

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

If you can't travel overseas, travel on the seas!

I have been impatiently waiting for 2021 with the hope that the new year would bring with it a pathway back to normalcy. But with international and state travel unpredictable, the plan is to just go sailing – all the MYC series, Sydney Harbour Regatta, Women's Series, Port Stephens and the Blue Water Series. That is the plan; to do more sailing in 2021 than I have ever done before. I hope those of you who have boats suitable of heading East of North Head will join me or find a crew spot on one that can.

It's been a busy couple of months at the yacht club and so, the Board decided to take advantage of not many venue bookings to get a number of maintenance jobs and improvements done around the club, so that when venue hire - which finances the club operating activities - bounces back, we are looking at our best. You will have noticed the hall and ceiling have been professionally repaired and painted; the honour boards updated and hung on a new racking system; the French doors that lead out to the balcony have new hinges now swinging fully back against the wall improving access; a new fuel locker downstairs; and soon the ladders in front of the hoists will be replaced with proper fixed stainless steel ladders. Commodore Jason is working on upgrading the WIFI once the NBN is connected.

Here are some of the projects we are currently working on:

- Planning for 2021/2022 season has started
- Lease Renewal – this is progressing
- New Constitution – ours is outdated by some decades
- End of Season Celebration to substitute the ball - as dancing is not appropriate
- Increasing our membership and engagement
- New winch configuration for the twin hoist

I encourage all our yacht owners to recruit a female helm to enter the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge on March 28th. It's our 26th year and is the biggest race our Club hosts with many other clubs sending yachts down the harbour to participate. Any ladies wanting to helm a yacht please contact either Cath or myself.

Lisa Callaghan - President



SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th March 2021

Hosted by Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC), the Sydney Harbour Regatta is one of the biggest keelboat regattas in Australia.

The regatta is conducted with the valuable assistance of:

CYCA, MYC, RANSA, RPAYC, RPEYC, RSYS, SASC and SFS

Race Documents at shr.mhyc.com.au

Online entry [here](#)



COVID CASUALTIES

When we thought we were reasonably COVIDSafe at the end of last year, an outbreak of COVID on the Northern Beaches left some boats separated from their owners and some crews from their rides.



The drawbridge to the Northern Beaches was up, and, unfortunately, MYC was forced to abandon the last twilight race for 2020, The 4th CCIS race, the Christmas Race and picnic that was to follow.

Worse was to come... for the first time in its 76-year history, there was NO ROLEX Sydney to Hobart Race.

How did YOU cope?

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MANLY YACHT CLUB HELLY HANSEN
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 NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT CLUB
 Port Stephens Yacht Club

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

**NEXT RACES IN THE
 COMBINED CLUBS
 INSHORE SERIES...**



RACES 6 AND 7 - SATURDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2021

RACE 8 - SATURDAY, 13 MARCH 2021

For more information and online entry click [here](#).

NEXT SHWKR EVENT DATES:



Sunday, 28 February 2021



Sunday, 28 March 2021
 MYC Helly Hansen Women's Challenge

For more information and online entry click [here](#).

Images by Marg Fraser-Martin. More images [here](#).



Sail Port Stephens 2021 is scheduled for 19-25 April, with the iconic Commodores Cup series on the opening three days followed by Port Stephens Trophy events for keelboats, trailables and off-the-beach classes.

19-25 APRIL 2021 Included is the prestigious NSW IRC Championships.

As a COVIDSafe event, our goal is to give competitors the best possible on- and off-water regatta experience in one of the east coast's finest sailing destinations, a little over 2-hours from Sydney by car or an easy day sail.

ONLINE ENTRY NOW OPEN



BREAKOUT SERIES 2021

RESCHEDULED

Originally scheduled for 8-14 August 2020, the Breakout Series was postponed on 29 July and again on January 3 due to the situation in NSW with COVID-19 at those times. The event has now been rescheduled for **August 2021** (dates to be confirmed). It will include a series of coastal races between Sydney and Newcastle and conclude in Port Stephens.



NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT CLUB



JUNIOR FLEETS



TWILIGHT RACE 5
13 NOVEMBER 2020
JUNIORS NIGHT

Images by Zeljko Berkovic

DESTINATION RACE
12 DECEMBER 2020
BALMORAL




JUNIOR FLEETS

INAUGURAL MANLY CUP

5-6 DECEMBER 2020

A COMPETITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Words by Ramon Berkovic. Images by Zeljko Berkovic.



