



MYC NEWS

Issue No.3 April 2009
2009 Season



A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the Action Team for the Musto /Sturrocks Women's Challenge 2009

We had a record year with 55 boats in 7 divisions and it would not have been possible without the help of...

The Sailing Office Team of Christabel and Dee

The Race Officers Pam, Patrick, Steve, Steve, Ricardo and Bill
The Handicapper Graham

The food and bar committee organized by AI, including Melissa, Sally, Peter, Yuko, Donna's mum Jennifer, Donna, Sorrell, John, Ian
And our Amazing Commodore Maz who has done a superhuman job.
Our Sponsor Duncan, who was absolutely delighted with the outcome and is already planning next year.

The Musto Crew helped out as well and Duncan was spotted selling Raffle tickets and cleaning down tables

They all got into the spirit of our fine Volunteer club.

I am proud of MYC

Ivana McAlpine

Race Director Women's Challenge

And thank you Ivana for your massive effort and enthusiasm in making it happen again this year!

Continued on Pages 4, 5 & 7



President's Report:

The Summer Series has finished. The Musto/Sturrocks Women's Challenge is over. The Zilzie Twilight Ball has been and gone but there are still a few events to go before the winter series begins. It is a real credit to all those who made it happen.

But now is the time to consider the running of the club for the next season. Our Commodore has begun work on the next sailing programme and will consult with the Skiff Club to avoid a clash of major events. The composition of the Board is another important matter. I will be resigning from my current position as President and Christabel Casimir will be resigning from her position as Honorary Secretary. I intend to stand for a position on the Board and Christabel is prepared to continue with some of her current duties mainly in the area of 'Housekeeping'. If required Jenny Wilson will continue with the Board minutes.

Nevertheless there is an opportunity for change. An opportunity for younger members of the club to throw their hats into the ring and help to run the club they enjoy so much. All positions will be up for election so if you think that you can make a positive contribution, nominate for the Board.

The last Working Bee saw numerous small jobs being addressed. Weeding the forecourt; Cleaning windows; Window repair; Bird lines on the beams above the balcony; Roller shutter fixed; Toilet cistern and seat fixed; Flapping roof sheeting secured; Work on the davits; Trip to the tip; Skirting eaten by white ants removed (needs to be replaced next Working Bee - 2nd May). Thanks to all who turned up to help namely:- Peter H, Jack and Karen, Helen B, Ian D, Laura and Peter, Jeff L, Pam and Bruce, Blue, Robert S, Margo, Britta, Peter S, Charles K and last but by no means least Christabel.

The clubs finances are in sufficiently good shape for the Board to consider having the hall painted professionally. It is looking a bit sad and as a valuable club asset it should be maintained to a high standard. Sorrel Lambie is looking at upgrades to the first floor which will result in increased hall hire income.

It is good to see that the younger members of the club are showing initiative. Recently we have seen a film, Tropfest, show on the deck using the old sponsors board as the screen slung between the davits for Robbie R. It is, according to AI, a great venue.

Continued on page 2

JOURNAL OF MANLY YACHT CLUB

P.O. Box 22 Manly NSW 1655

Tel: 02 9977 4949 Fax: 02 9977 3573

Email: myclub@tpg.com.au

www.myc.org.au



Div 6 - Skipper Ivana
Black Adder - Yngling



Div 7 - Skipper A Clancy
Dimension Polyant - 13ftSkiff



Div 7 - Access Dinghy 303
Jessika, Jackie, Ivana and Maz



Div 2 - Start

TOP: Carlyle - Steve Teudt (race officer) and Steve Tucker.

(Our Women's Challenge starters - for a few years now and many more to come!)
Robbie R - Bill Spence and Ricardo Bauermann and Patrick Lynch in the office.

Sailing Images on this page by Christophe Launay - Marine Photography, WWW.SEALAUNAY.COM

Continued from Page 1



Peter and Laura prepared 'Sizzling Mexican Fajitas' after the last of the Summer Series races which were very tasty.

