As the sailing season winds down for another season we can all look back at what has been achieved over the last few months on and off the water at MYC.

The downstairs racking has been reorganised to allow for better use of the new rigging deck and increase the number of boats we can store, the bathroom renovations are complete and a new shower installed, the junior fleet is once again off and running, and we have the new sailing school in place and offering some great courses to both children and adults. Then there is the on water stuff, the woman’s challenge was again a huge success…… despite the weather, the try sailing day saw record numbers through the club, the increasing number of boats sailing in the twilights, the Audi Regatta (well done Bokarra), Sailability continues to make sailing accessible to everyone, to the training courses, the website, the newsletter, and more.

All this of course could not be possible without the members and their families contributing time and effort. There are far too many people responsible for all the above work to mention here so to all those who have given so generously of their time, thank you on behalf of all the clubs users, next time you are at MYC please take a moment and look around at what you have helped to achieve.

As mentioned the bathrooms are finally complete. Thanks to Sorrell, Donna, Matt, Greg Wilkins, Peter Robinson, and especially Brian for seeing this project through. The new shower downstairs is also operational; this is located in the eastern half of what was the oar room. A cold water outdoor shower for rinsing salty sailors has also been installed on the western wall of the deck under the office.

Also at the end of each season it is time to start thinking about Board and Sailing Committee positions for the following year. If you are interested in helping on one of these committees please let Maz or myself know, no experience is necessary as there are jobs for everyone. It is also a great way to get your family and friends involved with the club, many non sailors have helped in the past on start boats, with race organisation, or just sitting in the office taking calls and enjoying the view. It is a great way to meet your fellow members and learn a bit more about the sport we all love.

The club is looking at having the wheely bins cleaned on a regular basis. This is a little problematic for the professionals as rubbish and recycling are collected on different days so two trips would have to be made. We are after someone on a volunteer or paid basis to regularly clean the bins. If you can help, or know someone who can please give me a call.

Don’t despair, the sailing will continue, at the end of each summer season is the winter series and the Queensland regattas.

Ian D.
COMMODORE’S REPORT

Last month I mentioned many members who assisted and participated in the Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta. When one does that, one is apt to miss someone – guilty! A valued member of our club - having just had her appendix removed - fielded, collated and processed the results for the 25 divisions over the two days of racing. Thank you, Anne. And apologies to anyone else I’ve missed. We don’t get to do things we like to do without someone else volunteering.

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Finally, I’d like to thank those members who make it possible for the rest of us to race each week; and I’d encourage members who don’t find themselves on boats from time to time to give it a go on the start boat or the mark laying boat, or up on the deck on a Friday Night Twilight. We always match you up with someone who has raced with us to belong to a YA affiliated club – in the interests of the boat owner; the crew and Manly Yacht Club.

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This year’s theme of games proved very inventive for some. How do you dress up for tiddlywinks?? There were lots of glamorous Miss Scarlet’s; Super Mario and Marine Ninja were also present and someone playing “chicken”! I’m sure that there are some photos that I’m going to regret. Thank you Murray, Helen, Sarah, Mark (and anyone I’ve missed) for making the night a success.

Enough of what was … and onto what’s yet to come …

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A cocktail party at The Space, Manly!!!

A prize that all owners and crew can share together and remember the rules for winning this amazing prize – everyone who races is in the drawn.... The higher you place the more tickets you get in the barrel, and most importantly you need to be there on deck to claim your prize!!

So get your entries in now.... Racing starts on 5th June.
All boats entered by 23rd May get an extra entry in the draw.

Donna Bruce
Race Director

A First Aid Training session will be held on 26 June. $90 per Person with workbooks distributed prior to the 1-day practical session (day after our AGM/Dinner) Booking essential – email training@myc.org.au or SMS 0419 600108

Cary Budd
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Muir Watson won best dressed male for his T-shirt full of games, Lynda Shelley won best dressed female for her Monopoly Get out of Jail Free outfit and Alison Crothers won the word game. Muir, Lynda and Alison all won La Premiere Gold Class cinema tickets.

