



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter
16th February 2021

Wednesday 17th February-6.25pm-Twilight-Keelboats

Saturday 20th January-2pm-Short Course-Keelboats

Sunday 21st February-10am-

Club Championship-Race 5-Dinghies

21st February Race 2 of Interclub Series-

NYC HMAS Perth Memorial Regatta

Important Notices for Sailors

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 8th March

Crew Sign On Sheet

It is the responsibility for ALL Skippers and crew to sign on before EVERY race. Before the Saturday race, the Chief Starter will have the file in the bar area and

then will take it to the Start Box. We **MUST** keep these details not only for COVID purposes but also for a requirement from Australian Sailing. If skippers do not sign on we may need to go down the path of disqualification!! So do the right thing and sign on before heading out to your boat.

KEELBOAT NEWS

KNOW YOUR BOAT



You are invited to come along to an information session, specifically tailored to sailors to help you get the most out of your sailing vessel.

These information sessions will happen every couple of months to help you know your boat and the sailing fraternity at CYC. Entry is free, and you can grab some lunch and drinks at the bar afterwards.

This week's topic is:

Sail Care

By: Peter Carstens

Shoreline Sails and Marine

When: Saturday, 20th February 2021

Where: Deepdene Bar

Time: 11am to 12pm

Saturday 13th February

After being in lockdown for a couple of Saturdays it was great to see seven, yes seven (7), yachts take to the water. Ranging from Kyzo Too, three SS22, one SS24, one Spirit 28 and our lovely wooden gaff rig "Vagabond" come out of hiding. Winds were reasonably consistent with a mild sea breeze towards the end. Today the yachts were sailing for the "Harry Laurie memorial" trophy and Course 6 was chosen as this can be shortened if necessary. Immediate Past Vice Commodore Richie Boykett was on hand with crew mate Karl to put the Burnside Buoys out and later retrieve them. Thanks for that guys. The fleet started well and gradually stretched themselves out to all be home within three hours. "Vagabond" with new owners Dylan and Jai Jensen and crew mate Ryan Shaw hung in there and completed the race. No mean feat as they are just getting the feel of the boat but in time could be doing some serious sailing. Congratulations in getting "Vagabond" out on the water and hopefully she, and you will have been inspired to do better things in the future.

Results for the day were first and fastest Andalusia (Chris Cochrane), second Beagle (Boykett Clan) and third Kyzo Too (Colin Hughes). Theseus (Kevin Kiddey) came in fourth, Beaujolais (Arthur Poland fifth, Paprika (Rear Commodore Sail Todd Whitfield sixth and Vagabond (Dylan & Jai Jensen) seventh. The trophy will now go off to be engraved before it returns to the mantle shelf in the upstairs members bar area.

In the start box today was Chief Starter Robert Jeffery, Colin Cook with wife Margaret and myself. It makes like so much easier, especially the start, when there are many hands to the job.

Happy sailing
Wilma Poland





Roster reminder:

Twilight Start Box: Wednesday 17th February-Wilma Poland with Kevin Kiddey (Theseus) assisting.
Wednesday 24th February-Robert Jeffery with Dylan & Jai Jensen(Vagabond) assisting.

FEBRUARY

20-Feb-21 SAT 1400 *CLUB START
SHORT COURSE RACING-(MAXIMUM 3 RACES)

21-Feb-21 SUN *Race 2 of Inter-Club Series-
NYC-HMAS Perth Memorial Regatta
EFYC- Melville Water Series-Heat 3 including
SS22 Association Championship Heat -EFYC

24-Feb-21 WED 1825 Twilight

27-Feb-21 SAT NO SAILING AT CYC - Long Weekend

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 10th February: Robert Jeffery.
Saturday 13th February: Robert Jeffery, Wilma Poland, Colin &
Margaret Cook.**

DINGHY NEWS

Sunday 14th February

Be my Valentine!

Things were coming up roses for Sierra Papa in Sunday's Club Consistency race. At last the conditions were proving a little kinder with the light east south easterly breeze hovering around 5-8 knots and an overcast sky keeping it a little cooler whilst on the water.

So with the dreaded covid masks cast aside a fleet of 22 hit the water. A few regular radial sailors ventured up a gear into standard rigs leaving 6 radials to compete with 15 full rigs. The No 1 course was well set although may have favoured the pin end slightly. All good in theory but not much use to know when caught wallowing behind the line with 10seconds to go! So although having practiced starts with the Tue/Wed group with a degree of success, it came to no good and Sierra Papa once again set off chasing Wendy's tail and many others!

Really I have no idea what happened either end of the fleet but it was good to be in mid-fleet and swapping places regularly with the Quickfooted John VDP and the Infinite Rob H, but I only had one (not Two) Chances to catch Wendy. I managed to sneak up on her on the last beat but around the top mark she flew away with an audible WooHoo!

The Tack Tracker gave me some extraordinary feedback to work on improving performance! I've listed a few stats comparing Sierra Papa with Mal's Primal performance:

- I managed to cover 89m more distance in the sum of the combined beats (Legs 1, 4, 6, 9)
- I covered that distance of 2922m in 25m16s whilst Mal covered 2833m in 23m23s
- Head to head my best Beat was Leg 6 with an average speed of 3.92kts (Mal - 3.61kts) covering 872m (823m) in 7m13s (7m23s). There must have been some favourable windshifts for me on that leg!
- Similarly on two reaches (Legs 5 & 8) my time was a little faster than Mal's - someone must have been covering Mal, or was this when he had a swim?
- However Mal got the greatest thrill with a top speed of 10.21knts on Leg 2, I only achieved max speed of 7.07kts!

It was a thrill to finally finish a race with a degree of success and I congratulate Colin on his Fastest and Third place, definitely not Zzzz on the job, and to Matt Frog leaping into Second place. Also taking this opportunity to say Thanks to all who have helped me get out on the water, the kind assistance and generosity of advice has been delightful and rewarding. So with the crooning of Tony Bennett in the background and as the sun sets on Valentines Day 2021 I wish you all sandy toes and salty kisses until next race!

Susie Parker in Sierra Papa Over & Out.

Susan Parker

February

21st February Club Championship Race 5
28th February NO RACING DUE TO LONG WEEKEND

March

7th March Windward Series Race 3
14th March Club Championship Race 6
21st March Commodore's Cup Race-2pm start
28th March Handicap Race 2

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