

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWSLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

18-12-18

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 19th December-Cruise around bank

*No official start due to Christmas Buffet

Saturday 22nd December-No Racing-Christmas

Sunday 23rd December-No Racing-Christmas

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

19-Dec-18	WED	<u>"Christmas "Twilight-No official start due to Christmas Buffet</u>
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

JANUARY

02-Jan-19	WED	NO RACING AT CYC
05-Jan-19	SAT	1400 CLUB START
09-Jan-19	WED	1825 Twilight

12- Jan-19 SAT 1400 CLUB START
13-Jan-19 SUN SS22 Association Championship Race 4(NYC)
16-Jan-19 WED 1825 Twilight
19-Jan-19 SAT 1400 CLUB START "Australia Day Race"
23-Jan-19 WED 1825 "Australia Day " Theme Twilight
26-Jan-19 SUN 1400 NO RACING AT CYC
30-Jan-19 WED 1825 Twilight



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 19th December: No official start due to Christmas Buffet.

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

Wednesday 16th January: Robert Jeffery

Saturday 15th December

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 12th December-Wilma Poland and "Kiwi Express" Crew for manning the Start Box for the twilight.

Saturday 15th December: Co-Chief Starter- Wilma Poland and Colin & Margaret Cook for manning the Start Box.

Thanks also to Richie and Dawn for putting out and retrieving the Burnside Buoys. *Bye Dawnie-we will miss you!!!*

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

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

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

JANUARY

06-Jan-19 SUN 1000 Consistency

13-Jan-19 SUN 1000 Windward Series-Race 2

20-Jan-19 SUN 1000 Consistency

27-Jan-19 SUN 1000 Consistency - AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

Dinghy Report- Laser Fleet.

Race 10 Result 16th December 2018

Well, if you are reading this and I'm writing it, then I guess I won the race!!!!

Seventeen of our most enthusiastic dinghy members (plus full race control and volunteers) rolled up to contemplate a race, in what many would consider perfect conditions.

A solid, directionally fairly steady, south easterly, blowing between 17-23 knots.

It was at this point, that those who thought it was, not their cup of tea decided on alternate directions!!! There was talk of coffee, then coffee at Point Walter using our lasers as the mode of transport, followed by, if we're going to do that then why not have a race!!

After a little meeting between our Captain, Wal, and Race control Officer, Jim, it was decided that those who chose to race would be provided with the opportunity to do so.

The start crew of RCO Jim, Judith, Chris, Wally and Allan were very generous to provide us with a start in the aforementioned conditions. Thank you to all of you, as it provided a real WOW moment in the season thus far. As our usual course/ safety boat operator Bob couldn't be there, the very thoughtful Justin and Andy put there hands up to do the course setting and safety duties. Then there was further discussion and John van der Peyl was offering his services and Andy was back on Asterix rearing to race along with the other eight boats, three 4.7s and six radials. Notice the absence of full rigs.

Due to the fetch from the SE, getting off the shore and past the jetties was the the first obstacle for all of us. The waves were a change to our usually calm waters and a lot of fun downhill ! After a short postponement to allow for all boats to negotiate that beach departure problem we were off and racing. Nigel led with a clean pair of heels around the first mark followed by Andy and then yours truly and the rest of the gang!

Now this is when it turned into the ride of the year! A really sweet broad reach , 3/4 wave action and one hell of a hoot to the wing mark! Yeeha kinda thing, pure exhilaration!!

Then all good things have to come to an end! The gybe was just about everyone's downfall. One after the other, it came down to who's capsized could be reduced to the smallest time, just like a pit stop at Bathurst!!

As stated earlier, the wind was very consistent in both direction and strength which led to a sizeable physical workout. I couldn't help noticing that I was short of breath due to the aerobic output! We were all being tested at times and sensibly boats withdrew with breakage and pure exhaustion. One notable retirement was that of our Dom! Who the previous week thought he might have cracked his centre case after hitting a bit of Aus.

Well, in fact he had and was taking on large quantities of the unwanted. This in turn made his race even more eventful. Good decision Dom!

It was at about the half way point in the race when Wendy the fearless found herself hurtling down hill when she had (I quote) "a classic down wind stack". This in turn became a very serious injury. Justin and John where quickly to her aid and John took Wendy to shore while she did her best to hold the end of her little pinky finger in place.

While Justin jumped in and sailed Two Chances back to shore.

Walter had organised an ambulance to take her to hospital, which is where we last heard she was waiting to have a pin inserted in "little pinky" and the end sewn back in place.

Thank you to all those who made the right decisions at the right time to get our dear Wendy to safety, we wish you a speedy recovery with a good outcome.

Back to the race and all I can say is, it is secondary to Wendy's situation, but there were 5 finishers and they were:

5th Our newest and very competent Andrew Moffat.

4th Graham, can't wipe the smile off his face, Lithgo. (also went for an extra hoot after finishing just to make sure he enjoyed it)

3rd Helen (4.7), I'm having sooooo much fun, but where is Wendy ??? on arrival on shore, Ramsay.

2nd Nigel, I'm having trouble with my gybes today, Paul.

1st Mal, I got to write this article and couldn't gybe either, McKercher.

Cheers and Merry Christmas to all!

Hope to see you all back next year for part two of the season.

Primal/ Yagan.

Please send articles to: annandrew@inet.net.au

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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