



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter
11th January 2022

Wednesday 12th January-6.25pm-Twilight –Keelboats

Saturday 15th January-2pm-Yachtkana Novelty Race-Keelboats

Sunday 16th January-10am-Consistency Race-Dinghies

Sunday 16th January-Discover Sailing Day-All Welcome

Important Notices for Sailors

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 7th February

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

Twilights

Sailors, the weather is beautiful now, so come on down and join us for a Twilight Sail. We have been very lonely, with only Todd on Paprika and us on Beaujolais. Bring down your friends and family, some drinks and nibbles and enjoy the delights of the Swan River at night.

Ann Caddick

JANUARY

12-Jan-22	WED	1825	Twilight
15-Jan-22	SAT	1400	**Yachtkana Novelty Race
16-Jan-22	SUN		SS22 Association State Heat 4-NYC
19-Jan-22	WED	1825	Twilight
22-Jan-22	SAT	1400	*CLUB START "Australia Day Race"
26-Jan-22	WED	1825	NO RACING AT CYC-Public Holiday
29-Jan-22	SAT	1400	*HANDICAP START Harry Laurie Memorial Trophy

Roster reminder:

Twilight Start Box: Wednesday 12th January-Robert Jeffery, Duty Boat-Koolama-Ross Campbell
Wednesday 19th January-Wilma Poland, Duty Boat-Andalusia-Chris Cochrane

Weekend Start Box: Saturday 15th January-Robert Jeffery and Allan Austin.

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.**

**Thanks to our Duty starters for
Wednesday-NO RACING
Saturday NO RACING**

“YACHTKANA”NOVELTY RACE-UPDATED

“Yacht Kana” that is coming up is a slightly different yachting event. It steps away from the traditional race structure and gives the competitors a ‘fun’ event.

Before the start please report to the Starter either in the bar or the Start Box to sign on as a competitor.

The event is split in to two competitions.

First a Rigging Race:

All competing crews line up on the jetty behind a mark on the walkway at about 20 paces from their yacht in their pen. For competitors that normally have their yacht on a mooring they will be temporarily moored on the end of the pen jetty or in an empty pen. (Todd, when you are in the office today, can you ask about empty pens)

At the normal Flags & Hooter Start Signal, the crews walk briskly to their yachts and board and proceed to rig up.

Once rigged, make your way **safely** out of the pen system. When you exit the pens you MUST raise sails and “SAIL” (not motor) out and round the southern side of the Start Buoy and return to the Fueling Jetty to await the second competition start.

IMPORTANT NOTE. Yacht crews are allowed to board their yachts prior to the start of the rigging race. They must be off the yacht and behind their mark before the 1.55pm Start of Sequence Signal. They can ‘organise’ their equipment for rigging, no sails can be hooked on, no sheets can be hooked up, just place everything in easy to access locations ready for rigging.

Next the Scavenger Race:

Once all competitors have arrived at the Fueling Jetty after the Rigging Race then the Scavenger Race will begin. The competing yachts will be handed an instruction sheet and they must sail to multiple ‘stations’ around the bay to collect tokens and answer questions about their surroundings along the way. Points will be awarded for each question answered and tokens collected. The hunt has a 90 MINUTE time limit. Extra points will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd yacht to present their sheets back to the start box.

VERY IMPORTANT:- Competitors will be instructed to approach jetties and structures around Freshwater Bay, please do so in the SAFEST way possible. If you can not get to the location safely then Don’t. Safety is an important part of yachting “If in Doubt, Don’t”

ENJOY - Robert Jeffery-Chief Starter

DINGHY NEWS

Well, it certainly was lovely to have a Sunday come around that had racing on again, after that pesky thing called xmas and new year which gets in the way of our summer racing series.

Unfortunately big bro Mal’s knee still isn’t quite right, which must be driving him round the bend having to watch once again, just itching to get out there.

With the long range forecast showing solid southerlies, and upon arrival for rigging up also looking rather fresh, once again Claremont bay played cat and mouse with its wind strengths and directions, which the race crew (Jim/Alan/Chris/Walter) did fantastically well once again, in finding the happy medium between the sou east and sou west winds, which took an awfully long time to figure out which direction it wanted to blow.

And they even gave us a lovely long line, which even then in race two we all managed to Bunch up like bumper boats. And for once it wasn’t me doing the bumping.

From my own experience in race one, a tack on a knock turned into a massive wind direction change which had me over the side. (I'd have to be the only one that capsized four times and am still writing the race report??) and in race two Nigel was solidly in front of me sailing in a straight line where he was unceremoniously dumped by a massive wind shift, just meters from the finish line. (As always doing well at 3rd overall)

It would come in with some bullet gusts, only to almost glass off again, just to show those who think they know what's going on, that you never really know.

However, someone does seem to get it right 99% of the time with Colin Dibbs once again finding himself consistently at the pointy end of the fleet, (3rd and fastest) where I must thank the race committee once again for shortening the last race where he would have undoubtedly hunted me down. Which I also have to thank a little personal lift off the start line in race three which allowed me to make the top mark without having to tack.

Mike Galvin in second, is absolutely loving having joined the club and Sunday racing, where I've heard him describing it as like going to church. Not that I can ever remember him ever going to church. And our rivalry is undiminished since racing windsurfers against each other in 1983 with one particularly long leg we were gunnel to gunnel for pretty much the whole leg upwind with neither of us gaining a millimetre. (I've never hiked so hard out the side yet.)

Justin Rose on Patrol Boat (PT 73??) in 4th (handicap), but actually second and consistent as ever, is another always finding himself at the pointy end even when not getting away cleanly at the start.

And Mark Edward came out unscathed from an overly enthusiastic top mark rounding to claim the radial rigs, whilst mixing it with the full rigs while there was still only a zephyr of a breeze.

Can't wait for church next Sunday

Dinghy Calendar

Sunday	16 th January	1000	Consistency Race
Sunday	23 rd January	1000	Trapezoid Race 1
Sunday	30 th January	1000	Club Championship Race 4

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