



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter
15-22nd December 2020

Wednesday 16th December-Christmas Twilight-6.25pm
and Buffet meal afterwards-Booked out!!!

Saturday 19th December-NO RACING-Keelboat

Sunday 20th December-NO RACING-Dinghies

Wednesday 6th January-6.25pm-Twilight-Keelboats

Saturday 9th January-2pm-Club Start-Keelboats

Sunday 10th January-10am-Club Race-Dinghies

Important Notices for Sailors

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 11th January

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

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR BOAT SAFETY CHECKED BY RCD-DOM? IF NOT PLEASE CONTACT HIM ASAP TO HAVE IT DONE-THIS IS MANDATORY

KEELBOAT NEWS

Saturday 12th December

The first 2 months of the season have been quite mild winds which has been enjoyable to sail in. Well in the last few weeks we have had very strong winds confronting the hardy CYC sailors. This week there was Theseus, Paprika, Beagle and Beaujolais. We were running very late as we decided at the last minute to put a reef in our main. We were still in the pen when the start hooter went off, as was Paprika. I believe that he had a problem starting his outboard motor. And I think that Theseus was also a bit late for the start as well. So eventually we all set off through the start line and in our case we got almost to Black Spit, where Freshie were setting up a start line. Arthur's grandson, Luke, who has been sailing with us this season, became ill and so we turned around and headed back to the Club. So I didn't see any more of the racing, but I did see Theseus and Beagle heading to the finish line together with Theseus edging out Beagle. Apparently, Beagle had been ahead the whole race and sneaky Kevin on Theseus sailed past him on the way to the finish line. Paprika finished quite a while after these two to finish off the last Saturday race for this year. Thanks to the Starters-Robert Jeffery, Andrew Caddick and Alan Austin.

Ann Caddick

From Robert Jeffery

The South Westerly 'Doctor' was in early on this Saturday. A group of four CYC yachts came out to sail in the building winds. Add a very high tide and it was to be a wonderful sail. "Beagle" declared that they were not going to be beaten by the smaller yachts and was across the Start Line right on the 2pm start time. "Theseus" came next, a full four minutes behind "Beagle". "Beaujolais" chose a smaller sail set and was delayed by traffic in the pen area. The Rear Commodore Sail Todd on "Paprika" was hosting the Rear Commodore Power & his partner for this race and was almost 8 minutes late with his jib not behaving as he approached the start This was the order of the fleet for most of the race – "Beagle", "Theseus", "Paprika" "Beaujolais" had a crew person take sick and 'retired' early. Apart from the freshening wind to contend with, there was an enormous number of small centreboard craft sailing in Freshwater Bay. A couple fleets of Optimists in front of Freshie and Contenders plus the super-fast hydrofoil dinghies starting around Bishop Buoy. "Beagle" manage to stay in front until the last leg where "Theseus" took the lead and finish 12 seconds ahead. A battling "Paprika" crossed 25 minutes later.

Roster reminder:

Twilight Start Box: Wednesday 16th December-Robert Jeffery

Wednesday 6th November-Wilma Poland

DECEMBER

16-Dec-20 WED 1825 **“Christmas” Twilight**

19-Dec-20 SAT NO RACING AT CYC

23-Dec-20 WED NO RACING AT CYC

26-Dec-20 SAT NO RACING AT CYC

30-Dec-20 WED NO RACING AT CYC

Swan River closed until 6-1-20

JANUARY

02-Jan-21 SAT NO RACING AT CYC

06-Jan-21 WED 1825 Twilight

09-Jan-21 SAT 1400 *CLUB START

13-Jan-21 WED 1825 Twilight

16-Jan-21 SAT 1400 *CLUB START

20-Jan-21 WED 1825 “Australia Day “ Theme Twilight

23-Jan-21 SAT 1400 *CLUB START “Australia Day Race”

27-Jan-21 WED 1825 Twilight

29-Jan-21 FRI PFSYC-Parmelia Night Race

30-Jan-21 SAT 1400 *CLUB START

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 9th December: Wilma Poland and Alan Austin.
Saturday 12th December: Robert Jeffery, Andrew Caddick & Alan Austin.

DINGHY NEWS

13-Dec-20	SUN	1000	Y	Handicap race 1
16-Dec-20	WED	1825	n	"Christmas" Twilight with Keelboats
20-Dec-20	SUN	1000	n	Christmas
27-Dec-20	SUN	1000	n	New Years
03-Jan-21	SUN	1000	Y	
10-Jan-21	SUN	1000	Y	Windward Series 2
17-Jan-21	SUN	1000	Y	
24-Jan-21	SUN	1000	n	Australia Day Weekend
31-Jan-21	SUN	1000	Y	Trapezoid race 1

Sunday 13th December

Hi All, here is Nigel's race report:

9 full rigs and 6 radials took sail for the first handicap start race of the season, where boats start on a staggered timing sequence based on their handicap. The back markers become the front markers and are hunted down by the pack!

There were 6 start times, all a minute apart, ensuring plenty of room on the start line for a change. The only issues were caused by the fresh 15 knot westerly, gusting to 20 knots (according to Seebreeze.com) and oscillating to the south west at times.

Poor Colin had the last start, 6 minutes after the first group and all on his own - a devilish plan by the Handicapper to slow down the expert helmsman.

I started on 5 minutes, with the drop of the red flag (expertly sewn last year by Wendy), accompanied by Justin - and as luck would have it we encountered a very nice gust as we rounded the first mark and enjoyed a splendid reach most of the way to mark No 2.

The luck continued through the race, enabling us to keep ahead of Colin, although at times he was closing the gap.

Dom lived up to his Dom-Inator title, for over half the race at least, before he could be tracked down. Not far behind Dom (when I got a glimpse) was Wendy and Gaye, both handling the fresh conditions, in their radials, with aplomb.

Feedback from Colin after the race was that we all had our foot of sail too loose for the conditions, making upwind progress harder than it needed to be! Always good to get some free advice from the experts!!

The course was expertly laid by the volunteer crew, especially given the RFBYC International Regatta was in progress and impinging on "our bank". The slightly flattened triangle leg provided for a few white knuckle moments on the downwind runs and gybes, accompanied by upturned boats, but no-one was complaining.

A big thanks to the volunteer Start Crew and also to Rob Heyes who gave up his Sunday sail to run the mark laying / safety boat!

Last race of 2020 next Sunday, so we are hoping for our biggest fleet for the season. (and rumour has it that Mal will be back, if he gets leave pass from surgeon this week (and Viv!)) It will be great to see him back on the water!

Results

Handicap

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| 1 - Nigel | 4 - Andy |
| 2 - Colin | 5 - Wendy (1 second ahead of Dom) |
| 3 - Justin | 6 - Dom-Inator |

Elapsed Times

Radial

- 1 - Wendy 35 mins 33 secs
- 2 - Rod 36' 9"
- 3 - Helen 38' 2"

Full rigs

- 1 - Nigel 30'12"
- 2 - Colin 31" 15"
- 3 - Justin 31' 27"

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