



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy Newsletter

14th February 2023

Wednesday 15th 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 18th February-Keelboats-2pm-

Club start Race

Sunday 19th 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 March

KEELBOAT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

01-Mar-23 WED 1825 Twilight
04-Mar-23 SAT 1400 NO RACING AT CYC-Long Weekend
08-Mar-23 WED 1825 Twilight
11-Mar-23 SAT 1400 **"Yachtkana" Novelty Race
15-Mar-23 WED 1825 Twilight
18-Mar-23 SAT 1400 No racing at CYC-See 19th March
19-Mar-23 SUN 1400 CYC-COMMODORE'S CUP RACE
25-Mar-23 SAT 1400 *RIVER START
Closing Day
SS22 Association State Heat 6-CYC

Saturday 11th February-Report from the Water

On behalf of Craig Feakes – Rear Commodore of Sail

Results:

1st and Fastest Beagle – Karl Griffin; **2nd Andalusia** – Kim Lyons; **3rd Krista** – Mardi Du Plessis; **3rd Koolama** – Helen Ramsay;

4th Paprika – Tony Whitehead; **5th Beaujolais** – Cool-hand-Luke Poland and Sovica-Allan Austin – DNF 😞

What a fun day we had out on the water yesterday! I was worried that it would be too windy for it...but we gave it a crack (mainly because we didn't have any spots left in the calendar to re-run the race!) And so it was, that the Fellowship of the Forward-Hands began their journey into Mordor in a 18kt breeze...that steadily built up to around 24kts as the day wore on. I put my money on Koolama to win...because they had a boat full of dinghy sailors...and with a

nice bit of wind...I thought they'd rocket through the fleet. I lost my money though...because I didn't consider three things: Firstly, I put the Burnside Buoys out early (so we were all organised for a Westerly start) but that just confused the fleet because there was an E flag flying from the start box...consequently Koolama (and quite a few others) had a shite start; secondly, I didn't take into account that Sovica would learn one of the secrets of sailing (power up and hang on!); and the third thing that I didn't consider was that Beagle was sailing that day – Spirit 28's are designed and built for the WA sea breeze...and even with a novice skipper on the helm they pantsed the rest of the fleet from the outset!!!

There were lots of sub-plots playing out amongst the fleet. On Krista, we had Mardi, who had never set foot on a yacht until seven months ago as part of the Krista Sailing school. She did a brilliant job (Krista would have finished 2nd...but the useless crew – aka me! – did not notice the shortened course flag till they passed the finish line...and had to double-back to finish...which allowed time for Andalusia to sneak in before them). Mardi's nickname is now "Madge" – short for "Magic Mardi". At the presentations, I let everybody in on my "intellectual property" – or shall we say, my "proprietary process" that I used to describe certain manoeuvres and techniques to get the novices up-to-speed quickly. For example, the correct way to hold a tiller extension is called "grabbing a donger", the correct way to jam a rope through a cam-cleat is called "titty-ferk" and sailing dead downwind is called "willy in the middle". Once explained to them the first time...they never forget it...however it can be disconcerting when you yell out "titty-ferk, titty-ferk" or "keep the willy in the middle" to those within earshot who are not up with the lingo!!! ☺

Other sub-plots en-route was Panos on board Sovica changing headsail to a bigger one...and then shaking out the reef in the mainsail on the off-wind reaches and runs. It was like that scene in the movie Happy Gilmore – where Happy learns to putt...I thought...hmmm...we're all in trouble now. Sure enough...Sovica slid into 2nd place...and were doing their damnest with Alan Austin on the helm to catch Beagle.

However, the best manoeuvre of the day was made by Beagle. No doubt, having Peter Boykett (with his crusty two-hundred-and-fifty-three years of experience) calling the shots as master tactician...and CYC's own version of Daniel Craig (Richie Boykett) pulling the strings...not only did they realise that the course was shortened...in a cheeky move reserved only for those with 007 skills and cunning...they sailed through the finish line correctly on the second (and now final) lap...but were having so much fun...they decided to do a third lap anyway! This proved to be the undoing for Sovica...who was beautifully setup to take second place...however, the red-mist of competitive ambition clouded their vision and they did not notice Beagle's sneaky move...and also didn't see the shortened course flag. Sovica powered on for a third lap...snarling through gritted teeth and pulling out all stops to catch their rival...and hence finished too late and recorded a DNF because they were outside the time limit by the time they got to finish their third lap (albeit properly executed).

Three things I learned from the day:

1. Many of us need to see Specsavers
2. Watch the flags gawd dammit (and know what they mean)!!!
3. Peter Boykett should be on TV advertising Hahn Premium Light beer. It is obviously the elixir of life!!! ☺

Other news:

See you next Saturday for a Club Start...and SS22 sailors...don't forget there is a state heat on Sunday down and East Freo. Two Claremont boats are in the top 5 positions...Go Team!!!

I've got crew coming out of my ears...still 20 on the waitlist. Let me know if you need some permanent people...and I'll throw them your way. Don't leave it till the last minute (ie Saturday) because social habits have changed...and if you don't get in early...they go off and do other things. Panos – I have somebody for you...trying to get you one other. Anybody else in need???

See you all next week.

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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 11th: Robert Jeffery, Wilma Poland and.**

DINGHY NEWS

DINGHY CALENDAR

February

19 Feb-23 SUN 1000 Club Race
26 Feb-23 SUN 1000 Windward Series 3

March

5 Mar-23 SUN NO RACING DUE TO LONG WEEKEND
12 Mar-23 SUN 1000 Club Championship Race 6
19 Mar-23 SUN 1400 Commodore's Cup Race
26 Mar-23 SUN 1000 Club Race

April

2 Apr-23 SUN 1000 Handicap Start Race 2
9 Apr-23 SUN NO RACING DUE TO LONG WEEKEND
16 Apr-23 SUN 1000 Dinghy Closing Day Trophy-Trapezoid Race 2

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