



2012

Program of Events

The Darwin Race Week includes:

- “Meet and Greet” evenings during August, at DBCYA, as participants arrive in Darwin
- DBCYA social evenings such as the “Viking Funeral”
- [NT Government Reception at Parliament House](#) to celebrate and thank our major sponsors
- [Cocktail Party at the Darwin City Council](#) to celebrate the long running Sister City Event with Ambon City
- [Race Briefing and BBQ at DBCYA](#) to prepare for the race and relax with new friends
- [Wonderful Maluku Evening at the Indonesian Embassy](#) sharing music, dance, food and friendships with our Indonesian Partners.

Participants will have many opportunities to meet, share their stories, build friendships and begin to plan their weeks ahead sailing through Indonesia. The Official Functions begin the week before the Race Start. Dates and times will be posted closer to the date. Participants have the option to attend as many of the functions as they wish.

The Race and Rally:

The Start for 2012 Race and Rally will be off Stokes Hill Wharf on the 25 August at 1100hrs. The Official Start Boat for the 2011 Race and Rally was the [HMAS Ararat](#) providing the starting line, gun, flags and great vantage for the sponsors to send the fleet off on their 634nm race to the Village of Amahusu in Ambon Harbour.

The Race Week in Ambon includes:

- [Welcoming Ceremony](#) In 2011 the ceremony included a “Becak Wisata” Tour of Ambon City, awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd over the Finish Line, the presentation of educational gifts to the three Primary Schools of Amahusu Village, dancing, music, much laughter and good food where the participants mingled and shared their stories, their blow-outs and adventures.
- [Friendship Games and Cultural Activities](#) in Amahusu with the local community each afternoon.
- [Mayor’s Reception & Gala Dinner](#) for the 2011 participants was held at the beautiful and rich residence of the Mayor of Ambon City, and hosted by the Mayor of Ambon City, Bapak Papilaya. The evening was sponsored by “Bintang” with many freebies.
- [Presentation Ceremony](#) for awards, tributes and congratulations to all participants, supporters and partners. Awards will be presented for
 - Line Honours,
 - 1st 2nd & 3rd on Handicap for Racing Monohull (IRC), Racing Multihull and Racing Cruising Monohull Divisions
 - 1st Over the Start Line
 - Rally Trophy
 - Commodore’s Trophy

Yachts then have the opportunity to plan their own destinations across Indonesia, travel with new friends, or return to Australia via the Banda Islands and the Tanimbar Islands. See our [Cruising on Through Indonesia](#) page for more suggestions. Or join the [Sail Maluku](#) rally with other yachties and explore the many neighbouring islands and other fantastic destinations throughout the Maluku Province and Indonesian Archipelago.

Follow the link to see the [2011 Race & Rally Highlights](#)