

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWSLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

4-12-18

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 5th December-Twilight Race

Saturday 8th December-Club Start Race

Sunday 9th 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

05-Dec-18	WED	1825	Twilight
08-Dec-18	SAT	1400	CLUB START
12-Dec-18	WED	1825	“Christmas” Twilight
15-Dec-18	SAT	1400	CLUB START
19-Dec-18	WED		Twilight
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

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.
- A request from Swan River Racing Committee of Yachting YA is asking for civil interactions with yachts from all Clubs. There has been some reports of altercations resulting in very angry arguments and it is asked to remember to discuss these mishaps calmly and do not use bad language.
- 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 5th December: Robert Jeffery with rostered boat: "Nikki"-John Steinhardt

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

Views from the Poop Deck for Saturday 24th November

Saturday was a great day out on the water with good consistent winds for most of the race and none of the really big gusts we have been experiencing previously. Unfortunately the onwater start team went awry when a load of weed got sucked into the intakes causing a few hiccups. With no day bouys out, our Chief Starter Robert went with an easterly course and this meant that the fleet was in close contact for the run up to Mosman-Suicide. Robert and the mighty Cooks were in the start box and set a great course with some good runs and tacks around the bay.



We had a good crew on board with Ma and Pa supported by Karl and Fez all under the careful guidance of Dawno. We had a reasonable start but by the second loop around Mosman-Suicide the lighter glass boats were away and we were in a suitable location to admire the sails on the rest of the fleet. This was also the opportunity to crack a coldie and welcome our new crew on board. Fez joined Pete on the poop deck and judging by the conversation shared lots of memories.

The boats out of Freshie caused their usual mayhem, with a reduced Cousta boat fleet and an enhanced Optimist / Mirror / Laser fleet out having a great time. Arthur and Todd threaded the needle and put some grey hairs on some of the young Optimist crews heads. The rest of us went wide and there were some good results across the board. Todd continues to train his crew and there is now a suggestion that the skipper is slowing the crew down and may need to be reviewed.

We have a few new members and old skippers looking for a berth so please let me or the office know if you have space available.

Look forward to seeing you all out there soon.

RCS Richie

View from the poop deck – 1/12/18



What a great day on the water. A good breeze welcomed us all down to the water – not enough to scare the little boats but enough to push the old beasts along. Chris sensing an opportunity dived under his boat and cut loose his sand bags plus a few ecosystems. Unfortunately, a few early arrivals at the club were greeted with the sight of him leaving the jetty in little more than a Brazilian. And that did not look happy to be there either!

I was assisted by the old sea dog, Capt Pete, to put the day buoys out. So, any complaints send them to his attention. Wilma started us on time with a good run down to the aforementioned day buoys, and a dodgem car run of small children on SUPs drifting in the breeze. Chris jumped to an early lead while Paprika's hopes of three in a row drifted off.

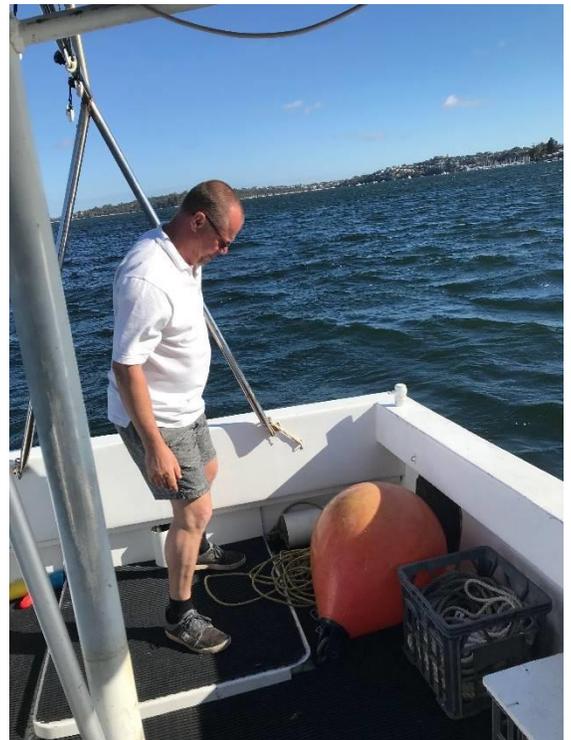
There were some good runs with the low tide making for some exciting calls and the gamblers generally won out, making some good gains. The winds into Mosman-Suicide were playing their games – massive shifts paying out to the lucky few.

On board Serana, we continued with our mix of age and poms to come middle of the field – how English! It was a very dry boat for a long time with only the poop deck succumbing early.

Thank you to all the skippers, crew and our wonderful team in the start box for looking after us for another afternoon of fun and competitive sailing on the great Swan River.

