



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter

12th January 2021

Wednesday 13th January-6.25pm-Twilight-Keelboats

Saturday 16th January-2pm-Club Start-Keelboats

Sunday 17th January-10am-Club Race-Dinghies

Wednesday 20th January-6.25pm-“Australia Day”

themed Twilight-Keelboats

Important Notices for Sailors

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 1st February

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

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.

KEELBOAT NEWS

Saturday 9th January

Hot, hot, hot was the weather leading up to Saturday. A hot easterly was all we needed BUT a building SW wind was what we got. Every club member and their dog was out on their boats. A full car park. Close to the water was where you needed to be. Four Sailing Vessels: Kyo Too, The Beagle, Theseus and Paprika ventured out for a race. The RCS had been deciding about “a number one” or “a number two” all through lunch. He was still deciding as he went around the Burnside Day Buoys. Kyo Too was first back from Miller/Dome and as the field had ‘spread-out’ during the afternoon the Start Team “Shortened” the course. So Kyo, Theseus, The Beagle then Paprika all made it back. The Start Team got to watch our tax dollars at work as a Water Police speedy Semi-rigid sidled up to our jetty and picked up couple of young detective types and sped away looking for their “person of interest”. Sure hope they caught someone.

Robert Jeffery-Chief Starter

Roster reminder:

Twilight Start Box: Wednesday 13th January-Robert Jeffery with Craig Feake-Seamist IV assisting.

Wednesday 20th January-Robert Jeffery

JANUARY

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

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**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 6th January: Wilma Poland.
Saturday 9th January: Robert Jeffery and Ann Caddick.**

DINGHY NEWS

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 10th January

Dinghy Race Report from Nigel Paul

19 sailors took to the water on Sunday, for 3 more heats of the windward series.

It was as if the river had breathed a collective sigh, after a few weeks of hot, dry easterlies and offshore troughs - finally the robust southerly could make it through. And come through it did, between 18 and twenty knots.

Attrition rate was high, but luckily we had one of our most experienced sailors in the safety "whaley" (Mal) buzzing around looking after everyone, and towing a few to shore.

The final race saw 11 lasers left, and word from our starters was that all 11 were on the start line, at full speed for the hooter and making quite a sight. I definitely noticed the last start to be the most contested and had to put in some extra tacks to try and get clean air.

Memorable moment:

Mal had expertly positioned the bottom mark, making the lay line bisect the centre of the start line. As the start line was a no go area, this created a tactical race on the downwind "sausage" - to go left or right, that was the question!

The first race leg I went left, but had to gybe in pressure at the mark - always an interesting proposition.

Going right you could gybe around the outer end of the start line (which always appeared to be lighter winds) and come in to the bottom mark with the sail on the right side for a rounding.

The memorable moment came when Scott M took the equation even further, heading a further 50 meters out to the right, looking for more pressure.

After gybing once he found the pressure, he proceeded to absolutely fly to the bottom mark, at multiples of our speed, to take the lead.

There is always a hard luck story - Travis thought we were starting the usual 5 minute sequence - so in the first race missed the start by a fair margin. As luck would have it he missed the start sequence in race 2 as well. Oh what could have been Trav - you still came in 3rd fastest time.

Thanks to our hard working volunteers - the 15 minute races kept them very busy starting and then recording finishers. Hope you guys had time for your tea and scones!

Next Sunday hopefully marks the return to sailing (after dates with their surgeons) for two of our club laser stalwarts (Mal and Mark) so we can look forward to even more close racing!

Handicap place -- Total Uncorrected Times - 3 races

6th Travis 40 min 18 Secs

5th Helen(Radial) 44'27"

4th Justin 40' 30"

3rd Andy(Radial) 40'45"

2nd Colin 38' 19"

1st Nigel 37' 44"

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