



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter

17th November 2020

Wednesday 18th November-6.25pm-Twilight-Keelboats

Saturday 21st November-Club start-2pm-Keelboat

Sunday 22nd November-Race 1 Interclub series-EFYC-
Keelboats

Sunday 15th November-Club Championship-Race 2-
Dinghies-10am

Important Notices for Sailors

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 7th December

Crew Sign On Sheet

Attention All Keelboat and Dinghy Members: It is a requirement to sign on for both Skippers and all crew for each and every race. This form will be in the Bar before the race and then with the Starters, when they head up to the Start Box. This is a requirement with regard to COVID19 as well as the Rule 46 of Australian Sailing-so we know who is on each boat when they go out to sail. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Safety Check List-****MUST be filled in every year prior to the start of the season

At the start of each Sailing season it is a requirement for every Keelboat to fill in a Safety Equipment form and have their boats checked for this equipment. RCS Dinghies to let you know when your

safety check will be performed. Please note that these checks will be done on Saturday 21st November

KEELBOAT NEWS

Saturday 14th November

When arriving at the Club on Saturday, we saw that 2 of our SS22s were rigged up to go and participate in a Heat of the SS22 Association championship. Sea Mist-Craig Feake and Paprika-Todd Whitfield were preparing to sail to South of Perth Yacht Club in what had been very ordinary weather for the last couple of days-with a lot of rain and quite strong wind. The only other CYC skipper that was at the Club was Arthur Poland and his grandson Luke, who had come down to have lunch and see if the conditions would be OK to go for a sail. Well after a delicious lunch there were no other skippers that came down and so Chief Starter, Robert Jeffery cancelled CYC racing.

Todd advise me in the evening that he did not finish the race as the conditions were terrible. But he and Craig went out to represent CYC at others Clubs and that is a great thing. I heard that Craig was 5th in the race-so great job guys for hanging in and finishing the race.

Ann Caddick

Heat 2 Spacesailer 22 Association Champoinship - Saturday 14 November 2020

Report by RCS Todd Whitfield

Fair seas never made a skilled sailor,
Superior sailors use superior judgement to avoid using their superior skills.
Saturday afternoon had all the proverbs...

Only the foolish and the hardy left their pens to go sailing and indeed it was the foolish, yours truly on Paprika and the hardy, Craig Feakes on Seamist VI who ventured out into Melville Water to compete in Heat 2 of the Spacesailer 22 Association Championship at South of Perth Yacht Club. It seems the other CYC sailors had read the forecast and went to Ikea instead... CYC starter Robert Jeffery cancelled racing at the club due to the wind conditions preventing Arthur taking out his grandson into the maelstrom.

The forecasts all read similarly, 17kts dead west, 25kt gusts, a front coming in seemingly around 17.00hrs. With the race in Melville Water West, it would be a long day in tough conditions and my main concern was the trip home, tacking through swell into 20kts all the way back to Claremont after having already sailed in such conditions for 4 hours or so. It would test out fitness and strength. The 45 minute downwind ride to Melville Water West was swift and relatively easy, with following seas and breeze, we made the start line right on time. Then we turned back into the wind for the start and the real sailing began. As we headed toward Point Majestic, the first front came through.

Dense with soaking rain, the wind began to whistle through the forestay, which I listened to with some alarm as the gusts blew through the rigging, laying the boat over hard and loading up the weather helm with me pushing in vain as Paprika rounded up into the gusts. Easing the main to unload the pressure kept her on track but the constant push-pull of sheet tension versus tiller force had me huffing and puffing. With the backstay hauled on as tight as I could haul, pulling Paprika's rig as taut as she would go to strengthen her against the chop and the gusts, we pointed hard trying to make progress but it was soon clear that maintaining boat speed in the water was paramount. It became my mission to keep Paprika moving forward at all times. Timing the sail change correctly through the tack was imperative to get moving again and the superior skills of the crew shone through as we made each tack we attempted and got away cleanly.

We stayed with the main body of 22's through the open water and over to the first mark near Nedlands. It was just as Pelican Point fell behind Paprika, becoming the nearest lee shore only 300yards or so away, I saw a

“hazard” of Couta boats with full sail up coming straight at us from a similar distance. Time to get out of Dodge. I looked down, called ready for the tack to the crew, looked up and saw the closest Couta boat demasted, surrounded by floating sail cloth. It was then I suggested we head home and call the sail back to Claremont a training session and hope we get out of this unbroken. The crew concurred. A word on my crew for the day, Jeff Engledow, Natalie Bevilaqua and Cameron Recondite. Experienced and skilled sailors all. In the squall that tried to crush as many boats as it could, they kept their heads and made every tack stick and were my eyes across the water calling gusts and traffic as I watched the wind smash the sails and kept that speed up.

