

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

19-12-17

Upcoming Events

Twilight Race-6.25pm-Wednesday 20th December

Keelboats-Club Start Race-2pm-Sunday 7th January

Dinghies-Consistency Race -10am-Sunday 7th January

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

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

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

Swan River closed until 7-1-18

JANUARY

03-Jan-18 WED NO RACING AT CYC

07-Jan-18 SUN 1400 CLUB START

10-Jan-18 WED 1825 Twilight

13- Jan-18 SAT 1400 CLUB START
17-Jan-18 WED 1825 Twilight
20-Jan-18 SAT 1400 CLUB START **"Australia Day Race"**
24-Jan-18 WED 1825 "Australia Day " Theme Twilight
28-Jan-18 SUN 1400 NO RACING AT CYC
31-Jan-18 WED 1825 Twilight

Reminders:

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

Rostered Starter for Twilight for Wednesday 10th January is: Wilma Poland

Rostered Boat is: "Nikki" John Steinhardt

Saturday 16th December

Five yachts braved the warm and blustery conditions for a great start with Course 6 having been selected. Thank you to RCS Robbie Boykett for placing and retrieving the Burnside Buoys and then to take Serana for a spin. It was just the right weather for Serana and with most of the Boykett Clan on board including "The Chief" enjoying the day. Cleve Elder from Windspinner was a bit lost with no crew so thought a day in the Start Box might be good. However, as Beaujolais was one down today he high tailed it to the little red boat to help Arthur and Jacqui. Apparently both Cleve and Arthur learned something today which just goes to show you can teach "old dogs" new tricks. Thanks Cleve. Others venturing out were Second Wind (Kingsley Porter) Andalusia (Chris Cochran) and Theseus (Kevin Kiddey). Everyone had a great time and even with the strong winds, which abated during the afternoon, there was no damage done to boats or sailors. First on handicap was Serana, Second Beaujolais with Third and Fastest Andalusia. So far this year there has been an average of 6 yachts taking part on the weekend racing. Unfortunately there are some casualties like "Outward Bound", "Aspirit", "Panache" and "Kyzo Too" which are either sitting in their pen awaiting insurance assessment or have gone to be repaired otherwise the fleet would be much better. Please no more "broken boats"!!

Over the Christmas/New Year break the handicapper hopes to review handicaps so watch this space for further information. There is a twilight on Wednesday 20th with a buffet afterwards and the general sailing resumes on Sunday 7th January 2018. The Australia Day race is programmed for Saturday 20th January and a flyer with details will be on the notice board once the office staff resume after the Christmas/New Year break.

My thanks today go to Margaret and Colin Cook and Sarah Steinhardt for their help in the box.

FLAGS

As promised here are some more flags for you to learn and remember!

CODE FLAG "R" – this is RED with a YELLOW cross like a "plus" sign and is flown approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour BEFORE a RIVER start. This means that the race is started from the vicinity of "BLACK SPIT" instead of from the club start box. Please check the Sailing Program booklet (there are extra copies on both the upstairs bar and the Deepdene bar and if you cannot find one then seek out either Rob Jeffery or myself as we have some in the start box and in the computer room where we do the results. The next river start is planned for 17th February when the Spacesailor 22 Association is holding a State Heat at CYC.

CODE FLAG 'Y' – this is RED and YELLOW DIAGONAL STRIPES and means that ALL CREW MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET OR FLOATION DEVICE. This is generally used when the weather is very rough but of course, you can wear your life jacket/floatation device any time you wish.

Cheers and happy sailing

Wilma Poland

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 13th December- Wilma Poland

Thank You to our Starters for Saturday 16th December- Wilma Poland, Sarah Steinhardt & Colin & Margaret 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.

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

JANUARY

07-Jan-18 SUN 1000 Consistency

14-Jan-18 SUN 1000 Windward Series-Race 2

21-Jan-18 SUN 1000 Consistency

24-Jan-18 WED 1825 "Australia Day" Theme Twilight

28-Jan-18 SUN 1000 Consistency - AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

Sunday 17th December

CYC dinghy consistency race 17th December 2017:

The final dinghy race for the year and who would have guessed it was going to be a record! Inverse that is, 4 starters and 2 sailers who ran the rescue / course laying boat.

While the forecast was for 24 knots it was more like 12- 20 and directionally variable.

We had a total of eight volunteers roll up to help with proceedings. Due to the fact that we had a volunteer to competitor ratio of 2/1 Bob took leave to work on his kitchen and Judith decided there was plenty to do at home. Thank you to both of you for your fantastic contributions this year. Graham Lithgo and Jon van de Peyl ably took over the course laying and it was just right for the prevailing conditions. Nice and tight with fast reaches and the perfect uphill workout! Thanks chaps and sorry about the sore limbs and joints post buoy retrieval . Thank you also to Jim and his start/ race control team of Chris, Alan and Wal (Giles) . I can't remember starting on such a short start line (ever) but it was perfect for our fleet of the day. You fine tuned everything to perfection, thanks again gents.

Oh yeah! The race. You wouldn't read about it, we all had a capsize before the actual hooter. In fact, Helen just couldn't wait and had her first as she sailed out from behind the pens . Yours truly tried a gybe that failed and I think Wal went in backwards on a wind shift. The big surprise was Nigel having a double dunking! I'm not sure but as he was using one of his old sails, I think he might have been making sure the air couldn't pass through the sail cloth (filling it with salt particles) as it wasn't really that strong!

As the hooter screamed, I got a good clean start at the pin end and Nige got an even better start at the boat end, just above me. There was a little bit of close sailing between Helen and Wal just beneath us but they sorted that and we settled into some blissful reach humming sailing. Nige led all day, powering away with his salt laden full rig to take fastest time in his division. While Wal (eager to get to his family function) went back to shore before time and left me to take fastest radial and Helen sailed very smoothly, displaying great technique and boat balance to take out the title as fastest 4.7 .

In summary, three divisional fastest times, a DNF and the handicap winners were:
3rd. Aquavita Helen Ramsay 2nd Vitamin Sea V Nigel Paul and 1st Primal Yours truly.

Cheers and Merry Christmas
Hope to see you all back next year!

Mal McKercher .

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