



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter
10th December 2019

Upcoming Events

Keelboats-Wednesday 11th December- Twilight-6.25pm

Keelboats- Saturday 14th November- Club Start-2pm

Dinghys-Sunday 15th December-Consistency-

Handicap Race 1-10am

18th December-Christmas Twilight-Wednesday 6.25pm

KEELBOAT NEWS

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 6th January

Please check the Sunday Times and Mondays West Australian for
CYC Keelboat results in the Sports result section

Sailing Program for Season 2019/2020

Sailors, here is the Sailing program so you can make note of these dates in your calendar.
You can also find the full program on CYC's website.
Books will be available from Opening Day. Please see starters or Sail Committee members.

***DENOTES A CYC CONSISTENCY RACE- Yachts sailing in outside Association Events on these dates can apply to Starter/Handicapper for average consistency points for the event that they are away from CYC.**

DECEMBER

11-Dec-19	WED	1825	Twilight
14-Dec-19	SAT	1400	*CLUB START
18-Dec-19	WED	1825	"Christmas" Twilight
21-Dec-19	SAT		NO RACING AT CYC
25-Dec-19	WED		NO RACING AT CYC
28-Dec-19	SAT		NO RACING AT CYC

Swan River closed until 5-1-19

Roster Reminders

Wednesday 11th December-Twilight-

Duty Boat-Kiwi Express-M. Greentree with Duty Starter-Wilma Poland

Wednesday 18th December-Twilight- Duty Starter-Robert Jeffery

Saturday 7th December

CLAREMONT YACT CLUB: Combined Fleet: 1. Second Wind (K. Porter); 2. Beaujolais (A. Poland); 3. Andalusia (C. Cochrane); Fastest Andalusia (C. Cochrane).

VIEW FROM THE POOP DECK

Hello Sailors

Well I finally got out on the water and most remarkably got the former RCS Rob out there as well to set the buoys up for a Saturday racing. It was a good day though with the weather from the west the winds were changeable which suited some and crushed others.

We had a small fleet of four boats out tracking each other around the course. The little red boat got the best start and led the fleet around the day buoys until finally being chased down by Andalusia heading up to North Point Walter.



Second Wind with only three hands between them were making a good effort and finished up very well. Paprika with four hands sailed a great race amongst the shifty winds.

The Wednesday twilight was a competition between the club's big boats (where was Max?) with Kyzo Too, Lively Lady and Aeolian setting a cracking pace in the steady breeze. It was easy to miss the plucky little red boat who gave their all but was not able to make too much of a dent. It is great to see the big boats out there racing each other and setting the standard.

A couple of mentions:

- Saturday racing 14th December. This is the last race of 2019 so come on and get your boat out there;
- Kids Christmas Party on 15th December complete with Optimist Dinghies for the big and small skippers;
- Christmas Twilight and Buffet on the 18th; and
- Tackers program 6th to 10th January;

Finally, a special thanks to Rob Ryan and Paul Hodgson who volunteered to come down on Sunday morning to help out with the Lasers on the Start Boat. Great effort from both these fine fellows.

Until then – fair winds

RCS Richie Boykett



VALE-Ernie Greenock

On the 27th November 2019, sadly one of our old CYC sailing member, Ernie Greenock passed away. He and his wife Elizabeth were very actively involved with the sailing section of CYC in the early 2000s. Elizabeth was a starter along with their grandchildren, Lucy and Jack, while Ernie owned and sailed quite a few different size boats with his daughter, Lisa and her son Billy sailing with him. Ernie was a wily Scotsman and when he got excited about something you couldn't really understand what he was saying. Some of the boats he had was "The Bairn" which looked like a Japanese fishing boat, "Apollo" (one of Alan Bond's old boats) and "Wild Bull" a full on offshore racing yacht (which he sold to Dom Papaluca) If there was something going on in the sailing section, both on water and ashore, Ernie and Elizabeth were involved. They decided to retire in Rockingham to enjoy their retirement. Gone but not forgotten Ernie.

Memories of Ernie Greenock:

1. Couldn't understand the bugger half the time...he spoke so fast with that raspy voice of his...but whatever he had to say, was always worth listening to
2. He pushed Apollo to the limit. Ask Matt Greentree...I'm sure Matt's life expectancy was shortened by the experience! Ernie always thought we could go faster if we put a bigger sail or spinnaker up...and just stacked the rail. So what if it was 12 degrees and raining...this is fun!
 - a. Last time I saw Apollo was in Airlie Beach Marina in 2008. Looking in pretty good shape.
3. Sailing offshore with him was an experience I'll never forget. On a Mariners Cup offshore race in a Norwest storm...beating to Hillarys in 7 metre waves...the whole crew and skipper are all seasick...and Ernie is down below, reading the chartplotter (which is a guaranteed way of getting seasick) and eating spam out of the can – oblivious to the carnage around him. Kept yelling out co-ordinates the whole time. One of the most natural and toughest sailors I've ever sailed with. It was in his blood...he was a true Viking.
4. That last boat of his...crikey...what a bucket! Yet, if you were alongside him...he'd still try to race you!

