



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy Newsletter

6th December 2022

Wednesday 7th December-Keelboats-Twilight

Saturday 10th December-Keelboats-2pm- River Start-
SS22 Assoc. State Heat-Race 5 of Alpin Thomson Series

Sunday 11th December-Dinghies

-10am-Handicap Start-Race 1

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 2nd January

KEELBOAT CALENDAR DECEMBER

07-Dec-22	WED	1825	Twilight
10-Dec-22	SAT	1400	*RIVER START (Race 5 "Alpin Thomson" Series) SS22 Association State Heat 3-CYC
14-Dec-22	WED	1825	"Christmas" Twilight
17-Dec-22	SAT		NO RACING AT CYC
21-Dec-22	WED		NO RACING AT CYC
24-Dec-22	SAT		NO RACING AT CYC
28-Dec-22	WED		NO RACING AT CYC
31-Jan-22	SAT		NO RACING AT CYC

Swan River closed until 4-1-23

Saturday 3rd November

RESULTS:

Alpin Thomson Trophy Series Race 4: Combined Fleet: **Krista** (D. Papaluca) 1st; **Beagle** (R. Boykett) 2nd & Fastest; **Paprika** (T. Whitfield) 3rd.

I noticed that Freshy had a regatta going on when I arrived at the club. When they were still going at 12:30pm...I called Freshy Race Control to see how long they were going on for – and was advised it was an all-day event and they “booked” the water space. I let them know we would run a small fleet around 2pm...and if they didn’t mind us sailing around them just after 2pm...we’ll send our fleet off as normal. They were fine with that. Just to be safe, I advised all skippers to give them a wide berth – which they all did. I took the opportunity to swap notes about what they thought the weather was going to do as I had Predict Wind calling 25-27kts, but Seabreeze and BOM more like 22kts. They agreed it was going to be around 22kts...but it certainly was hitting 25kts by the end of the race!

Five of us started at 2pm in around 16-18kts of breeze. We went out under a no3 headsail and full main...knowing full-well that we’d be slightly under-canvassed early, but nicely balanced by the end of the race – this turned out to be true. Notwithstanding that, Krista rounded the Burnside buoys first (after starting on time for a change) and lead the fleet to Point Walter buoy. However, the conditions were perfect for Beagle who relishes a big wind...unfurling their genoa on the reaches and downwind to create a sizeable lead by the time we made it to Dome. I was toying with putting a kite up...but ran out of time to set it up before we headed out – probably a blessing in disguise! Richie also pulled away through the Mossie/Suicide “mind-melter” by picking some good lines through the moorings - Beagle was going like a train!

Whilst we couldn't peg back Beagle, I had the most enjoyable sail with the new crew – it was the first time that everybody knew their jobs and they executed their roles beautifully. We only rounded up once – when I lost concentration because a Freshy support boat didn't notice us coming and I was trying to attract their attention and didn't see the gust coming. The rest of the race was a pleasure, with minimal chatter and fast tacks. Just goes to show, you can train up a crew in a few months! I'm looking forward to the SS22 state heat next week, to see if that improvement shows up on the results sheet!

By the time we were heading back into the pens, it was howling – Kiboko and Krista have some challenges getting into the pens on B Jetty – but I'm happy to say, we both managed it better this week after last week's "shenanigans". Overall, it was a great day on the water – notwithstanding the challenging conditions. See you Wednesday night.

Big thanks to our start crew of Robert and Wilma and our first-time safety boat volunteer Mark Houlahan. We couldn't do it without you.

Comm. Dom

Thank Yous



**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 December 3rd: Robert Jeffery & Wilma Poland.

Thanks also to Dominic Papaluca and crew for laying and retrieving the Burnside Buoys

DINGHY NEWS

There was a relatively small fleet of 14 Full Rigs and Radials that left the beach for Club Heat 3 plus the most unusual laser on the river called Stretch who joined us behind the start line.

John Van Der Peyl has been clearing a pathway through the beach weed and gunk to make our lives easier and I dare say that we are all grateful for his efforts.

The wind was a blustery 15-18 knots on the beach and there were some undecided fleet members rolling the dice with the biggest decision of the day - do I rig up the full rig and be over powered?..or do I rig up the radial rig and be underpowered...a combination of intelligence, experience and decisiveness paid dividends for Andrew Brockis who made a split second final decision to pull down his full rig and hoist the radial rig just as he was about to launch...and then he went on to win the Radial chocolates...in front of Mark Edwards on Ichabod and then Wendy Campbell who was snapping at my heels for most of the day...for third over the line..in the radials...

Ex Olympian (Flying Dutchman forward hand for Rolly Tasker), Ian Palmer, from Freshie, mosied on over on his two man laser called stretch for a bit of jocularly and was looking at one stage like he was going to join us in his own division. He gets a box of chocolates for mine for enthusiasm...Ian is one of the Golden Wing sailors which includes some of the most illustrious members of the sailing fraternity including Brockis, Joyce, Rose...old salts...

In the Full Rig Colin finished first in 39.20 for the chocolates. Trav sailed well again and was right up there for second in 40.56 and then Mike Galvin sailed strongly for third in 42.13

The wind tended to shift through about 25 degrees from the South East and pressure, on average, was around 8-12 knots I reckon once we started but this is only my estimation. Either way, there were some big gains and big losses.

There were a couple of swims. Will Arnold tested out his life jacket but he reckons he was only in for about a minute but this was enough to let Grame Lithgo and I off the hook...

Great racing, great fun and great company...

Sean
Black Duck

DINGHY CALENDAR

December

11 Dec-22	SUN	1000	Handicap Start Race 1
14 Dec-22	WED	1825	"Christmas" Twilight with Keelboats
18 Dec-22	SUN	1000	Club Race

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