Sydney Hobart 2026 Start-Day Watch Guide, Dec. 26

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



DATE (ET)	ET	CT	MT	PT	SYDNEY TIME	EVENT	WATCH ON
Fri., Dec. 25	**7:30 p.m.**	6:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 26, 11:30 a.m.	**Harbour 6-knot speed limit and no-wash zone start**	
Fri., Dec. 25	**8 p.m.**	7 p.m.	6 p.m.	5 p.m.	Dec. 26, noon	**Exclusion zone active; no sails for non-competing vessels**	
Fri., Dec. 25	**9 p.m.**	8 p.m.	7 p.m.	6 p.m.	Dec. 26, 1 p.m.	**Race start off Nielsen Park**	Nine Network 9Now
Fri., Dec. 25	**10:20 p.m.**	9:20 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	Dec. 26, 2:20 p.m.	**Exclusion zone and speed limit end**	

Eastern Time (ET), Central Time (CT), Mountain Time (MT, Denver; most of Arizona keeps standard time), Pacific Time (PT). Sydney time: the time where the event takes place, as the source gives it. Times are converted from the start time the source gives.

Not yet confirmed

Live coverage start time: Sails Magazine reported coverage from 12:30 p.m. AEDT; the race site does not state it

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.