

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

1-5-18

KEELBOAT NEWS

Upcoming Events

Sunday 6th May-First Frostbite-2pm

Saturday 19th May-7pm-Combined Keelboat and Dinghy Prize Night

Sunday 20th May-Frostbite-2pm

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.

MAY

19-May-18 SAT 1900 Combined Keelboat and Dinghy Prize Night

Rally up your crew and make up a table for Prize night. More details will be advised ASAP

"WINTER ""FROSTBITE"" SERIES 2018"

06-May-18 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

20-May-18 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

03-Jun-18 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

17-Jun-18 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

01-Jul-18 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

15-Jul-18 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

05-Aug-18 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

19-Aug-18 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

02-Sep-18 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

16-Sep-18 SUN 1400 Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

(note: all Winter Frostbite races only use twilight courses 15 and 16 - watch the flags)

Reminders:

Rostered Starter for Frostbite for Sunday 6th May is: Ann Caddick.

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 25th April - Robert Jeffery, Wilma Poland & Andrew Caddick

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.

Wednesday 25th April

A nice SW wind greeted participants at 4pm on Anzac Day. 5 Keelboats and 4 Lasers were out on a nice day of yachting. Kyzo Too, Serana, Beaujolais, Paprika and Theseus were our Keelboats. The 'long' twilight course was just enough for the evening sail. Kyzo was cruising under only a Head Sail. Beaujolais was the winner on the day, getting their name on the howitzer shell trophy.

Robert Jeffery

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

Sunday 22nd April

NO RACING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Anzac Day Race-25-4-18

Below is a brief report and a little poem resulting from the dinghy sailing on Anzac Day

Helen, Don, Caroline and I sailed with (and amongst) many cruisers from all around the river. The starting crew managed to give Caroline fastest time, so we told her that meant she had to write the race report!!

A weekly sail is Dunc's tradition
For me , an annual expedition

The wind is gentle , the sky is blue
"I'll even rig the boat for you "

My experience is sorely lacking
Duncan knows I need his backing

Everyone is very kind
Show me the map, follow behind

There's just one little tip they say
It's "stay out of the big boats' way

Off I go a bit unsteady
But Duncan waits until I'm ready

Start's not bad,off I flew
The wind picks up a knot or two

Suddenly ahead of me
A stream of boats there seems to be

I pick my line to cross the fleet
hold on tight with hands and feet

Just as I think I've made the gap
I loose my touch, the sails flap

Up ahead a huge flotilla
My rope is wrapped around the tiller

In my panic all I see, the big boat's bearing down on me

I'm head to wind in the shipping lane
Pull the main sheet all in vain

Close my eyes start to pray
"Just stay out of the big boats way "

Note to self at the end of play
Never sail on Anzac Day

[Race Report: Dinghy Results 29 April 2018 \(Closing Day – Consistency\)](#)

After an unsuccessful attempt at closing the 2017/2018 season the week prior due to lightning and no wind, 17 Laser sailors gathered on Sunday morning for two short races. Whilst the sun was out and it was a fantastic autumn day the wind was a swirling and blustery north-easterly. I knew that a capsize and a few swimming lessons were inevitable. Despite arriving slightly earlier than normal I was still the last one to leave the beach. In my haste, it was only once I was out on the water that I realised 1) that I didn't have a watch to time the start, and 2) that my vang was tangled and I

couldn't get much tension on. I quickly weighed up the pros and cons of fixing the vang on the water in such blustery conditions and decided I would give it a shot. Luckily I was able to quickly disconnect the vang and resolve the issue.

Despite having no watch, I got off to a reasonable start in the first race and managed to track upwind quite well alongside the fleet. Andy, Nigel and Mal were the first to round the windward mark followed by Justin and myself. On the reach to the leeward mark, Justin and I caught a strong gust of wind and made some ground on Andy who seemed to be sitting in a patch of no wind for the entire leg. I managed to keep a fairly even pace with the fleet on the next upwind leg. At the second rounding of the windward mark, Nigel was in front, followed by Mal, Andy, myself and Justin. The final run downwind is where things got interesting and the beginnings of my "Steven Bradbury moment" began to emerge. Nigel was the first to capsize on the downwind leg, followed by Justin. Mal got himself into a tricky situation but managed to avoid a capsize, however missed the mark and was forced to granny-tack. I sailed conservatively past and managed to catch up to Andy, who was the first to round the leeward mark. The win was mine for the taking when Andy thought we had another lap to complete. I tacked off and sailed through the finish line and it was only then that Andy realised he had missed the finish!

My memory of the second race is a bit of a blur... I do remember my bad start (and Andy's even worse start), Nigel being out in front and Mal, Justin and Graham battling it out. I was trying to keep up the pace but Duncan and Andy were quickly catching me – if the race were any longer they definitely would have passed me. Luckily I managed to get through both races without capsizing, however capsized to both windward and leeward in quick succession on my return to the beach.

Many thanks to the start and rescue crews – your ongoing support throughout the season has been greatly appreciated. Without you Sunday racing would not be possible!

Overall Results (two races combined):

Fastest Full Rig: Mal McKercher

Fastest Radial: Scott Francis

5th Nigel Paul

4th Mal McKercher

3rd Andy Brockis

2nd Duncan Monro

1st Scott Francis

Scott

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Please note articles need to reach Ann Caddick by Monday evening for your article to be included in that week's BIW. If you are sending them to the Office please try to do it by Monday otherwise send straight to AC. Thanks