

# BLOWING IN THE WIND

NEWLETTER FOR SAILING AND DINGHY SECTIONS OF CYC

26-3-19

## *Upcoming Events*

[Keelboats-Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March-6.25pm-Twilight](#)

[Keelboats-Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March-Club Start Race](#)

[Dinghies-Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March- Club Championship Race 6](#)

## 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**

27-Mar-18 WED 1825 Twilight

30-Mar-18 SUN 1400 CLUB START  
SS22 Association Championship Race 7(SOPYC)

### **APRIL**

03-Apr-19 WED 1825 Twilight

06-Apr-19 SAT 1400 CLUB START

10-Apr-19 WED 1825 Twilight

13-Apr-19 SAT 1400 CLUB START- CLOSING DAY

25-Apr-19 THUR 1600 ANZAC DAY TWILIGHT RACE

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> March: Robert Jeffery with rostered boat: "Unfinished Business"-Ross Campbell**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Wilma Poland with rostered boat: "Beaujolais"-Arthur Poland**

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> February: Co-Chief Starter-Wilma Poland and Kevin Kidney from the rostered boat "Theseus for manning the Start Box for the twilight.**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Wilma Poland and Colin and Margaret Cook 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.

### **Sunday 17th March 2019 - 114th Commodores Cup**

This Sunday the Club ran the 114th Commodores Cup. We had over 30 entries with many of these coming from other clubs principally Nedlands Yacht Club and the Farr 9.2 Association. These other clubs use this race as part of their consistency series and we will be looking to continue and enhance this relationship to continue to build sailing at CYC. The day was fantastic for sailing with a good steady southwester blowing about fifteen knots consistently throughout the race.

The Farr 9.2's were the first away with six boats competing. They made great time and the results came in at Farr Farr Away (first on handicap), Seahawke (second and fastest) and Farrlap making out the podium.

Next was the 1st and 2nd Division boats with ten boats starting including our own Kyzo Too. Tiger took out first on handicap, Childs Play second and Tinta Madiera taking out third. Last years winner, Greg Hill on Whip It was home fastest.

In 3rd and 4th division there were thirteen starters including six Claremont boats. Serana was first (only on handicap), Masquerade second and Tiger Moth third, with Beyond Belief being the fastest around. Oliver Marshall got off The Piss

long enough to take out second of the Claremont boats home (handicap) and Chris Cochrane on Andalusia third and fastest. If you would like to try sailing we are always looking for people who would like to try crewing in a relaxed environment.

We were joined by twelve of the clubs Laser fleet. This group continues to grow and is one of the most active participating groups in our Club. Thank you to Walter and his team for joining the keel boaters in the celebrations. The club has several dinghies that are available for members to use and try their hand in a supportive and encouraging environment.

The club also awards two prizes being the Commodores Cup for best overall and the Deep Dene Trophy for best Claremont boat. Serana took out both of these with the strong winds suiting her heavy build. A special thank you to the team in the start box being led by Chief Starter Robert Jefferies and starter Wilma Poland. I look forward to seeing all the sailors, crew and other members out on the water next year or in at the club to enjoy the hospitality put on by Richard and his team in the club house.

For an alternative view of the days events on the water please read this weeks Blowing in the Wind for all the action.

Regards

Richard Boykett

### **Rear Commodore Sail**

\*\*\*Photos taken from Beaujolais on the last lap of the Commodore's cup race.



A View towards Freshie, with "Paprika" - Todd Whitfield & Crew



"Dale II" - Ollie Marshall & Crew running a spinnaker down the last leg

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March-The re-sail of the Ladies Skippers Race

With a good breeze nine yachts took off for the Lady's Skipper Race. With Kyzo Too and Lively Lady through the ranks down to Unfinished Business and Shee Rua the mixed fleet all did very well, finishing within a few minutes of one another. Course 16 (Short Twilight) which goes to Miller and the around the Karrakatta Bank was chosen and the breeze built to be around 15/20 knots. Kyzo Too finished first with Andalusia and Lively Lady just behind. Beaujolais, Paprika, Serana, Theseus, Shee Rua and Unfinished Business bringing up the rear, all home by 3.00pm. Everyone congregated in the Deepdene room for drinks and a good chat about the "days work".

My sincere thanks to Colin and Margaret Cook for their help in the start box. This "very mature" couple who used to sail a Red SS22 called "Scaramouche" love coming down and happy to be able to keep in touch with the sailing section but miss not being able to sail. Hopefully they will be able to do so for some time yet.

