



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy Newsletter

13th December 2022

Wednesday 14th December-Christmas Twilight

Please book tables with Office

Sunday 18th December-Dinghies

-10am-Club Race

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

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 6th February

KEELBOAT CALENDAR DECEMBER

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 10th December

RESULTS:

Alpin Thomson Trophy Series Race 5: Combined Fleet: **Paprika** (T Whitfield) 1st & Fastest; 2nd; **Kiboko** (B Rapson). The “Tourist Award” goes to **Koolama** (R Campbell) as he sailed course 7 while everybody else sailed the course that matched the flag that was up on the flagpole...which was course 6.

The CYC fleet was reduced because our fearless leader is away on hols, and the Spacesailer 22 state heat was run at CYC. Notwithstanding, there were 3 CYC boats that took to the water. There was some conjecture at the start – something regarding “do we go when the blue peter drops or when the class flag drops?” In any event, somebody got off to a good start (so I’m told). Of course, the weather did its usual thing and blew its guts out . Our little fleet is getting used to the conditions...and everybody handled it well.

SS22 State Heat

I think the weather affected the SS22 fleet as well...as there were only 5 boats fighting it out in the 3rd race of the 7 race series. Krista was the sole representative for CYC. One thing I’ve learned about buying an old boat...you spend the first season breaking stuff and fixing stuff...then you can go sailing! We had a problem with the outhaul on the mainsail...by the time we fixed that...we noticed the Blue Peter was up...so we hightailed it back to the line...just made it back in time...but were last over when the gun went off. Then, on our first tack after we crossed the line...I heard a crack in the tiller...looked down...and realised the bloody think was about to come off in my hand. I was short-handed as our foredecky called in sick on the morning...so I said to the fellas...”I know there’s some electrical tape downstairs...find whatever you can...and lets get this sorted. Well, a screwdriver and a roll of tape later...this is what we came up with:



Amazingly, this lasted for the whole race...mind you it was really difficult to steer by the end...and I did a crash gybe around Claremont and had to sail to the finish line under headsail only as the padeye that holds the mainsheet to the boom sheered off. After all that...we were only 4.5minutes behind the lead boat...and when you consider the dodgy tiller, not flying a spinnaker...I reckon we are going to give those guys a run for their money in the new year. I put it all down to the crew...they have really come along in leaps and bounds. When you consider they were just numpties that had never sailed before...I've managed to mould them into a team...and they absolutely love the cut and thrust of the competition...and best of all...we really enjoy each other's company. I'm losing Paul (the Lithuanian) who is heading off to complete his travels around Australia and New Zealand. He was the one who jury-rigged the tiller for me...bloody champion. He is also the mad b*stard that loves going out when it is 30kts (like we did on Wednesday). I'll miss him. Here is our track. I overstood Bricklanding unfortunately. I reckon taking that into account...no spinnaker...headsail only at the finish...probably cost us 2-3 minutes. We would have been close to the front-runners. I'm looking forward to the next heat!



Big thanks to our start crew of Robert Jeffrey, Sarah Steinhardt, Ian Jamieson and our first-time safety boat volunteer David Hood. There was some jury-rigging required on the start boat too...seems like that was the order of the day!

No sailing till the new year.

Hey, I forgot to mention that Andrew Caddick was on the Lloyd Anderson. This was his first time since injuring his foot at work. Thank you Andrew! We appreciate you.

See you in 2023!

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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 December 3rd: Robert Jeffery, Andrew Caddick, Sarah Steinhardt, Ian Jamieson & David Hood.**

DINGHY NEWS

DINGHY CALENDAR

December

14 Dec-22 WED 1825 "Christmas" Twilight with Keelboats

18 Dec-22 SUN 1000 Club Race

January

8 Jan-23 SUN 1000 Windward Series Race 2

15 Jan-23 SUN 1000 Club Race

22 Jan-23 SUN 1000 Trapezoid Race 1

29 Jan-23 SUN 1000 Club Championship Race 4

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