



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter
19th January 2021

Wednesday 20th January-6.25pm-Twilight-Keelboats

Saturday 23rd January-2pm-Australia Day Race-Keelboats

Sunday 24th January-No Racing-Dinghies

Wednesday 27th January-6.25pm

Australian Theme 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 16th January

Well it seems like that the hot weather and the strong easterly breezes put our sailors off coming sailing on Saturday. Not to mention the shark attack at Blackwall Reach!! So there were only 2 boat crews that turned up at the Club for racing-our RCS Todd Whitfield and his crew member (who has just bought a SS22 from Albany) and Arthur Poland (and me). So we watched some of the bigger Freshie boats hooting along under spinnaker while we waited to see if there was to be a race. Unfortunately no one else arrived, so it was home to do jobs or have a afternoon nap.

Hopefully it will be better conditions next weekend, when we are sailing for the "Australia Day" Trophy. Everyone wants to get their name on the perpetual trophy!!!

Ann Caddick

Roster reminder:

Twilight Start Box: Wednesday 20th January-Robert Jeffery

Wednesday 27th January-Alan Austin and Peter Dear.

JANUARY

20-Jan-21	WED	1825	Twilight
23-Jan-21	SAT	1400	*CLUB START "Australia Day Race"
27-Jan-21	WED	1825	Twilight- "Australia Day " Theme
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 13th January: Robert Jeffery with
Craig Feakes-Sea Mist assisting.**

Saturday 16th January: Robert Jeffery, Joan Austin and Andrew Caddick.

DINGHY NEWS

17-Jan-21	SUN	1000	Y	
24-Jan-21	SUN	1000	n	<i>Australia Day Weekend</i>
31-Jan-21	SUN	1000	Y	Trapezoid race 1

Race 13 Consistency Sunday 17 January 2021

There was a dirty great bang as soon as I pulled on the Cunningham. Even though the wind was mild, I knew that couldn't be a good sign and as I raised my eyes to the sky, my worst fears were confirmed. The old top section, veteran of many battles had given up the ghost and snapped at the mast sleeve join, and as if to add insult to injury shredding the sail as well. Bugger!

Luckily for me Graham Lithgo was on hand and he towed me ignominiously back to the club to effect repairs.

That was how my Laser week started on the Wednesday morning sail this week. Surely things could only get better.

With the breakage fresh in memory, it was with some trepidation that I rigged up today for the usual Sunday Laser bunfight.

Seventeen bravehearts set out for the start line in conditions later to be recorded on Seabreeze as gusting up to 22 knots ENE.

At the start, punters jostled for position on a line that was heavily biased towards the pin end. This resulted in a traffic jam at the buoy when the gun went, with a number of early starters forcing a general recall.

The restart got away cleanly, with a lesser bias at the pin end due to the wind having shifted slightly. Nigel, Colin and Mal "Bionic knees" McKercher (a welcome returning addition to the fleet) took off like stabbed rats and as usual set the pace for the rest of us.

The upwind legs saw numerous wind shifts in gusty conditions. Unfortunately, for Colin Dibb, his multiple tacks required to take advantage of these frequent shifts proved to be disadvantageous for his VMG and Nigel stole ahead of the pack.

Mal was right up the front throughout and Travis methodically eventually worked his way from mid fleet back into contention with the leaders. (Although he owes me a beer for warning him not to cross the start line whilst heading uphill.) No such luck for Mr Paul as no one was there to warn him and he disqualified himself by riding a very favourable lift past the start boat, albeit on the wrong side.

Four boats decided that they had drunk their fill of the excitement and returned to the beach early, rather than continuing to act as bait for the bull shark. (Still too soon?)

Big kudos to Helen Ramsay and Wendy Campbell who eschewed 4.7 rigs in favour of the larger radials and Helen was a blistering 4th over the line in a big breeze.

In the end it was Colin first in the full rigs and Mal first in the radials.

After duelling with Ichabod throughout the race, Mark Edwards had finally got in front of me as we turned around the bottom mark to head for home. We split tacks and I felt like I had made up enough ground to be almost a challenge as we headed for opposite ends of the line. With 100 metres to go

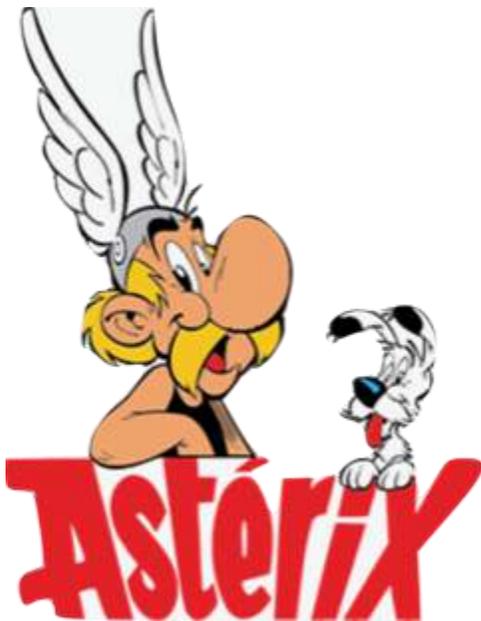
Mark caught an unlucky shift as he tacked and decided to baptise himself allowing me a clear run at the line. I suspect he may have taken a deliberate dive to avoid writing up these notes?? We may never know.

As always our race crew did a sterling job that we continue to appreciate. Thanks a million guys and girls.

Today's lessons:

Well my week started badly, but it finally did get better.

Toodle oo



Handicap Results:

6. Helen Ramsay
5. Travis Lithgo
4. Mal McKercher
3. Mark Edwards
2. Colin Dibb
1. Andrew Brockis

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