

MELBOURNE REGATTA & Blessing of the Fleet

Order of Ceremony Sunday 28th August 2016

- 11:00am – Boarding Commercial Vessels at their home berths in Docklands
- 11:00am – **VIP Party** boards the Schooner **Enterprize** at her home berth
- 11:30am – Commercial Vessels leave their berths and form up in the Southern Pond of Victoria Harbour
- 11:30am – Free Ferry Victoria Harbour Ferry service commences
- 11:30am – Schooner **Enterprize** docks at Water Plaza VIPs and First Settlers
alight and make their way to the Welcome to Country Ceremony
- 11:50am – MC David Mann to Intro - **A Welcome to Country Ceremony** (Kulin Nation group)
- 11:52am - Speech by Aunty Dianne Kerr (5mins)
- 12:00pm – **Welcome address** by Melbourne’s Lord Mayor Robert Doyle or Deputy Lord Mayor Susan
- 12:04pm – National Anthem Sung by Docklands Community Choir
- 12:30pm – Scotch College Pipes and Drums March in from Harbour Esplanade
and follow the Deputy Lord Mayor and the VIPs including the Wurundjeri people
to leave the stage & board the VIP vessel Schooner Enterprize (at Water Plaza 3)
to join Father Bob Maguire for the Blessing of the Fleet
- 12:45pm – **Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony** commences with Father Bob Maguire
- 1:00 pm – **Mass Singing** with Choral accompaniment from massed choirs and vessels:
Sailors Hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save (2 verses) & Auld Lang Syne with
introduction and accompaniment from Scotch College Pipes and Drums
- 1:05 pm – Vessels **form a Flotilla** led by Schooner **Enterprize** and sail out of Victoria
Harbour
- 1:10 pm – 1:30pm - Vessels sail out of Victoria Harbour under the Bolte Bridge
and into the Port of Melbourne, to sail around the STS Tenacious where VIPs
onboard will take the salute and return to Victoria Harbour.
- 2:00pm - Vessels return to home berths and patrons disembark to enjoy the live
entertainment from Reggae, Blues Bands and Normie Rowe & the Playboys plus
the Sunday Market at the Regatta.
- 2:00pm – Hourly cruises by Schooner Enterprize
- 5:00pm – Free Ferry Service finishes & The Melbourne Regatta Closes.