Safe Sailing

Brian Wilson - President 



Working Bee 14th March.
Next Working Bee 2nd May.



Invitation to the Commodore's Picnic



When: 11:00am Sunday, 10th May 2009
Where: Reef Beach (MYC if the weather is not good)
What: Fun Race and BBQ (BYO drinks)
Who: Everyone (no boat? Walk around!)

It's Mother's Day...it's the Commodore's Picnic - make it a great day out!

The day kicks off with our traditional La Mans start at Manly Harbour Beach (near Oceanworld); racing around YA marks; then heading off to Reef Beach for the 12:30 BBQ. The usual activities...tug-a-war; beach cricket; face painting; treasure hunt for the kids; cappuccino boat for the adults...

A highlight of the afternoon will be the Everest of Yachting Access 303 Relay Challenge for MS Research. Organise 6 crew; buy your boat for \$60 - 7 boats - 7 teams; bribe the handicapper - it's the greatest opportunity ever to win a prestigious yacht race. **All proceeds to MS Research.**

Notice of Race will be sent out separately.
Sailing Instructions will be issued at the start line.

The Robbie R will be transporting people from boats to shore if required. Everyone is needed to assist with the activities on the day. If you don't volunteer, you will be given a job. Contact Maz on 9938 1296 to advise attendance otherwise you might go hungry.



Thanks again to Davis Marina for their ongoing commitment as our Official Sponsors. 



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Last year about this time I pondered on the need to re-evaluate our sailing program and in preparation for the season just past we did re-jig a few things; for the better I hope. We had a great turn out for the Summer Series sponsored by Black Heart Industries and a good turn out for the Club Championships as well. But, as always, your sailing committee is open to suggestions, so if you have any good ideas, now would be the time to float them as we prepare for the new season. Yes, it never stops on this merry-go-round!

Only a couple more races to go before the Winter Series begins including the ever popular marathon around all the islands on the Harbour. It's not too late to enter - racing is on Sunday 3 May 2009.

Thanks to the hard work of our enthusiastic Sponsorship Director, Ivana, all of our racing is sponsored this year including the Musto/Sturrocks Women's Challenge 2009. If you were there, you know what a blast it was. If you weren't or even if you were and want to relive the thrills of the day, log onto the MYC gallery page and view the great photography of Christophe Launay. His photos are available to club members at no charge however any use of the photos needs to be credited to Christophe and no commercial usage is allowed without his express permission.

By all accounts the Twilight Ball was a smashing success again this year, due in no small part to dynamo Jackie Morgan. Well done and thank you to all involved in helping to run these events. None of these events would get off the ground without the enthusiasm of the members of this club. So, don't be shy, if you want to help, there is always plenty to do. If you don't know who to contact - go right to the top - that's me (...maybe President Brian would dispute that - so somewhere near the top :).

The Davis Marina sponsored Commodore's picnic will again be a Le Mans start ending up at Reef Beach. If you can't convince your skippers to enter, then, come by foot; get together a team of six and enter the Access 303 Relay Challenge for MS Research. This year the picnic falls on Mother's Day, so bring her along; give her a gift voucher of a donation to MS Research; or sponsor a boat for her. All proceeds raised on the day go towards MS Research.

Preparations for the next MYC handbook have begun and I'd like to draw your attention to the photo competition for the cover. Any corrections or suggestions for the handbook can be emailed to me - maz@radford-yacht.com - before the 30th April 2009.

Preparations for the Presentation Night in May have also commenced - mark the date - Saturday 30th - in your diary. If you entered the Summer Series; the Club Championships or the Twilights - you are in the draw for the major prize associated with the series entered. These will be drawn on the night - and you know the rules; you have to be on the deck to claim the prize. So, no excuses about some rugby game that may be on - make sure you have your diary marked for the MYC Presentation Night.

As the membership renewal notices go out this month, it is time to remind boat owners who race with our club that Manly Yacht Club encourages all crew members racing with us to belong to a YA affiliated club...in the interests of the boat owner; the crew and Manly Yacht Club.

