

# BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

20-12-16

## *Upcoming Events*

**Christmas Twilight-Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December starting at 6.25pm**

**Saturday 7th January-Club Start -Keelboats**

**Sunday 8th January-Consistency Race-Dinghies**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

### 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 14th December is:**

### **DECEMBER**

21-Dec-16	WED	"Christmas" Twilight
25-Dec-16	SAT	NO RACING AT CYC
28-Dec-16	WED	NO RACING AT CYC
31-Dec-16	SAT	NO RACING AT CYC

*Swan River closed until 7-1-17*

### **JANUARY**

<b>01-Jan-17</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>NO RACING AT CYC</b>
04-Jan-17	WED	NO RACING AT CYC
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**

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## DECEMBER

**21-Dec-16 WED 1825 "Christmas Twilight"**

25-Dec-16 SUN NO RACING AT CYC-CHRISTMAS

## 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 14th December, Robert Jeffery was in charge of the start box.

Thank you to Wilma Poland and Colin & Margaret Cook for manning the start box on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

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

# KEELBOAT NEWS

## Spacesailer 27 Heat – 10 December

On 10 December Claremont hosted Heat 3 of the Spacesailer 27 Championships.

The *Lloyd Anderson* was moored near Black Spit readying for the start. Fourteen 27s, ten from South of Perth, three from Freshwater Bay and one from the host club, sailed impatiently up and down the line. It was a hot afternoon with a pleasant 11 knot WNW breeze.

With a second and a third on handicap in the first two heats, the crew on *Georgie* were quietly optimistic of a reasonable outcome in this race.

The Blue Peter came down; one minute to the start, and the fleet headed towards the line. *Georgie*, Claremont's only entry in the race, started to slow and fall off to leeward; the headsail sheet had come off! There was no room to tack; after some cursing and frantic work by the foredeck crew the sheet was re-attached; *Georgie* tacked; the other sheet came off; they tacked again and were finally on their way, the last starter.

By Suicide, they'd passed *Lady Claire*; by Dolphin West, after a good long spinnaker run, *Breakin Even*, *Halcyon Days* and *Calico* were also behind them.

Around this time the breeze lightened off, down to around seven knots with a bit of south in it. Sailing well became much more of a challenge now.

At Brickie A, *Georgie* tacked too early to make the next mark in the light conditions and was left frustrated and floundering at Brickie B. *Norsk*, which was also behind them by then, slipped smugly past, as did *Calico*.

Another spinnaker run to Dome, with *Georgie* rounding just behind *Calico*.

A slow beat to Mosman/Suicide and a reach up to Burnside. On familiar territory circuiting the bank, *Georgie* was able to again show it's transom to *Calico* at Middle.

Then Burnside, Claremont and home !

After a short spinnaker run from Burnside to Claremont, and two minutes from the finish it seemed like a good idea for *Georgie* to tack for the line; they sailed into a dead spot while *Calico* stayed out and beat them in by a minute.

Finishing eleventh across the line and eighth on handicap, it's obvious that *Georgie* still has a thing or two to learn about light weather sailing.(and tying bowlines !)

Former Claremont boat, *Carrageen II*, skippered by Garry Manners was first across the line, in two hours and thirty five minutes, followed by *Abeelas*, Brian Saleeba and *Karina*, Paul Rees.

Handicap places went to *Norsk*, Everard Yeo, *Carrageen II* and *Dr Feelgood*, Colin Stevenson.

The Spacesailer 27 Association always enjoys the opportunity to sail at Claremont, venturing into the relatively mysterious waters around Mosman/Suicide and Karrakatta Bank. Many thanks to the Sailing Committee and Start Team at Claremont for making the event happen; your hard work is always appreciated.

Jim Murray

Georgie

C 270

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

The breeze was reasonably light early on in the afternoon, but it built pretty quickly, and by the time we started the race there were lots of white caps out there. For a change, Beaujolais got a really good start and headed to the Burnside Buoys with Kiwi Express. We followed Kiwi for quite a while until, Flight and then Georgie passed us. And to our chagrin, Andalusia also passed us before Mosman Buoy. We were heading to Mosman Buoy with a fleet of Flying Fifteens that started at Freshie's line. We were expecting them to round Mossie and go to Suicide (as they are suppose to), but the turned at Mossie and came straight back at us launching their spinnakers.

\*\*\* As far as I believe-Mosman and Suicide Buoys MUST both be rounded-they are treated like an island and you can't go between them. This is a ruling from Swan River Racing Committee. You do the same thing with Bricklandings Buoys A & B as well as Smith and Lucky Bay Buoys. I will be sending an email to the SRRC to clarify this to make sure we are all playing by the same rules. I'll keep you posted.

The breeze was very strong throughout the afternoon, and Arthur was complaining that we had the number 2 up instead of our number 3. The first time Jacquie and I overruled Arthur and we got it wrong. Sorry Arthur.

So at the end of the race-Kiwi was first, Flight, then Georgie, closely followed by Andalusia. I am not sure if Serana finished. And I was informed that Joy was dragged of the bank somewhere by a Freshie rescue boat.

What a race to finish the year of with!!!

Ann Caddick

1 <sup>st</sup>	Beaujolais	Arthur Poland
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andalusia	Chris Cochrane
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Flight	Peter Tate
Fastest	Kiwi Express	Matthew Greentree

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

With good strong breezes a fleet of seven boats took to the water. Course 8 was selected as this was thought to give at least two hours of sailing and Kiwi Express got home in 1 hour 50 min & 29 seconds. Well I tried!!!! Two boats retired, Serana and Joy. Serana had to take someone to the airport and Joy decided it was time to give the keel a clean on a sand bar and had to be pulled off. Our thanks to RFBYC for their assistance in this matter. The other boats had all crossed the line by 4.04.42 so it was all done and dusted by 4.30.00 when Joy headed for her mooring. My thanks to Colin and Margaret Cook for their assistance in the start box and for Robert Jeffery for his help with the computer. If there are sufficient boats a twilight race will be run on 21st December, if not then we hope you booked for the Christmas Twilight Dinner. In the past the buffet meals have been great and if you have not already tried one, do yourself a favour and book. There is always soup, a roast of the day, roast vegetables, vegetarian tartlets (the best are pumpkin, spinach and Brie) and a couple of other dishes plus a sweet section, tea and coffee if you wish.

Sailing starts again in earnest on Saturday 7th January 2017. The sailing calendar is available via the website so please check when the Sunday races are on. Generally Sundays are the first and last Sunday of each month and races start at 14.00hours. According to my roster sheet, Twilights recommence on 4th January 2017 with Andalusia and myself in the box.

I would like to wish all sailors a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous 2017. I would also like to thank all those volunteers who help in the start box on Saturday and Wednesday as we could not run the races without them.

Cheers

Wilma Poland

# 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>

**I WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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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**