

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

2-1-17

Upcoming Events

1st Twilight-Wednesday 4th January starting at 6.25pm

Saturday 7th January-Club Start –Keelboats-1st Race for 2017

Sunday 8th January-Consistency Race-Dinghies

KEELBOATS

Please note that the Sailing Program booklet will not be available for Opening Day and so here is something to keep you informed about what is happening until they are available. The program is available on the Club website.

Reminder to Wednesday Duty Start Box Crew, this week 4th January is: Andalusia-Chris Cochrane

01-Jan-17 SUN NO RACING AT CYC

04-Jan-17 WED 1825 Twilight

07-Jan-17 SAT 1400 CLUB START

11-Jan-17 WED 1825 Twilight

14-Jan-17 SAT 1400 RIVER START
SS22 Heat CYC

18-Jan-17 WED 1825 Twilight

21-Jan-17 SAT 1400 CLUB START "Australia Day Race"

25-Jan-17 WED 1825 "Australia Day" Theme Twilight

29-Jan-17 Sun 1400 CLUB START

DINGHIES

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JANUARY

01-Jan-17 SUN NO RACING AT CYC-NEW YEAR

08-Jan-17 SUN 1000 Consistency

15-Jan-17 SUN 1000 Consistency

22-Jan-17 SUN 1000 Windward Series-Race 2

25-Jan-17 WED 1825 "Australia Day" Theme Twilight

29-Jan-17 SUN NO RACING AT CYC-AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

THANK YOU



Without our volunteers we would not be able to go out and enjoy the sport that we love. So it is important to thank these people.

For the Twilight on 21st December, Robert Jeffery was in charge of the start box.

Thank you to all our hard working Starters. It's because of you that we get to go out sailing on the beautiful Swan River..

Thank you very much for the time that you put in at CYC to enable us to go sailing.

KEELBOAT NEWS

Wednesday 21st December

Well a nice night was had by all that attended the Christmas Twilight. There was only a few boats that went out to enjoy a sail, but it was very enjoyable floating around the course. For a change we had a nice quiet breeze to blow us around the course. We didn't really stop at any stage during the race, until we made the turn at Burside to head for the finish line. Someone decided that we had enough fun for one night and the breeze was very slow heading for the finish. But most of us made it. I think only Serana didn't finish. I think that they were having way too much fun and just kept on floating around for a bit longer.

The meal when we arrived in the Club was absolutely delicious. My thanks to all involved in the organization of the event. I believe that our Vice Commodore and his lovely wife (Bill and Anne) put up numerous fairy lights in the ballroom to help us all get into the Christmas spirit. And a huge thank you to Ash the chef and his staff for a fantastic meal.

It all went off really well, with great service and food and a fabulous band to keep us entertained.

Well that is all for 2016. I wish you all a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Ann Caddick

DINGHY NEWS

Laser race 11 Consistency 18/12/16

What a way to ease into Christmas!

Firstly, thank you to our starters and course layer for allowing us to sail on another challenging morning in the bay.

Results Handicap

6th	Helen Ramsay	4.7
5th	Mal McKercher	Radial
4th	Justin Rose	Full
3rd	Wendy Campbell	4.7
2nd	Johnny Fussell	Radial
1st	Mark Edwards	Radial

Results Fastest time

4.7 Wendy Campbell

Radial Mark Edwards

Full Justin Rose

Congratulations to all those who managed to start and also to those who chose to stay on the shore instead due to the conditions. As far as the race was concerned it proved to be a real battle of survival with

12 of the 19 starters managing to finish. Lots of swimming was going on all around the course but surprisingly the fleet all finished within 11 minutes of each other.

A number of us decided to drop down a rig size given the forecast wind strength which proved to be a wise move. Seven regular full rig sailors sailed with a radial rig whilst the smartest in our fleet chose to sail with a 4.7 rig. The smaller rigs are a lot more stable down wind and the potential loss of boat speed far outweighs any time spent swimming. Most people that I spoke with after the race said that they may not have finished with their normal rig so hopefully we can all be a little wiser in rig choice in the future. Even Nigel was asking how much a radial rig costs!

Heavy weather hints.

Don't be embarrassed if you choose to use a smaller rig.

Plan to survive and last the race rather than go too hard early.

Flatten your sail upwind as much as you can, especially the foot.

Be conservative downwind and if your boat becomes unstable pull the mainsheet in to reduce power.

Best wishes for a safe Christmas and New Year.

Mark Edwards

Link to Dinghy Results on Website is <http://www.claremontyachtclub.org.au/page.aspx?ID=350>

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**Please note articles need to reach Ann Caddick by Sunday evening for your article to be included in that weeks BIW.
If you are sending them to the Office please try to do it by Monday otherwise send straight to AC. Thanks**