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 more experienced and it is great fun - contact Pam at pensive@inet.net.au.

Maz Theaker - Commodore 



The Musto/Sturrocks Manly Yacht Club Women's Challenge is a fantastic event co-ordinated by Ivana McAlpine and the team at MYC. There are over 50 boats sailing across 9 divisions in both all women's and mixed crews. In all women's sailing finding enough women who can sail is easy; finding enough to fill every position is the hard part. This is one of the reasons for us to compete in such events, the chance to try out a crew slot you might not otherwise get and to improve the skills and experience of women in sailing. As a skipper and boat owner it is important to me to increase the numbers competing in our sport and if an all women's event introduces new people then it can be only seen as a positive thing.

Firstly the Estate Master Women's Team would like to thank Middle Harbour Yacht Club for allowing us to use their start boat, Hugh George, as our support boat for the day to entertain our sponsors, friends, partners and family. Onboard were such luminaries as Martin Hill, Commodore of MHYC and owner of Estate Master, Chris Williams renowned Sydney Harbour sportsboat sailor and all round top bloke. Phil Yeomans from DeckHardware and regular MHYC RO and Duncan Curnow from Musto Australia. During the course of the day they combined their talents to assist race entry Zen (a mixed crew Sydney 38) from the tricky spot they found themselves on the rocks in Taylors Bay. They also provided the love, support, affection and a little bit of pre-start coaching that we needed.

Thanks go to Manly Yacht Club for hosting a wonderful event and their excellent race committee. The sponsors of the event Musto (employer of our own beloved Sam Phillis!) wonderful manufacturers of wet weather gear. Sturrocks, equally wonderful supplier of wet weather gear and all your other sailing wear needs, a big thank you.

Finally a massive thanks to Martin and Lisa Hill for providing the continuing platform for the Estate Master Women's Sailing Team to perform on. This is an ongoing step in taking the Estate Master Women's Sailing Team onto an International stage. Rumours have been circulating about an entry into the ACC Bank Cork Week 2010 and we hope to be able to confirm this exciting new venture soon. Stay tuned and stay sailing.

See you at the next MHYC Women's sailing event.

Melissa Yeoman 

Photos by Martin Hill



The Estate Master Women's Sailing Team entry into the Musto/Sturrocks Women's Challenge at Manly Yacht Club

This is our story. Every crew has a tale to tell.

The Estate Master Women's Sailing Team came out in force for the Manly Yacht Club Musto/Sturrocks Women's Challenge last Sunday, 22nd of March. The initial challenge was to assemble a team of talented women to get the Grand Prix Farr 40 around the race course. In doing this I am very lucky to have the support of Martin and Lisa Hill who have allowed me to steer their boat for several years. This year I stepped aside from the helm to enable Sarah Hill to be our skipper for the day, which broadens the skill set of the Estate Master team, but I was to call tactics so not much of a move! Sarah has sailed on Estate Master over the years and has a background in top class rowing and we were both excited about the new approach to this years Women's Day challenge. Several of the crew for this year have sailed together on Animus (my Adams 10m) for several years and a few have been onboard Estate Master but not all together as a crew. A Farr 40 is an entirely different beast to control! This did not make them a novice crew, far from it but it was a team who had never sailed a Farr 40 or anything like it together before. Bearing this in mind we allowed for over an hour of training before the race which is generally enough to iron out the major kinks, to help the crew to gel and for Sarah and I to find a rhythm. To complete the triumvirate of brains trust at the back of the boat we had Estate Master newcomer Kristen Short on mainsheet, someone who I have sailed with for over 5 years and trust implicitly.

