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PRESS RELEASE

Our PBY CATALINA finally made it to Bankstown on Sunday afternoon 7th December the Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbour in 1941. On the way down the east coast our Catalina paid a visit to some 3,000 spectators lining the shores around the old flying boat base at Rathmines on Lake Macquarie. To the surprise and delight of all the spectators the CAT did a *touch and go* on the water before finally landing at Bankstown around 2pm.

During the whole ferry flight including its narrow escape from Mumbai the aircraft performed beautifully with its brand new engines and propellers.

It is now waiting for its reconfiguration to its wartime role as a BLACK CAT and this can only happen when we get some more donations and help from volunteers. The Catalina is a spectacular sight when landing and taking off on the water and is expected to attract media attention – this could make it an attractive proposition for any corporation prepared to sponsor the project

For further information contact www.flyingcatalina.org.au and we enclose information concerning the history of Rathmines published in RAAF Radschool Association Magazine.

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