**Wilma Poland**

### Views from the Poop Deck – Ladies Skipper Race

Saturday morning was another classic early autumn day, the temperature is slowly changing and the breezes light early. The weather reports were varied based on the arrival of the seabreeze and the potential for anything from a light easterly to a howling sou'westerly and potentially a repeat of the last Ladies Skipper Race. With no wind before the start, boats were pulling on some large bits of canvas with number ones being the weapon of choice. The normal skippers were giving their last briefings to their incoming skippers and crew were running through how much shouty-shouty would be going on with the ladies in charge – the iron fist in a velvet glove!

As we lined up for the start the wind was picking up and several boats did some late sail changes to give better control. On board Serana we decided that the #1 would be fine but maybe a reef, but too late, the flags were up, then down and we were off on Course 16. Serana was late off the start as we had aimed for a stall as not to break the line but our tactician (me) was not up to the challenge. Not as late though as the Red witches who were practising their racing sail changes.

The sailing was tight the whole way around the course, although not too many changes to the places everyone was pushing hard. The gusty winds and full mains had a few boats luffing up but it was thankfully lots less than the last running of the Ladies Race.

The Laser sailors onboard Unfinished Business were last over the line in just over an hour, with Shee Rua just in front. Kevin and new crew – now skippering – next over but sailing well. Mum (or Sylvia) and Cath on Paprika had a great match race with the lead changing several times and, in the end, the heavier boat was sitting slightly nicer and able to sneak ahead by 40 seconds. Next up was the little red boat presenting a David and Goliath challenge to Lively Lady and missing out on a podium by just over a minute (real time).

Up the front was our little aussie baker, Chris(tina), with a shiny new sail being beaten by a minute by the team on Kyzo Too. Kyzo was flying full canvas and made great time down wind to hold off the lovely Christina who was showing a bit too much leg (lets face, any leg from Chris is too much).

Then it was back to the club for a well deserved and relaxing wine, spritzer or refresher lager. Wilma was joined in the start box by Margaret and Colin Cook who continue to show great support to the club.

We have three weeks of sailing left, then a break over Easter before the ANZAC Day race starting at 4:00pm. This is another of the trophy races and look forward to seeing you down with full boats for this traditional race on our calendar. Thank you to all the skippers, crew and supporters who have worked hard to make the 2018/19 season a great success. The Sailing Committee continue to look for ways to make sailing enjoyable and challenging for skippers new and experienced. Your thoughts comments and feedback are always welcome as we work together to keep sailing forward.

**By Richie Boykett**



## DINGHIES OR TRAINING SECTION

On Sunday morning, David Boykett took his kids Lola (seven year old) and Lenny (five and three quarters) out for a bit of sail training on the clubs Optimist dinghies. They were joined by Granny (Sylvia) and Poppy (Peter) as well as RCS Uncle Richie, a the fleet of lasers who were sailing a handicap start over the bank.

Dave and the kids had three of the Optimists out in the light early breezes for a couple of tacks out to the club start buoy, over to the T-Jetty and back into the club beach. The kids excelled in the light winds taking out three ice creams across the three races that were held – some suggestions that the elder people could not fit their bulk in the boats!

The club runs several training sessions during the school holidays to get the kids out sailing. If you would like to give it a go please contact the rear commodores Walter Reeves (dinghies) or Richard Boykett (sailing). The club also has several lasers for the bigger kids that are available and would allow you to join in the active and supportive fleet that sail out of Claremont several times a week, including Sunday mornings. **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

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

## APRIL

07-Apr-19 SUN 1000 Consistency

14-Apr-19 SUN 1000 Closing Day Trophy

### Commodore's Cup Race-Lasers-Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Thirteen lasers set off at the unusual time of 2pm, competing for the Commodores Cup, dodging amongst a decent size fleet of keelboats and cats. Makes a change having to be mindful of bigger boats above as wind vanished from sails too close, or steer clear cats roaring down to the start line. We started after the keelboats and cats, in a southwester of 12 to 15 knots, on a longer course than usual. A downwind reach start from the starters box is tricky, as is difficult to see the flags below the sails, and when one has no watch and trying to listen to everyone else count down (I forgot my watch), it does not work as well. Clearly Dom on Barracuda was keen, as had too good a start and had to round back and restart. Nigel on Vitamin Sea V and Mark on Ichabod had a great start at the windward pin end of the line, and set off on a reach for the 23 marker off Dalkeith. Nigel had a small lead on Mark and myself at the first rounding, with Graham on Airborne keeping real close.

