

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWSLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

11-12-18

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 12th December-Twilight Race-"Dress up your boat"

Saturday 15th December-Club Start Race

Sunday 16th December-Club Championship Race 3

KEELBOAT NEWS

The Sailing Program Booklet with the sailing instructions and courses is available at the Club or also on the CYC Website in the Keelboat section.

DECEMBER

12-Dec-18 WED 1825 Twilight-"Dress up you boat" night

15-Dec-18 SAT 1400 CLUB START

19-Dec-18 WED "Christmas Twilight-No official start due to Christmas Buffet

22-Dec-18 SAT NO RACING AT CYC

26-Dec-18 WED NO RACING AT CYC

29-Dec-18 SAT NO RACING AT CYC

Swan River closed until 5-1-19

Wednesday 12th December-We will be giving out prizes for the Best Dressed Boat and crew. So bring out your tinsel and your lights and your best Christmas Outfit and join in the Christmas spirit at CYC.

Prizes will be awarded after the race in the Bar. This will be the last Twilight sail before Christmas as on Wednesday 19th December we are all heading to the Christmas Buffet in the Ballroom. No official start will be done, but if you would like to go out for a sail that is your choice.



Merry Christmas from RCS Boykett and the Sailing Committee. And a Happy New Year

Twilights

Please note, that if you are participating in a Twilight at CYC, you need to sign on in the Bar before the race and pay \$5. This money helps to buy prizes that are given out during the season.

Reminders:

- Can all skippers please fill out the Safety Form that they were given (by Wilma Poland) Opening Day and drop them into the Office ASAP.
- If you have any Club Place Pennants that you would like to re-cycle, please bring to the Club and give to either or Co-chief Starters, Robert and Wilma or any member of the Sailing Committee.

Roster Reminders: Twilight Starter:

Wednesday 12th December: Wilma Poland with rostered boat: "Kiwi Express"-Matt Greentree

Wednesday 19th December: No official start due to Christmas Twilight.

Wednesday 9th January: Wilma Poland with rostered boat: "Windspinner"-Cleve Elder

Saturday 8th December

A brisk 12-15 knot breeze was there for the six competitors on Saturday. A westerly start around the day buoys and then out in to Melville Waters. It was a quick run to Dolphin West and zig zag back to Freshwater Bay. "Andalusia" appeared first, followed by "Beaujolais" who was having headsail problems and let get Chris further in front. It was definitely a "Serana" day as they were third back in to the bay. "Theseus" was next and then "Paprika" gallantly sailing with only a jib as his main halyard was giving him grief. "2nd Wind" back out after a headsail replacement. They did not quite get what was needed for a 'Shorten Course' but got back to the pens intact. "Beaujolais" caught up to be only two

minutes behind "Andalusia" at the finish and took out the handicap result. "Andalusia" took second and "Serana" was third.

Robert Jeffery

View from the Poop Deck – 8th December 2018

Well it was another great week out with six boats on the water and a good breeze to push us all along. We all lined up for the start and with Rob still a bit shaken after his close run with a Couta Boat bowsprit, it was the current RCS on the helm in the good ship Serana. As we neared the start line, we realised that Robert had set us up with a course not seen for a while but on confirmation a good long run down to Steve's Hotel was in the offing.

Paprika was trying a new tactic of only going a jib. The run down to the day buoys had two of the little boats, Andalusia and Beaujolais, off to a racing start and were never pipped around the course. Serana settled into a nice middle of the fleet with Theseus, Second Wind and Papria nipping at her heels.



It was a great sight seeing some of the go fast boats launching spinnakers and a few even made it look easy – though most showed us what can happen when you don't get it quite right. This made for some close calls with lots of canvas up and a few wild veers and semi-controlled jibes.

Kingsley came close to pulling off a big upset with the run up from Dome almost handing him third before a late tack out gave the rest of us a chance.

In the end, it was very similar to the first run down from the days bouys. A special thankyou to the start box for looking after us and setting a great course.

Next week, Saturday 15th, is the last race of 2018 and I look forward to seeing you all down there for a race, a drink and some Christmas cheer. On Wednesday the 12th we will have the last official twilight for the season and we will be giving out prizes for the best dressed boats. Christmas buffet at the club and we are having a set start. We hope to have water and would welcome some cruise in company. Sunday 16th is the Christmas party. See you down there grandkids for some fun.

