



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy Newsletter

7th February 2023

Wednesday 8th February-Twilight Sail

Beaujolais 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 11th February-Keelboats-2pm-

Froward Hands Skippers Race

Sunday 12th February-Dinghies

-10am-Club Championship Race 5

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 13th February

KEELBOAT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

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 4th February-Report from the Box-Robert Jeffery

HOT, it was very hot on Saturday. Easterlies were the breeze of the day. A fairly close together start and then everything started to unravel. Some tacked south early (just after crossing the Start Line) but everybody had to tack south to make College. Then it started to sort men from the boys as everyone sailed out of the bay towards Dome. Beaujolais was still heading east when the leaders were westward bound to Mossie-Suicide. The sight of leaders was enough to have the red boat turn around and head home. The three leaders arrived at Burnside just as the wind died off and the starters shortened the course. Kiboko, Sea Mist & Krista had to blow into their own sails to make the line. Everyone else fold up their sails and motored home except Sovica (who had to sail across in front of the startbox to make it to their anyhow). Everyone hankered for a cool wet beverage and found refuge on the green outside the Deep Dene Room. Boy it was HOT

Saturday 4th February-Report from the Water

On Behalf of Craig Feakes – Rear Commodore of Sail:

Results: Combined Fleet: Kiboko (B. Rapson) 1 & Fastest; Seamist VI (C. Feakes) 2; Krista (D. Papaluca) 3.

We had eight boats out again this week. While 8 doesn't sound like a big number...it is consistent...and consistently more than last year. The weather should be light in February/March – so if you've been putting it off...now is the time to clean your boat and give it a go. I really want to hit 10 before Commy Cup (mainly because there will be too many people in the bar for Craig to shout us a drink!).

Speaking of lighter weather...crikey...that is what we got. Having a chat to Arthur on Beaujolais and Chris on Andalusia whilst rigging up...I was telling them that my weather app said "not much" (I use "Predict Wind" by the way...it is the most consistent of all the apps out there) and told them I was heading out with my No1 headsail and no kite as I was two-up also. That is why there is no spinnaker talk this week...I had my fordecky and my reserve foredecky both away...and so it was that all the Spacesailer 22's went out with just two members on board. Course 6 was the order of the day (College, Nth Point Walter, Dome, followed by a couple laps of Burnside/Mossie/Suicide). This was a good decision by the start team, as they could shorten the course if the wind died out.

We all started pretty close to each other. Seamist jumped out of the blocks, followed by Kiboko and Krista. I think Koolama was close behind alongside Andalusia. Beaujolais retired – they snapped the top of their starboard winch off (not a bad effort!). Sovica was looking majestic as usual – even more majestic because he had Alan Austin on board! The only one to put a kite up was Craig on Seamist – but of course we know those two wind-whisperers can do anything!!! He opened up a handy lead, only to be run down by Kiboko at Mossie/Suicide. Kiboko was in the groove...they had their gennaker up and were slipping through the water like Michelle Kwan on an ice rink. Krista tried hard to catch up...but Seamist held on in the middle. The results you see above are the line-honours results too.

As expected, – the race was shortened...and we all finished in a dying SE breeze. We were all tonguing it for a drink...and the camaraderie in the club and out on Bovell green was excellent as usual! Thanks to the start team and the volunteers...we really appreciate you.

See you next week – for the forward-hands race. This should be interesting!!! 😊

(my tip for the win – Koolama. He's got some dinghy sailors doing the foredeck work on that boat!)

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**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 February 4th: Robert Jeffery and Joan Austin.**

DINGHY NEWS

Special thanks to the start and safety crews who are volunteering their time to keep us safe and allow us to enjoy the race. One of the boats capsized before the race, and needed assistance to get back to shore. I don't know the full story, and I hope everyone was ok, but it does renew an appreciation for all those involved in keeping this club going.

The day started with a 2-4 knot ENE wind, hit 10-15 WSW by the time the race started, and mellowed out to a pleasant 8-12 throughout the race.

The start-line was shorter this time, and quite biased towards the start-boat, but that didn't seem to effect the majority of our 14 boats getting across in a close and timely manner.

I still can't claim that the 1st on handicap was due to a well sailed race, but I did borrow Miss Eve from Travis for the day, and that might have made enough of an improvement. Then perhaps the training session Travis ran earlier in the morning helped as well. Learning the importance of holding your position when rounding a mark ("don't let them come inside"), when to cover someone down downwind ("get on top of them"), when to tack on a knock ("just wait for it"). Colin Dibb was there as well divulging his wisdom, and who knows, maybe learned something as well.

Full Rigs Across the Line:

- 1) Colin Dibb 43m 45s
- 2) Ian Campbell 44m 9s
- 3) Mark Edwards 44m 23s
- 4) Scott Mckercher 44m 41s
- 5) Will Arnold 45m 11s
- 6) Don Page 46m 38s

Radials Across the Line:

- 1) Rod Stone 47m 2s
- 2) Ross Campbell 51m 50s

Handicap:

- 1) Dave Madgwick
- 2) Don Page
- 3) Will Arnold

Sailor David

DINGHY CALENDAR

February

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| 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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