Thanks to our sponsors for their generosity in providing fabulous raffle prizes:

**Shore Club Moet & Chandon Lounge** – won by Sam Ashby

**Manly Pavilion meal** – won by greg Wilkins

**Manly Sailing 2 hours expert tuition** – won by Jamie King

**Garfish meal** – won by Margaret Malins

**Ouzeria meal** – won by Helen Buckland

**Manly Wine meal** – won by Hector Lambie

**Four Pines brewery tour** – won by Tomas Klimar

**Pizza Capanna** – won by Mark Bonney

**ICMS Great Dining Room meal** – won by Ross Matheson

**Whitewater meal voucher** – won by Murray Bailes

Other prizes provided by ICMS Great Dining Room and Hoyts cinema tickets will be given away to MYC race winners.

Thanks to our organising committee of Sarah Nicols, Helen Buckland, Mark Bonney and Murray Bailes. Also to David McEwen for being our DJ for the evening, Carole Orbell for great artwork and lots of other help, Ken Terrens for photos to display, and to Barb Jones and Nicole Reade for helping out on the door. Also thanks to Anne Stockdale, Adrian Solti, Steve Teudt, David Lewis, Ian Dennewald, Maz Theaker, Sorrell Lambie and Sue and Judy in the MYC office for their assistance and support.
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CHALLENGE
Well it is called the Helly Hansen Women’s “Challenge” - so when we awoke to howling winds and pouring rain on Sunday morning, we were grinning from ear to ear (or was that grimacing?).

The Sailability Access Dinghies were first off the mark at 10am and they were certainly a brave lot! Those wee boats endured the worst of the deluge with driving rain and radical wind gusts, challenging the ability of the sailors and the seaworthiness of the boats! They passed the test with flying colours and congratulations to Judy Cole on Alex, winner of the division and winner of the One Design trophy for the series.

The yachts were next up and by now the wind was gusting close to 30 knots and the swell was big enough to stop the Manly Ferry for an hour or so! Still 85% of the yachts entered turned up to the start line, a challenge in itself, especially for the Ynglings who had been towed all the way across the harbour, Ladybug who had sailed from Hunters Hill and our visitors from MHYC. To reef or not to reef was not an option for most boats - one or two reefs was the decision to be made! The course for the day was the dreaded number 2, thanks to the predominantly easterly wind with 3 laps required from Edwards Beach to Old Man’s Hat. So with two reefs and our storm jib, Top Odds crossed the start line in Division 1, the all female spinnaker division, along with Lunchcutter, Ladybug and Melody. All seemed rather calm once we were underway. The rain had stopped and some blue sky even poked out teasingly from amongst the cumulonimbus. The race to the first mark, Manly MYC, was a solid leg followed by a beautiful reach down the harbour towards Middle Head. However once we got close to the cardinal markers, we could see the swell was looking very playful and we were in for a rollicking ride! A few brave souls flew their spinnakers down to Edwards which was great to see.

After rounding Edwards, the next challenge was to battle upwind through the swell to reach Old Man’s Hat - somewhere out there in the heads. This was some of the most challenging inshore sailing that myself and certainly the boat had seen. We took a hammering heading out through the swells and the wind was coming through in unpredictable squalls. My crew tell me their squeals were those of excitement rather than fear. Surfing around Old Man’s Hat was a great achievement as I really wasn’t sure that we would get there - one lap down two more to go..... It was then that we noticed some of the fleet heading back to Manly, I was tempted to follow but my crew were having too much fun and convinced me to keep going. I had thought heading out through the swells was hairy - now we were surfing them back in! On our next leg back out to Old Man’s Hat, the swells had become bigger and the wind appeared stronger. When one of the bigger swells broke over us and sent whitewater across the deck, I started to think (out loud) again about heading back. About two thirds along that leg a second swell broke over us and I took that as a sign that Top Odds had had enough of a battering for the day and it was time to head back for champagne - much to the crews disappointment as they were having a ball!

