



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy Newsletter

17th January 2023

KEELBOAT NEWS

Wednesday 19th January-Twilight

Saturday 21st January-Keelboats-2pm-

"Australia Day" Race

Sunday 22nd January-Dinghies

-10am-Trapezoid 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 February

KEELBOAT CALENDAR JANUARY

19-Jan-23 WED 1825 Twilight

21-Jan-23 SAT 1400 *CLUB START "Australia Day Race"

25-Jan-23 WED 1825 NO RACING AT CYC

28-Jan-23 SAT 1400 *HANDICAP START
 Harry Laurie Memorial Trophy

Saturday 14th January-Report from the Box

After the long Christmas/New Year break four yachts ventured out into ideal conditions for an enjoyable day on the water. A Light Easterly breeze prevailed so Course 6 was chosen as this can be shortened if required. Koolama, Kiboko, Beaujolais and Krista had a great race with some very funny moments especially towards the end when a Shortened Course was indicated. At the start of the race the blue over red Easterly Start flag was flown from the start box indicating that an Easterly start was required. The White and Blue Shortened Course was duly flown and sound signals made indicating that when the yachts approached and rounded Burnside Spit they were only required to dash for the finish line. However, two yachts were having such a great time they ignored the instructions and proceeded towards College Buoy. Both Koolama and Beaujolais realised what these two were doing and upon rounding Burnside hightailed it for the finish line, beating Koolama beating Kiboko by some 8 minutes. Beaujolais followed beating Kiboko by 27 seconds. Not only were Kiboko and Krista beaten timewise they also finished in a Westerly direction. The rule which all sailors should know, remember and obey – start Westerly, finish Westerly or start Easterly, finish Easterly completely ignored! Well it gave the starters a good laugh and our fledgling starter Luciana Carelli something she will never forget!

My thanks for Luciana for her help today, she did a great job and has completed her apprenticeship! My thanks too, to Craig Feakes for sailing with Arthur for without him Beaujolais would not have been able to sail.

Wilma Poland

Saturday 14th January-Report from the Water

Results for Combined Fleet: Koolama (R. Campbell) 1 & Fastest; Beaujolais (A. Poland) 2.; Krista (D. Papaluca) 3.

A small fleet of four boats took to the water for the first time in anger for 2023. The boat that didn't make the results sheet was Kiboko (read on to find out why).

On Krista, I had one of my farming clients and his two workers ask if I could show them the ropes – they are men of the land...never been on a boat before...so I thought this could be "interesting". Fortunately the weather wasn't too bad...so I gave my normal crew the day off (because we are sailing in the state title heat tomorrow at NYC) and threw the numpties on board and hoped for the best. I was busy explaining which rope did what...and why the ropes are not called ropes, but rather halyards, sheets, downhauls...etc and lost my bearings and sailed straight onto the bank with the 5 minute gun going off in the background!

Trying to remain cool...I thought "well at least the keel is now cleaned" and I also thought "four big blokes, we should be able to lean the boat right over and sail off the bank. So, I turned off the motor...got everybody to leeward...and bugger me...it worked! Not only did it work...we sailed straight for the line with a minute to go and we were 2nd over the line! Marvellous!

We then started racing in earnest, and I realised that having some serious man-meat on the boat...meant I could get everybody hiking...and Krista shot off like a rocket! We snuck in front of Koolama...and we had Kiboko hot on our heels. We managed to hold off Kiboko for the first half of the race, as she was a little under-canvassed because he had his blade-headsail on. Kiboko burned us off on the reach from Suicide to Burnside – and should have won the race – but...I gave them a bum steer and told them that we had to round Claremont buoy and then head back to the line (which would have been correct if we started in a westerly direction...but seeing we started in an easterly direction...Kiboko would have had it right by sailing directly to the line from Burnside). Sorry Brian!!!!

While Kiboko and Krista were engaged in a tacking duel to Claremont...that pesky little red boat (Beaujolaïs) sailed the proper course...and beat us all! Arrgh!!! Note to self – read the sailing instructions more often. We had a few laughs about it back at the club...and I'm not sure if the jug I bought Brian and his crew was enough...but we all walked away smiling.

I look forward to seeing you out there next week. We have quite a few spare crew signed up for next week...so come and get 'em!

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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 January 14th: Wilma Poland and Luciana Carelli.**

DINGHY NEWS

After the very light winds last weekend for the Windward series races, it was a relief to be greeted by a nice solid SE wind when we arrived at the club. However, it did not last and steadily dropped throughout the race. The leaders opened up a gap on the fleet resulting in quite a few (mainly Radials) running over the time limit.

A big thank you to the race officer and his team who set a perfect course for the conditions but had to contend with an eager fleet causing a general recall. We got away cleanly on the second try and had an interesting first beat with a gently oscillating breeze. After that it was a case of finding the patches of wind and making the most of them.

Results:

Radial (ILCA 6)

- 1 Mark Edwards
- 2 David Joyce

Full Rig (ILCA 7)

- 1 Colin Dibb
- 2 Ian Campbell
- 3 Mike Galvin

Handicap

- 1 Colin Dibb
- 2 Mike Galvin
- 3 Ian Campbell

Colin Dibb

DINGHY CALENDAR

January

- 22 Jan-23 SUN 1000 Trapezoid Race 1
29 Jan-23 SUN 1000 Club Championship Race 4

February

- 05 Feb-23 SUN 1000 Club Race
12 Feb-23 SUN 1000 Club Championship Race 5
19 Feb-23 SUN 1000 Club Race
26 Feb-23 SUN 1000 Windward Series 3

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