

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Sailing model boats at Johnston's Bay off Pyrmont Point

Date

1904-1920

Primary Maker

Harry Brisbane Williams

Medium

Silver gelatin print on paper

Dimensions

Overall: 110 x 155 mm

Name

Photograph

History

The Harry Brisbane Williams photographic collection provides an interesting record of a range of activities on Sydney Harbour from the 1890s into the 1920s. An enthusiastic amateur boater and photographer, Williams' photographs capture a range of subjects – pleasure cruising on his motor launch on the Lane Cove River, yachting on Sydney Harbour, foreshore social activities, surf lifesaving, cargo ships, battle cruisers of the United States fleet, model yachting and the shipbuilding industry. In particular, they are a wonderful personal record of the new phenomenon of leisure motor boating in the early twentieth century. He also photographed a range of ship building activities, dry docks, slip ways and waterfront construction.