

# BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

23-4-19

## *Upcoming Events*

[Keelboats & Dinghies-Thursday 25th April-4pm-Anzac Day Race](#)

[Keelboats & Dinghies-Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May-2pm-First Frostbite Race](#)

[Combined Dinghy & Keelboat Prize Night Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May-7pm](#)

[Keelboats & Dinghies-Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May- 2pm-Frostbite 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.

### APRIL

25-Apr-19 THUR 1600 ANZAC DAY TWILIGHT RACE

### Combined Keelboat and Dinghy Prize Night-Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Now that we have come to the end of the Summer Sailing season it is time now to see who the big winners are from this season at our annual Prize Night. So please make a note of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May for the big night of nights for both the Keelboats and Dinghy sections of the Club. More details will be available soon, so keep an eye on the BIW or Midstream in coming weeks.

Listed below are the dates for the Winter Frostbite Series for members to notate in their diaries. They are run on the first and third Sunday of the month, starting at 2pm.

### "WINTER "FROSTBITE" SERIES 2019"

05-May-19	SUN	1400	Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
19-May-19	SUN	1400	Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
02-Jun-19	SUN	1400	Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
16-Jun-19	SUN	1400	Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
07-Jul-19	SUN	1400	Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
21-Jul-19	SUN	1400	Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
04-Aug-19	SUN	1400	Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
18-Aug-19	SUN	1400	Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
01-Sep-19	SUN	1400	Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)
15-Sep-19	SUN	1400	Winter Frostbite Race (combined Keelboat/Dinghy)

(note: all Winter Frostbite races only use twilight courses 15 and 16 - watch the flags)

#### **Roster Reminders: Frostbite Starter:**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Ann Caddick and Jacquie Hocking**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Robert Jeffery**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Robert Jeffery**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Ann Caddick and Jacquie Hocking**

### THANK YOU S



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 10<sup>th</sup> April: Co-Chief Starter-Robert Jeffery for manning the Start Box for the twilight.**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Robert Jeffery and Wilma Poland for coming down to the Club to man the Start Box.**

**Huge Thank You to all our hardworking Starters, led by Robert Jeffery and Wilma Poland. Their team is: John and Sarah Steinhardt, Alan and Joan Austin, Colin and Margaret Cook and Andrew Caddick who all gave up some of their time on the weekends so we could go sailing.**

**Thanks also to the Sailing Committee members, led by RCS Richie Boykett. His team is: Robert Jeffery, Kevin Kiddey, Peter and Rob Boykett, Todd Whitfield and Wilma and Arthur Poland. These members attend monthly meetings to keep sailing going at CYC and are constantly trying to come up with interesting events for their sailors.**

## The final view from the poop deck for 2018/19 Season

Saturday was the last race of the season and presented an absolute beauty to finish the season off. Five boats lined up and as Rob was setting the course he chose the long twilight giving us all a great start and run down along the bank. Most of the boats made a great start with Serana choosing to make sure everyone was through safely before heading off. The light boats had the benefit with the wind behind on the long run to the east, before the heavier bilge of the old girl saw us making back some time on the run back up to the bank. The wind settled down coming over the top of the cliffs around once again the little boats reset and crept back off again.

There was plenty of action out on the water with many of the other clubs also having their last weekend race. It was a true festival of sail and colour all around the course. Back in the club we decided to make the most of the fine autumnal weather and set up out on the green for a quiet beverage. When the time came for the results Robert had again continued to adjust the handicaps and the majority of the yachts finished very close proving that we are getting it better and better.

Our next race is the ANZAC Day regatta at 4:00pm on Thursday. I look forward to seeing everyone down there, whether for a race, a cruise or to enjoy the clubs hospitality on this special day. We are then into the frostbite series over winter, commencing on first Sunday afternoon in May. This is a relaxed series of races, so skippers can come down and develop their skills around the start and practise working around other boats when there is no pressure. Saturday 18th May is dinghy and keel boat prize night.

Thanks you to all our skippers, starters and volunteers throughout the year. We had a number of very regular skippers and lots of casual ones who came down to give it a go. Once again, thank you to everyone for making it a great season of sailing and enjoying the river and our wonderful club.

