

BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWSLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

19-3-19

Upcoming Events

Keelboats-Wednesday 20th March-6.25pm-Twilight

Keelboats-Saturday 23rd March-Ladies Skipper Race

Dinghies-Sunday 24th March- Consistency 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

20-Mar-19 WED 1825 Twilight

23-Mar-18 SAT 1400 CLUB START-Lady Skippers Race

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 20th March: Wilma Poland with rostered boat: "Theseus"-Kevin Kiddey

Wednesday 27th March: Robert Jeffery with rostered boat: "Unfinished Business"-Ross Campbell

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 13th February: Co-Chief Starter-Robert Jeffery for manning the Start Box for the twilight.

Saturday 17th March: Robert Jeffery, Wilma Poland, John Steinhardt, Andrew Caddick and Joan Austin for coming down to the Club to man 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.

PLEASE NOTE DATE FOR RE SCHEDULED RACE-Saturday 23rd March

The "Lady Skipper" Race has been rescheduled for Saturday 23rd 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 23rd March.

Commodore's Cup Race-Sunday 17th March

A very nice sailing day greeted all the visitors for the Commodore's Cup Invitational Race this Sunday. A pleasant 10 knot Sou-wester propelled the 29 keelboats and 13 laser dinghies around the traditional CYC course. Our annual visit from the Farr 9.2 association had 6 competitors and they started first on a three times around the course journey. R242 Seahawke was first across the finish line with all the others in pursuit. Div 1 & 2 had its share of super-quick multi hulls and Whip-It lapped the Farr 9.2s to finish first in their division. Div 3 & 4 was by far the biggest keelboat fleet with thirteen entrants. N 955 Beyond Belief finished first across the line but C110 Serana scooped the prizes with them winning the Commodore's Cup and the CYC-only Deep Dene Trophy. Bravo the Boykett Clan.

By Robert Jeffery

A warm day with a good breeze was ready to guide some 30 yachts around the course on the 114th Anniversary of the Commodore's Cup. Four fleets were started and included the Farr 9.2 Association, Division 1 & 2, Division 3 & 4 and 13 Lasers. As this was a State Heat for the Farr 9.2 Association they requested the longest course we could give them, this being three rounds in total. The other two divisions,

which were made up of yachts from Nedlands and Claremont were given two rounds of the course. Finally the Lasers had their own special course. It was great to see so many yachts out on the water enjoying the days sail. My thanks go to Chief Starter Robert Jeffery, Joan Austin, Andrew Caddick, John Steinhardt, Wally Giles with Commodore Bill MacLeod and Rob King (Vagabond) as observers. Rear Commodore Power Paul Hodgson took the "Lloyd Anderson" for a spin to make sure all were safe and sound. I apologise if I have overlooked anyone. Whilst I called the time, Joan handled the hooter/siren, Andrew ticking off the yachts as they crossed the line which left Robert free to organise the flags. Using one halyard for the Division and Course and a second for the "P" preparatory flag it was case of timing and checking but all seemed to go well. No one broke the line although the lasers made us watch very carefully!!

It was then a case of watching the yachts complete the circuits ticking off each yacht as it made the pass by the start box until all rounds were completed and they headed for the line. Just to add to the excitement a couple of lasers give the bigger yachts a run for their money at the finish. The Deepdene room was crowded but the time results were announced but I shall leave that part to our Rear Commodore Sail Richie Boykett to announce. Once again, my thanks to all who assisted in this most prestigious day's events.

By Wilma Poland

View from the Poop Deck - Commodores Cup

La 'le Pdraig (or Happy St Patrick's Day)

As the sun rose over the Swan River sailors from across Perth Basin looked to the heavens for signs of what the weather Gods would offer. Would it be a day of zephyrs wafting the plastic fantastics around the course or would it be a day of heavy weather favoring the more solid vessels. BOM had read their entrails and said with absolute certainty that it was definitely going to be somewhere between no wind and a gale, probably.

Entries for the Commodores Cup had rolled in thick and fast during the week (some slower than others) and up on the start line there were over 30 boats. The Sailing Committee discussions was like a politicians promise on election eve: bigger, better, overflowing with numbers and promising a fairer system for all.