Thanks all for a great start to the season and all the best for your celebration with family and friends.

RCS Richie



The 19th is the will not be Serana on the other boats to Club Kids with kids and

2018/19
Christmas

The Walpole Yacht Club is again looking forward to hosting the

WALPOLE IN THE TREES REGATTA

Labour Day Long Weekend

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd March, 2019

The regatta programme includes five races over two days and is open to the following:

- All OFF THE BEACH Dinghies, Trailer Sailors (JAM only), Catamarans
- Any shallow draft KEEL BOATS, e.g. Red Witch, Flying Fifteen
- Any veteran OFF THE BEACH yachts

Continuing on the success of previous years, in 2018 we had 149 boats competing over 9 divisions.

The regatta is a safe, family-focused event to be enjoyed by all, and an ideal way to experience the beauty of the Walpole and Nornalup Inlet Marine Park.

The 'Notice of Race' is available [here](#).

Clubs and Associations please forward this information onto your members and display the poster (download [here](#)) on your notice board.

NOMINATIONS OPEN 1ST JANUARY 2018 @ www.walpoleyachtclub.com.au

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 5th December-Wilma Poland and "2nd Wind" Crew for manning the Start Box for the twilight.

Saturday 8th December: Co-Chief Starter- Robert Jeffery and Joan Austen for manning the Start Box.

Thanks also to Richie and Dawn for putting out and retrieving the Burnside Buoys.

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 is available at the Club or on the Club Website in the Dinghy section.

DECEMBER

16-Dec-18 SUN 1000 Consistency

23-Dec-18 SUN NO RACING AT CYC-CHRISTMAS

30-Dec-18 SUN NO RACING AT CYC-NEW YEAR

Sunday 9th December

Sunday morning saw 14 full rigs and 7 radials lining up for a very unpredictable start to a Championship race. Unfortunately I was one of many who misread the variable light winds and had a lot of trouble getting across the start line. As Don said, we've been watching Nigella Lawson all this time but we've only learnt a recipe for disaster. Maybe we should have been watching more of Andy Brockis' race start videos instead.

By the first mark the fleet had broken into 2 distinct groups and stayed that way for the whole race. Duncan had a good start but was relegated to the second group after he touched the first mark and had to do a penalty turn. The first group included Mal, Andy, Mark, Justin, Nigel, Graham, Noel, Helen and Rod and I'm sorry to say that I know very little about that group other than Nigel and Graham getting misled into thinking a mark had changed place for some time and a rumour that some of the group did an extra leg at the end but still ended in the winning group.

The variable winds played a large part in mixing up the fleet placings throughout the race. On the second leg I started well in front of 7 boats but half way down the leg I hit a dead zone and watched all 7 come down to meet me. As I turned the second mark I only had 3 boats behind me (it's easier to count the boats behind than the boats in front). Wal, Will and Wendy were not far in front and I was next to Don so I had familiar opponents to judge my progress against. Gaye caught me at one stage with a very fast reach before tangling her rigging and falling behind. Dom also threatened to catch up on a reach. Wal slowed down to dislodge some seaweed and somehow never sped up again. Paul Smith was sailing well until he capsized and his tiller disconnected from the boat. Will had a very unfortunate jibe and began sailing towards Point Walter for a while before he regained control.

The wind picked up considerably and favourably for the second group. This compressed the gap between the first and second groups. Duncan came close to bridging the gap but just fell short of Noel by 9 seconds. Matt and Rob Weight were just behind Duncan. Wendy just pipped Don at the finish and I was just behind them in 15th place across the line.

Thanks as always to all the start crew. Another well run and well set race. The fun we have all depends on you.

I won't be able to race next week so Merry Christmas to everyone.

Fastest 3 Full Rigs

- 1 Mal McKercher 50:32
2. Andy Brockis 51:03
3. Justin Rose 51:05

Fastest 3 Radials

1. Mark Edwards 51:16
2. Rod Stone 52:14
3. Helen Ramsay 52:50

Handicap Places

6. Will Nunn
5. Matt Read
4. Helen Ramsay
3. Wendy Campbell
2. Dom Papaluca
1. Rob Heyes

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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