

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

213-3-17

Upcoming Events

Twilight-Wednesday 22nd March starting at 6.25pm

Saturday 25th March-Club start Race-Keelboats

Sunday 19th February-Club Championship-Race 6-Dinghies

Saturday 20th May-Combined Keelboat and Dinghy Prize Night

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, 22nd March is Robert Jeffery

MARCH

22-Mar-17 WED 1825 Twilight

25-Mar-17 SAT 1400 CLUB START

29-Apr-17 WED 1825 Twilight

APRIL

02-Apr-17 SUN 1400 CLUB START

05-Apr-17 WED 1825 Twilight

08-Apr-17 SAT 1400 CLUB START-CLOSING DAY

25-Apr-15 TUE 1600 ANZAC DAY TWILIGHT RACE

20-May-17 SAT 1900 Combined Keelboat and Dinghy Prize Night

"WINTER ""FROSTBITE"" SERIES 2017"

07-May-17 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
21-May-17 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
04-Jun-17 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
18-Jun-17 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
02-Jul-17 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
16-Jul-17 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
06-Aug-17 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
20-Aug-17 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
03-Sep-17 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
17-Sep-17 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

(note: all Winter Frostbite races only use twilight courses 15 and 16 - watch the flags)

DINGHIES

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MARCH

26-Mar-17 SUN 1000 Club Championship-Race 6

APRIL

02-Apr-17 SUN 1000 Consistency
09-Apr-17 SUN 1000 Windward Series-Race 3
16-Apr-17 SUN 1000 NO RACING AT CYC-EASTER WEEKEND
23-Apr-17 SUN 1000 Closing Day Trophy
25-Apr-17 Tue 1600 ANZAC DAY TWILIGHT RACE

MAY

20-May-17 SAT 1900 Combined Keelboat and Dinghy Prize Night

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 8th March was Robert Jeffery with help from John Steinhardt from Nikki.

Thank you to all our hard working Starters for Saturday 11th March-Robert Jeffery, Sarah Steinhardt and Peter Dear.

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

KEELBOAT NEWS

Commodores Cup 2017

The 2017 Claremont Yacht Club Commodores on Sunday 19 March 2017 was in my view a huge success. We had approximately 40 keel boats and 20 lasers compete for the Commodores Cup, the Deep Dene Trophy and the Farr 9.2 State heat.

The race begun at 1400hrs led off by the Farr 9.2's, followed by Div. 1 and 2, Div. 3 and 4 and then the Lasers. The race follows as close as possible the course that was first sailed in 1905. There was fairly light winds from the south east at the start, it built during the race for a time before easing again towards the end.

From where I stood aboard Serana in Div. 3 and 4, it was a great race well fought between around 15 yachts. The start was competitive with Serana winning the start followed by Nedlands Yacht Club boat Beyond Belief and CYC's Andalusia. Just after the second mark (day buoy) Beyond Belief took the lead. By 2/3 the way through the first downwind leg Andalusia caught us with their blue spinnaker. Serana managed to stay in touch with Andalusia until the top mark (Mosman/Suicide), before the spinnaker was raised again and they powered away, meanwhile Theseus was slowly catching us. The waning wind saw us over taken by Theseus by the time we got to Burnside. Playing our cards close to our chest, and Theseus unsure of the course, they over shot the finish line. While us on Serana were doing all we could to will us to the finish line, Theseus realised there mistake threw in a quick tack to narrowly beat through the line.

Back in the bar it was great to see the Deep Dene was full of happy sailors and members enjoying the Sunday sun and festivities. While the starters prepared the results and the trophies were found and dusted off, hot chips and cold beer was being enjoyed by all.

With the help of Commodore David Bovell and Vice Commodore Bill McLeod, the presentations began. In the Farr 9.2's the winner was Pat Jones on Seahawk, Division 1 & 2 by Uptempo, Division 3 & 4 by Beyond Belief, with the Laser Commodores Cup being won by Dom Papaluca, the Keelboat Commodores Cup won by Beyond Belief and the Deep Dene Trophy won by Serana.

Thank you to our starters, volunteers and staff for their hard work organising and running this event.

Regards Rob Boykett

(Rear Comm. Sail)

BIW Report 19/03/2017

Sunday opened on CYC's number one invitational yacht race; the Commodore's Cup. A 8 knot SSE wind was blowing and there was the promise of lots of visiting yachts. The Farr 9.2 Association had 7 visiting boats arrive for their Assoc. Heat and to participate in the Comm Cup. Other visitors saw a pair of trimarans, a catamaran, a host of fast sports boats and ordinary keelboats. A total of 32 yachts and 18 Laser dinghies were out in strength. The 9.2 race saw "Seahawke" find the finish line first followed by "Elusive" and "Frenzy" crossing last. "Seahawke" was awarded the Handicap First as well. The Div 1 & 2 race saw some of our Nedlands visitors take out the first two places. The M27 skippered by Don Mullalley "Up

Tempo" was 1st and the Elliot "Tiger" 2nd and Fastest, CYC's "Flight" was 3rd. Div 3 & 4 had Colin Scott on "Beyond Belief" finish First and Fastest. The CYC boats "Serana" and "Andalusia" filled the minor placings. The Deep Dene room was filled with happy sailors tell sea stories about their day of racing. The Commodore – David Bovell and Vice Commodore – Bill McCloud were able announce the return to the club of the original 1905 "Commodore's Cup", which was presented by Sydney Stubbs to the winner of the first race at CYC. A piece of club history returned.