What a Covid year! A time of struggle, a time of lockdown, hopes were low, as we thought that the Manly Cup (NSW Open Skiff Champs) was not going to occur. However, Lady Luck was on our side, as the Manly Yacht Club announced that it was going to host the NSW Open Skiff Championship.

The Club was abuzz with excitement, applications opened, and more than 50 entries were received from across the country. Great excitement as Breanne Wadley the World Open Skiff Champion would be competing. The competition was going to be tough, so training started to intensify, and preparations were made for the Green and the Race Fleets.

The Cup would be run from the 5th to 6th of December.

On the first morning, I woke with excitement. It was the day, a great and exciting day, the day to try as hard as I can, it was the first day of the Manly Cup. I went to the kitchen to make myself some cereal and to my surprise, there were some delicious bacon and eggs awaiting my arrival. My loving parents woke up earlier and made me an excellent breakfast, that would kick start my day. I gathered my stuff walked out of the house; my dad was already waiting for me. As soon as we got to the Club, some of the competitors had already set up their boats and were waiting for the morning briefing to start. I looked out at the water and saw a gust of wind, the wind looked good not too strong and not too weak. The weather forecast for the following day advised that there would not be much wind, so I knew that today I had to give it my all.



The morning briefing advised the competitors about the day's activities, outlining the courses to be raced and the weather conditions for the different fleets.

Excitement grew, as competitors all patiently waited to launch their boats from the shore.

Nervously glancing around, eyeing the other participants, I could see that the competition looked tough. I would have to put in 110% effort if I wanted to win.

As the flag dropped people ran to their boats and started launching them, the competitors manoeuvred their skiffs to the start line. In anticipation of the starting horn, the skiffs try to jostle for position. The horn sounded. Moving in sync, the Gold Fleet all tried to pinch as close to the wind a possible. The wind picked up and the little boats glided through the white caps, all heading for the first marker. It was an exciting race and was going to be an upwind finish. There was a bit of mayhem on the second rounding of the top mark, as the competition was tough but exhilarating. Each participant picked their course to the best of their ability and were spurred on by the gusts of wind filling their sails. I felt energised as I navigated my skiff through the surf and around the markers with the power of the waves surging across my hull. Gliding across the tops of the waves the red and white sails catching the wind, bobbing in and out of sight. The first race lasted for about 40 minutes, the racing was very intense and was won by Breanne, the World Champion.

The day consisted of a rally of races for the Silver and Gold Fleets; as the last race ended, everyone was exhausted. We all sat down for a debrief; what an amazing day. Congratulating one another, the day had been such a success. To top this off all of the participants joined in and played on the floating pontoon. This was so much fun as it gave people a chance to blow off some steam. A day filled with sailing and playing was topped off with delicious BBQ burgers at the Club House. Exhausted everyone went home and got a good night's rest.

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INAUGURAL MANLY CUP 5-6 DECEMBER 2020 A COMPETITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Words by Ramon Berkovic. Images by Zeljko Berkovic.

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Waking up on the second day, was such a thrill. I knew that today was the last day and so I had to give it my all, this time I was ready. When we arrived at the Club, Breanne Wadley was going to give out some tips for light wind sailing. Everyone was excited to hear from the World Champ. As everyone got comfortable, Breanne walked up to the front; it was like a junior school presentation. She had a whiteboard next to her and then she started talking about light wind sailing. For example, she was talking about where to sit and what your sail should look like. These tips were very helpful. Shortly after she had finished, we had the morning briefing; they told us that the wind was supposed to build to 25 knots. We had to get out on the water as fast as we could before the wind was too strong, so everyone rushed down to their boats and got them rigged and set up for the race.

As everyone launched their boats, the ferry left the lane. This gave everyone a chance to cross the ferry lane, and shortly after everyone had launched, the first horn blew.



The Gold Fleet all rushed to the line; the course felt easier as it was the same as we had sailed the previous day. It was a simple square with a hot dog in the middle. All of the Gold Fleet waited patiently for the final horn to go. Just before it went, everyone pulled on their sails and were sailing as close to the line as possible. 3, 2, 1, BRUUU!!! The horn went; everyone sped over the line and started racing up to the first mark. A few protests were called, and a few near collisions, but the fleet of skiffs remained fixed on their course and speed towards the 1st mark. The wind was strong, and this made for a very challenging race. The race lasted for 30 minutes. As the wind intensified, it was decided that the Green and Silver Fleet would no longer race but that there would be a final race for the Gold Fleet.

