



# BLOWING IN THE WIND

[Keelboats-Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January-Twilight-6.26pm](#)

[Keelboats-Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January-Club Start Race-2pm](#)

[Keelboats-Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January-SS22 Association Race at NYC](#)

[Dinghies-Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January-Windward Series-Race 2-10am](#)

*CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter*  
*7<sup>th</sup> January 2020*

# KEELBOAT NEWS

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

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.**

### JANUARY

01-Jan-20	WED		NO RACING AT CYC
04-Jan-20	SAT		NO RACING AT CYC
08-Jan-20	WED	1825	Twilight
11-Jan-20	SAT	1400	*CLUB START
12-Jan-20	SUN	1400	SS22 Association Championship Heat 4-NYC
15-Jan-20	WED	1825	Twilight
18-Jan-20	SAT	1400	*CLUB START "Australia Day Race"
22-Jan-20	WED	1825	"Australia Day " Theme Twilight
25-Jan-20	SAT		NO RACING AT CYC Due to Australia Day Holiday
29-Jan-20	WED	1825	Twilight

### Roster Reminders

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January-Twilight-Duty Boat-Winspinner with  
Duty Starter-Wilma Poland  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January-Twilight-Duty Boat-Panache with  
Duty Starter-Allan Austin



## To all sailors a big welcome to 2020 and the second half of the sailing season

Views from the Poop Deck 6 Jan 2020

Hello Sailors

Best of the season and happy new year to all of you. Hopefully you did not spend the whole break polishing your boat, doing crew training and timing the run to the start line. For me, Beagle had a bum rub followed by a high stakes cruise back just in time to following the twilight'ers home (only a couple of drinks imbibed).

With the second half of the season upon us, I look forward to seeing you out on the water in the lead up to our club's premier event – the Commodores Cup – on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Bookings are open on RevSport and I encourage you to nominate early so our starters can get a clear plan for the day.





This week we commence the weekly events with the first twilight for 2020 on 18:25 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and then Saturday racing at 14:00 11<sup>th</sup> January. For the 22's there is also an association race on Sunday at NYC. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> is the Australia Day Race (yep, silverware) before a long weekend off. We also have the interclub events with PFSYC (8/3/2020) and NYC (16/2/2020) coming up and it would be great if we can get our yachts down to visit them, as they have and will be doing for our Comms Cup.

Krista will be up and running shortly, with pen finalisation ongoing. We have a number of new sailors (including from CYC

power and dinghy fleets) who have expressed an interest so if you are short some crew let me know and we can get them some experience. I will be looking for some assistance once we drag it out for an antifoul soon.

Dean has settled in up in at the club as General Manager. He is keen to reinvigorate the dinghy and keelboat sailing in the club. To start we have the Tackers program commencing next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and it would be great to get a good turnout for that. After that we will be looking to establish links with some of the local primary schools for training and development.

As always, if you have any queries please contact me – until then Fair Winds

regards

RCS Richie

## 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 for manning the Start Box on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Thank You to our hard working Starters for: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December for manning the Start Box. Thanks  
To: Robert Jeffery, Allan Austin, Ann Caddick and Richie Boykett.**

## DINGHY NEWS

### Dinghy Program 2019/2020

**Dinghy Sailors, here is the Dinghy program so you can make note of these dates in your calendar.**

**You can also find the full program on CYC's website.  
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## JANUARY

05-Jan-20 SUN 1000 Consistency  
12-Jan-20 SUN 1000 Windward Series-Race 2  
19-Jan-20 SUN 1000 Consistency  
26-Jan-20 SUN 1000 Consistency - AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

As you can see from the picture, the CYC dinghies didn't stop over the Christmas break. We had two "sneaky" sails over the Xmas period...and on both occasions we had more than half the fleet turn out (14 boats out of a possible 23). Marvellous. Whether it was to burn off the excess food consumed, or to get some practice in...or just to get away from the relatives...I don't know...but it was fun. As usual, we sail over Karrakatta bank, so we are not taking up any navigable water space. We basically used it as a training exercise, setting up short courses to keep the fleet bunched up and under pressure. Things get a bit too close for comfort at times, and the odd apology was extended, and accepted...but the sailors are all-the-better for the hit out. Stand out performers were Johnny Fussell' making a triumphant return, Noel Lacy sailing out of his skin (after breaking his mast in last week's "sneaky") and both the girls Helen Ramsay and Wendy Campbell showing the boys how it is done. This week, we had Mal McKercher, Nigel Paul up the front with good performances by Sean Brearley, Rob Heyes and Andy Brockis. Jim Crockett took out a club boat...and did pretty well for a first-timer.



We are back racing again officially next week on 5<sup>th</sup> January with a consistency race – 10am start. FYI...Dinghies are back into it. 😊

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January

This Consistency race was a ripper.

