

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

7-2-17

Upcoming Events

Twilight-Wednesday 8th February starting at 6.25pm

Saturday 11th February-Handicap Start -Keelboats

Sunday 12th February-Club Championship-Race 4-Dinghies

KEELBOATS

Please note that the Sailing Program booklet will not be available for Opening Day therefore, 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 8th February is Robert Jeffery with "Georgie" and Crew

FEBRUARY

08-Feb-17 WED 1825 Twilight

11-Feb-17 SAT 1400 HANDICAP START -"Harry Laurie Memorial Trophy"

15-Feb-17 WED 1825 Twilight-"Pirate Theme"

18-Feb-17 SAT 1400 RIVER START
SS22 Heat CYC

22-Feb-17 WED 1825 Twilight

26-Feb-17 SUN 1400 CLUB START

DINGHIES

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FEBRUARY

12-Feb-17 SUN 1000 Club Championship-Race 4

19-Feb-17 SUN 1000 Consistency

26-Feb-17 SAT 1000 Club Championship-Race 5

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.

The Duty Starter for Wednesday 1st February was Wilma Poland, assisted by Alma.

Thank you to all our hard working Starters for Sunday 5th February-Wilma Poland and Margaret and Colin Cook.

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

KEELBOAT NEWS

Sunday 5th February

A fairly good Easterly breeze tempted six boats out of their pens today. Serana, Andalusia, Theseus, Beaujolais and Wind Spinner. Good to see Wind Spinner hit the water for a day race instead of her usual Twilight sojourn. So Welcome "Wind Spinner" to the wonderful World for "real" racing, we hope you enjoy every minute of it. Course 6 was selected as this can be shortened if the winds drop. However, this did not happen as the wind strengthened to a sea breeze and was well into 12 -15 knots by mid afternoon. It seems that as Theseus may have had a little too much growth on her keel, Kevin decided to clean it on the Point Walter sand spit - well done!! Serana changed her mind about doing another lap to Mosman/Suicide and Wind Spinner was a bit unsure of the whole scenario. This left Andalusia and Beaujolais to be the only boats to complete the race correctly. Well, we all have days like that, don't we!! Considering that Wind Spinner has not done a lot of sailing over the past few months it was great to see her out and about. Hopefully the new owners are getting to know "her" better after today's venture and will return next Saturday to enjoy a "handicap" race. On the matter of Handicap races, remember to check out your "fall" number and remember that once your number disappears from the set at the start box, that is when you start. The Fall Numbers list should be available on the web site or at the bar by lunch time on Saturday so go to the bar to check. If there are no lists there please feel free to chase Robert Jeffery or myself as one or other of us should be able to help you.

My thanks go to Colin and Margaret Cook for their valuable assistance in the start box today - I could not have done it without them. If you know of anyone who could spare a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon please get them to call either Robert Jeffery or myself on 0407 089 016 or simply turn up at 1.15pm on race days and we will "put you to work". The race starts at 2pm but we need you there around 1.15pm to get the flags ready and run through the procedure. There is always a coffee and either carrot cake or a muffin to be enjoyed during the rest of the afternoon or you may simply leave after the boats have crossed the start line. The help is needed at the start of the race rather than the end as Robert or I can manage the finish except if we have more than about ten boats.

Cheers and happy sailing
Wilma Poland

DINGHY NEWS

Sunday 5th February

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DINGHY NEWS

5/2/2017 – Consistency Series Race 15

THERE was movement at the boatshed, for the word had passed around: Cheeky Shiraz was going to start on port tack from the pin end and cross the entire fleet.

And so he did.

In the first of two short-course races, 20 of us had lined up in a 10-14 knot sou'easter and the congestion at the boat end of the start line was enough for me to roll the dice at the pin. A favourable slant in the breeze at the gun didn't do any harm, either.

With clear air and clear water I was within a couple of boat lengths of Mal McKercher who led at the first mark. But there was much better news than that. Immediately behind me was a wily veteran who was most deserving of my Karrakatta Mantra: "Follow me, Nige!"

Nigel Paul obliged on the reach but had gained an inside overlap on reaching the wing mark. He demanded so much rounding room that I had to sail into a different postcode. Even the Queen Mary could have slipped inside both our boats.

Anyway, Nigel powered away and that was the ball game. Mal, Nigel and I held station and finished in that order. To be honest I don't know what was happening behind us ... when you're at the pointy end you tend to look ahead much more!

Race two provided a more familiar scenario. My pitiful attempt to try a port-tack start again failed miserably and I finished ninth over the line. I had a good duel with Rod Stone in his pesky Radial and Rob Heyes (Who is that Masked Man?) was also going well with his pesky rig.

Up ahead, the likes of Justin Rose, Nigel, Mal, Mark Edwards, John Fussell and Andy Brockis were fighting for the spoils . . . Well done, guys ... been there, done that!

Handicap results were not available at the after-race gathering, so thanks to Walter Reeves for sorting that out in the absence of John Ryan. Those results revealed that the two Full Rig cruiserweights – yours truly and Dom Papaluca (Is Dom, Is Good) – had sewn up the handicap quinella.

Thanks also to the Start Boat team, Alan Gibson for ensuring everyone has signed on pre-race, and SpongeBob OrangePants for laying an excellent course with good length in each leg.

RESULTS (combined times)

6. Patrol Boat (Justin Rose)
5. Infinity (Rob Heyes)
4. Vitamin Sea V (Nigel Paul)
3. Limitless (Rod Stone)
2. Snap (Dom Papaluca)
1. Cheeky Shiraz (Steve Fox)

Fastest Full Rig: Vitamin Sea V (Nigel Paul)

Fastest Radial: Ichabod (Mark Edwards)

Full details: <http://www.claremontyachtclub.org.au/page.aspx?ID=350>

Steve Fox

Cheeky Shiraz 202811

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

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