



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy newsletter

1st March 2022

Saturday 5th March-No Racing due to Long weekend-Keelboats

Sunday 6th March-No Racing due to Long Weekend-Dinghies

Yachtkana Novelty Race-Re-scheduled to 2pm

Saturday 12th March-Keelboats

Sunday 20th March-2pm-Commodore's Cup Race-Keelboats

Nominations are available online-Don't forget to nominate

Important Notices for Sailors

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 7th 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

A week of sailing on Beaujolais

Last Wednesday I arrived at the Club at about 4.30 to rig up and go for a quick sail with Arthur on Beaujolais, before he and Wilma attends the Buffet meal. All was going well until we were leaving the pen. With a strong easterly I was having trouble putting our mooring ropes on the front posts with eventually I got them on as were raced out of the pen. Unfortunately I ended up with a big splinter under my nail and a few down the front of my finger. We went out, but immediately I knew there was a problem as my finger started throbbing. So we did a quick sail around the bank and back into the pen to pack up. I headed home and got Andrew and Robert to try to help to get the splinters out, with no success. So I wrapped it up with some wound gel on it to see if it would come out. I went to work the next day, but knew that I was going to have to see a doctor to have the splinter taken out. So after a tetanus shot and some local anaesthetic to numb the finger, the splinter came out. I was looking forward to the Ladies skipper's race at the Club on Saturday, so that I could helm the boat. We got on the boat and rigged up with a number 2 up and left the pen. As we left the pen the breeze pipped up to 15-20 knots, so we decided to change down to the number 3. We went to hoist the headsail and soon realised that while I was changing the sail the headsail sheet had come out of the block and was twisting itself into a huge knot. We tried for a while to untangle it while the sail was up, with no success, so we dropped it and eventually got it sorted out. Put up the headsail-oh no the headsail halyard is stuck on one of the slugs at the top of the mainsail!!!! Pull the sail down again, unclip the halyard and flick it off the mainsail slug, re-attach the halyard and hoist it up again. While this was happening we had drifted into our mooring area, so Arthur fired up the outboard. Eventually we had the sail up and I took over on the helm and we started the race about 15 minutes late. Fortunately, Arthur knew the course we were going to sail and we set off. The racing was really nice, with no further issues, but we were last to finish. Oh except that we had sailed the whole race with the outboard in the water as an extra handicap!!!! So as you can see I did not have the best of weeks out sailing, but I wouldn't give it up for anything. We are going out again on Wednesday at about 4.30pm if anyone wants to join us. I believe that Richie on Beagle and maybe Panos on Zen may join us. So come and have some fun with us out on the Swan

Ann Caddick

Saturday 26th February

Today was the annual Ladies Skippers Race. Five yachts ventured out in what turned out to be quite a strong breeze. Around 13.30 hours just around 8 knots but suddenly burst out to be around 18-20 knots by 1400hours.

Beagle, Theseus, Paprika, Zen and Beaujolais all hoping to be winners took to the now breezy waters. Beagle, Theseus, Paprika and Zen all got away clearly and within a few seconds of the start gun. Beaujolais however, had head sail problems in as much as they decided to downsize to the number 3. In doing so, the figure of 8 at the end of one of the sheets on the number 2 came undone and it wrapped itself around the other sheet so a great tangle of ropes needed to be straightened so the number 3 sail could be hoisted. This took Beaujolais all the way to Scotch spit and delayed their start by around 20 minutes. Once sorted out there was no stopping Beaujolais with Ann Caddick at the helm and Arthur and Luke doing all the other work. With the breeze now at around 18 knots Beaujolais flew to Millar and back to Middle and then around the bank coming home some 12 minutes behind Beagle. Great work to all the ladies who took part, especially to Sylvia Boykett who with husband Peter and son Richie got Beagle home in record time. Theseus had Kura Perkins at the



helm with other members of the Kiddey family assisting. Paprika was skippered by Hanna Alexander who is also the proud owner of Chantilly which currently is on a mooring on the western side of CYC mooring area. Unfortunately Panos could not find a lady to skipper ZEN but he and Brian had a great sail anyway. My thanks to Allan Austin for his assistance in the start box today. Thank you to all participants it was great to watch you all come safely home.

Wilma Poland

MARCH

05-Mar-22	SAT	1400	NO RACING AT CYC-Long Weekend
12-Mar-22	SAT	1400	*CLUB START
19-Mar-22	SAT	1400	No racing at CYC-See 20 th March
20-Mar-22	SUN	1400	CYC-COMMODORE'S CUP <i>Farr 9.2 Association visiting</i>
26-Mar-22	SAT	1400	*RIVER START SS22 Association State Heat 6-CYC

Closing Day

Roster reminder:

Weekend Start Box: Saturday 12th March-Robert Jeffery and Wilma Poland.

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
Saturday February 26th: Wilma Poland and Allan Austin for manning the Start
Box.**

Sail Pass

As of the start of 2022 all participants in racing MUST a member of CYC or another yacht club to be able to sail. Skippers are urged to ask their crew members to join the Club as crew members. The other option that CYC has set up is the Australian Sailing "Sail Pass". This will enable the crew member to sail at CYC for a total of 3 races for a cost of \$20. Rear Commodores, Todd Whitfield and Helen Ramsay as well as Dom Papaluca have access to the online entry for the Sail Pass.



What yachties do away from the water

Hello sailors

Apologies for not having been joining you out on the water recently. WA has a series of significant bushfires across the state and resources have been travelling far and wide to support suppression efforts.

Since Christmas, I have been dispatched to fires in Gascoyne, Manjimup and most recently up to Exmouth for a 7000Ha fire in Cape Range National Park (photos). Parks and Wildlife work with local government volunteer brigades, DFES and a range of stakeholders in fighting and managing these fires.

I fill a number of roles for Parks and Wildlife, most often as part of the planning section in the Incident Management Team. The Exmouth fire near Shothole Canyon and had potential to impact Exmouth town and areas. It was an intense 10 days and the crews on the ground did great baking heat.

Look forward to seeing you all out on the water in March.

Regards Richie Boykett



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DINGHY NEWS

Dinghy Calendar

Sunday	6 th March		NO RACING due to Labour Day Weekend
Sunday	13 th March	1000	Club Championship Race 6
Sunday	20 th March	1400	Commodore's Cup Race
Sunday	27 th March	1000	Consistency Race
Sunday	3 rd April	1000	Handicap Race 2
Sunday	10 th April	1000	Dinghy Closing Day Trophy (Trapezoid 2)

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