The Gold Fleet participants knew that this race was their last, and they all had to give it their all.



The first horn went, and the little skiffs were already flying through the water, as everyone patiently waited for the last horn to sound. The sailors were tired, but they were ready for this final race. As the last horn sounded the sailors rushed off the start line and sped towards the first mark. All of a sudden, the horns blasted again, and the safety boats all shouted: "BACK TO SHORE!!!!" Everyone turned around and raced back to shore. Unfortunately, the last race was cancelled due to the intensity of the high winds.



That afternoon, we had prize giving. It was a lovely way to finish off the races and the Manly Cup. What an incredible experience, I was privileged to share with my fellow skippers. The instructors, organisers and the Club laid on an outstanding competition which afforded all participants the opportunity to challenge themselves.

I cannot wait for the next competition.

Ramon Berkovic





CLUB MANAGER - HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CLUB



The club tenders are now securely stored. The old chain and padlocks have been removed and now the Tender Storage facility can only be accessed by those who pay an annual subscription to hold a dedicated key.



Late January, and the honour boards are up. The french doors have been upgraded with parliamentary hinges so that when they open, they no longer protrude into the hall space - just swing back against the wall.

THANK YOU BARRY



The Middle of January saw a fresh coat of paint in the hall. The new wall colour looks much better with the "timber-look" floor colour. The painter did a great job patching the ceiling prior to painting. Please take care when stacking chairs and tables against the newly painted walls.



In early February, the new fuel locker (weighing over 200kg) was set up on the deck in a new position. The old locker, which was ready to collapse has gone to the wreckers. Many thanks to David Goldner and the Manly Sailing team for supplying the "grunt" to make it happen.

THANK YOU



THE CLUB ... AN AMAZING GENERATOR OF JUNK!



It must be summer! This is often the state of the garbage area behind the club after a sailing weekend. There is capacity for the bins to cope with a Friday Twilight, Saturday booking and Sunday race day. Manly Sailing have their own bins. Where is the "other" rubbish coming from?



THANK YOU



What's happened to the flagpole?

It seems to be a problem with halyards and, not just on boats. The halyard was untied and not left connected to the cleat inside the pole. Thankfully, the two Colins, Binet and Cameron, were on deck ... down came the pole, retrieve the halyard and stabilise the pole, ready to proudly fly the Burgee again.



Colin Binet and President Lisa

So, what was President Lisa doing?

That "damned" halyard escaped the cleat again... but, Lisa saved the day, retrieving the halyard with her "wee" hand!

Thanks Colin C for the images (and description).

SPEAKING OF BURGEES



When is a burgee not a burgee?

It was recently noticed that a certain Club Champs boat was sporting what could only be described as a few bits of string as her club burgee. The reply (when challenged)...

"Subtle nuances, it's 'The vibe' .

It's how you interpret the remaining strands of Pam's burgee.

Maybe what the real question should be is "what is a Burgee" but a constraint imposed upon her crew, a demand of conformity.

Australia wasn't built upon the colour of your Burgee, but more "The cut of your jib". A land of sweeping plains of ragged mountain ranges, of flooding rains. Not a mention of Ragged Burgees. Priorities! "

(Thanks "Mad Dog"... I knew I'd get a rise out of you ...Ed)

Seahorse, *Hippocampus whitei*.

Christmas was somewhat dampened in 2020. Well it did rain and extra restrictions were imposed, due to COVID-19.

Rather than chance my hand on a virtual race to Hobart I decided to entertain myself in a more retro style, by digging out some dusty boxes of slides, and I was immediately banished to the garage, with my projector and a bottle of rum, for a surreal trip down memory lane.

In 1977 we lived in a flat on the corner of East Esplanade and Stuart Street, Manly, and sometimes, of an evening, I'd slip across the road, no not to the Skiff Club, but kitted up in my SCUBA gear I'd take the plunge, in the Harbour, for a night dive.

