



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy Newsletter

25th October 2022

KEELBOAT NEWS

Saturday 29th October-Keelboats-2pm- Club Start-

Race 4 of Sydney Stubbs Series

Sunday 30th October-Dinghies-10am-

Club Race

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 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.

Sailing Committee Meeting: Monday 6th November

KEELBOAT CALENDAR OCTOBER

29 Oct-22	SAT	1400	*CLUB START <u>(Race 4 "Sydney Stubbs" Series)</u>
NOVEMBER			
05-Nov-22	SAT	1400	*CLUB START <u>(Race 5 "Sydney Stubbs" Series)</u>
12-Nov-22	SAT	1400	*CLUB START <u>(Race 1 "Alpin Thomson" Series)</u> SS22 Association State Heat 2-SOPYC
16-Nov-22	WED	1825	First Twilight
19-Nov-22	SAT	1400	*CLUB START <u>(Race 2 "Alpin Thomson" Series)</u>
23-Nov-22	WED	1825	Twilight
26-Nov-22	SAT	1400	*CLUB START <u>(Race 3 "Alpin Thomson" Series)</u>
30-Nov-22	WED	1825	Twilight

Saturday 22nd October-Sydney Stubbs Series-Race 3

With quite an even breeze blowing five yachts ventured out onto the water. This was race 3 of the Sydney Stubbs Trophy series. Dom Papaluca donated this trophy last year in memory of the first Commodore of Claremont Yacht Club. As the SS22 Association was having a state heat in Melville Water course 11 was chosen so as to keep all our fleet within the bay. Krista and Seamist VI joined with SS22 State which was great for them but left the home fleet a bit depleted. Beaujolais was first on handicap followed by Koolama and Kiboko was third and fastest. Zen was fourth home and Theseus decided to retire as they believed they were too far behind to make a difference. In order to win the trophy the race is now on to complete races 4 & 5. My thanks go to Joan Austin, Andrew Caddick and Jackie Skene for their assistance today – many hands make light work!! Wilma Poland (Deputy Chief Starter)

Results:

Sydney Stubbs Trophy Race 3: Combined Fleet:

Beaujolais (A.Poland) 1st

Koolama (R. Campbell) 2nd

Kiboko (B.Rapson) 3rd & Fastest



SS22 State Championship Race-Saturday 22nd October

Weather was great with a steady 12-15kts from the WSW...lightening a little as the day went on. We had to sail up to Nedlands – in the vicinity of Hallmark Buoy for the start – and we only just made it with a couple minutes to spare. The crew of Krista were all from our Meetup social media experiment...so they were brand new to sailing. We've been having a lot of fun together sailing "casually" on a Sunday during the winter and now Saturdays for the summer. I was feeling a bit guilty because in a State Championship Heat you are playing for sheep stations...so there is no "casual" involved at all.

I was hoping we weren't going to be "lambs to the slaughter" so I thought it best that I start the day off with a pep-talk. First, a confession – today's race was going to be long, arduous, there would be shouting (sometimes by us/sometimes at us!). This was not going to be a "casual" sail. Today...we had to be the annoying car that is always trying to push ahead of you when you are merging to get onto the freeway. I felt that I had to give them some confidence and I was trying to conjure up some stirring words – like John Kennedy's famous half-time coach's talk in the 1975 Grand Final: "don't think, don't hope...Do!" Best I could do was to tell them the truth. My original plan was to stack the boat with some of my laser sailor mates but decided against that, because I thought that this crop of newbies have been turning up week-in/week-out, keen as mustard...and they deserved a crack. We had been sailing for two months regularly together now, and had our systems down-pat (although we hadn't ever got the kite up properly over the winter...and our tacks were about 15 seconds too slow) but they all knew their jobs – and they were dead-keen...so I knew we'd give a good account of ourselves. I finished off telling them that our challenge for the day was to beat one boat (or FFS...don't come last!).

I felt the port end of the line was slightly favoured and because we had to go all the way to Smith/Lucky Bay, I thought we were on the better side of the course. Didn't take me long to work out that I had made a mistake – and that there was stronger breeze down the middle of the course, so we tacked as soon as we could. There were only 9 boats in State Championship fleet (I was expecting 15 or more...like the good ol' days) so that meant we weren't too far behind the leaders. Our tacks were a little slow...I think I fell out of phase with the breeze for a while there...and my worst fears were realized, when it became apparent that we were in fact the 9th boat in a 9 boat fleet! Yikes...I had to do something...so I really focused on the compass and threw the boat around like it was a Laser dinghy...and we managed to over-take one boat shortly after rounding Lucky Bay buoy. We then overtook another two boats on the upwind leg to Bricklanding – whoohoo! We were now 6th in a 9 boat fleet. Success!

