



# BLOWING IN THE WIND

*CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter*  
*8<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December-6.25pm-Twilight-Keelboats

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December-Club start-2pm-Keelboat

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December-Handicap- Race 1

10am-Dinghies

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Twilight-6.25pm  
and Buffet meal afterwards-Please book a Table

## Important Notices for Sailors

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December**

So far in the season we have had very nice wind strengths, without our usual very strong breezes. But today there were white caps across the river as far as the eye can see. There was a discussion about whether CYC has a upper limit of wind strength at which we had to cancel sailing for the day. The strong breeze and the fact that there were only 3 boats rigged and ready to go out sailing were the deciding factor in Chief starter Wilma Poland cancelling the race. It was felt that if anyone got into trouble we had no one left at the Club that was able to take the Support vessel out to assist. Oh well one more Saturday race left for this year.

Ann Caddick

### **Roster reminder:**

Twilight Start Box: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November-Wilma Poland with boat crew from **Kiwi Express-Matt Greentree** assisting.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December-Robert Jeffery

### **DECEMBER**

09-Dec-20	WED	1825	Twilight
12-Dec-20	SAT	1400	*CLUB START
16-Dec-20	WED	1825	<b>“Christmas” Twilight</b>
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*

# Thank Yous



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Robert Jeffery and Alan Austin.  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Wilma Poland and Colin & Margaret Cook.**

## DINGHY NEWS

**Laser Sailing Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2020**

**Club Championship Heat 3**

Arriving down to the club we were met with a large Bouncing Castle for the Kids Christmas Party on our rigging lawn. (We were told about it but I had forgotten).

We squeezed up on the eastern end of the lawn to rig our Lasers, all 23 of us.

I did overhear our illustrious DOMinator ask the bouncy Castle operator was there an age limit or weight limit to be able to have a go down the slide. I didn't hear the answer, but it was noted, he didn't slide down.

It was a warm sunny morning with a light SE breeze and getting lighter as we headed out to the start line. Some of us struggled to get to the line in time. I was one of the last to leave the shore. The boats heading to the line had split into two groups. I saw Graham Lithgo moving fairly well on the east side and followed him. I tried to match his settings and tacked when he did which helped me get to the line in time and ahead of the boats on the western side.

It should be noticed our ever present starters, and thankfully they are, were short handed and made the decision that they would fly the black flag indicating that if you broke the line at the start you would be disqualified. There would be no horn sounded to let you know either. With the very light breeze most were well behind the line at the start so it was hardly a consideration.

I had a reasonable start sitting in behind Scott Francis, also sailing a radial, as we fought the failing breeze.

First around the top mark were Colin Dibb and Scott McKercher and to me it felt like they were creating their own breeze as they drew away from most of us.

I rounded the top mark in the middle of the fleet with Mark Edwards well ahead in the radial class with Scott Francis next.

The fickle wind had most of the full rigs, which were behind me, were now well in front.

Oh! and now I watch as Gaye and Wendy saunter past me and Scott who I was sailing near, just disappeared.

Then the sea breeze arrived and it was a brilliant sail home.

Many thanks again to the starters for their time and expertise and to Graham Lithgo who went out early and set the course.

So how did I get first on handicap? Bloody good handicappers I would say.

Results Full Rig

1<sup>st</sup> Colin Dibb                      2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Lithgo                      3<sup>rd</sup> Scott McKercher

Results Radial

1<sup>st</sup> Mark Edwards                      2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Francis                      3<sup>rd</sup> Gaye Ryan

Results Handicap

1<sup>st</sup> Ross Campbell                      2<sup>nd</sup> Gaye Ryan                      3<sup>rd</sup> Graham Lithgo  
4<sup>th</sup> Matt Read                      5<sup>th</sup> Will Nunn                      6<sup>th</sup> Dom Papaluca

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

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