



Today in History

June 11, 1959

▲ The first hovercraft was launched in southern England. The experimental craft, the SR-N1, was designed by British engineer Sir Christopher Cockerell

1770: Captain James Cook discovered the Great Barrier Reef, when HMS Endeavour ran aground on it

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

1992: Marjorie Robb, the last American survivor of the Titanic disaster, died in Boston aged 103

2014: The Al Qaeda splinter group ISIS took control of Iraq's second largest city, Mosul