Rounding out the crew were from front to back, on the pointy end we had Katrina Ham who was a first timer on a Farr 40, previously a stranger but now a friend to us all who impressed us greatly at the tricky end. On the mast was Rosi Winn someone who has a great reputation from the Adams 10m fleet and she backed it up here. In the middle of the boat pulling the strings we had two ladies who need no introduction but for kicks we'll do it anyway! Lisa Hill and her partner in crime Sam Phillis. No kite went up, no headsail came down without their say so. They combined wonderfully as usual and made life easy for the rest of us. Running the engine room we had three very talented trimmers, Cate Barry, Katie Cooke and Liz Gazzard. They shared the duties of trimming, as it should be on any good boat, and they powered the boat upwind and downwind and communicated beautifully with Sarah and I. This made the job of steering Estate Master to the double of line honours and handicap a joy for us both. Sarah Hill did an amazing job steering this complicated beauty for the first time and I might have picked a shift or two but then again boat speed makes you a wonderful tactician eh? Might I add it was a pleasure to sail with all these awesome women.

PRESENTATION NIGHT Saturday 30th May

ALL members WELCOME: come collect your trophy; meet up with old and new members and enjoy a relaxed social evening at MYC.

Arrive at 6.30pm for a 7pm start

\$10 gets you in the door, light supper and a complimentary drink - Children FREE
Major prize draws for Twilights, the Summer Series and the Club Championships.

Special guest speaker! THE night for ALL MYC sailors: Access dinghies, BB Sailing, MJ's, Centreboards, Pointscore Yachts, Twilights, Summer and Winter Series.

Start writing your acceptance speeches now just in case! 

"SNAP THE FRONT COVER OF OUR HANDBOOK"



Photography competition for all MYC members. Shoot something abstract, still life, realistic, atmospheric, dramatic or off beat. Colour or black and white. Subject must be sailing

The art director reserves the right to crop and visually adjust the chosen image.

*Judges will be: Maz Theaker, Jim Nixon, Ivana McAlpine
Prize is FAME on being published on the cover of the handbook.*

Deadline: before the 30th May 09

Keep it to one image at a time. Email: ivana@imdesign.com.au

Email Subject: MYC handbook photo comp...

Good luck! Ivana 



Watch out for a new logo on the harbour.

The new orange Access 303 we recently purchased will soon be sporting a striking new logo. **The ING Foundation** (www.ingfoundation.com.au) have agreed to sponsor the boat to the tune of it's full cost, \$7,500.

Our proposal that the dinghy is needed to help train disabled children who are capable to sail and skipper themselves, and start the journey to a Special Olympic or Paralympic dream, perfectly met their grant criteria.

With an influx of new volunteers with a sailing background who are prepared to put in extended hours, the program now seems well positioned for success.

We trust that MYC members will use their networks to spread the word, and let parents and carers of children with disabilities who would like to be part of the program contact **Eli on 9976 2747 for details of how to get involved.**

A great inspiration will be the selection of Greg Hyde as one of the London 2012 Paralympic "train on" team. Many will remember Greg shared the helm of Nigel Holman's Cuckoo's Nest (MYC 2) with Hugh Treharne, when they won the 1993 Sydney to Hobart.

Manly Sailability goes from strength to strength, why not come down and be part of the action.

Jude - Manly Sailability 
www.manlysailability.com.au



MARATHON
3rd May 2009

Only a couple more races to go before the Winter Series begins including the ever popular marathon around all the islands on the Harbour. It's not too late to enter - racing is on Sunday 3 May 2009. 





Pink was definitely the colour of the day
The above presentation photos by Deanna Smyth

