

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

28-3-17

Upcoming Events

Twilight-Wednesday 29th March starting at 6.25pm

Sunday 2nd April-Club start Race-Keelboats

Sunday 2nd April-Club Consistency Race-Dinghies

Saturday 20th May-Combined Keelboat and Dinghy Prize Night

KEELBOATS

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Reminder to Wednesday Duty Start Box Crew, this week, 29th March is Wilma Poland with the assistance of Barry Pritchard from "Joy".

MARCH

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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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 22nd March was Robert Jeffery.

Thank you to all our hard working Starters for Saturday 25th March-Robert Jeffery, 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 25th March

Well after the many boats that we had sailing in the Commodore's Cup race last weekend, it was a bit disappointing that there were only 3 boats preparing to sail today.

The "Georgie" boys had gone over to Freshie to compete in the Best of the Bay race and Chris Cochrane and crew on Andalusia had gone out to sail in a SS22 state heat. Not sure how Andalusia went at this stage, but I am hoping that we will receive a report from the "Georgie" boys so we can all find out how they went.

As we prepared to go out of the pens we could see a few small power boats and some catamarans moving around near Freshie. We started our race, and we had a good start on Beaujolais, and we led the way through the start line, around College Buoy and were sailing towards Point Walter Buoy when a power boat motored up to us. It had a flag on it saying "Safety" and the man asked us where we were sailing to? We told him that we were going to Point Walter Buoy and then Dome Buoy. He told us they were running some races for the M32s and he told us there were buoys marking their course area and then he went motored away from us. I assume that he went to the other 2 boats after us. So we proceeded on our course toward Point Walter Buoy and a few minutes later another power boat came up beside us and said "Get off the course, get off NOW". This boat had a flag saying "Race Management", but the man did not identify himself or which Club or Association he was representing. He said that they were running a World Championship and we were to leave the course immediately. Well most of what I said next I cannot repeat, but you can imagine that I wasn't very pleased with someone telling us that we were not allowed to sail on the Swan River!!!

(As far as I know, all State, National and World Championships are run during the Christmas/New Year break, on the March long weekend or the Easter long weekend. And not on a normal Saturday afternoon, where CYC has applied for and received approval to sail every Saturday afternoon between October and April.)

And even if he did have the right to use the water space, he could have spoken to us calmly and explained what was going on and not just yelled at us. Eventually he left us (to go and yell at the other two CYC Boats) and we kept going on our course. I rang Robert Jeffery (as our Race Officer) and Robert Boykett (as our RCS) and advised them of what had gone on. So we sailed our course to Dome and then up to Mossie/Suicide. As we were heading to Mossie, there was a big green buoy out the front of Freshie, where the M32s were rounding. We all stayed out of their way and maintained our course. We sailed back past Freshie, where there must have been a big function on and they were viewing the M32 racing. There was a commentator letting everyone know what was going on. All the CYC boats stayed out of the way and sailed back to CYC where we finished our race. What a day!!!!

Everyone's a winner this week.

1 st and Fastest	Theseus	Kevin Kiddey
2 nd	Beaujolais	Arthur Poland
3 rd	2 nd Wind	Kingsley Porter

I am going interstate on holidays on Friday this week and won't be back until 7th April, and so there will NOT be a BIW next week-Sorry

I will make sure all the reports go into the last BIW for the season after Closing Day on 8th April.

Ann Caddick

DINGHY NEWS

26th March 2017 Heat 6 Club Championship

Sunday morning looked ominous as we came down to race.

Then the sun came out and the wind seemed to moderate, encouragement to rig and get out there.

Once out however, the wind strength seemed to increase again and the wind gods had us at their mercy.

The first gybe mark was almost negotiated by the first three boats but a big gust flattened myself, Mal and Travis in a few seconds and allowed Johnny Fussell to get past. He set up for his gybe at full speed with aplomb and raced away (with a loud yeee haaaaaaa!!).

Setting after him I was able to employ greater leaning ballast to take back the lead on the upwind leg, only to see him get through again on the next dead run when another big gust rocketed me in for a swim. At times it was like having afterburners cut in – you seemed to be going at top speed then a bigger gust hit and there was only flying or crashing!

The rest of the race was a close tussle with Johnny showing poise downwind but the ballast deployment enabling a faster route upwind for me. At the end only 11 second separated us. Mal was next across the line 1 minute 30 seconds later, with Travis another 4 minutes after epic swim(s) on the last leg.

