



AUSTRALIA DAY BOAT RACE

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It was Australia Day 2020 and the sun was bursting through the clouds. The bay was calm, and it looked like it was going to be a cracking day on the water for the highly anticipated annual APYAC Australia Day Clinker Boat Race.

Competitors, spectators, friends, family and volunteers were all at the Club bright and early to get started on clearing the sand from the gantry path, and to start preparing the boats.

Australian flags were in abundance, in every decorative variation imaginable. As competitors went about adorning their boats with flags and streamers, the spotter boat volunteers were loading up their Super Soaker water guns to target any unfortunate competitors that went around marks close enough to be drenched by the zealous officials.

Many volunteers chipped-in to give the boat house a good clean up, which was very much appreciated. Other volunteers got the barbecue started, and the smell of the frying sausages added to the all-Australian atmosphere.

The boat house was absolutely buzzing with excitement by the time we

