



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat & Dinghy Newsletter

8th November 2022

Saturday 12th November-Keelboats-2pm- Club Start-

Race 1 of Alpin Thomson Series

Sunday 13th November-Dinghies

-10am-Club Race

Wednesday 16th November-Keelboats-1st Twilight

KEELBOAT NEWS

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 5th December

KEELBOAT CALENDAR NOVEMBER

12-Nov-22 SAT 1400 *CLUB START
(Race 1 “Alpin Thomson” Series)
SS22 Association State Heat 2-SOPYC

16-Nov-22 WED 1825 First Twilight

19-Nov-22 SAT 1400 *CLUB START
(Race 2 “Alpin Thomson” Series)

23-Nov-22 WED 1825 Twilight

26-Nov-22 SAT 1400 *CLUB START
(Race 3 “Alpin Thomson” Series)

30-Nov-22 WED 1825 Twilight

Saturday 5th October-Sydney Stubbs Series-Race 5

On Behalf of Rear Commodore Sail – Craig Feakes

CLAREMONT YAHT CLUB: Combined Fleet: Sydney Stubbs Trophy Race 5: Andalusia (C. Cochrane) 1 & Fastest; Seamist VI (C. Feakes) 2.; Krista (D. Papaluca) 3.

Yes, it was windy enough to blow a witch and her cat off a broomstick!!! We had a few intrepid newbies from the Meetup Group attend. 4 showed up...and 3 thought “yeah/nah”. I spoke to one of the newbies, and she seemed thrilled by it all. She was on Todd’s boat...which would have added another reason to be scared, on top of the windy conditions! I had a new German fellow by the name of Felix on my boat...and due to the conditions, he basically was rail meat and a spray-screen – he said he enjoyed it – but his face had a “you Australians are all wahnsinnig” look on it! He said he’ll be back (but not in an Schwarzenegger voice).

The race was full on. Just getting out of the pen had its challenges. Then, when we were out there...we couldn’t hear each other...boats everywhere...wet bums...but hey...we love it...right? We sailed as a combined fleet – and we NEARLY broke our record of 9 boats. I was delighted when we saw the course 7 flag flying – because that takes us up to Dolphin West, Brickies, Dome, Mossie/Suicide and a lap of the bank. Loooong race...but appropriate on a day like that. Everything went smoothly. Seamist won the start...Krista was last to the line (I have to stop talking so much). Ross Campbell and I set the Burnside Buoys...and the fleet of 9 was very bunched up when it came time to tack. You could see a lot of head-swivelling going on...but once we cleared the Burnside Buoys, the fleet spread out a bit.

Finding Point Walter buoy in all that chop...with the Freshy fleet coming at us like a bunch of Kamikaze Warriors was challenging, and we all breathed a sigh of relief when we could “crack sheets” and stop “cracking the shits” at each other. Todd on Paprika was showing a good turn of speed...just behind the leader (Seamist) with Krista giving chase. The run up to Dolphin West was surprisingly smooth. I only have a light-weather kite (so I didn’t have the guts to put it up) and my heart sank when Seamist popped their kite...but they didn’t pull away as much as I thought. Craig and I had a chat in the bar afterwards, and we thought that the wind was so strong, that we were all pretty much at maximum hull speed...even with my tiny No3 poled out.

Seamist had a handy lead by the time they rounded Dolphin West and we caught up to Paprika. Todd hung right and I went left (looking for flatter water) but Todd made the right decision...then snatched defeat from victory by sailing down to Mossie/Suicide and missing Dome altogether. He realised his mistake after rounding Mossie Suicide and back-tracked to make up for it...so if you saw Todd several times during the race (sometimes in front, sometimes behind and sometimes crossing you out of nowhere...that is why). Very entertaining.

To add to the entertainment...the No1 and 2 boats in the race didn't bother to look at the flags after rounding Burnside...so they didn't see the "shortened course" flag...and proceeded to do a lap of the bank as per the course sheet. Returning after a long break – Chris Cochrane on Andalusia DID look at the flags and sailed accordingly...snatching first and fastest while Seamist and Krista beat the crap out of themselves for no reason...coming in 2nd and 3rd respectively.

A great day was capped off by Craig looking resplendent in his whites (many of the women in the bar had to pour cold water over themselves to keep their composure). It was great to see Chris Cochrane pull off a first and fastest on his first race back. As Craig mentioned in his speech – we are GROWING – we are tantalisingly close to double figures with 9 boats out there again. Remember, the first round of drinks is on CYC if we crack 10 or more boats out there. Will YOU be the boat that gets us over the line? Craig and I will be contesting the next state championship race at SoPYC...but there are enough boats out there to make up a fleet of 10 without us. Lets do it!

Thanks to the start team, and volunteers that enable us to race each week. We couldn't do it without your support.

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[View from the Start Box-Saturday 5th November](#)

Today was Race 5 of the Sydney Stubbs Trophy. In all 8 Yachts ventured into the 30+knot breeze and Chief Starter Rob Jeffery chose course 7. This course took the sailors into Melville Waters as far as Dolphin West. It also included Miller and Dome before returning to the Karrakatta back for a twist around the bank. It was decided that, as the wind had strengthened, to shorten the course at Burnside, missing out the "twist". However, only one vessel took notice of the shortened course flag thereby completing the race in 2hours, 12 minutes and 7 seconds. The yacht was Andalusia, which has not sailed in approximately 15 months due to skipper Chris Cochrane changing jobs. Lovely to see Andalusia back on the water and Chris is hopeful that his shifts as a bus driver will now allow him to sail more often. So skippers, please note, that although the weather at the start of the race is idyllic but later becomes more blowy and rough, check when rounding Burnside Spit and passing the Start Box as there could be a "S" flag flying indicating to SHORTEN the course. All that is then needed is to round Claremont and head for the finish line. Both your crew and the start box crew will thank you for it. Fortunately today there were no breakages only wet clothes and all returned safely. There were three yachts who decided to retire. Great to see so many yachts out today so keep up the great work.

Cheers
Wilma

[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 November 5th: Robert Jeffery & Wilma Poland.
Thanks also to Dom Papaluca and Ross Campbell for laying and retrieving the Burnside Bouys.**

DINGHY NEWS

DINGHY CALENDAR

November

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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