At the end of the day it was great to see that half the fleet who started did in fact finish the race. Well done to everyone for making a go of it out there in the wild weather, it certainly was a challenge! Congratulations to the Division winners; Div 1 - Lunch Cutter, Div 2 - Wildlife, Div 3 - Alcamy, Div 4 - Torquil, Div 6 - Miss Pibb, Div 9 - Alex.

A big thanks to Helly Hansen for sponsoring the event with such generous and gorgeous prizes and offers - the 25% in-store discount is still valid through until April 30. Also to minor sponsors Jendi and Sensorsa for their prizes. Thank you to all the members who helped out in the preparation and on the day especially to Maz, Ivana, the Race Committee (not pleasant out there on Carlyle or Robbie R), the photo boat crew, Adrian, Al, Margo, Christobel, Helen, Anne and Caroline. Finally a huge thank you to Crosbie Lorimer who gave his time on very short notice to capture the essence of the day in some amazing photography. His great images are available to download for a $5 donation to Sailability, please see the website for more pictures and instructions.

Cheers
Karen Petersen
Race Director MYC Helly Hansen
Women’s Challenge 2011

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BLUE’S BIG TRIP …
I’m sure Blue won’t mind telling you about his big new adventure.

You may or may not know the tall gangly fellow that presents himself at lots of working bees, and you may have often seen a highly sun screen faced bloke dragging out the Finn from the boat storage area, to go for a quiet sail, and wonder who that was. If you’ve read the MYC newsletter, anytime in the last 15 years you may recall the great articles that Blue writes, about boats we will never see racing in our club series.

Well, it seems that Blue and his family have decided to up stakes and take on the rural life in the Southern Highlands. Not, you might imagine, the farming life, but a furniture making factory attached to the property they have purchased. The property, Wild Wood Galaries, is in the small hamlet of Fitzroy Falls. So look out for high quality furniture from that neck of the woods, once Blue passes the course in Furniture Making 101.

His Finn has also moved with him and he will now be racing against a fleet of catamarans and Lasers on Fitzroy Fall Reservoir. As he says… challenging…

We, here at Manly Yacht Club, wish Blue and his family all the best in their future endeavours. And Blue, I know you will still be reading the MYC Newsletter, so, if you ever need a ride on an oversized Finn, don’t forget to come and visit.

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Name: Rupert Shanks
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Experience: Im a 29 yr old Scottish RYA/ MCA Yachtmaster with a lot of sailing/racing experience looking for some time on the water! Open to any opportunities.
The Summer Series 7 race was well attended with twelve boats enjoying a building strong breeze and sunny day. The handicaps have worked out well as the first 3 in Div1 finished within 2 minutes and all 6 were home within 10 minutes over a 2.5 hour race. This meant that there was some good on-the-water racing and boats were within contact of others all day.

But the big news, at least for the stand-in race director, is that after 6 months of L plates, we finally got a result in Esprit. After a near perfect day (and a correct call to downsize to the fractional on the third set) we were sure we were going to get the gun and the self congratulations started 100m shy of the line.... what could go wrong from there? Helen gave it her best go by slipping between the life lines and nearly going overboard. But she managed to hold onto the sheet and even grind it on a bit as she climbed back aboard. Which was lucky, as I'm not sure the finishing-with-all-the-crew regulation includes dragging them over the line with the life-sling?

Our second consequence from our premature celebrations came with the sight of Aida lurking behind the line with sails already put away. But when we saw Bill back at the club, he didn’t have the demeanour of a winner, and it turned out that he had sailed the div 2 course. At least Aida was not alone, as in the last race, Bella would have had a good result if it was not for a missed mark. Thanks guys for the honesty in the self-DNFs!

