



BLOWING IN THE WIND

CYC Keelboat and Dinghy Newsletter

21st February 2023

Wednesday 22nd 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 25th February-Keelboats-2pm-

Ladies Skippers Race

Sunday 26th February-Dinghies

-10am-Windward Series-Race 3

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

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 18th February-Report from the Water

On Behalf of Craig Feakes – Rear Commodore of Sail

Results for Combined Fleet: Kiwi Express (M. Greentree)1. & Fastest; Sovica (P. Maouris) 2; Krista (D. Papaluca) 3.

We started in a fresh breeze, that just got fresher. 8 boats on the water...when suddenly there loomed a shadow. Much like Kaleesi riding one of her dragons towards Westeros and Kings Landing – with conquering and pillaging on her mind. Us peasants in our pesky little boats were swept aside as the might Kiwi Express – freshly antifouled and crewed by Craig Feakes and Kim Lyons – with Matt Greentree on the helm – smoked us all!!!

The other boat that showed us a clean pair of heels was Sovica...she loves those conditions...and she loves having crew that know what they are doing on board! She has looked like a completely different boat! Another boat that loves these conditions is Beagle – she had a pretty slow start...but worked her way through the fleet to be the 2nd boat chasing Kiwi. Krista ("the little boat that could") was flogging her crew trying to keep up...but to no avail. She was close enough to pinch third place though.

Kiwi took all before her...far enough in front to take 1st and Fastest (note: we adjusted Kiwi's handicap UP that morning...so we will be sharpening the pencil again next week!). Sovica looked right at home in the strong breeze. She

is a good-looking boat...it is great to see the big boats back out there again. We seem to be getting 7+ boats per week consistently now...which is great news.

Next week is the lady skippers race. Not sure what you are supposed to do if you don't have female crew...perhaps wear a wig or a dress or something? Hmm...I'll have a chat to the sail committee and see what we can come up with!

19th Feb 2023 – SS22 State Heat

Krista sailed amazingly well for 95% of the race...and then snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. She was looking at 3rd over the line...and potentially 1st on handicap...but ripped her headsail about 300 metres from the finish line at East Freo. We could only do starboard tacks because the torn leech kept getting caught on a D-shackle at the top of the inner forestay (this was the culprit that ripped the sail to start with). So we were trying to do little starboard reaches and then longer port tacks...but we got rolled by Seamist and then by another boat called Utopia...so we ended up 6th.

Craig on Seamist got 3rd...so CYC is well represented in the top half of the fleet. Congratulations Craig and team! This should lift them to 3rd overall on the cumulative standings.

Conditions on Sunday were similar to Saturday...building SW breeze. There were some interesting kite runs. Whilst Krista didn't have a great finish...we did have a great race up until then...so I'll remember all the good things that happened on the day, rather the one bad thing that happened at the end.

See you 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 18th: Robert Jeffery and Andrew Caddick.**

DINGHY NEWS

DINGHY CALENDAR

February

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

Dinghy Race Report Sunday 19th Feb

Many of you may not know, but I'm relieving for David Madgwick this week. David will be back here again next week I'm sure.

Best of luck to Susie, Wendy and Travis who are sailing the HMAS Perth Regatta at NYC this afternoon.

Five radials and nine full rigs locked horns today for Consistency Race 18 of the season. There are now only 6 races remaining for the summer season.

There were beautiful conditions on the bay with a warm breeze of about 10 kts blowing from the SSE.

I was keen to strap on my new MK2 sail and try it out for its first sail in anger, and let me tell you, I was very pleased with it!

I had dragged my feet getting to the line to prepare for the start, so consequently it was a pretty average start for me.

Pretty much all of the leaders took off on a starboard tack across the bank, whereas Sean and I tacked off to port early for clear air. I was below Sean, and at risk of being gassed by him, and I wanted to tack but I couldn't without giving him ground, so we fought it out for a while until he tacked away. I nearly tacked then too, but the breeze felt good and my boat had speed, so I stayed on that port tack until I could lay the windward mark. Everyone else was over the bank, I was alone on the south side and coming in on starboard and, and, and bugger me!!, I was first to reach the windward mark!

Nigel was breathing down my neck though, but I was able to hold him off to the wing mark, and gained slightly on him to the bottom mark. Jesus, is this for real?

Back out to the south side of the course again for the beat to the windward mark, with Nigel still following, along with a few others this time. Again, I was able to hold them off and start my run for the downwind sausage leg. That was a really long leg, and the wind was dying, Nigel was gaining, as was the remainder of the fleet. I got to the bottom mark barely ahead of Nigel and Justin who had now gotten in on the act, when the start boat signalled something. Between me, Justin and Nigel, we decided the race might be over prematurely, so we fought it out for the finish line with Nigel clearly ahead, and me, 1 second behind Justin for third place.

An interesting result for the radials with Andrew Brockiss and Rod Stone sharing equal fastest Radial.

Final placings.....

Fastest F/R Nigel Paul

Fastest Radial Tied by Rod Stone and Andrew Brockiss

Handicap Placings.....

- 1 Don
- 2 David Madgwick
- 3 Sean Brealey
- 4 Gaye Ryan
- 5 Will Arnold
- 6 Nigel Paul

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