



Today in History

June 11, 1959

▲ The first experimental hovercraft was launched at Cowes off the Isle of Wight. The craft, the SR-N1, was designed by British engineer Sir Christopher Cockerell

1864: Richard Strauss, German composer of operas including 'Salome', 'Der Rosenkavalier' and 'Elektra', born

1910: French underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau, who invented the aqualung diving apparatus, was born

1982: Steven Spielberg's 'E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial' opened in movie theatres across America

2010: Start of the FIFA World Cup in South Africa, the first World Cup