The kite runs were great for us. Chris Cochrane donated us his big blue spinnaker...which was absolutely ideal for the conditions on the day. It is a big billowy thing (I call it ol' Mrs Brown's britches) ...and we were catching up to some other boats on every run. The first boat we overtook retired...and then I made a navigational error on the last leg to Parker buoy and let one of the others pass me...so the pressure was on to stay in front of the boat we worked so hard to get in front of back at Lucky Bay. We managed to hold on...and I thought that was a good result for a bunch of first-timers. I was proud of them. To think not two months prior...none of them had even crewed on a boat before – and here they were battling it out with the state's top boats. Our social media experiment is indeed paying dividends! We finished 6th over the line, and 6th on handicap.

The other CYC representative in the State Championship Heat was former state champion, and our new Rear Commodore of Sail, Craig Feakes in Seamist. They were right up at the pointy end and came in third behind Wildfire and Crossroads (both SoPYC boats – who've had a stranglehold on the state championship trophy for many years). We aspire to be half as good as those guys in the months to come!

See you next week.
Com Dom

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 October 22nd: Wilma Poland, Jackie Skene & Joan Austin.**

Also, a big thank you to Ross Campbell and crew for laying and retrieving the Burnside buoys.



HARD WORKING STARTER-SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER-JOAN & JACKIE

DINGHY NEWS

What a day of sailing. No wind, rain, half the fleet disqualified, the Windward Series postponed, shortened course.

15 lasers rigged up for heats 1,2 and 3 of the Windward Series. However due to the lack of wind and the probable outcome that not all heats would be completed Rear Commodore Dinghies Helen announced that the series would be postponed to a later date and we would sail a normal course, triangle, sausage, triangle, sausage.

The sail out to the start line turned out to be a challenge. At best there were occasional gusts to less than 1 knot. The 10 minute, on station, hooter sounded and most of the fleet had barley cleared the pens, the five minute start sequence hooter sounded with the fleet still only half way to the start line, the start hooter sounded and three sailors who had the foresight to go out early crossed the start line. Within the next 5 minutes a further five yachts made it across the start line. Seven yachts, including the entire radial fleet took a little longer.

When the results were announced we were informed that in accordance with the CYC Dinghy Sailing Instructions Clause 10.5 yachts that had not crossed the start line within 5 minutes of the start of the race were disqualified. The Starter waits for no one.

Not to be daunted all yachts drifted to the first mark in an easterly direction and on to the wing mark where most of the fleet tried to round at once at least 6 yachts wide. Calling for water was pointless in the drifting conditions so with much nudging and scraping the fleet set off for the leeward mark.

The start crew observed that the wind had filled in a little 1 to 2 knots from a south easterly direction and repositioned and lengthened the windward mark. This had the effect of scattering the fleet all over the course as sailors searched for the 2 knot puffs.

Whilst rounding the windward mark Justine somehow managed to lay his yacht in the water and forced to take a swim, I don't think even he knows how that happened. However in a 1 knot wind capsizing is hardly a penalty.

By this stage the start crew had decided to invoke the mercy rule and shortened the course with the run to the leeward mark the last leg. Fortunately the rain held off till the race finished however it had set in by the time the fleet had reached the shore and de rigging was undertaken in increasing rain.

Results for the 8 yachts that were not disqualified

Fastest

Full Rig Colin Dibb

Radial Rig All DSQ

Handicap

1st John Ryan

2nd Will Arnold

3rd Andrew Brockis

4th Colin Dibb

5th Sue Parker

6th Mark Edwards

DINGHY CALENDAR

October

23 Oct-22 SUN 1000 Windward Series Race 1

30 Oct-22 SUN 1000 Club Race

November

06 Nov-22 SUN 1000 Club Championship-Race 1

13 Nov-22 SUN 1000 Club Race

20 Nov-22 SUN 1000 Club Championship-Race 2

27 Nov-22 SUN 1000 Club Race

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