The Starters’ Prize was also well contested, with over half the fleet being within 15s of their start times. I was briefly amazed when I saw a tie at :03 between Kestrel II and Esra Tew’s, but then normality returned when I realised that ET was actually 1:03 late. The Starters’ Prize jackpotted to David from Atalanta, who also got a jackpot prize in Div 1, so a double reward for his appreciated efforts behind the bar.

15 boats turned up for the SS-8 on a beautiful sunny day. Daylight savings had kicked in that morning, but that didn’t help one boat that turned up almost an hour late (having not read the sailing instructions to know that SS-8 is the marathon and started earlier than normal). At first it didn’t look like there was enough breeze to get us around, so the short course was selected, but this is still an excellent course and took us around Shark, Clark, Fort Denison and Goat islands. Luckily the breeze built to a fairly stable 5-10 and the tour of the harbour was completed in around 3 hours.

The variation of the wind did serve to keep the fleet bunched together as the new breezes kept bringing the tail ends back to the leaders. Wildlife and Esprit did break away a little bit at one stage and were treated to the excellent view of almost the entire fleet passing under the harbour bridge flying spinnakers. Of course the entire fleet had previously been treated to the site of Wildlife working up the harbour under spinnaker - not sure how they held that?!?

Wildlife took out line honours, but they failed to pull out a big enough lead to get a result under handicap. Handicap honours went to Bella (a JS8), for her first win after starting to race with the club this year! Well done. At the start, there were 3 boats in with a chance of a series win, but the results gave a decisive winner, but you’ll have to come to the Presentation Night in May to find out who they are.
DIARY DATES

Yachts  Juniors  Centreboards  Sailability

APRIL
12 TU  Training - Intro to Buoyage
13 WE  SCSHP, Achieve
16 SA  Training  BIRDS, General
18 MO  Sailing Committee Meeting
22 FR  Good Friday - Pittwater Race  OS-5
23 SA  Easter Saturday
24 SU  Easter Sunday
25 MO  Easter Monday/Anzac Day
26 TU  Additional Holiday
27 WE  RFW, Fisher Rd, Sunnyfields
30 SA  Hornsby Lifestyles, General

MAY
1 SU  Commodore's Picnic  CP  CP  CP  CP
3 TU  Board Meeting
10 TU  Training - Mooring, anchoring, ropes and knots
11 WE  RFW, Dee Why PSC, MAPS Forestville
14 SA  Sailability Commodore's Picnic
28 SA  Presentation night
30 MO  Sailing Committee Meeting

Please check dates in the 2010-2011 Handbook
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STOP PRESS 1

Congratulations to Copernicus and crew for their recent win in the CYCA Sydney to Newcastle Race - overall ORCi winner and second overall on IRC. This win places them first in the CYCA's Tasman Series points score and second in the CYCA's Cape Byron Series points score which concluded with the Newcastle Race. Well done!

LUCKY WINNERS!
If you have a perpetual trophy from last season could you please arrange to return it to the MYC office so that it can be engraved for this year's winner. Jack Morrison 0408-019463

STOP PRESS 2

Thank you to the crew of Ten Sixty and Esprit for standing by and rendering assistance to Shear Magic crew who found themselves on the rocks near Lady Bay Mark on the final Club Championship Race. Thank you also to our Skiff Club neighbours, who were able to deploy the George Fitz and finally tow Shear Magic off the rocks and then also tow the Robbie R off the rocks when they found themselves in difficulties attempting to assist Shear Magic. No injuries, some minor damage but all well. Thank you to all involved in the drama including the many MYC boats who radioed the club to inform us of the situation.

Jacob Taranto—Jnr  Hugo Taranto—Jnr  James Crawford—Assoc  Richard Mann—Assoc  Susan Mann—Hon member  Roslyn Humphreys—Assoc  William Fenwicke—Assoc

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