

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

10-1-17

Upcoming Events

Twilight-Wednesday 11th January starting at 6.25pm

Saturday 14th January-River Start –SS22 Assoc. visiting-Keelboats

Sunday 15th January-Consistency Race-Dinghies

KEELBOATS

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Reminder to Wednesday Duty Start Box Crew, this week 4th January is: Flight-Peter Tate

JANUARY

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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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.

There was no Twilight programmed for Wednesday 4th January. Sorry for confusion it may have caused when it was stated in BIW last week that there would be a race. Twilights will resume next Wednesday 11th January.

Thank you to all our hard working Starters for Saturday 7th January-Wilma and Arthur Poland and Colin and Margaret Cook.

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

KEELBOAT NEWS

Saturday 7th January

With many of the sailors still on holiday only three boats decided to have a short race. Kyzo Too, Theseus and Andalusia. Course 6 was chosen because it was the shortest and also could be shortened if needs be. With the wind at 20 - 25 knots reefs were put in the main sail and smaller head sails as well. Andalusia crew chose to wear their PFD's just for safety. Good thinking!!!! One comment from Kyzo Too was that with such a strong wind and with it coming straight up Blackwall Reach it was nearly impossible to see which flags were being flown. Arthur from Beaujolais offers this advice. When there is a strong wind head for College Buoy then when approximately 50 metres to the East of the Start Line turn around and head to Burnside. On the way take a good look at the Start Box and come in as close as you can to B Jetty and you will be able to clearly see the flags. The first sound signal and hoist of flags is at 13.55 and you then have a good three - four minutes to carry out this manoeuvre so you should be right to start in the Westerly direction. Similarly with the Easterly direction but you need to get to the correct side of the start line prior to the start. Hope this hint is of good use. Because it was so windy, although the hooter is pressed the sound is probably blown away so you really need to set your watches and check the flags. Unfortunately, contrary to popular belief the Start Crew have no control over the wind, how strong it blows or from what direction!

The start sequence is 13.55 Division flags and course flags raised (unless there are four boats for Div 1 & 2 a combined start will be signaled so "C" flag will be above the course flag. If Div 1 & 2 have their own start then Div 3 flag (for everyone else) will be raised with its course flag and there will be a separate start for that division starting five minutes after Div 1 & 2. At 13.56 - preparatory flag is raised. 13.59 - preparatory flag is lowered and then at 14.00 the division flag with course flag attached is lowered

indication the start of the race. I separate Divs the Div 3 starts 5 minutes after Div 1& 2. Check your little white book which has the courses in it or see either Robert Jeffery or myself if you would like to discuss. Theseus pulled out and Kyzo Too was first across the line followed by Andalusia. I felt it was not worth turning on the computer for so few boats but the finish times are Kyzo Too 15.32.54 and Andalusia 15.37.51. Robert will finalise the results next Saturday and hand out the flags, as he will need the computer for the large fleet of SS 22 fleet visiting from SOPYC so please join them for a great sail.

My apologies for any confusion over the twilight for 4th Jan. My list shows no racing at CYC and as officially the river was closed to racing until 7th Jan I advised Chris Cochrane there was no need for him to attend the start box. Twilight sailing is from 11th Jan every Wednesday with either Robert Jeffery or myself in the box.

My thanks go to Colin and Margaret Cook for the assistance in the Start Box and to Arthur Poland for providing the coffees. If you know someone who would like to be involved in the sailing activities but does not want to go on a boat, we are always looking for people willing to learn the starting procedure then give us a call. I may be contacted on 0407 089 016 almost anytime.

For those of you who do not know Ross Kubale (part owner and crew of AVAGANDA) past away recently and his memorial is on Tuesday 10th January at CYC at 14.00. Also Kingsley Porter's partner Jacqui passed away a few days ago. Our sincere condolences to both families, they will be sadly missed both on the water and in the Start Box.

Cheers
Wilma Poland

[DINGHY NEWS](#)

Lasert Consistency - 8th January 2017 – A Tale of Two Races

There was movement at the yacht club, for the word had passed around
That CommDom could use his massive handicap today,
With light winds on the forecast...they put two races down
Twenty boats had gathered to the fray.
All the tried and noted sailors...some from yacht clubs near and far
Had mustered at the start boat...what a sight,
For some sailors love hard riding...pushing up from where they are,
And at times can give CYC folk such a fright.

As usual, it was genteel...till they pushed the others up,
And a General Recall was the only go;
At the restart all the blood was fairly up
With the rising wind, off we all did go.
Mal McKercher and John Fussell...they both sailed so grand,
No better horsemen ever held the reins;
But today was one for the sandbagger...with his handicap so grand,

Stone motherless last, but chalked up a win all the same.

We had a light wind race to start with, followed by an interesting 2nd race in a building breeze. There were lots of lead changes in the shifting breeze and plenty of holes to sail into in the first race. It was a real test of skill in different conditions. Our thanks to the start team for organising two races and dealing with the variable conditions.

The talk in the club afterwards was all about balancing aggressive manoeuvres with friendly sailing that CYC is renowned for. We had some very shifty winds, which made it really difficult for the start team, and a big boat-end bias caused a cluster of boats to form at the boat end in the 2nd race. Those of us who had paid attention to Andy Brockis during his recent pep-talk, noticed this and therefore made sure they didn't put themselves in a compromising position on the start line (or did they??). The start team do an amazing job week-in/week-out, but Mother Nature threw a curve-ball at them this week. 1st Moral of the story: when you see an unusual situation like we had on Sunday...expect the unexpected and let discretion be the better part of valour. 2nd Moral of the story: Just because you can push the whole fleet up...doesn't mean you have to! 😊

Results:

6th Ross Campbell (Radial)

5th Helen Ramsay (Radial)

4th John Fussell (Full)

3rd Walter Reeves (Full)

2nd Don Page (Full)

1st Dom Papaluca (Full)

Fastest:

Radial: Rod Stone

Full: Mal McKercher



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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