As we closed down to two o'clock, the fleets were gathered in a slowly building but steady breeze from the southwest. Making sense of the unfolding chaos on the water were the start team of Wilma, Joan, Andrew, John and Wally Giles; all under the benevolent gaze of Chief Starter Robert Jefferies. This team was assisted by the landlocked Rob King (of a crewless Vagabond) and Commodore Bill McLeod. In the Lloyd Anderson, were Paul Hodgson and his pressganged crew of powerboaters. Paul later noted that he had no idea which boats he was supporting nor why if they wanted to go around that mark why not just go there instead of all this zigging and zagging.

As the flags dropped and the hooter hooted the 114th Commodores Cup was underway.

Lining up first were the visiting fleet of Farr 9.2's. The Farr 9.2 Association has participated in the Commodores Cup for many years and it was great to have six of these very powerful boats visiting again as part of their consistency series. Our own Vinnies Daughter is also a Farr and we look forward to seeing her out there soon.

Next up to the start line were the 1st and 2nd Divisions with twelve boats and twice as many hulls thanks to the visiting fleet from Nedlands. Along with the fleet of visiting go fast boats was our own Colin Hughes and his indomitable crew on Kyzo Too. Kyzo was late up to the line and unfortunately missed the course flags which meant that they sailed an

extra lap and effectively took themselves out of contention for the Deep Dene Trophy. It's great to have a boat back in the 1/2's and we look forward to further improvement there.

With the start line clearing out it was the countdown to 3rd and 4th Divisions. Kevin on Theseus and his newest volunteer crew member got a little over excited and crossed the line early. The fourteen boats in this division included six Claremont boats which made for some close racing around the course. For us on Serana, the run down to the first mark had multiple boats in contention alone with some of the old classics yelling for right of way.

The last group across the line with the largest fleet of Claremont boats was our trusty Lasers with twelve boats starting. The Lasers sailed a great race, in many cases going past the bigger boats and ducking and weaving the rest.

On the advice of our former Com Dom and guidance from Maurie above, the day buoy was placed to raise questions in the minds of the skippers and tacticians about whether to tack or hold the line up to Point Walter. The choice taken made a difference as the boats headed up to the consistently inconsistent winds off Mosmum-Suicide. Olly Marshall, who had managed to get off The Piss to come for a sail, was bumped into with Dale 2 coming out on top. Unfortunately this meant the end of the race for one of the visiting boats who headed home with a cracked bow.

The run down back down towards the Club was without incident. Those boats who were brave enough to hoist their spinnaker paid dividends as they made up a few more places. As we crossed in front of the Clubhouse, the upbeat sounds of the Christchurch jazz band entertaining the land lubbers wafted out. From there, it was back around and some close fleet racing amongst the visiting and home boats in the run back into Mosman Bay. As the good ship Serana started on the long run home only the second refreshment of the day was passed around much to the envy of the laser sailors who were unable to spare a hand for critical rehydration. The leading boats of the Farr 9.2s came past Serana and our group of Division 3-4 boats with full spinnakers showing us how it's done and offering inspiration.

We crossed the finishing line and as the crews commenced packing up the boats a trolley full of cold Mexicans made it past Trumpster's wall and was able to offer critical services to the weary sailors. Meanwhile there were rumors going around regarding the sighting of a rescue boat rescuing any yacht that they bumped into, figuratively or otherwise. All this time Robert, Wilma and their fellow coven in the start box were practicing their dark arts on a series of otherwise disconnected numbers to somehow come up with the numbers 1, 2 and 3 several times over. With the results in (without any undue influence) the good ship Serana, crewed by 50% of the Boykett clan and a vagrant Pom took out the silverware. All complaints, queries and concerns should be addressed to someone important at your inconvenience.

Thanks to Richard and his team for all their behind the scenes organising and making the club house the welcoming place it is. Special thanks to the eight Claremont keel boat skippers and their crews for ensuring an enjoyable day was had by all. We pride ourselves on being one of the most welcoming and encouraging clubs on the river and once again we demonstrated this to our visitors. And last, but by no means least, thanks to our Sail Committee for supporting me and the other skippers in making all this possible. I would also like to thank everyone who came down to make the day the success it was. I look forward to seeing all and more boats out next year, whether racing or spectating, or onshore enjoying the facilities offered by our great club.

Fair winds

RCS Richie Boykett

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

24-Mar-19 SUN 1000 Consistency

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

Commodore's Cup Race-Sunday 17th March

Please send articles to: annandrew@iinet.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