



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

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ANCHORS AWAY AS SYDNEY HARBOUR HOSTS WORLD CHAMPION SAILORS

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, said the world famous Sydney Harbour will provide the backdrop when the 2012 Yngling World Championship and Youth Gold Cup are staged from 27 December 2011 to 8 January 2012.

“Sydney Harbour is internationally renowned for its spectacular beauty and this event will again showcase one of NSW greatest natural assets with its great sailing conditions and world class facilities,” Mr Annesley proudly boasted.

The competition has been organised under the authority of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) in conjunction with the International Yngling Association (IYA), the Australian International Yngling Association (AIYA) and Yachting Australia (YA).

International Sailing Federation Rules (ISAF) will apply with the event to be supervised by a panel of International Judges and Measurement Officials.

“The race will greatly benefit our local sailors and race officials who will meet international competitors, learn about the latest setup of boats and be exposed to different sailing tactics.

“In addition, the Youth Gold Cup also provides considerable incentive for younger, emerging talent to compete at an international level,” Mr Annesley said.

The event will be hosted by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Club, and is being supported by a \$15,000 funding grant provided through the NSW Government’s International Sporting Events Program.

“By providing direct financial assistance for high level sporting competitions via the ISEP, the NSW Government is helping local clubs and also supporting the NSW economy,” Mr Annesley said.

For more information on the International Sporting Events Program, please visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants.