



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy Newsletter

31st January 2023

Wednesday 1st February-Twilight Sail

Beaujolaais goes out at 4.30/5pm to have a sail and then go in for a meal,

Or you can pre order take away food from the Club and go out later

Saturday 4th February-Keelboats-2pm-

Sunday 5th February-Dinghies

-10am-Club Race

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

FEBRUARY

01-Feb-23 WED 1825 Twilight
04-Feb-23 SAT 1400 *CLUB START
08-Feb-23 WED 1825 Twilight
11-Feb-23 SAT 1400 *CLUB START
Forward Hand Skippers Race
15-Feb-23 WED 1825 Twilight
18-Feb-23 SAT 1400 *CLUB START
19-Feb-23 SUN SS22 Association State Heat 5-EFYC
22-Feb-23 WED 1825 Twilight
25-Feb-23 SAT 1400 *CLUB START
Ladies Skippers Race

Saturday 28th January-Report from the Water

On behalf of Craig Feakes – Rear Commodore of Sail

RESULTS: Combined Fleet: Harry Laurie Memorial Race: Krista (D. Papaluca) 1; Seamist VI (C. Feakes) 2 & Fastest; Sovica (P. Maouris) 3.

Forecast predicted around 16kts to start with...building to 24kts towards the finish...and that is exactly what we got! There was a bit of west in the breeze early on...and then it went south and strengthened...so the last kite run home was “interesting”. The fleet of 8 managed to read the sailing instructions perfectly, and everybody started within 20 seconds of when they were supposed to...so that was great.

Sovica is a good-looking boat...and it was lovely to see her powering upwind and picking up her skirt on the reaches. Considering Panos had 3 brand-new crew from the meetup crowd...he did very well under jib+main because the wind certainly picked up towards the finish. Well done to all on board.

Krista had a secret weapon onboard – my old sailing coach from the Lasers (Alvaro Proietti). I started off by explaining to my new meetup crew that this is a game of “chase” and we will start towards the back of the fleet...but we have to hunt everybody down...whilst holding off Kiboko and Seamist VI. I also told them Alvaro would push them much harder than I usually do...and they may get yelled at (hell – I might get yelled at too!).

The 2nd statement turned out to be correct – I rigged our smaller S3 kite which is 1.5 ounce and a good reaching kite. Alvaro jumps on...”what are we using that woosey little kite for? So you’re telling me you don’t want to win...is that it? Stop mucking around and go get the 0.75oz S2.” So, I sheepishly grabbed the big kite (that we call “Medusa” for a reason) and the foredecky rigged it in the turtle on the bow. We went out early and did a trial hoist to see how it would go...foredecky got hit in the head with the pole when we were dousing the kite...hmmm...good start! I knew we’d

have a good hoist from Nt Pt Walter to Dome...but I wasn't looking forward to the shenanigans from Suicide to Burnside.

We had a good race...Alvaro loves his spaghetti...so between me and him...we had plenty of weight on the rail and our upwind legs were pretty good. We did have a good kite run from Pt Walter to Dome...but we made a tactical error from Dome to Pt Walter on the upwind...as Alvaro thought we were rounding the buoy rather than the spit and got me to tack out in the middle of the river (when most of us usually go for the shoreline lift and head straight for Reso). Oh well...we were 2nd at that point...but Sovica ran us down under cracked sheets and we rounded Pt Walter 3rd with Seamist right up our clacker.

We did reasonably well through the mossie/suicide mind-melter...getting ahead of Sovica...but Paprika was ahead of us (well done Todd...two up as well!). We go for the hoist...but I found it difficult to get the kite to set as the wind was veering 15 degrees. I had to head way right...back to Pt Walter Spit almost...we ended up with the kite wrapped around the forestay...so I gybed (with the damn thing wrapped around the forestay!)...eased out the halyard...and got Alvaro and the foredecky both to pull on the foot as hard as they could...and bugger me...it came out! Then we had a mad reach to try to catch Seamist and Paprika (and let me tell you folks...this kite is not cut for reaching...the rig was shaking to bits as we had to keep blowing the kite...the pole was on the forestay...and I'm pretty sure I had a little brown stain on the back of my shorts by the time we made it to Burnside.



Winners of Harry Laurie Memorial Trophy-"Krista"-Dom Papaluca and crew

Then there was the question of do we gybe or drop? We chose discretion as the better part of valour and dropped...Seamist did us a BIG favour and tried to hold their kite to College buoy...they got dragged sideways and we snuck into the lead. We had a reasonable upwind leg...negotiated the mossie/suicide mind-melter again...popped the kite for the final run home and managed to hold everybody off. We left the drop a little late...and nearly crossed the line with the pole still up...the jib caught up on the pulpit...it wasn't pretty...but we made it.

A collective sigh of relief was had by all when we noticed Seamist was not ready to pounce and benefit from our ineptitude...so it was pats on the back all round. We later found out they had lost their foredecky over the side during their spinnaker hoist at suicide...which cost them heaps of time. That being said, Craig still managed to sail the course in less time than the rest of us...which is an incredible feat when you consider they were sailing 3-up and had to go fish somebody out of the water. They are amazing sailors.

It was a great day on the water, everybody made it round the course safe and sound. Thanks to the starters and volunteers for making it all happen for us.

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(PS: I noticed that Kiwi Express looked like she's had a wash and had a hull clean. Could it be...? One lives in hope that we WILL get 10 boats out there soon!!)



**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 28th: Robert Jeffery, Wilma Poland, Allan Austin, Luciana and Andrew Caddick.

DINGHY NEWS

What a beautiful day for racing. 20 boats in the water, and a bit of something for everyone. 4-16 knots with large shifts and gusts, yet sometimes a few enduring breezes. Then, lets not forget about the rogue waves throughout the course. I'm sure Rob won't. The wind may have dropped, but it never seemed to completely die, which was a nice change from previous weeks.

Considering how shifty it was, I thought the start team did a great job laying the course without significant delays. It never quite settled down, and I'm pretty sure I saw a 30 degree shift on the final upwind, yet we still weren't reaching! Thank you Start and Safety teams for your your time.

The start line was spread-out with plenty of space for everyone. A few undulating waves added to the start chaos, and showed up again on one of the triangle close reaches during a wind shift. The left side seemed to be favored for the first windward, and most of the race as well.

Special thanks to Graham Lithgo for his repairs on the safety boat 2 weeks ago, which seem to have fixed the problem.

Full Rig:

- 1) Colin Dibb
- 2) Travis Lithgo
- 3) Matt Read
- 4) Justin Rose
- 5) Graham Lithgo
- 6) Rob Jager

Radial:

- 1) Rod Stone
- 2) Mark Edwards
- 3) Wendy Campbell

Handycap:

- 1) David Madgwick
- 2) Don Page
- 3) Matt Read

Sailor David

DINGHY CALENDAR

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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