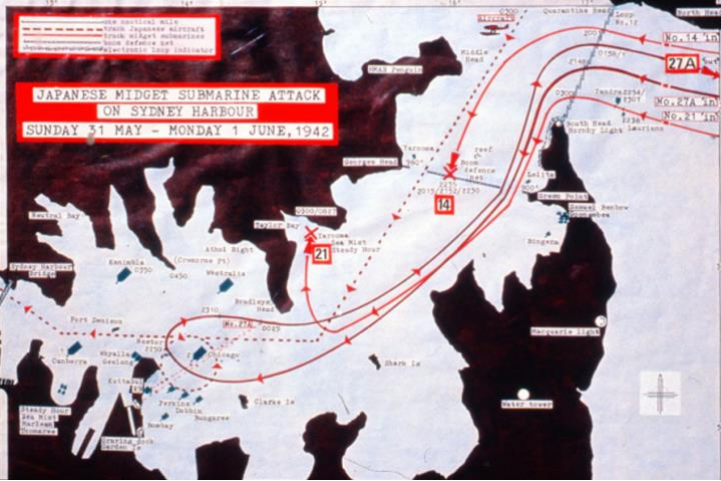
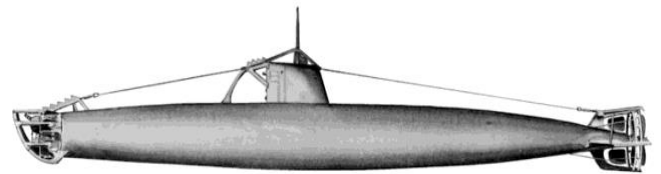




# Sydney Under Japanese Attack 1942 Anniversary Cruise on the Harbour 31<sup>st</sup>. May 2023 & 1<sup>st</sup>. June 2023



This cruise highlights the events of 31 May 1942 when three Japanese midget submarines entered Sydney Harbour to attack Allied warships.



The 1942 Japanese midget submarine attack on ships in Sydney Harbour remains a topical subject. However, many Sydneysiders know little about this watershed event. It was the first attack on Sydney and its impact changed Australia from a quiet backwater of the Second World War to a vital springboard for the defeat of Japan.

This cruise will provide a detailed description of events leading up to and during the attack.

Your cruise boat will take you to sites on the Harbour where key events occurred and a comprehensive description of how those events during the fateful night of 31 May/1 June 1942 unfolded. The story will be told by expert narrators from the Naval Historical Society.

One midget submarine became entangled in the boom defence net. The second was depth charged and sunk while the third fired its two torpedoes at the USS Chicago and escaped from the harbour.

All three crews died in the attack. 19 Royal Australian Navy and two Royal Navy personnel were killed when one of the torpedoes that missed the USS Chicago detonated on the eastern sea wall of Garden Island under the moored HMAS Kuttabul used as an accommodation vessel.

A comprehensive commentary is provided supported by information and photos on TVs to bring the commentary to life. A complementary booklet with lots of information and photos is provided as a souvenir.

Come join the cruise to learn more detail about that incredible night.

## Information - Bookings & Dates

**Group Bookings (group of 10 or more): - Contact the Cruise Coordinator  
Phone: – 0451 218 336 (Between the hours 0900 to 1500).**

**For Personal Bookings visit: -  
[Naval Historical Society of Australia Website.](http://www.navyhistory.au)**

**or email the Naval Historical Society at: -  
E-mail: [cruises@navyhistory.au](mailto:cruises@navyhistory.au)**

## EVENT INFORMATION:

**Cost:** \$75 per person (group of 10 or more rate). \$80 individuals.

**Frequency:** 31<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023

**Check-in Time:** 09:30am

**Boarding Time:** 09:45am for 10:00am departure

**End Time:** between 12:30pm – 1:00pm

### Departure Point:

King Street Wharf 3, Darling Harbour, Sydney NSW.

**Access:** Ferry, Train and walk from Wynyard or Town Hall Stations. Detailed information will be emailed to you approximately 1week prior to departure.

**Vessel:** MV BENNELONG operated by Caprice Charter Cruises Pty Ltd.

**Refreshments:** Morning tea is included

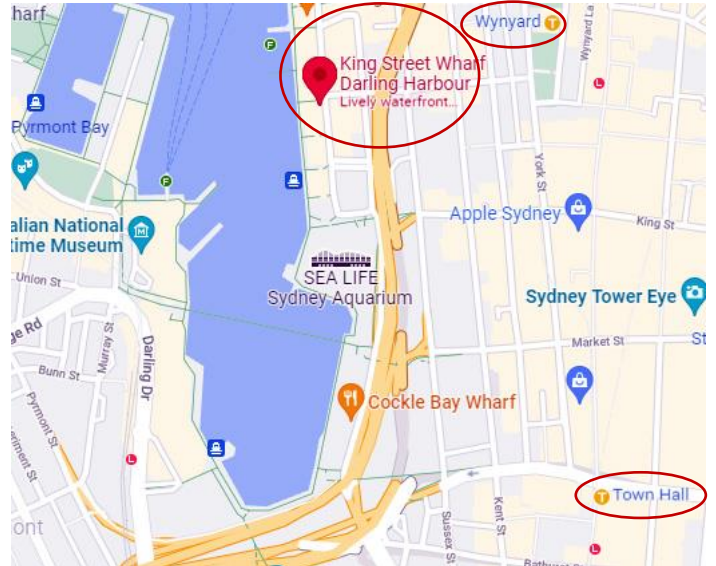
**SPECIAL NOTE:** As this event is being conducted by the Naval Historical Society of Australia, a 'not for profit' organisation, the cruise can only proceed if sufficient tickets are sold to cover boat charter costs.

In the most unlikely event that sufficient tickets are not sold, a decision will be made 14 days prior to the event on whether to proceed or not.

Naturally, if a cruise is cancelled, all concerned will be advised and they will be offered a transfer to another cruise, or a full refund of the ticket value (not including booking fee) will be made to ticket holders.

### Ticket Cancellation Policy:

More than 30 days full refund of ticket,  
30 -15 days - 75 % of ticket value.  
14 – 7 days - 50% of ticket value.  
Less than 7 days – no refund



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