We got on opposite tack out of Crawley Bay and back into open water, mercifully devoid of too many large craft. As Flying Squadron fell abeam the intensity of the wind began to ease and we emerged from the rain and looking back could only see a wall of water with the faint hints of slanting triangles in the distance. As the front moved further south, the number of yachts that stayed in it became clearer. The skilled sailors persevered and continued their racing. I will mention that the speed and smoothness of the tack changes was notable as we sailed the last legs home. The training session had paid off! The rough seas made us better sailors.

One hardy soul that stayed in the mix, is the aforementioned Craig Feakes on Seamist VI who continued to sail with his ring-in crew and took 5th place in the SS22 State Heat. Well done Craig! A great achievement in such tough conditions. He seemed more miffed about the soaking they copped as they arrived back in the pens.

I wish to thank the bar-staff for lighting the fireplace that afternoon so we could dry off by the fire as we wet the whistle by the bar. Much appreciated. A big day on the water all in all!

Try Sailing Day at CYC Sunday 15 November 2020

The weather was considerably better than Saturday for Try Sailing Day at CYC.

Starting at 10am, it was a bit cloudy first up, but it cleared into a lovely day on the water for a sail.

Dom and the dinghies got the party started with some fun on Karrakatta Bank and made a fantastic display of sails on the beach upon their return. The BBQ was then fired up for a feast of snaggers in buns for the sailors and visitors alike. The visitors came in steadily, with a number of people enquiring about crewing on keelboats and whether skills and experience were required. We welcome all folks interested and will teach anyone

keen to turn up and come sailing!

Paprika was kept busy with a couple of laps around the bank to the delight of visitors. The pleasant conditions made for some very enjoyable sailing. So we were successful in creating some interest in the keelboat crewing and dinghy sailing and have generated a number of new memberships! Not bad for a morning's sailing and some snaggers.

Well done and thank you to the sailing and dinghy committees, the members contributions of help and the staff for their assistance in the organisation, promotion and hosting of the day.

Todd Whitfield-Rear Commodore for Sailing

Roster reminder:

Twilight Start Box: Wednesday 18th November-Robert Jeffery with boat crew from [Theseus-Kevin Kiddey](#) assisting.

Wednesday 25th November-Wilma Poland with boat crew from [Vagabond-Robert King](#) assisting.

NOVEMBER

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| 18-Nov-20 | WED | 1825 | Twilight |
| 21-Nov-20 | SAT | 1400 | *CLUB START |
| 22-Nov-20 | SUN | | *Race 1 of Inter-Club Series- EFYC- Melville Water Series Heat 2 |
| 25-Nov-20 | WED | 1825 | Twilight |
| 28-Nov-20 | SAT | 1400 | *RIVER START SS22 Association Championship Heat -CYC |

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.**

**A huge thank you to our wonderful Starters for
Wednesday 11th November: Wilma Poland
Saturday 14th November: Robert Jeffery & Andrew Caddick**

DINGHY NEWS

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| 22-Nov-20 | SUN | 1000 | Y | Club Championship 2 |
| 29-Nov-20 | SUN | 1000 | Y | |

Sunday 15th November

There were 14 boats that went out to race today, in windier conditions than we've had for a few weeks. Following discussion about the white caps on the water, and the relative merits of sailing in control vs survival sailing, Wendy and I decided to downsize to 4.7 sails, with Ross following suit. It was a good decision.

There was the potential for trouble early on, with the safety boat engine cooling system playing up, however Gavan, our new volunteer safety boat driver managed to perform some rapid repairs, and got things back on track with a perfect course being laid and the race starting on time.

The start was the usual chaos at the boat end of the line, however, despite the chaos, apparently none of us were anywhere near the line when the gun went. We are going to have to try harder, so look out start crew. If we can manage to crash into you whilst all missing the start, imagine how much

worse it could be!

I usually have a look round the course during the race, to see where everyone is and what they are up to, however today's race is a bit of a blur. Despite the pocket handkerchief sail, I still had to concentrate hard on what I was doing (I know I'm meant to be doing that every week) and didn't see much of anyone else's sailing. I had my usual close race with Wendy, Matt and Don. Ross- where were you? Wendy usually beats me but this week there were some very fluky wind shifts on the beat home, and I got lucky.

There were a few swims, some great reaches, and all in all another excellent day on the water.

Thank you to all the start crew, and to Gavan and Rod in the safety boat.

The results are:

Full Rig

1st Colin Dibb

2nd Justin Rose

3rd Scott McKercher

Radial/4.7

1st Mark Edwards

2nd Andrew Brockis

3rd Helen Ramsay

Handicap

1st Helen Ramsay (the 4.7 handicap really helps!) 2nd Wendy Campbell 3rd Dom Papaluca 4th Sean Brealey 5th Matt Read 6th Graham Lithgo

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