

# BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWSLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

12-3-19

## *Upcoming Events*

[Keelboats-Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March-6.25pm-Twilight](#)

[Keelboats-SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March-Commodore's Cup Race](#)

[\\*\\*\\*Keelboats-Ladies Skipper Race-re sail date-Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March](#)

[Dinghies-Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March- Commodore's Cup Race](#)

[\\*\\*ALL-Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March-2pm-Commodore's Cup Invitational Race](#)

## 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.

### MARCH

13-Mar-19	WED	1825	Twilight
16-Mar-19	SAT	No racing at CYC-See 17 <sup>th</sup> March SS22 Association Championship Race 6(RPYC)	
17-Mar-19	SUN	1400	COMMODORE'S CUP Farr 9.2 Association visiting
20-Mar-19	WED	1825	Twilight
<b>23-Mar-18</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>CLUB START-Lady Skippers Race</b>
27-Mar-18	WED	1825	Twilight
30-Mar-18	SUN	1400	CLUB START SS22 Association Championship Race 7(SOPYC)

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> March: Robert Jeffery with rostered boat: "Flight"-Peter Tate**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Wilma Poland with rostered boat: "Theseus"-Kevin Kiddey**

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> February: Co-Chief Starter-Wilma Poland and John Steinhardt from rostered boat "Nikki" for manning the Start Box for the twilight.**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Robert Jeffery and Joan Austin for coming down to the Club to man the Start Box, even though the race was cancelled.**

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.

### **PLEASE NOTE DATE FOR RE SCHEDULED RACE-Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

The "Lady Skipper" Race has been rescheduled for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. 4 crews left their pens to participate in this annual event, but one by one, due to the very windy conditions, they ALL retired.

Thanks to Trish Jamieson-Lively Lady, Jacquie Hocking-Beaujolais, Simone-Paprika and Wendy Campbell-Unfinished Business for getting out on the water and giving it a go.

Get into training for the re-run of this event on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **Reminder to both Keelboat and Dinghy Members-please nominate**

**for CYC's annual invitational race The Commodore's Cup Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Nominations are to be done online. If you need help with this, please speak to your Rear Commodore.

For Dinghy members-talk to Walter Reeve and for Keelboat members-talk to Richie Boykett.

**This race is being run in conjunction with the Club Sunday Session, so be part of the party and stick around after racing to enjoy the music on The Bovell Green.**

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Due to the severe lack of wind and a lot of showery rain, there was only 3 boat crews that turned up at CYC for racing. The usual stalwarts-Richie Boykett and family on Serana and Arthur Poland and crew on Beaujolais turned up. But also waiting to see what would happen, was Don O'Doherty and his female crew from Shee Rua. We haven't seen Don so far this season and we were trying to encourage him to sail in the Commodore's Cup race next weekend. But being the faithful Irishman, he declined due another commitment with a friend to celebrate St Patrick's Day. We did manage to get a commitment from Don to come down on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for the re-run of the Lady Skippers Race, as he doesn't have a problem rustling up female crew to sail with him!!!! Thanks to Robert Jeffery and Joan Austin for coming down for their shift in the Start Box. The Serana crew went for a little sail, while the rest of us headed for home.

Ann Caddick

P.S. Hope to see **everyone** for the Commodore's Cup race next weekend. Please nominate online.

### **View from the Poop Deck – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

With a tropical tempest settled over Perth, only the bravest of seafarers were venturing out into the tumult of the great Swan River. With winds blowing at two knots and gusts to four, there was carnage at all sorts of places. The vast majority of the mighty armada from Claremont was unable to make it past the bar, and only the bottomless esky on board meant that those fine seamen of the good ship Serana were able to broach the seas for a full, yes you read right, a full lap of the bank in a little under two hours.

Obviously the above is total bilge, and with light drizzle and almost no wind Arthur and Don were wise to stay in the bar and discuss tactics. Meanwhile having not been out for a few weeks I took Ma and Pa out for a short lap to blow the cobwebs away. I am glad that I had been down to dive earlier and remove a bit of scunge, otherwise even two hours might have been unachievable. We saw Kingsley down having been diving on Second Wind, Todd enjoying some pre-Kylie sustenance and our Vice-Commodore bringing in a good size crayfish from out Rottnest way.

Next Sunday is the Commodores Cup. Currently we have a very limited group of nominations for the key race for Claremont which is disappointing. This is the main sailing event for CYC and I strongly encourage you to participate in any way you can. Even if you do not want to sail competitively, it is a great reason to come out and be part of the day. If skippers are in need of some crew we have a few good sailors who are lacking a vessel and should be available to come out and help haul ropes and assist through any tacking manoeuvres. If you are not sailing on the day, there will be a range of festivities onshore, with live music on the lawn and a bit old Eire in the breeze with St Pats Day coinciding.

Attached is the extract of the Commodore's cup registrations. Everything is done online now so we do not have a paper version of the entry form as everyone has registered on the Australian Sailing portal Rev Sport: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/claremontyacht/events/36031/> . You do not need to login merely enter your details and the rest happens automatically - even Arthur and I could do it!

Attached is the poster with the link description, should you wish to give it to some more people, the link is also accessible on the website here:

<http://www.claremontyachtclub.org.au/114th-commodores-cup/> . Please feel free to pass thihs on to friends in other clubs to get them along for a great day out.

