

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

28-2-17

Upcoming Events

Twilight-Wednesday 1st March starting at 6.25pm

Saturday 11th March-Short Course racing-Keelboats

Sunday 12th February-Consistency Race-Dinghies

Sunday 19th March-Commodore's Cup Race

**** (Don't forget to nominate Online for this race)**

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 1st March is Wilma Poland with the assistance of Richard Regan from Hanover Girl, 8th March is Robert Jeffery with the assistance of John Steinhardt from Nikki.

MARCH

01-Mar-17 WED 1825 Twilight

05-Mar-17 SUN NO SAILING AT CYC - Long Weekend

08-Mar-17 WED 1825 Twilight

11-Mar-17 SAT 1400 CLUB START
SHORT COURSE RACING-(MAXIMUM 3 RACES)

15-Mar-17 WED 1825 Twilight

18-Mar-17 SAT No racing at CYC-See 19th March

19-Mar-17 SUN 1400 COMMODORE'S CUP
Farr 9.2 Association visiting

22-Mar-17 WED 1825 Twilight

25-Mar-17 SAT 1400 CLUB START

29-Apr-17 WED 1825 Twilight

DINGHIES

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MARCH

05-Mar-17 SUN NO RACING AT CYC-LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

12-Mar-17 SUN 1000 Consistency

19-Mar-17 SUN 1400 COMMODORE'S CUP

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

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 22nd February was Robert Jeffery with help from Peter Dear from Panache.

Thank you to all our hard working Starters for Saturday 26th February-Wilma Poland, Sarah Steinhardt & Peter Dear.

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

KEELBOAT NEWS

Sunday 26th February

Not too hot and just enough wind enticed five boats to the water. Flight, Theseus, Second Wind, Andalusia and that little pesky red SS22 Beaujolais. Lovely to see Second Wind back on the water and in near perfect conditions too. We trust that Past Commodore Dom Papaluca enjoyed not only his laser sail in the morning but the great spinnaker work on Beaujolais in the afternoon. "The Green Machine" could be clearly seen from the Start Box twice during the sail. Congratulations! Dom on a job well done. Andalusia and Beaujolais had a great tussle from Scotch Spit to Burnside and once Dom dropped the spinnaker at Burnside it was a race for the finish with Beaujolais ahead by just one second! Final results were First Beaujolais, Second Andalusia, Third Second Wind and Fastest Flight. Thank you to Commodore David Bovell for calling the results and presenting the pennants. My thanks go to Peter Dear for his invaluable help in the Start Box - a second pair of hands makes the start much easier than running between the flags and the hooter. No sailing next weekend as it is a public holiday on the Monday for Labour Day. However, Saturday racing returns on the 11th March, this will be another in the three short races series so get your crew ready for some quick short races to get your blood pumping!!

From the BOX - Wilma Poland

Keel Boats 26.02.17

CommDom rides again! Ann was off cheering the Wildcats to a win – so Arthur was on the scrounge for crew. Showing how desperate he was – he asked the (used) CommDom if he'd like a sail – and of course the answer was YES! We had a small but enthusiastic fleet of keelboats out there on what turned out to be a lovely day for a sail. They were a bit short of hands in the start box, so Wilma put the flag up for an easterly start and the fleet started cleanly. Flight took off and was bow-down in a nice 15kt breeze and showed the fleet a clean pair of heels from start to finish. Andalusia and Beaujolais had a battle royal – Andalusia being only 2-up sailed magnificently in the building breeze. Beaujolais, with the ever-enthusiastic (or is that over-enthusiastic?) CommDom on board, couldn't help but throw the kite up. Arthur made Dom do the foredeck work (why not, then he could blame him for any stuff ups! :)). Beaujolais only managed to sneak in front of Andalusia during the last 300mtrs of the race...and only because of the exemplary and truly magnificent foredeck work of our esteemed (and so modest) past Commodore. There was only about half a metre in it over the line. Theseus loved the extra bit of breeze and crossed over next, followed by Kingsley in 2nd Wind.