Vale Ernie.

By Dom Papaluca

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.**

Thanks to Twilight Starter: Robert Jeffery and Paprika Crew for manning the Start Box on Wednesday 4th December.

Thank You to our hard working Starters for: Saturday 7th December for manning the Start Box. Thanks To: Wilma Poland and Colin & Margaret Cook.

DINGHY NEWS

Dinghy Program 2019/2020

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DECEMBER

15-Dec-19	SUN	1000	Consistency – Handicap race 1
22-Dec-19	SUN		NO RACING AT CYC-CHRISTMAS
29-Dec-19	SUN		NO RACING AT CYC-NEW YEAR

Sunday 8th December

Race 9 – Club Championship Heat 3

Another beautiful morning of sailing for the Claremont YC Laser fleet.

19 boats on the water (including 10 radials) and shifting winds to keep everyone on their toes – or in some cases, in the water!

Bethesda Hospital was busy afterwards – as Nigel and Noel managed to scalp themselves during the bloody battle on the water. Nigel for the second time this season (last time resulted in concussion), by tacking and then head butting the deck on the other side (I know, it doesn't make any sense to me either). Noel's injury was particularly clever, because he managed to draw blood with his cap on.

Despite that, everyone seemed to have a ball, with all yachts, full rig and other, mixed up around the course. No Standard deviations here.

Third placed Don forgot his sailing watch, causing some grief at the start – well, a lot of grief in fact as he crossed the starting line stone motherless last. But luckily the sail he had chosen for the day was the one that has blood stains on it. Clearly that must have struck fear into the hearts of other sailors, as Pirate Page cut a swathe through the fleet to get to the front group. His secret sauce? Heading out wide to the right, under the cliffs. From last starter...to sixth around the first mark. In Don's word(s): "Heaven!"

Second placed Helen had a lovely morning. She was a bit distracted at one stage watching Will doing donuts. There had been a debate back on shore about whether everyone would sail their radial sails or 4.7s. But Will had left his 4.7 back at home, so Radials it was. What beautiful Club sportsmanship and camaraderie. But why was Will doing donuts? Was it because he'd left his 4.7 sail at home and wanted to sail his Radial around the course at 4.7 speed to make up for that? Or was it because he was upset after colliding with me (who was on starboard) while he was approaching the top mark (on port)? Nothing that couldn't be fixed by a beer together in the bar afterwards. Anyway, back to Helen. For two seconds she was ahead (or almost ahead) of Mark, a position that she tells me is as rare as it is satisfying. But with some clever stalling tactics due to her over-zealous emotional state, and then ending up in irons, she managed to snatch

second position from the jaws of first. Helen tells me that her proudest moment was when she ducked under the fleet and was perfectly placed on the lay line and looking great...until the wind changed, resulting in the rest of the fleet being perfectly placed on the lay line and looking great – with Helen looking crap and having to reach to the mark. On the last leg to the finishing line, she stayed uncharacteristically cool and cover tacked Wendy to stay in front. Well done Helen.

Mal was the fastest full rig on the day (ho hum, yawn...). I asked him for some insights: in that shifty wind, with pressure so inconsistent, it's important to always be trimming the boom vang and the downhaul (which he has on a continuous line, since they work together). Oh, and make sure that you always stay between your rivals and the next mark - which would be great advice, if only I could get ahead of my rivals in the first place!

As for me, I just stayed out of trouble and moved from two thirds back in the fleet to be amongst the first third – and recovered from Will's vicious attack on the top mark.

Thank goodness for handicap.

And thank goodness for all of you wonderful Claremont YC members, who have made my wife Amanda and me so welcome during our short time in Perth. As mentioned on Sunday, we're heading back to Melbourne in January, but will certainly be visiting Perth from time to time in the future. (Might ask Will if I can borrow his Radial sail.)

And if you're ever in Victoria, please feel free to visit Amanda and me for a sail at Somers Yacht Club, on beautiful Westernport Bay (have a look at google maps if you haven't heard of Somers!)

Thanks to all – and happy sailing.

Steve Clifford

RESULTS:

Fastest Full rig: Mal McKercher

Fastest Radial: Mark Edwards

1st: Steve Clifford

2nd: Helen Ramsay

3rd: Don Page

4th: Walter Reeves

5th: Wendy Campbell

6th: Will Nunn

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