Undeterred by the forecast for virtually no wind, I packed my bags in Melbourne on Saturday afternoon and touched down at Perth airport on Saturday night at 7.20pm, in time to lay out my sailing gear and hit the sack. And it was worth the effort! The forecast was wrong and the race was hard fought and fun, with lots of interesting chapters.

Rod Stone arrived for the first time this season, with a beautifully coloured sail that picked up most of the Yuletide colours, and a few more. He had a great first lap, then had a snooze for the rest of the race, no doubt to sleep off his Christmas pudding. Mark Edwards started behind him, in fact behind just about everyone, in his own version of a Soporific Start. Some story about getting caught behind the start boat, with no wind. Anyway, once he emerged from behind the start boat and crossed the line, Mark was off like a rocket. Unlike many in the fleet, who went too far into the bay, Mark stayed slightly right – and reaped the rewards, eventually coming home as number 1 radial.

Newcomer Rob Weight kept his boat Weight down by ditching the wind vane. This tactic initially seemed like a good one, as he was coming second at one stage in the race, before the Silent Assassin, Mark Edwards, passed him (see above – go

right young man). Rob saw everyone hitting the mark and not taking a penalty and was starting to think about our Club's ethics – until reassured that hitting the mark is allowed at CYC. As I have written before, the close second reason that I love CYC, after the super friendly Laser sailors of course, is this wonderful rule. I am going to agitate for its introduction when I return to my home club (Somers YC on Westernport Bay, Victoria). My variation on the buoy-bumping theme - which several of you were unkind enough to (a) notice, and (b) mention afterwards in the bar - was to lasso the top mark with a loose main sheet. A bit embarrassing - but I honestly think the mark's new position was better than where I found it.

As for the rest of the race from the perspective of yours truly – I simply started at about number 6 (give or take) and tried to hold that position until crossing the line (which I basically did). It was a good spot to be in, as it gave me a wonderful view of all the exciting goings on with the first five boats, as set out here.

Meanwhile, at the pointy end of the fleet, a herculean battle was unfolding between 4 boats – Mal McKercher (ho hum, no surprises there), Nigel Paul, Rob Weight and Travis Lithgo.

Nigel and Mal had been swapping positions through the race - but it all came to grief at a rounding near the end of the race. No doubt tempers were frayed, white line fever was surging. Who cares that they have been mates since being born 11 days apart over 6 decades ago – this is Laser Sailing at Claremont!! Nigel called that he had 3 boat lengths (and thus Mal had no rights). Mal interpreted Nigel's call as giving Mal rights - which he then prepared to take by coming on the inside between Nigel and the mark. A bit of fibreglass fusion ensued, and Words Were Exchanged. Nigel decided that he had got it wrong and took a penalty turn (another typically CYC act of valour and sportsmanship). Personally, I blame the bank robber balaclava face masks – great for Cancer but when someone calls you can't hear the Answer.

Rob and Travis had been behind the feuding balaclava boys. But things were about to change...Travis showed the guile and cunning that he has been developing since he was in short pants (hang on, he's still in short pants). How did he know to take a different side of the course to everyone else? Because there wasn't anyone in the start boat with an overall view of the course who could have given him inside information as he sailed past, was there? Of course not! It was just T's guile and cunning.

Everyone else went right but, like Fleetwood Mac, young Travis Lith-Go decided to Go his own way: he went left (go left young man - this is getting confusing). Rob decided to stay with Mal and Nigel – oops. It looked like Trav's search for wind might have led him into a hole – but he persevered, and was rewarded with a huge lift, great pressure – and a numero uno finish across the line. A popular result – and well deserved!

As always, a big thanks to all our volunteers who enable us to have so much fun out there every week. We really do appreciate the generous gift to us of your time and expertise.

As for me, next Sunday (12 Jan) will be my last race at CYC in White Knight, before packing her up and sending her home across the Nullarbor on Monday the 13th. But I will return...(hopefully more often than you wish!)

Thanks to all – especially the handicapper.

Results:

6th Dom Papaluca – Barracuda

5<sup>th</sup> Rob Weight – Final Approach

4<sup>th</sup> Mark Edwards – Ichabod and Faes

3<sup>rd</sup> Travis Lithgo – Miss Eve

2<sup>nd</sup> Nigel Paul – Vitamin Sea V

1<sup>st</sup> Steve Clifford – White Knight

Fastest Radial – Mark Edwards (Ichabod)

Fastest Full Rig – Travis Lithgo – Miss Eve

Happy Sailing,

Steve Clifford

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Dear Competitors and Families,

Happy New Year!

Nominations are now open for the 2020 “Walpole In The Trees” Regatta.

**Nominate Now!**

The link can also be found at the [WYC website](#) along with the [Notice of Race](#) for details of the weekend.

Registration is open Friday evening to allow sufficient time to affix bow numbers. Can you please remove last year’s numbers from your boat (heating up with hairdryer works best) prior to the weekend.

WYC wishes everyone a happy and safe 2020.



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