



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter
30th March 2021

Twilights for this season have been cancelled

Saturday 3rd April-NO RACING-EASTER-Keelboats

Sunday 4th April-NO RACING-EASTER-Dinghies

Saturday 17th April-2pm-Closing Day-Keelboats

Sunday 18th April-Closing Day-Trapezoid race 2-Dinghies

Sunday 25th April-4pm-ANZAC Day Twilight Race-Keelboats

Important Notices for Sailors

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 12th April

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

Saturday 27th March

A very pleasant SW breeze greeted our five boats this Saturday. We had “Beagle”, “Theseus”, “Andalusia”, “Beaujolais” and for his second club race Max on his Beneteau “Peret”. Nice to see a new yacht skipper spread his wings. A nice 10 knot breeze had “Beagle” and “Andalusia” battling for line honours, with Richie crossing first. Kevin and Arthur were back next and Max made a great rounding of Claremont buoy and across the line. The afternoon finished with presentations and great camaraderie in the club house.
Robert Jeffery-Chief Starter

*****Please note that due to the lighter winds, cooler weather and being dark when we start, the Twilights for this season have been cancelled.**

Roster reminder:

Weekend Start Box: Saturday 10th April-Wilma Poland with Colin and Margaret Cook.

Saturday 17th April-Robert Jeffery, Alan and Joan Austin.

Sunday 25th April-Robert Jeffery, Wilma Poland and Andrew Caddick

APRIL

03-Apr-21	SAT	1400	NO SAILING AT CYC- Easter Weekend
10-Apr-21	SAT	1400	*CLUB START
17-Apr-21	SAT	1400	*CLUB START- CLOSING DAY
25-Apr-21	SUN	1600	ANZAC DAY TWILIGHT RACE

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 24th March: Robert Jeffery.
Sunday 27th March: Robert Jeffery**

DINGHY NEWS

Sunday 28th March

CYC Dinghy Race 23 Consistency 28/03/21

The race was called to be a handicap start, with 6 groups, 1 minute intervals between each starting group, which gives the slower end of the fleet the feeling of being in front for a little while. Nice idea but generally very short lived. As it turned out the handicapping applied meant that a large portion of the fleet were in the first group. Duncan commented at the end of the race that he was the only one in his group and he felt a bit lonely.

On top of that the weather forecast was looking like being pretty light, like 2 to 3 kts. Arriving at the club revealed that the forecast was pretty right with the whole bay glassed out. Some toing and froing about whether to call it off or not, but the race was called "On" with explicit instruction that pumping and rocking and tilling would be tolerated but paddling was not allowed.

So 13 intrepid sailors took to the water. Some were even towed out by the safety boat, ably crewed by the Domodore. You may think that manning the Whaley and giving up an opportunity for glory was a selfless act on behalf of the Dom, but in reality he knew he didn't stand a chance anyway in these conditions and that tootling around in the Whaley was going to be much more fun.

Setting up the course and flag system took a little while, while we boated around making strategic decisions about how to go about doing this race thing. One decision I made was not to go too far away from the start line once the countdown was in case you never got back there. Leading up to the start a dark blue line was forming around Mosman/Suicide and moving very slowly towards us.

Races are always a bit of a blur when it comes to trying to remember them for a race report. So in summary form the race for me was:

Start, Black Duck just in front of me, tack away to get clean air making sure I don't foul the start boat anchor line (it has been done.). Voices of Helen and Wendy in the background "Geez we stuffed that up didn't we?". First time around the top mark there were about five boats ahead of me, with that old Black Duck just ahead of me. Wing Mark, the Black Duck still in front. Leeward Mark, right up the transom of that Duck again. Windward Mark, not so many in front of me now. Leeward Mark, ? I remember the boats ahead going up the left hand side but I found I could point up the right hand side to the windward mark without tacking and had good pressure and a bit of hiking. Windward mark for the last time, no one in front of me. Wing Mark, no one in front and others a fair way back. Leeward mark and course shortened, still no one in front. Wind was just right to sail directly to the finish line without tacking with good pressure. What a way to finish. Wow this feels great.

Being first back to the beach adds to the excitement except getting your boat up the beach on your own has knobs on it.

Thanks to the start crew for their forbearance in getting us underway and to the Dom for making a hard but excellent call.

The Blue Vixen

Results

Fastest Full Colin Dobb

Fastest Radial Rod Stone

- 1 Walter Reeves
- 2 Peter Finch
- 3 Matt Read
- 4 Sue Parker
- 5 Jon vd Peyl
- 6 the Black Duck

April

4th April NO RACING-EASTER SATURDAY

11th April Club Race

18th April Dinghy Closing Day-Trapezoid-2

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