Sydney Hobart 2026 Start-Day Planner: Harbour Times in ET, PT and GMT

Sat., Dec. 26, 2026 in Sydney is the evening of Fri., Dec. 25 in the US

DATE	WHAT HAPPENS	DONE
11:30 a.m. AEDT Sat., Dec. 26	Harbour 6 knot speed limit and no-wash rule begin. 7:30 p.m. ET / 4:30 p.m. PT Fri., Dec. 25; 12:30 a.m. GMT Sat., Dec. 26	☐
12 p.m. AEDT Sat., Dec. 26	Exclusion zone active; non-competing boats may not hoist sails. 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT Fri., Dec. 25; 1 a.m. GMT Sat., Dec. 26	☐
1 p.m. AEDT Sat., Dec. 26	Race start off Nielsen Park. Live on the Nine Network and 9Now; overseas on the race site and CYCA YouTube. 9 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. PT Fri., Dec. 25; 2 a.m. GMT Sat., Dec. 26	☐
2:20 p.m. AEDT Sat., Dec. 26	Exclusion zone and speed limit end. 10:20 p.m. ET / 7:20 p.m. PT Fri., Dec. 25; 3:20 a.m. GMT Sat., Dec. 26	☐
Land viewing	South Head, North Head, Christison Park (Vaucluse), Watsons Bay, Lady Bay Beach	☐
Where I'm watching	_____	☐

My notes

Source: NSW Government (Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race harbour rules and race start); Rolex Sydney Hobart 2026 race page and live-broadcast page. Times converted by Fresh Calendars.