Dominic Papaluca

DINGHY NEWS

Dinghy Report Consistency 19/2/17

We were greeted with fairly light and fickle winds tending from the north-east, with some warm sun for a change! The river was still a brown colour from all the recent rain. We were all trying to work out what the forecast was going to deliver us for our race hour, with the wind forecast to go round to the south-west around midday. Everybody was feeling confident about the wind with lots of full rig sails in action after all the radials in some prior weeks.

The race commenced with a close start with a number of boats hitting the start line as the flags dropped. Will had a flyer and was very near the front at the top mark, which was a fine performance given he was in the radial; Will stayed near the front for a long time until some of the bigger sails eventually managed to sneak past him. It was unusual having the top mark on the NE side of the bank. There were lots of boats in the action near the front of the fleet, although Mal and Justin were already starting to pull away.

Boats that took the north side of the bank on the second upwind leg generally fared pretty well – the wind was quite patchy with a few soft areas and 20° wind shifts keeping us all on our toes. Mal and Justin kept moving further away from the fleet, but there were lots of other interesting races within the race going on throughout the fleet. I managed to get a bit of luck keeping towards the SE side of the bank on the 3rd upwind leg which gained me some good ground.

In the end Mal just pipped Justin for line honours. By the finish the wind had gone round almost completely to the north, so it took a while getting home from the finish line.

On handicap the top 6 boats were separated by only 51 seconds, and I managed to pip Don by a mere 23 seconds – perhaps the big investment in a new sail is paying off!!

As always, thank you to the start crew who do an amazing job every week. The course was very well set and the start team seem to have a knack of reading what the wind is going to do in Claremont Bay on a Sunday morning. Also, thanks to Bob in the safety boat – it is always reassuring to know you are there.

Line honours:

F: Mal

R: Will

Handicap:

6: Justin
5: Scott
4: Will
3: Dom
2: Don
1: Duncan

Dinghy Notes 26.02.17

I arrived at the club on a lovely Sunday morning, safe in the knowledge that my generous handicap would basically do the job for me, as long as I could keep that Jezebel of a boat upright. BOM said 10-15kts SSW and Seabreeze said 18kts! I thought: "Holy guacamole, I still got my "P Plates" on...and 18kts downwind would probably bring me undone." The start was as "eventful" as ever. Plenty of us hanging about the boat-end, looking for trouble. Evan probably couldn't see the line too well from where he was positioned in the fleet, and was a little too enthusiastic and OCS. We were all a bit worried however, because the flag went up, the hooter sounded, but nobody went back! Bad luck Evan. Nothing gets past our start crew! During the race, the weather gods looked after me...and the wind varied between "bugger-all" and about 12kts I reckon. There were plenty of holes to sail into around the course...and most of the fleet managed to find them at various times. The thing I love about sailing at CYC, is that there is always a race within a race going on – whether you are at the pointy end or the blunt end like me. Don Page, Rob Heyes, Walter Reeves, Will Nunn and Helen Ramsay were all going well. Things were interesting at the pointy end too...with Mal McKercher, Andy Brockis, John Fussell and Nigel Paul battling it out. Mal McKercher seemed to have his own private breeze however, and it looked at one stage as though he was going to finish a leg ahead of the rest of the fleet. Again, the capricious wind conspired against that...and after he sailed so well...the breeze came in...and blew all of the backmarkers home. For the Radials, the ever-consistent Mark Edwards showed the way, but Will Nunn and Graham Lithgo were all very close behind. In the end, we all had our fair share of stuff ups, it was just that kind of day. I had such a good day, I went on to crew for Arthur Poland on his Space Sailer 22 in the afternoon...and brought my winning form with me on to his boat.

Dom

Results:

Fastest

M McKercher – Full

Mark Edwards – Radial

1st Dom Papaluca – Full

2nd Rob Heyes – Full

3rd Helen Ramsay - Radial

4th Will Nunn – Radial

5th Walter Reeves – Full

6th Don Page – Full

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@iinet.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