Robert Jeffery

DINGHY NEWS

Dinghies: Commodore's Cup – 19.3.17

You know, it is a funny thing. I've been trying to win this trophy for nigh-on 13 years. I've spent megabucks on 4 different boats...and finally won it in my 5th boat...which also happened to be the cheapest boat of all! This "el cheapo" 5th boat also happens to be the boat that I've enjoyed sailing on the most – due to the camaraderie amongst the great bunch of Laser sailors at CYC. it is great sailing with you all week-in/week-out. Thank you for all the help and encouragement along the way. I'm sure my handicap will soon catch up with me...and you won't have to put up with any more of my ramblings in the newsletter! :)

The Bureau said SSE variable to 10kts and Seabreeze said around 15-18kts for the day. So, I wasn't sure what we were going to get! It was a bit blustery when we were rigging up, so a few sailors went down to a radial and Wendy went for the 4.7 rig. Once we got out there, it wasn't as bad as it looked...save for the occasional "bullet" here and there. Sailing in amongst all the keelboats was more problematic, due to getting blanketed, dirty air and the lumpy sea-state that their fat arses created! The interesting part of sailing "around the cans" was that there were definite gains to be made on the long beat and run. Having sailed this course a few times in my various keelboats gave me a bit of an advantage, as I knew which tree to aim at on the hill in order to find Mosman buoy...and the parts of the river that have more pressure when there is a "beastly Easterly" blowing.

I missed the first warning signal, and sidled up to a log-jam of boats at the pin with the Blue-Peter up. Matt Read had a killer start and was right in amongst it, I was getting gassed by a few boats ahead of me, so I tacked early to see if I could get a better line to College buoy. When I tacked, I notice Johnny Fussell had already done so...which made me think..."it must be a good move...that guy knows what he is doing!" Poor ol' Matt undid his good start by managing to touch College Buoy as he rounded it, and a few of us snuck past as he did his penalty turn (bad luck mate). I saw one boat "the wrong way up" on the way down to Mossie...I think it was Ross Campbell...there were a few bullets as we were abeam of Point Resolution...that is what probably did it.

I had a good "race within a race" with Helen Ramsay and Rob Heyes. Rob was in a Radial and was really quick upwind...then Wendy and I would catch him on the downhill...and then he'd pull away again upwind (note to self: re-read chapter 9 of Paul Goodison's Laser book...refine upwind setup and technique!). Rob and I finished side-by-side surfing down waves to the finish...and he just surfed past me at the right time and got his bow in front by 3 seconds with Helen close behind. Up at the pointy end of the fleet, Travis Lithgo picked up fastest. There were a few DSQ's due to rounding the wrong marks...which would have been a shame for those sailors (Andy, Duncan, Evan, Johnny, Justin and Nigel). Such is the problem with being a quick sailor – you have nobody to follow!

It was great to see the Deepdene room full of sailors and their stories. I convinced David Bovell to go and find the Deepdene bell before the announcements were read out – because I wanted to get my fair share of free beer from all the winners! It turned out to be a good move, as the bell was rung loud and often. A good day was had by all.

RESULTS:

Fastest

Full Rig – Travis Lithgo "Miss Eve"

Radial – Rob Heyes "Infinity"

4.7 – Wendy Campbell "Two Chances"

Handicap

6th – John Ryan (F) "Vino Tinto"

5th – Don Page (R) "Maelstrom"

4th – Travis Lithgo (F) "Miss Eve"

3rd – Helen Ramsay (R) "Aquavita"

2nd – Rob Heyes (R) "Infinity"

1st – Dom Papaluca (F) "Snap"

Dominic Papaluca

Safety Boat Volunteer

Claremont Yacht Club (CYC) is looking for a volunteer to assist in the safety boat for their dinghy racing events.

Sailing is held on Sunday mornings with racing starting at 1000.

No prior experience is initially necessary as this is an assistant role and all training will be provided eventually through the Australian Sailing run "Safety Boat Course" and a Restricted Skippers Ticket. However any of these qualifications and or prior sailing experience will be an advantage.

CYC has a very friendly sailing group and a welcoming volunteer group in support. To find out how you could help out please contact;

Walter Reeves Rear Commodore – Dinghies 0434 336 998

Or contact the club on (08) 9384 8226

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

Please send articles to: annandrew@inet.net.au

OR membership@claremontyachtclub.org.au

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