MYC RESULTS

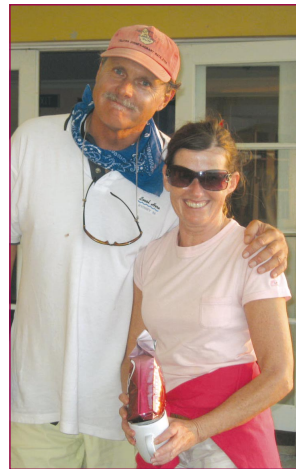


RACE 9 [05/03/2009] MYC Club Championship 2008-2009 CC9

PI	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HC Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Score	Fin	Tim	ETOrd
1	AUS1161	WildLife	2:20:40	0.952	2:13:55	0.953	B Davis	Etchells	1.0	15:35:40	1	
2	6689	Copernicus	2:23:14	0.941	2:14:47	0.937	G Zyner	Radford12	2.0	15:38:14	4	
3	KA16	Pam	2:30:44	0.909	2:17:01	0.903	M Walker	International5.5	3.0	15:45:44	6	
4	4863	Two Can	2:30:43	0.912	2:17:27	0.895	D Steudt	Masram920	4.0	15:45:43	5	
5	MYC12	San Toy	2:22:29	0.974	2:18:47	0.959	G Radford	Radford12	5.0	15:37:29	3	
6	1236	Local Hero	2:21:06	1.002	2:21:23	0.998	P Mossly	Sydney36	6.0	15:36:06	2	
dc	KA29	Antares		0.890			M Hunter	International5.5	10.0			
dc	MYC100	Shear Magic		0.900			H Sullivan	Adams10	10.0			
dc	3354	Whistling Kite		0.889			G James	DartSb3	8.0			1

Division 2 Keel TOT HC results Start : 13:05:00

PI	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HC Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Score	Fin	Tim	ETOrd
1	557	Occum's Razor	2:07:16	0.874	1:51:14	0.881	D Fairclough-Gar	Dun/Offshore30	1.0	15:12:16	2	
2	AUS147	Okavango Delta	2:05:28	0.892	1:51:55	0.894	J McPherson	J24	2.0	15:10:28	1	
3	1255	Melody	2:25:41	0.788	1:54:48	0.792	D Smyth-McAigne	SwansonDart	3.0	15:30:41	7	
4	AUS160	Kaotic	2:08:34	0.910	1:57:00	0.890	A Crothers	J24	4.0	15:13:34	3	
5	MYC34	Sip Ahoy	2:15:59	0.865	1:57:38	0.859	P Duncan-Bailes	Northshore34e	5.0	15:20:59	5	
6	MYC9	Beausoleil	2:18:45	0.849	1:57:48	0.844	B AThomson	Cavalier28	6.0	15:23:45	6	
7	5830	Cheap Thrills	2:11:39	0.896	1:57:58	0.885	B Milfin	Ross830	7.0	15:16:39	4	
8	1152	Bokarra	2:37:32	0.775	2:02:05	0.763	M Lucas	Santana22	8.0	15:42:32	8	
9	5393	Runaway Taxi	2:44:21	0.810	2:13:07	0.771	B Sadler-McK	JogRacer	9.0	15:49:21	9	
dc	5626	Starship		0.851			P Richter	Hudson32	11.0			



Top: Jim Nixon (Race Director) and Kathy Brown - Kaotic
Left: Bruce Davis receiving more than his Danes Coffee from Jim! - Wild Life
Right: David Fairclough, a hand shake will do thanks Jim! - Occam's Razor



Blackheart Summer Series Race 8 (29.03.2009)

PI	Sail No	Boat Name	Class	Skipper	S/Time	Act/Start	Fin/Time	Ela/Time	Score
1	A73	Top Odds (cas)	NorthShore 27	Peter Hocking	12:44:00	12:44:16	15:26:26	02:42:26	0.0
2	MYC33	Lautrec	Passage 33	Helen Ebeling	12:57:00	12:57:45	15:28:05	02:31:05	1.0
3	5563	Blue Rhino	Catalina 36 Midll	John Richardson	13:09:00	13:09:07	15:29:38	02:20:38	2.0
4	MYC28	Kestrel II	Herreshoff 28	Jeff Lea	12:30:00	12:30:19	16:06:59	03:36:59	3.0
	MYC34	Sip Ahoy	Catalina 36 Midll	Paul Duncan	12:59:00		DNC		7.0
	MYC157	Lady Canasta	Catalina 380	Edward Peick	13:06:00		DNC		7.0
	5231	Esra Tew	Northshore 27	Jackie Morgan	12:30:00	12:38:00	DNF		6.0