I needed to throw in a photo of Karl the Pom as he looks wonderingly at what has just pulled over the gunwale. He's is getting into the gig, but is still questioning the lack of a howling two stroke to limit intelligent conversation. We have a few more people interested in coming sailing so please let us know if you are short some gunwale meat.

RCS Richie



Saturday 1st December

With a fairly strong wind at their heels, five yachts ventured forward to enjoy the day sailing on our beautiful Swan River. First across the start line was Andalusia with Chris Cochrane at the helm followed by Theseus, Beaujolais, Serana and Paprika. Beaujolais and Theseus were sailing only two up with three on Paprika and just about the entire Boykett Clan on Serana. Course 8 was chosen and this kept everyone on the water for around two hours with Andalusia crossing the finish line in 1:58:14 and last to finish Paprika just some 11 minutes and 7 seconds later. Excellent sailing Todd!! Very good sailing by all crews especially considering that there were plenty of large yachts to watch out for and to avoid on the river for the afternoon sailing. Results were First and Fastest – Andalusia, Second – Serana and third – Beaujolais. My thanks go to John and Sarah Steinhardt for their assistance with the start. After a coffee and a muffin in the Deepdene Room John went home to do some gardening and sweeping, leaving Sarah and I to return to the Start Box to await the finish. A great day was had by all concerned.

Once again, if you have a few hours to spend on a Saturday afternoon and would like to see what happens in the start box please do not hesitate to call me on 0407 089 016 or just turn up around 13.30hours. You will be guided as to what to do and after the yachts are on their way we will adjourn to the Club rooms for a coffee and cake. The start is the “busy” time so really about 1.5 hours is all you would be doing as I can usually do the finish times by myself.

Wilma Poland

More Crew for Serana

A little birdie told me that the Past Rear Commodore for Sailing-Rob Boykett and his lovely wife, Diana, are starting on their family. With TWINS due in early April 2019. Congratulations to a lovely couple.



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 28th December-Robert Jeffery and “Vagabond” Crew for manning the Start Box for the twilight.

Saturday 1st December: Co-Chief Starter- Wilma Poland & Sarah Steinhardt 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 is available at the Club or on the Club Website in the Dinghy section.

DECEMBER

09-Dec-18	SUN	1000	Club Championship-Race 3
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

Dom and Anne's Excellent Albany Adventure

So, Anne decides to book a holiday right in the middle of sailing season (we've only been married 35 years...you think she might realise by now, that missing two weekends of sailing is "kind of a big deal"). After initially freaking out...and chopping one day off the holiday (so I could sail on 2nd Dec) I decided...if I can't sail for a couple of weeks...why not take the Laser with me?



It was surprisingly easy to car-top (other than the lifting and lowering bit...I had to hang around like some desperado looking for some dudes to roll-up so they could give me a hand, but that was easy...there are always stray dudes hanging around yacht clubs!). See "Dom's Rig" below:

Albany is an excellent sailing venue. I've sailed in Albany heaps during my 15 years living in Katanning – Albany was our "beach" if you like. It can get a bit breezy at this time of year. In fact, all of December/January is normally pretty crap weather down there. The best time of year on the South Coast is between Feb to May (sounds weird, but it is

all to do with how the high-pressure system sits in the Great Australian Bight – when Perth is in those stinking hot Easterlies, it is perfect down there). Unfortunately for most of us...we go down there in the school holidays...so we are stuck with December/January...and it is pretty much 5 seasons in one day at that time of year (5 = the normal 4 seasons, plus it sometimes can't make up its mind at all!!!) .

The water is a bit cooler of course...but nothing that a wetsuit won't fix. I didn't wear a wettie at all (but I have whale-like blubber to insulate me). I only noticed it was a bit colder when washing down the boat. I sailed 5 out of the 6 days

we were there...and only had one capsized (downwind of course)...which was on the last day in 25kts of breeze. Not bad...one capsized out of around 10 hours of sailing time...pretty good (for me) anyway!

I basically picked out the yellow buoys or channel markers I wanted to use as "rounding marks" and then (depending on which way the wind was blowing) I "raced myself" in a triangle-sausage or a Windward-Leeward course. Naturally, I won every race! Princess Royal Harbour is fantastic to sail in. Apart from the shipping channel, the deepest point is only 3 metres. It is surrounded by hills...which keeps the water flat – even when the wind is honking (see pic below...this was the last day we were there...note the angle on the yellow buoy behind the port pontoon of the trimaran...this was my capsized day!).

Matt Read and I are going down there for Easter (we are skipping the Walpole regatta this year – as the girls/kids have more to do in Albany vs Walpole). The conditions are quite benign at that time of year. I'll send the notice of race through if anybody is interested. Only problem is booking accommodation will need to be done soon...it fills up quickly.

