Franov 1965-67
Ron G. Balkwell 1966-1968
Skoljarev & Zdaravko 1967
Bob Gordon 2005
Lavender Bay, McMahon’s Point

Mischief

Ivy
Wm. Langford 1866-85
Wm. Dunn & family 1872-40
Watty Ford 1870-1930
Walter Reeks 1882-1900
Denis Moreland 1884
Sullivan 1884-85
T. Cubitt 1889-90
Woodley’s Ltd 1909-72
Riddell Bros 1937-73
Adams & Co 1941-45
Ralph Andrews 1941
Lars Halvorsen Sons 1940s
Australian Fishing Ind. 1947
Dreadnought Eng. Co 1947
Bob Gordon 1961
Stannard Bros 1963-81
Peter Kenny 1970s
Noakes 2001
Berry’s Bay – Builders of fine yachts

Daphne by Dunn

Pacific by Ford

Ena by Ford
Neutral Bay, Kirribilli, Careening Cove

Robert Millard 1831
Wm. Langford 1860s
Fanner 1890s
James Hayes
Pritchard Bros 1909-39
Joyce Bros 1920-1956
Stewart Sandeman 1921
Lars Halvorsen 1924-39
Manly & Port Jackson SS Co 1947
Royal Sydney YS 1956-59
Racing sail and motor

C-Class launch

Acrospire III
Woolwich and Ryde

Wynstay

Kanangra

Lady Beutron
Drummoyne and Gladesville

- George Barnett 1887-94
- T.R. Dudley 1888-90
- Henry Curry 1891
- George Chapman 1920s
- A.G. Williams 1923-67
- Graham 1927
- Wm. Griffiths 1928
- Roderick & Griffiths 1928
- J. Lucas 1934
- Hegarty 1943
- Wal Skerne 1948

- Charles Larson 1934-48
- W. & R. Simpson 1960
Drummoyne & Gladesville
Daniel Sheehy 1858-68
Yates 1860s
Batty & Sheehy 1884
H.C. Press 1910s
Royal Australian Navy 1937-62
Australian Defence Industries 2000-01
Woolloomooloo and Garden Island
Putt-putt launch builders
The beginnings of a list

F. N. Allsopp-Kogarah 1940s-50s
Chapman & Sherack-Erskinville 1919-1930s+
Shevill Launch Co-Botany Bay 1930s
Vincent Bros-Balmain 1940s
William Fisher-La Perouse 1950s
Fisher Bros-Sydney 1950s
William Goddard-Palm Beach 1920s
MSB of NSW-Goat Island 1930s-1980s
Thomas Joel-Middle Harbour 1930s
A. Layton-Peakhurst 1930s
F. Morrow-Balmain 1920s
Sources of information

- Books
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Log books
- Photographs
- Artworks
- Wrecks
- Registers
- Museum collections
- Owners past & present
- Recollections
Getting and giving information

Website located at: www.boatregister.net

Data entry forms available today.
Enquiries answered personally
The Aladdin

On Sydney Harbour and Pittwater recording and photographing boats