PI	Sail No	Boat Name	Class	Skipper	S/Time	Act/Start	Fin/Time	Ela/Time	Score
1	3354	Whistling Kite	SB3	Greg James	13:00:00	13:00:00	15:20:24	02:20:24	1.0
2	MYC5	Ecos	Brittany Sloop	Brian Wilson	12:43:20	12:43:20	15:30:18	02:47:18	2.0
3	AUS147	Okavango Delta	J24	Emma Reid	13:03:00	13:03:04	15:34:24	02:31:24	3.0
4	MYC1	Aussie Rules	Cavalier 975	Gene Scott	12:44:00	12:44:38	15:34:35	02:50:35	4.0
5	557	Occum's Razor	Duncanson 30	David Fairclough	12:53:00	12:53:17	15:36:26	02:43:26	5.0
6	MYC100	Shear Magic	Adams 10	Xavier Decomp	13:09:00	13:09:14	15:38:24	02:29:24	6.0
7	MYC12	San Toy	Radford 12	Maz TheakerKen Teners	13:23:00	13:23:05	15:40:05	02:17:05	7.0
8	6295	Ratty Toey	Northshore 340	Ian Dennewald	13:01:00	13:01:10	15:42:02	02:41:02	8.0
9	1255	Melody	Swanson Dart	Relle Mott	12:44:00	12:44:12	15:46:56	03:02:56	9.0
10	MYC9	Beausoleil	Cavalier 28	Spence/Thomson	12:50:00	12:50:07	15:51:47	03:01:47	10.0
11	MYC820	Good Intent	Clansman 30	Peter Bennell	12:33:00	12:33:18	16:37:24	04:04:24	11.0
	1152	Bokarra	Santana 22	Colin Cameron	12:30:00		DNC		17.0
	5393	Runaway Taxi	Custom Jog Racer	Matt McKenzie	12:41:00		DNC		17.0
	AUS29	Antares	5.5	Mark Hunter	13:00:00		DNC		17.0
	6499	Supernova	Sydney 36	David Bates	13:14:00		DNC		17.0
	6689	Copernicus	Radford 12	Greg Zyner	13:24:00		DNC		17.0



Winners are always grinners
with BlackHeart prizes,
Edward van Oort-Pieck
- Lady Cabasta

SIMRAD Offshore Race 4 Longitude Race

SIMRAD Simrad Offshore Race 4 - Longitude Race 15.03.2009

PI	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HC Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Score	Fin	Tim	ETOrd
1	4863	Two Can	4:40:18	0.902	4:12:50	0.899	D Steudt	Masram920	1.0	15:45:18	3	
2	MYC5	Ecos	5:21:54	0.787	4:13:20	0.794	B Wilson	BrittanySloop	2.0	16:26:54	6	
3	6295	Ratty Toey	5:02:30	0.853	4:18:02	0.848	I Dennewald	Northshore34	3.0	16:07:30	4	
4	MYC10	Pensive	4:27:20	0.981	4:22:15	0.969	B Davis	Nsx38	4.0	15:32:20	1	
5	6689	Copernicus	4:38:49	1.004	4:39:56	0.975	G Zyner	Radford12	5.0	15:43:49	2	
6	MYC7	Ten Sixty	5:10:19	0.925	4:47:03	0.884	P Vidler	Radford10.6	6.0	16:15:19	5	
dc	6499	Supernova		0.990			D Bates	Sydney36	11.0			
dc	A22	Torquid		0.927			P McCorquadaie	CusingAdams10	11.0			
dc	MYC12	San Toy		0.967			G Radford	Radford12	11.0			
dc	MYC22	Celestial		1.026			S Haynes	Sydney39cr	11.0			
dc	MCC375	Out There		0.955			G James	Cavalier375	11.0			



