

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Kings of the Harbour

*Maritimo* drivers Tom Barry-Cotter and Pal Virik Nilsen are the official 'Kings of the Harbour', having today steered their Class One superboat to victory in the first ever Sydney Superboat Grand Prix.

Tens of thousands of Sydneysiders flocked to the harbour foreshore – while thousands more were trackside onboard more than 1200 spectator boats – to witness *Maritimo* power to its fifth consecutive win this season.

Racing around the 9km closed circuit at speeds in excess of 200km/h, Class One rivals *Simrad* and *Impact Steel* finished in second and third places respectively.

In the Supercat Outboard class, *Saracen* also upheld its unbeaten record this season, racing into first place ahead of *Red Bellies* and *Global Racing*.

*Elders* was victorious in the Supercat Outboard Lite class, followed by *Ezy Does It* and *Team 3*.

In the Super Vee Lite class, *Force Boats* finished first, with *Connelly Performance Boats* and *Random* filling the remaining podium positions.

Offshore Superboat Championships race director Russell Embleton said he was extremely happy with the inaugural event on Sydney Harbour.

"There were no issues with race operations and everything today went according to plan," Mr Embleton said.

"The sport of offshore powerboat racing has been very warmly welcomed by the people of Sydney... the crowds were just amazing – certainly the largest we've seen for a powerboat race in this country.

"Sydney Harbour has definitely proved itself as a perfect race destination, for competitors and spectators alike, and is well worthy to host a leg of the World Powerboat Championship."

The sixth and final round of this season's Offshore Superboat Championships will be held in Townsville in June.

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