

# BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

23-10-18

## *Upcoming Events*

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October-Twilight Race

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October-Club Start Race

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October-Windward Series Race 1

## KEELBOAT NEWS

The Sailing program will once again be printed in the booklet along with the sailing instructions and courses. These documents can also be found on the CYC Website in the Keelboat section. Here is the first month of the new season so you can organize your crew and fill in your diaries.

### OCTOBER

24-Oct-18	WED	1825	Twilight
27-Oct-18	SAT	1400	CLUB START SS 22 State Association Championship Race 1 (RFBYC)
28-Oct-18	SUN	0900	National "Discover Sailing" Day
31-Oct-18	WED	1825	Twilight

### Reminders: Twilight Starter:

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Robert Jeffrey with rostered boat: "Serana"-Boykett Clan**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Wilma Poland with rostered boat: "Aeolian"-Chris Barber**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Just light breezes were the order of the day and four keelboats set sail on Course 6. This was chosen because should the breeze drop the course can be shortened. As usual Andalusia lead the fleet for most of the way with Theseus on her heels. Serana had a large number of crew on board but with her clean hull was able to keep the other two in their sights. Beaujolais only put up her number "3" head sail as Ann was off watching the Wildcats play basketball, Arthur and Jacqui with Arthur's daughter Catherine was on board intended to take things easy. On handicap Serana came first with Theseus second and Andalusia third and fastest. As this is the second race of the season and Serana won easily so perhaps it is time to adjust her handicap slightly.

Today Colin and Margaret Cook joined me in the start box, Colin doing the line and the hooter, Margaret did the flags and I called the time. My sincere thanks go to this lovely couple who have been members of CYC for over 70 years. Colin showed me his membership card and it says "member since 1945". Although they no longer have a boat they are always willing and able to lend a hand where they can. "Thank you" – you are both Stars!! Just shows you that "age" is no barrier where this couple are concerned.

Wilma Poland

## Views from the Poop Deck – Race 2

Race Two of the season was held at the weekend under cloudy skies, scattered light showers and a good breeze from the west-nor-west. Several club members were attending and assisting with the Opening Day festivities over at RFBYC and a few even hitched a ride with the start boat as it was putting the day buoys out.

As we were preparing the good ship Serana it became clear that the cockpit was full and getting fuller. A depleted crew of two had put the word out and before you could say "I'll shout the first round" we had eight people on board. The race started well although not quite to plan and despite crossing the line second out of four boats, by the time we got around the second mark we were back to third place.



The bilious crew under the helmage of Rob Boykett

With Chris on Andalusia toying with Keven on Theseus, we were able to keep them in our sights. A nice run up to Mosman / Suicide was missing the normal spectacles with the cold weather keeping things hidden. From there the run

down to Dome was where things started to unravel, with lots of Freshie opening day boats out and all of them after that elusive sheep station – things got interesting.

We had a narrow miss with the bowsprit of a Couta boat coming within inches of making friends with our stern and lots of go-fast boats going fast while trying to remember how to hoist their spinnaker. By the time we had finished saying hello's (or otherwise) to our new friends from across the bay, Chris and Kevin were well in front and although we sailed a good race we were never going to match them in lightening winds.

It was a great day out and the course set by the start team of Wilma Poland and Margaret and Colin Cook was just right for the day. In the end, Andalusia came in fastest and third on handicap, Theseus second and second, Serana third over the line and first on handicap, while Arthur on Beaujolais bought up the rear.

We had a great crew on board Serana including Rob Boykett on helm, Paul Hodgson (Rear Commodore Power), Dave and Raph Bebbio, Nick Lindsay (the China connection), Crazy Tim (lawyer to the innocent), Karl (ex-migrant) and me (Rear Commodore Sail). I look forward to seeing more sails on the water in the future and that we keep having fun out there.



Winners are grinners

## 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 Duty Starters for :**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October-Wilma Poland and Alan Austen for manning the Start Box for the twilight.**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Co-Chief Starter- Wilma Poland, Colin & Margaret Cook for manning the Start Box.**

Without these kind members, giving up their time on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 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

Dinghy Program will be included in the Booklet which will be available on Club Opening Day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

This document is also available on the Club Website in the Dinghy section.

## OCTOBER

28-Oct-18 SUN 1000 Windward Series Race 1

## NOVEMBER

04-Nov-18 SUN 1000 Consistency

11-Nov-18 SUN 1000 Club Championship-Race 1

18-Nov-18 SUN 1000 Consistency

25-Nov-18 SUN 1000 Club Championship-Race 2

## 21st October

13 boats braved the blustery conditions this morning for the start of the season. Well actually the season started last week but someone forgot to tell spring that it should have started 6 weeks ago, so the wintery storm last week put paid to the real start of the season. The weather almost managed it again today, with a watery squall passing through as we were all rigging. Gaye decided to abandon at that point, but fortunately there wasn't much more rain during the morning, and the 13 aforementioned boats, and their sailors, braved the waves.

The competitive spirit between the ladies started early, with Wendy tangling her bow in my mainsheet and pulling me in to the water just before the start. The cold water washed all remaining cobwebs away and I had a great sail after that. Three boats broke the start, with two, Nigel and possibly Mal (sorry Mal if it wasn't you- I was underwater at that point and missed it) returning to re-start. Bad luck Andy Brockis who didn't return and was disqualified.

The weather gave us challenging sailing, with strong gusts producing several capsizes. The most spectacular goes to Dom, who by all accounts was cartwheeling down the course with his laser. I wish I'd seen it. Large swings in the wind direction gave quite an advantage if you managed to read them well, and quite a disadvantage if you didn't.

Thanks to the start boat crew, and to Bob for his excellent course setting and rescue presence.

The results were as follows:

Fastest full rig: Justin Rose

Fastest radial: Mal McKercher

Fastest 4.7: Helen Ramsay

Handicap

- 1: Helen Ramsay
- 2: Rod Stone
- 3: Wendy Campbell
- 4: Justin Rose
- 5: Rob Heyes
- 6: Graham Lithgo

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