Diary Dates	
Sat 18 Apr	Sailability Birds/General
Sun 19 Apr	Yachts CC - 10 Centreboards APS - 9 BBS Regatta
Sat 25 Apr	ANZAC Day
Mon 27 Apr	Sailing Committee Meeting
Sat 2 May	Sailability Hornsby Lifestyle/General
Sat 2 May	Working Bee
Sun 3 May	Yachts - Marathon
Tue 5 May	Board Meeting
Sun 10 May	Commodore's Picnic
Wed 13 May	Sailability - Truscott St, RFW, MAPS Forestville
Sat 16 May	Sailability Picnic and Race Day
Mon 25 May	Sailing Committee Meeting
Sat 30 May	Presentation Night
Sun 31 May	Yachts - WT-1
Tue 2 June	Board Meeting
Mon 8 June	Queens Birthday
Wed 10 June	Sailability - RFW, MAPS St Ives, Fisher Rd, General, BIRDS
Sun 14 June	Yachts - WT - 2
DUTY ROSTER CREW:	
Please check the 2008 - 2009 Handbook	
DUTY ROSTER CREW :	
CONTACT: Pam Davis: 9939 1972	
pensive@iinet.net.au	

**MYC Congratulates
Greg Zyner
for his winning of the
2009 CYCA
Tasman Series
on Copernicus**

LOST

About 5 feet of wire
with loop at each end and
combination lock attached.
Lost near dinghy rack 18.
If located please contact

Dave Fairclough 0413 468 810. 



**Saturday 10th May -
Deadline for the May issue**

margaretlucas@bigpond.com
PH: 9977 1611 M: 044 7654 100



A warm welcome to our new members

SENIOR: Chris Dawe - Polaris Of Belmont - Cole 43

ASSOCIATE: Ilona Macinowska

ASSOCIATE: Kerry Whitfield

Be Aware the 1st July 2009 Special Regulations.

With the introduction of the new Blue Book quite a few changes have been made to the Special Regulations which will be effective with the next Compliance Audits. Although these are a little way off at present it may be time to take note of the changes in case you need some time to incorporate them into your boat.

All categories are included with Category 3, 4 and 7 the most popular at MYC. Please check out the new Blue Book thoroughly and make sure your boat is well prepared for the inspection day, every day and next season. Take good note of Rule 2.03, General Requirements. Listed below are some other changes that may effect you

All lifelines, compulsory for categories 1 to 4, shall conform to Rule 3.12 making sure the correct grade and diameter of stainless wire is used and uncoated. If synthetic rope or lanyard is used to secure the lifelines make sure it has been, and is, replaced annually.

Galley, Rule 3.17, gas in suitable size containers is recommended and methylated spirits is acceptable.

Bilge pumps must conform and two buckets, minimum capacity 8 litres with lanyards are necessary.

Rule 3.24 allows inboard fuel tanks to be fitted for outboard motors subject to installation.

Category 5 boats are now permitted to carry a waterproof hand held VHF radio attached to the boat by a lanyard. MYC sailing committee recommends all yachts in all categories carry a VHF radio or other efficient means of communication.

Hull identification is very important and sail numbers correct for the yacht in accordance with YA and ISAF rules are a must.

Category 7 Rule 4.06.3 not necessary to carry spare battery or bulb but it might be good policy to do so?

Make sure the first aid kit is in a waterproof container and not just a tin or plastic box that if submerged or drenched with water would leak. The contents must be listed so as to be visible without opening. eg. pasted on the outside of the container.

Category 3 needs to carry a 406 EPIRB and all crew trained in its use. Recommended also is a drogue or sea anchor.

Rule 5.01.1, note the date for changing to new PFDs for Categories 1,2,3,and 4. If your present PFDs have "had it" then before replacing them consider the ISO 12402-3 equivalents. This could be a big cost saver effective from 07/2011.

For other categories some overseas standard PFDs are acceptable. Type 3 - AS 2260 not permitted after 07/2011 but all PFDs to be checked annually for serviceability.

So, check out www.yachting.org.au click on Racing Rules and all the information you will need is there.

Safe sailing 