I look forward to seeing you out on the water to enjoy your club and continue its fine sailing traditions.

Fair winds

RCS Richie

## 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.

### MARCH

17-Mar-19 SUN 1400 COMMODORE'S CUP

24-Mar-19 SUN 1000 Consistency

31-Mar-19 SUN 1000 Club Championship-Race 6

### WALA 2019

My tale of the states is a bit of a contrast to Dom's upbeat history.

First, a bit of personal background. I used to sail the championship rounds regularly and once in the past even won a radial master national title. I gave up sailing regattas a few years ago when they ceased to be fun and my body told me in no uncertain terms that it was "Not amused".

Fast forward to this years state titles which I had no intention of entering, until last weeks club circular that there would be no racing at CYC. This was followed by an email from the regatta organisers encouraging masters to compete and stating that only the first three races of each day need to be sailed. Could be fun, a chance to revisit past glories perhaps?

I was also desperate to get back on the water after a fortnight spent sliding down the white snow encrusted hills of Japan, so I thought I could probably handle it, after all how bad could it be? A waft around the course in a morning easterly and then a bit of a grandpa nap in the afternoon. Easy.

I coughed up my \$100 entry fee and another \$80 to join WALA and arrived on Saturday morning ready to race, only to be informed that the first start was not until noon and that looked like being delayed as the Easterly faded to zero.

Eventually, we got on the water for three races in a bracing strong sea breeze. In both Dom's and my defences I should point out that the relatively small (by Laser standards) fleets were stuffed with professional

athletes. Just about everybody under 20 was wearing a WAIS racing bib, not to mention the full time professional team from Japan and several sailors currently at the top of the world rankings.

So how did I go?

Day 1. First race, I was motherless last and it didn't get much better from there on. But it did get worse.

Assuming conditions would be light I had taken my phone with me in a zip lock bag to try out my new race tracking app. It should have been waterproof. It wasn't. Several unplanned baptisms saw to that and the phone looked like an electronic fish bowl when I landed.

Day 2. It was just as bad. I didn't see the electronic carrier pigeon sent by the organisers postponing the morning racing until 2pm when a Freo Doctor was forecast to arc up. Apparently, all the world experts were too precious to sail in a shifting morning Easterly breeze that might involve a few unconventional tactical decisions, so on the beach we sat for half a day.

This might not have been so bad, but having skipped breakfast to get to the morning start on time, I thought I'd be home by 2pm patting myself on the back and enjoying a second beer, so I hadn't even taken any lunch money. Starving.

Humbled by my poor showing in the racing and feeling my age, I didn't bother going to the presentation "dinner", which was proudly advertising a hamburger and thus was amazed to receive an email the next day advising me I had taken second place in the Great Grand masters division and enclosing a copy of my prize gift voucher. How many great grand master radials were there you ask? Two. A real millennials event where everybody goes home a winner.

So my lessons learned were:

Ciao

Andrew

### **Race 19 Claremont Yacht Club Laser Windward Series Heat 7**

Well, well, well and not so well!

What a difference a week makes!

Not only were we down to 12 boats, the start crew were down in numbers too!

RO Jim, Allan, Chris and Wal had to get us up and running without the capable assistance of Judith Lithgo who had had the misfortune of breaking three of her four fingers on her right hand, we wish you a speedy recovery Judith. While the plastic cast stopped her from joining the start crew, they didn't drop their standards. It was good to hear Jim calling our wonderful course layer, Bob, back to the start boat for morning tea! Speaking of Bob, he was flat out like the proverbial lizard shifting markers and shortening courses. All due to the Clayton's sea breeze, or lack there of! Thanks guys, for all your efforts to get us one race and a near second. That's right, the second race had to be abandoned 50m from the finish. Rob Weight had been leading from go to 100m from the finish line, when his boat started sailing backwards! I think the tide was overriding the wind. Well done Rob, better luck next time!

That just leaves the first race (which had to be shortened to one lap). Andy and I managed to get away on port tack, giving us good clear air from the Sou/east. Andy used it well to get around the top mark first,

comfortably ahead of yours truly and Rob Weight. Then it was a classic case of, the boats behind get what ever wind there is first (when going down hill) and that is why I'm writing this letter and Andy isn't!

Third home was Duncan, who had to protect his injured back in the trying conditions.

Graham crossed in fifth place followed by John Ryan who has made an admirable return to racing, post surgery. Matt Read was next full rig home, but he was pipped on the line by Rod Stone (1 second) who was the fastest radial. Don Page was a further second behind Matt. Dom finished ninth while standing up, which I'm sure was due to knee fatigue.

As stated, Rod won the radials followed by Rod Heyes second and our Leader Wal Reeves in third place.

It was great to read Dom and Andy's accounts of their State Title experiences, all very entertaining.

Thanks guys for representing us at the states and maybe some of us can follow your lead, next year, at South Perth Yacht Club.

#### Handicap Results

6th Vino Tinto. John Ryan.

5th Airborne. Graham Lithgo.

4th Jack M. Duncan Munro.

3rd Final Approach. Rob Weight.

2nd Asterix. Andrew Brockis.

1st Primal. Mal Mckercher.

Hope we can see more boats for next week's Commodores Cup!

Cheers

Primal.

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