

# OPENING DAY IN PERFECT WEATHER??!!



Thank you to all members who put in special requests to the “man upstairs” to hold off the rain that was forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology during our Opening Day last Saturday afternoon. We ended up with perfect weather.

It was great that, in spite of the weather forecast, skippers of both power and sailing yachts joined in the sail-past, although there were fewer than we would have hoped. Members who didn't join us for the Club Opening on Saturday (unfortunately) missed out on near perfect conditions for both sailing and power boats skippers.

As a precaution, the Opening Ceremony was held in the Bayview ballroom. The Club's 114th year and the 2018-19 sailing season was officially declared open by Jock Barker, Mayor of Claremont. Members then headed to their boats to the sound of the bagpipes and VIPs followed the piper out along the main jetty to review the sail-past. Thanks to piper, member Tom Keamy, for adding that touch of ceremony to the event.

The sail-past was a beautiful piece of choreography lead by Rear Commodore Power, Paul Hodgson. Skippers joined the passing parade, some on their own, but many skippers loaded their boats with members, family and friends. Some members put in the additional effort and “dressed” their boats. The Best Dressed Boat, by a nautical mile, was “Il Flags”. Congratulations to Jenny & Peter Wilkinson for creating a floating beer hall in line with the Club's Oktoberfest week theme.

After the sail-past, the sailors got down to the serious business of the day's race which the VIPs viewed from the comfort of Utopia and Ocean Magic. Thanks to the Bovell family and the Stanley family for providing their boats for a river cruise for guests and distinguished Club members.

The day wrapped up with Oktoberfest in the members' bar. The steins with CYC logos (full of beer) have proved popular. The Oktoberfest food special of Schweinshaxe, Bratwurst, Sauerkraut and other German flavours, was also popular and well received.



See the report on the Opening day yacht race in “Blowing in the Wind” below.



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