The harbour acts just like the CYC bay...plenty of shifts, but because there are so few boats on the water...you can see them coming more easily. I reckon our Laser fleet would "clean up" down there.



Dom – 176940

Race report 25 Nov 2018. Club championship race 2

As the intrepid sailors gathered, all eyes were on the line of brooding clouds in the south west. "When was that going to strike?" We all thought. However the more pressing problem was, which way to face the laser to rig it? The wind on the grass had more direction changes than Trump administration personnel.

Well that was the problem for most of us. Not for one particular sailor who rocked up, coffee in hand, to a fully rigged dingy. Next time Wendy, I think your boat concierge should have Two Chances in the water, centre board in, waiting to take the coffee cup as you walk straight from the car. I suspect the bung might go missing if you asked for that though.....

The start and course was set to perfection. Leading up to the start, a port getaway was the clear winner. Duncan and I were poised ready to pounce. Just on the start time, the wind shifted and port would work if only timed to perfection. This Duncan did and reaped the rewards. Yours truly, clumsy as ever, goofed it and ended up deep among the leading pack. That start video is not going to be kind.

The first rounding at the top mark had the usual contenders vying for a place with Gaye right amongst it and pushing the transom of Mark in the race for the radials. Gaye had a cracker of a starting leg.

The race itself was a pearler for me. Plenty of wind shifts and generally good pressure. Positions among the fleet changed regularly. I did, at times, manage to see the bow of Vitamin Sea V, Asterix and Ichabod. However, the top mark constantly had the better of me no matter which way I tackled it. Limitless was on fire which brought complaints from Nigel that I was too fast with such a small sail. Laugh you may, as I'm chamois down the hull..... but he who laughs last.....especially when gliding past downwind.....OK, using the chamois in the rain is a bit daft.

This week's bizarre moment, following on from the cabin cruiser imitating a jetski last week, was the synchronised dunking by the two leading the race. Mal wasted...oh...10 seconds, getting Primal upright and on speed. Vitamin Sea V however had left Nigel a bit more work to do and he re-joined the race further down the leading pack.

Watusi awards (*for those who don't know is a technical sailing term for dancing by yourself in a laser*) went to Duncan and Will. Jack M managed to wrap the mainsheet around the boom during a gybe. Only some slick manoeuvres by Duncan kept Jack M upright and the sheet was swiftly dislodged. Skippy, on rounding the top mark for the last time, raced off on its own accord leaving Will to wrestle back control. Lucky break for me as Will had been hunting me down all morning (good Will hunting ..oh the pun).

Crossing the finish line with me was Duncan who pipped me at the line (again) and Steve who shared a photo finish with Limitless.

That cloud bank? It held off till most lasers were packed away.

Many thanks to the tireless volunteers in the start / course boats and crunching the numbers for the race results. We couldn't race without you.

Play makers of the day were

Full rig - **Mal** in Primal by a country mile. Showing great speed after the water excursion.

Radial - the ever swift **Mark** in Ichibod.

6th - **Andrew** with his full rig on.

5th - **Duncan** of the Watusi fame

4th - **Gaye** capitalising on that great start.

3rd - fast out of the box after his rest, **Steve**

2nd - good **Will** hunting, another Watusi winner

And finally yours truly who was just a bit lucky.

Rod Stone

Limitless

CYC Lasers – Race 8, Consistency – 2/12/2018

All round a great mornings sailing, not least because I got a First!

We started the morning with a very informative video/training session, thanks to Andie. I really enjoyed seeing us all on the screen. Talking about/reading about sailing just doesn't seem to register with my in the way that visuals and doing does. I would like to do this again, and spend more time if possible.

Then we took to the waters for two races. All very keen to practice better starts, though thinking about 'sharks' and spaces on the line did still elude me.

The first race was slow, about 50 mins I think, whilst the second was a sprightly 10-12 minutes.

We were nicely bundled together in both races, which gave us rear brigade a nice opportunity to watch and learn from the fella's at the front.

I blame this write up on being close enough to Mark, to able to follow his every move!

A very slow downwind leg was livened up when Wal did a backwards fall/full capsize. It didn't really make sense as to what had happened, until he swam around the boat holding up a victorious bottle. I think we may need to create an environmental award for such endeavours.

A couple of other notables: It was lovely to see John Ryan sailing, and why Rod had a DNF status from the day? He did get washed onto the top mark at one point, but I swear he did a 360!



Placements were:

Fastest – Mal and Mark

On handicap: Wendy, Dom, Wal, Will, Gaye, Don

Thank you all, especially to the start & safety boat, and thank you for the lovely new taps and hoses!

See you next week.

Wendy

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