

# Inside this week's HOTTEST events



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## Sail With The Stars Boxing Day Bon Voyage

Pier Restaurant, Rose Bay

THERE'S nothing better than waking on Boxing Day knowing that the festive season is still going full pelt and heading off to a celebration.

The Sydney to Hobart race is one of this city's most spectacular events and few of the invited could resist what would be one of Monday's big parties – the chance to farewell **Anthony Bell's** Investec Loyal and its celebrity crew.

With the Pommeroy being poured and some really imaginative savoury treats from Sonoma, guests including **Gail Elliott, Joe Coffey, Kirk Pengilly, Layne Beachley, Camilla Franks** and a very pregnant **Sara Huegill**, were in a buoyant mood for the morning's formalities.

Star of the day was definitely Bell and wife **Kelly Landry Bell's** beautiful, three-month-old daughter, **Charlize**, who had just enjoyed her first Christmas.

With the Loyal's fundraising efforts going to the Humpty Dumpty Foundation and the children's charities it supports, it was also one of the feel good events of the day.

Everyone felt that they had a small hand in Investec Loyal's eventual Sydney to Hobart win (after an international jury dismissed a protest against them), because of all the good wishes bestowed on the yacht and her crew.

– ROS REINES



1. Michelle Waugh 2. Joe Coffey and Gail Elliott 3. Kelly Landry Bell and Anthony Bell with baby Charlize 4. Sara and Geoff Huegill 5. Kirk Pengilly and Layne Beachley 6. Anthony Minichiello, Terry Biviano, John Flannery and Camilla Franks

## Coogee Bay Hotel Launch The Balcony

Coogee Bay Hotel, Coogee

IT was the opening of The Balcony at the Coogee Bay Hotel on Boxing Day and it was just in time to watch the yachts sail past in the Sydney to Hobart race.

Hosted by Wild Oats Wine, a select crowd enjoyed Monday's sunshine and an afternoon of delicious food including coconut crumbed prawns and salmon tarts.

Overlooking the beer garden and with gorgeous views of Coogee Beach, guests watched the race with anticipation, while listening to the sounds of a string quartet which provided the music.

– ZOE NAUMAN



1. Monica Simon and Balu Gimenez 2. Keith Cullen and David Lofthouse 3. Patricia Cichini and Catalina Ribeiro 4. David Simpson and Kate Whelan 5. Joanne Stephenson, Skye Sullivan, Kristie White and Melanie Anderson 6. Roberto Brazao and Andrea DaSilva

## New Year's Eve Warm Up at The Island Bar

Rose Bay, Sydney Harbour

A CAPACITY crowd of 200 boarded Sydney hotspot The Island for a pre-New Year's Eve bash on Thursday night.

The socialites, musicians, models and international high flyers got fully into the party vibe on the barge, which was moored in Rose Bay. Flight Facilities, Bag Raiders and Aeroplane all performed impromptu DJ sets.

Among the familiar faces were **Pip Edwards, Anja Konstantinova, Daimon Downey, Bambi Northwood-Blyth, Dan Single** and **Stephanie Carta**.

If Thursday's party was anything to go by, last night's New Year's bash was going to be off the Richter scale.

– JONATHON MORAN



1. Suzi Baker, Nicole Leftwick and Danielle Mountford 2. Jaz Daly and Leah Simmons 3. Jessie Sykes and Will Stone

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