Fair Winds, RCS Richie Boykett

## **DINGHY NEWS**

Winter Frostbite Series Dates listed above in Keelboat section

### Race report 14 April 2019 - Closing Day Cup

The morning loomed ominous with dark clouds brooding in the SW sky. Forecasters were throwing darts at the board in the vain hope of somewhat guessing the weather. 25 knots at Rottneest and yet only a slight swirling puff of wind on the CYC rigging lawn. Where to face the dinghy whilst rigging was anyone's guess.

12 intrepid souls, reluctant to get off the beach that morning, made their way out to the start. The first, Nigel, was unceremoniously smacked down into the water with an introduction to the robust chaotic breeze waiting to greet the laser fleet in the bay.

Start and Course crew did a sterling job to set a course that held up in the shifting conditions. I spent most of my time before the start bundling up excess control lines as I had dopily setup for light winds.

The pin end was where it was at for the start. I was in position and with 15 seconds on the counter powered up and looked straight into 6 or more lasers trying to fit into the same 1m square piece of water I was aiming for. Whilst Rob and Mal were shutting the gate to plenty of robust calls, argy bargy and the odd kiss of fibreglass, I throttled back and searched for an opening beyond the melee.

Over the line I ended up in the messy air of the melee participants, so had to tack out to clean air. Fortuitous move on my part, as the southern port lay line to the top mark was the gift that kept on giving as it held pressure and supplied a lift to the mark.

Mal, Nigel, Mark Rob W and myself all rounded the mark and shortly after the famous CYC leaders vortex switched on and slammed down closing the rest of the field off from the lead pack. Rob W was unlucky enough to caught on the

boundary of the vortex and was dunked with an out of nowhere capsize. That left the three jet pilots and the wannabee with the garish sail stuck inside the zone with our own special breeze, or so it seemed.

Mal and Nigel fort it out all race like two goshawks locked in aerial combat. Mal breaking away only to be reeled back in by Nigel. Battles ensued elsewhere with Ross and Helen trading places all race. Several brave souls like Duncan and Noel valiantly tried to break into the leaders' zone only to be dispatched via capsize by the vortex with the same distain as Rob W was shown. The vortex was strong that day. Of the three over the line, Noel had a clean set of heels from Duncan who just pipped Rob W by 3 seconds with Helen and Ross right on their transoms.

I could regale you with stories of how Mark and I also battled our way around the course but the truth is, Mark's brilliance out on the water is way too strong and the best I could do was worry him once or twice. At one stage I managed to setup a pearler of a reach. I watched the gust heading my way and figured it would hit as I gybed before the last reach leg. So, I flattened the technicolour sail a tad, tightened the hiking strap, and prepared to launch onto the rear deck after the gybe with armfuls of mainsheet. Limitless responded like a politician out of a brothel during a police raid and shot off after Mark at a great rate of knots. Mark did react with a covering manoeuvre and that was all he needed as there was not going to be a Winx like finish from Limitless. Mark then put some distance between the two radials and that was that.

End of the race everyone came out of the water with a big grin on their faces having battled the challenging conditions. It was a hoot to work that wind all race as it kept you thinking and moving constantly.

Over the line Mal ended up the victor by 5 seconds to Nigel in the full rigs. Mark was comfortably 3<sup>rd</sup> outright and first radial.

On handicap the power of the leader's vortex field showed as all four ended in the place getters.

**Helen was 6<sup>th</sup>** on corrected time having used some of that strategic magic to pass (outright) Ross on the home stretch whilst he was no doubt mesmerised by the flickering numbers on his compass.

**Mal was 5<sup>th</sup>**, even the handicapping is having trouble keeping up with him.

**Ross came 4<sup>th</sup>** on correction showing that training not only helps the attendees but also inspires the rest of the fleet to sail faster. Well done Ross!

**3<sup>rd</sup> came Nigel** reaping the benefits of the focussed battle with Mal.

**Mark collected 2<sup>nd</sup>** through mastery of the prevailing conditions.

That left the wannabee with the garish sail who found himself dragged along inside the vortex to take out the honours of the Closing day Trophy.

Thanks to all the volunteers over the season. Your time and great work is always most appreciated.

Rod Stone

Limitless.

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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**