

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

24-10-17

KEELBOAT NEWS

This year we have been able to get our sailing program booklet printed. This booklet includes the

Upcoming Events

First Twilight for the Season-6.25pm-Wednesday 18th October

Keelboats-Club Start Race-2pm-Saturday 21st October

Dinghies-Consistency Race-10am-Sunday 22nd October

Keelboat Sailing Instructions, Courses and program.

These documents are also available on the Club Website in the Sailing section.

Here is the first month, so you can put these dates in your diary prior to Opening Day (when you will receive this booklet)

OCTOBER

25-Oct-17 WED 1825 Twilight

29-Oct-17 SUN 1400 CLUB START

Saturday 21st October

Today was the second race of the season and the weather was overcast and threatening rain which kept quite a lot of boats/sailors away. Only four ventured out and a great time was had by all. As the wind was Easterly, course 6 was chosen as this could also be shortened and all the boats were home in just under two hours. No accidents, no broken equipment and not a lot of wind either!! However, the crews of all yachts enjoyed one another's company in the Deep Dene Room afterwards. First and Fastest went to Theseus (Kevin Kiddey – last week Kevin broke his rudder but obviously that is now fixed), equal second to Second Wind (Kingsley Porter) and Serana (The Boykett Clan) with Beaujolais (Arthur Poland) in fourth place. My thanks go to Colin and Margaret Cook for their assistance in the Start Box. This lovely mature aged couple used to sail a Space Sailor 22 called Scarmouche and were pretty good at it too, but in recent years they have assisted in the Start Box. Apparently they love coming down and hope to do so for more years to come.

Today was an Easterly start. This is signified by flying an "E" flag (Horizontal Blue over Horizontal Red) from one of the halyards on the Start Box about half an hour prior to the start. This allows all sailors to have a good chance to look up at

what variation is entailed from Westerly courses. When choosing a course many things are taken into account such as wind strength, wind direction, can a course be shortened if the wind drops, the size and number of boats that will be sailing. Over the next few weeks we hope to mention other flags that are only used occasionally so you will know what to do if they are flown – so watch this space!!

From the Box – Wilma Poland.

Reminders:

**Rostered Starter for Twilight for Wednesday 25th October is Robert Jeffery
Rostered Boat is: “Serana”-Boykett Family**

**Rostered Starter for Twilight for Wednesday 1st November is: Wilma Poland
Rostered Boat is: “Aeolian”-Chris Barber**

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.

Thank You to our Starters for Wednesday 18th October- Wilma Poland rostered boat Beaujolais.

Thank You to our Starters for Saturday 21st October- Wilma Poland and Margaret and Colin Cook.

Without these kind members, giving up their time on Wednesdays and Saturdays we would not be able to enjoy the racing and friendship and CYC.

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

DINGHY NEWS

This year we have been able to get our Dinghy program booklet printed. This booklet includes the Dinghy Sailing Instructions, Courses and program.

These documents are also available on the Club Website in the Dinghy section.

Dinghy Program will be included in the Booklet which will be available on Club Opening Day on Saturday 14th October

Here is the first month of racing for you to put into your diaries prior to the season starting when you will receive your booklet.

OCTOBER

29-Oct-17 SUN 1000 Windward Series Race 1

Laser Racing 15 October 2017

Twelve Full Rigs and seven Radials came out of hibernation to soak up the sun's rays on a warm start to the season. One day later and it would have been cold and miserable. Nineteen boats on opening day was a very encouraging start to the season. Missing were Mal, Travis, Mark, Duncan and Tim. In addition we all hope that Johnny Fussel may be able to drop in for the odd race. It would be great to see him again.

The news that John Rasmussen, Julia and newly arrived daughter Lilly may return from Texas sooner rather than later was well received at the briefing.

We were treated to a gentle start to the season with a perfectly laid course and start line and a light breeze which mostly would have had us outpace the jellyfish, had there been any. Race control performed as professionally as they finished last season conducting two races which included a shortened course. Thanks to Judith, Wally, Chris, and the two Jims. Thanks also to the sailor who asked about shortened courses at the briefing because the leader in the shortened race has been known to lead others astray in such circumstances.

I thought the start line was short enough to precipitate a general recall, but not so. It appears we might need another wind up by Andrew Brockis. On the second start, a voice came from well back in the second third or maybe even fourth row pleading for a general recall because "we are so far from the line".

Such was the fickleness of the breeze that there were moments of hope, followed by dreams dashed and then maybe a miraculous recovery. Sometimes that recovery may not have been your own work. Here's an example. In the first race Rod Stone and I were trailing the leaders at the bottom of the triangle. Rod threw onto starboard tack and I had to go with him. Bigger, I thought, look at all the boats on the reach I now have to sail through, in these light airs. But did we come out smelling like roses. Thanks Rod for seeing what I didn't. You gave me a very rare fastest time in that race and overall. You also finished up with fastest time overall in the radials.

RACE RESULTS

FASTEST RADIAL OVERALL

- 1 Rod Stone
- 2....Scott Francis
- 3....Helen Ramsay

FASTEST FULL RIG OVERALL

- 1....Graham Lithgo
- 2....Nigel Paul
- 3....Andrew Brockis

HANDICAP RESULTS OVERALL

- 1....Graham Lithgo
- 2....Rod Stone
- 3....Rob Heyes

4....Nigel Paul

5....Andrew Brockis

6....John Van Der Peyl

OPTIONAL EXTRA

It would be good for the club if a few more Laser sailors could support the official club openings on Saturday. This year 4 Lasers turned out, with Ross Wendy and Helen sailing a Red Witch. The weather was unusually pleasant and it's nice to be part of the hype. A lot of people (mostly volunteers) put a lot of effort into running CYC and abundant attendance at this special event for the club must be rewarding for them. The CYC cruiser fleet is small, so from a sailing point of view this makes support of Saturday's opening by Laser sailors even more important. Let's turn up in force next year.

Sunday 22nd October

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

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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