

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

12-12-17

Upcoming Events

Twilight Race-6.25pm-Wednesday 13th December

Keelboats-Club Start Race-2pm-Saturday 16th December

Dinghies-Consistency Race 3-10am-Sunday 17th December

KEELBOAT NEWS

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

DECEMBER

13-Dec-17 WED 1825 "Christmas" Twilight -DON'T FORGET TO BOOK IN FOR THE BUFFET MEAL-\$60 PER PERSON

16-Dec-17 SAT 1400 CLUB START

20-Dec-17 WED Twilight

23-Dec-17 SAT NO RACING AT CYC

27-Dec-17 WED NO RACING AT CYC

30-Dec-17 SAT NO RACING AT CYC

Reminders:

**Rostered Starter for Twilight for Wednesday 13th December is: Wilma Poland
Rostered Boat is: "Kiwi Express"- Matthew Greentree**

Rostered Starter for Twilight for Wednesday 20th December is: Robert Jeffery

Rostered Boat is: “”

Saturday 10th December

A patchy start to the afternoon saw five yachts out to sail the “Deep Dene” course. Beaujolais, Serana, Windspinner, Theseus and Second Wind all got off to a slow start in the under 5knot winds. The mighty red boat threw up their spinnaker at the earliest opportunity and was catching up to Theseus in the first Burnside to College leg. The winds, still light MAY have peaked at 8 knots. A drawn out hour to do the first circuit of Mosman/Suicide prompted the Start Team to ‘shorten’ as Beaujolais stormed past Theseus on the Suicide to Burnside leg. Arthur held off Kevin on the run to Claremont but then seemed to let Theseus thru close to the mark. Flukey winds around Claremont forced a zig zag towards College for both yachts and Beaujolais squeezed back past and got home ahead of Theseus. The rest of the fleet were finished within 20 minutes of the leader. The fickle nature of the wind saw it freshen to 10+ AFTER the yachts had finish. Beaujolais – First and Fastest, Theseus – Second and Serana – Third.

Robert Jeffery

Clipper Regatta 2017

For those that went out on the Clipper boat - Dawn has found the article below on the Clipper website regarding the regatta.

Claremont yacht club is mentioned as taking part. The video even shows a clip of Garmin (at 1 min 34 secs) including Pete in the back corner :)

<https://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/news/article/western-australia-embraces-the-clipper-race>

Richie Boykett

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 6th December- Robert Jeffery and rostered boat.

Thank You to our Starters for Sunday 9th December- Robert Jeffery, Andrew Caddick & Joan Austen.

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.

DECEMBER

17-Dec-17 SUN 1000 Consistency

24-Dec-17 SUN NO RACING AT CYC-CHRISTMAS

31-Dec-17 SUN NO RACING AT CYC-NEW YEAR

Sunday 3rd December

This Sunday the wind gods got it right – mostly sunny – a frisky 10 to 15 knot north easterly – perfectly laid triangle / sausage course and 17 lasers of all sail sizes to enjoy it!

First the most important stuff for those counting – the handicap results

7th Graham

6th Ross

5th Rod (and fastest Radial) and how colourful is his new sail!!

4th The Boss (Walter)

3rd Andy

2nd Mal

1st Nigel (fastest fullrig)

My race started with a perfect position on starboard at the pin end of the pin end biased line, or nearly. Mal had read the bias as well and powered over the top at full speed, nearly blocking me onto the mark. As he was travelling so well, he was past in a flash and I could just make the mark and tack away onto port – ahhh the feeling of fresh air - into lifting pressure.

The previous Wednesdays coaching with Alvara was still fresh in the memory – (by the way thanks Dom for arranging that!) – don't go too quickly to the layline to the next mark – it will leave you nowhere to go when the inevitable knock comes. One small tack on a slight knock and I was able to sneak around the top mark a few boat lengths in front of Mal. And as we all know, you need to be a little ahead of Mal going downwind or he will pass you for sure. Good luck came into play again with a good gust of wind sending me plaining away. I had pressure all the way down that reaching leg, as it turned out, and briefly thought the day was over for the chasers. A quick look over the shoulder however showed Mal was descending in a cloud of spray, making ground rapidly.

Upwind again and block to block with the main, the boat was humming. A loose cover was all that was required to keep between the wind and the chasers, before the next downwind leg enabled Mal to close the gap a bit. And so it seemed to go for the rest of the race.

In the meanwhile the rest of the fleet seemed to be enjoying the morning of warm breeze with clumps of boats battling it out, their positions changing regularly. There was the occasional swim in gusts or on the gybe, but almost every laser returned to shore in good time (Don has now fixed the broken universal on the tiller extension!)

As always thanks to our volunteers and the wind gods, without whom none of this would be possible.

Nigel Paul

Sunday 10th December

The forecast was for a very light day so we were all expecting drifting conditions. Fortunately for us, the wind stayed in at around 10 knots and for the third beat there was even a gust of between 10 to 15 knots. The wind also shifted through at least 30 degrees, which made for constant adjustments and keeping a thorough lookout. It also made it extremely difficult for our fantastic start crew to judge where to place the marks and start line.

I started the race at the pin end of the mark, which was a good decision as the wind had shifted so much that only 2 tacks were required to get to the top mark. Mal and Nigel were off sprinting ahead in front of us. I had an initial duel with Graham but he sprinted ahead as well, then on the third beat I took the southern side of the start boat whereas the better side was the northern side which also allowed Rod and John Vdp to sneak ahead where they remained for the rest of the race. I then had a great battle with Wendy for the second half of the race, she would catch-up close then I would sneak away on the reach taking full advantage of my full rig.

For the handicap win I managed to use Dominic's tactic from last year. Namely, having bought a newer Laser last year, I was hoping at the start of the season to move forward in the pack, but thus far I have managed to sail worse than ever. However, this enabled me to use Dom's trick, which was to get a great handicap at the start of the season, then to have a decent sail and with the great handicap allowing me to win today's race.

Thank-you to our brilliant starters and rescue team as without you we could not race our Lasers.

The final results were:

Fastest full rig – Mal

Fastest radial – Rod

Handicap results

First- Matt

Second – Duncan

Third – Wendy

Forth – John VdP

Fifth – Mal

Sixth - Rod

Matt - Frog on Steriods

Please send articles to: annandrew@iinet.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**