Helen's mast broke in what I can only presume was a big gust, but otherwise we all escaped tired but smiling and unscathed.

It was comforting to know our ever reliable volunteers were following us around – thanks to Bob and Graham in the tinny and the start crew in the mothership. I trust it wasn't too chilly out there?

Handicap results were:

6th Matt Read

5th Travis Lithgo

4th Mal McKercher

3rd Johnny Fussell

2nd and fastest Radial / 4.7 Wendy Cambell

1st & Fastest Nigel

Editors note: 11 started, 7 finished, the only person who finished but is not mentioned in the above results, gets the self awarded, "at least he finished" award - Blue Vixen.

Nigel Paul

WALPOLE IN THE TREES REGATTA 2017

On the Labour Day weekend, Dean Caple and myself travelled down to Walpole for the Walpole Regatta in the Trees. The event is held on Nornalup Inlet in amongst the forest. This was the fourth year that Dean and I have sailed the event having previously raced our 470 dinghy however this year we each sailed our Lasers. Many at CYC will remember

Dean as he was previously CYC's Rear Commodore of Sailing and Rear Commodore of Dinghies as well as being our Australian Sailing Club Services Officer.

Our preparations for the trip down to Walpole were rushed to say the least with busy work schedules. Both Dean and I took the Friday off work as we both knew from experience getting there on the Saturday morning is a rush to get rigged and find a spot on the beach.

My Laser needed some urgent repairs so Dean and I repaired its outhaul and cunningham cleat block in Dean's driveway before we loaded the boat and hit the road. However, only to find out that when I started to rig the Laser on Saturday morning on the beach at Walpole just hours before the first race that we had put the cleat on backwards. After a flurry of urgent repairs, we fixed our mistake only to tackle the next big issue, working out the mechanics of my cunningham. Thank goodness for smart phones, Google and finding plenty of photo examples as it was the only way we found out the correct way of rigging it, despite having started my career as an engineer.

The Walpole event has 5 races in total, 2 on the Saturday afternoon and 3 on the Sunday. Over 140 dinghies of every different classes took part in the event this year, including Sabre, 125, Mirror, Cherub, 420 and Tasar fleets and approximately 8 Lasers. It is also the state titles for the Moth sailors which adds some excitement with them hydrofoiling across the inlet. The races are in fleets with a total of 10 different fleets this year, with our fleet combined with the 420s.

It's normally quite windy down there so we decided the radial sail was the best approach. The first day we had two races in just over 15 knots of wind in constant light drizzling rain. For the second day the wind in the morning started at 15 knots but built during the race to about 22 knots, which made for some fast reaches across the inlet including a small swell of just under a metre which added some excitement surfing down the back of the waves.

For the two Sunday afternoon races the wind further increased during the lunch break and was gusting around and occasionally over 25 knots. Dean and I decided that it was too much for both of us so we sat on the beach and watched as four other Lasers ventured out. One Laser went flying off the beach, but halfway to the start line capsized and slowly floated to the shore at which point he righted his Laser and had a broken top section and ripped sail. Another Laser with a full rig capsized 4 times and he then gave it away, while the over 2 Lasers limped back to shore without starting, so Dean and I were pleased with our decision to stay onshore for the afternoon.

Like our style of racing at CYC they apply handicaps at Walpole with the best results for us being a third for Dean in Race 2 and I had a win in the windy conditions in Race 3. I was benefitted with the front Laser and 420 sailing around an additional buoy, however you take a win when you can.

Walpole Yacht Club does an amazing effort each year arranging the event. For example they cater every breakfast, lunch and dinner when the event is on, so if you are like Dean and myself, then you never need to cook. At the end of the event on the Sunday night they put on a big presentation night and catered meal in the main indoor venue in town. Have a look on the Walpole Yacht Club website as you will find plenty of photos and a drone video of the event.

We camp at Coalmine Beach Caravan Park which is next to the Walpole Yacht Club and where all the regatta management is based. The caravan park is also 10 metres from the beach where the dinghies are rigged.

It will be great to have other CYC sailors join us next year. Dom Papaluca has already committed to joining us next year and he will be bringing his caravan to act as CYC home base while we are there. It is admittedly a long way to travel for a long weekend sailing event, however for those who do not have work commitments, then the Walpole area is a fantastic place to slowly tour. Hope to see you there next year.

Check out the many photos and drone footage [Click here for Walpole photos](#)

Matt's Laser is radial sail number 154



125 Chaos at the top mark



Matt caught in traffic



Dean Rounding the top mark



Why we don't sail cats



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