

Sailing's night of nights – Where to next?

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Congratulations to all of the trophy winners announced at Saturday night's Sail and Dinghy prize night. To the members who did not win a trophy, thank you for your participation and I wish you fair winds and good sailing for coming seasons.

I add my thanks to those expressed at the Prize Night, by Commodore David Bovell and Rear Commodores Rob Boykett and Walter Reeve, for our volunteers whose efforts make it possible for sail racing to occur at the Club. Also thanks to the kitchen staff who delivered a sumptuous meal enjoyed by all members present.

I am sure that you have already read the articles from Rear Commodore Robert Boykett and Walter Reeve to find out which of our sailors took home a trophy.

The entertainment for the evening was a review by Dominic Papaluca of the many loves of his life.

The Dinghy division is reasonably strong and has put a competitive fleet on the water every Sunday morning during the summer sailing season. However, the keelboat division has seen another of the stronger boats leave our Club so that they can sail in a more competitive fleet next season.

Following the trophy presentations on Saturday night, I challenged the Club's sailors to "think outside the box" to deliver a redesigned and revitalised sailing competition at Claremont Yacht Club. A radical rethink is required to ensure a re-invigoration of the strong tradition of sailing at the Club.

All members who wish to ensure that the tradition of sailing at CYC continues into the future need to contribute to the re-engineering of the sailing competitions at our Club. We need to find our place in the market-place of sailing for recreation – and embrace whatever changes are required.

I look forward to vibrant sailing divisions at CYC continuing the Club's sailing tradition well into the future.