The beat to the next mark was a great abs work out, and I worked up a sweat trying to keep the boat flat and fast upwind, but could not get her to go, and watched Nigel and Mark build a lead, and Graham seemed to go on another route and I lost him. Luckily we all avoid the shouting and crashing of port / starboard keelboats off Freshwater Bay, as two boats had a loud expensive sounding smash. Sadly it did not disrupt Nigel or Mark, and suddenly Graham was there above me - he had stuck on port up to the Point Walter spit, and got a good lift and speed. I had tried to go right to find what I thought was a knock on starboard, but was not a lift on port clearly! It is always tricky negotiating the wind gusts up at Mosman Bay, with the abs and thighs working hard to keep flat or not going over backwards. That was a long beat, and rounding to head back around and down to CYC was a relief. Graham on Airborne needed a swim to cool off I hear. I was wondering why he was not right there on the downwind leg.

Helming downwind past keel boats is fun, especially when a gust comes along and we shoot off on the plane past them. I was hoping Nigel and Mark would have some obstacles in front of me. No luck, but I did seem to be going quicker and thought I was starting to catch again. The breeze was still 12 knots ish, and good sailing bar the odd power boat wash, which flooded the cockpit a few times. We rounded past CYC in the order of the first mark still, with Nigel well out front (about 30 seconds I think), for the next shorter upwind and around the bank marker leg. Clearly Mark knew the course, and Nigel did not. Mark headed for the south cardinal,

and not sure where Nigel was going, but he noticed Marks course and adjusted, but a bit late. A 100m lead shrunk to 10m and it was a ding dong for 1st and 2nd, which allowed me to start catching up - my new full rig sail seemed to be going better, maybe because the hangover was gone. Don on Maelstrom needed to retire and tried to moor up in a power boat pen for boat maintenance - don't forget to get that new cleat from Mark before your next sail Don.

Mark just piped Nigel at the finish (1 second!) - is that correct? Close as after a long course, with me 45 seconds back, and Graham 4th over the line. Handicap results put me on Final Approach on top, closely followed by Dom, who would have pipped it but for the over eager start I suspect, with Mark on Ichabod in 3rd.

Good day out and thanks to starters and safety, and thanks to Mal for post race commentary from a Bethesda view point.

Regards

**Rob on Final Approach**

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

We were greeted with another perfect day down on the lawn in front of the laser shed at CYC. There was a light SE wind blowing and we were all comparing notes on the winds indicated by various websites – most seem to be suggesting that the wind may be heading upwards of 15 knots initially from the SE, then heading SSW. The forecasters have struggled to get the wind right in recent weeks on our little patch of water on Claremont bank; it certainly didn't look as though there was that much wind coming in the next couple of hours!

Today we had a fun day with a handicap start to the race – I gather Andy had suggested the idea, the sailing committee had agreed it was worth a go – Dom volunteered to be race day coordinator and instructor, not forgetting Wendy who had made a special set of coloured flags for the occasion. Dom gave us an excellent race briefing, which helped us understand when we would be starting – a total of 6 starts one minute apart! 19 enthusiastic sailors headed off with a sense of anticipation.

The wind remained light but enough pressure to keep us moving. The start crew did a wonderful job in getting the starting sequence running and it must have been very busy getting flags up and down every 1 minute! The start seemed to be in slow motion – I was lucky enough to find a little bit of breeze in the eastern side of the course. There was lots of energy and activity heading up the first beat, although John Van Der Peyl managed to get well clear of the fleet. I was sailing closely with Ross, Rob and Matt on the first triangle, but did manage to get to the bottom of the course in second behind John. I was concentrating so hard that I wasn't watching what was happening behind me too closely, but I did notice that Mal was starting to carve his way through the fleet. John and I managed to keep our positions on the sausage and most of the second triangle. Mal just managed to get past both of us at the bottom of the course. Mal continued to pull away and I managed to hang on to finish ahead of the fast finishing Nigel. The sea breeze just appeared as we were finishing.

The start crew set a great course as usual, assisted by Graham who kindly manned the rescue boat. Many thanks to the start crew and Graham – we are so lucky to have such a wonderful team allowing us the race every Sunday morning.

I think I was lucky to win the handicap today – it's as though I was given 2 chances! I didn't manage to get over the finishing line first with the handicap start, but when calculated against elapsed time I managed to sneak the win on corrected time by 9 seconds from Don. The top 6 finished within 51 seconds on corrected time.

Overall Results:

1<sup>st</sup> full rig – Mal

1<sup>st</sup> radial – Mark

Elapsed time handicap

6<sup>th</sup> Dom

5<sup>th</sup> Nigel

4<sup>th</sup> Andy

3<sup>rd</sup> Matt

2<sup>nd</sup> Don

1<sup>st</sup> Duncan

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