Exploring the derelict remains of the old Manly Swimming Baths, fossicking for antique bottles and taking pictures of interesting marine life. One such Ektachrome transparency stands out - *Seahorse, Hippocampus whitei* - resplendent in "pearls and satin". Who knew we had such elegant and stylish neighbours?



*Seahorse, Hippocampus whitei.
"Seven miles from Sydney and a thousand miles from care"*

The otherworldly appearance of the picture gradually morphed into a scene reminiscent of images taken by the Hubble telescope. *The Seahorse Nebula*, a gaseous cloud of remnants from an exploding, dying star, light years from Earth, with the backscatter of even more distant stars twinkling in the inky darkness of interstellar space.

"Raptures of the Deep?" Too shallow. "He's bonkers!" you're saying.



*The Horse Head Nebula.
1200 light years from Earth*

But there is something of a parallel in my visualisation. Miraculously the nebulous remains of the shattered, Baths structure coalesced into a Yacht Club, through the selfless, energies of many dedicated individuals. But with the continual phases of decay and regrowth it makes me wonder where we are on the cycle. Is gravity still pulling us together, or are we a gaseous giant ready to explode? Only time will tell.

Happy New Year,
Colin Cameron.





MYC SUMMER SERIES RACE 6

RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/582/races>

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TASTES OF NAPOLI

The **QUAYS**
MARINE CENTRE ON PITTWATER

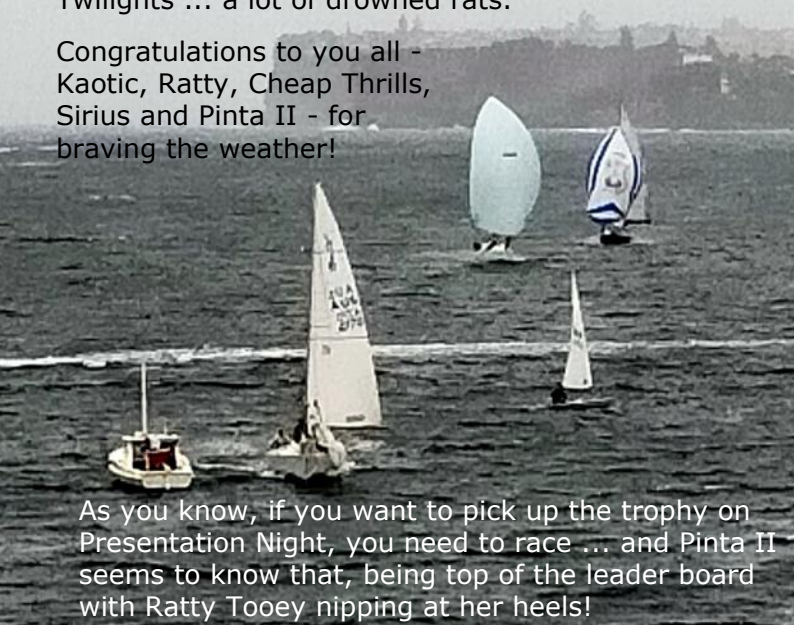


RACE 6: What a cracker of a day for race 6 of the Summer Series - Course 2 took us round Shark and Clark, into Middle Harbour Rocky and Edwards and then finish on the triangles. The harbour looked busier than the "after Sydney-Hobart" raft ups in all the bays, including our finish line.

Thanks to Team Khaleesi for Race Committee duties and the great images taken by Peter Grayson from Robbie R - more here <https://photos.app.goo.gl/crsspL3ivvwt8bVo6>.

RACE 7: Five boats braved the weather today for Summer Series race 7. A bit of a repeat of the Friday Twilights ... a lot of drowned rats.

Congratulations to you all - Kaotic, Ratty, Cheap Thrills, Sirius and Pinta II - for braving the weather!



As you know, if you want to pick up the trophy on Presentation Night, you need to race ... and Pinta II seems to know that, being top of the leader board with Ratty Tooley nipping at her heels!



Congratulations Pinta II
2nd across the line and
on handicap



Congratulations Junior
1st across the line and on
handicap



Congratulations Mondo
3rd across the line and
on handicap



RESULTS: <https://sites.google.com/myc.org.au/lasers/results>



JANUARY 17: 4P CHAMPIONSHIP (APS 1 & 2)

It was the first couple of heats since the strange holiday break where no one could go on holiday and had to stay at home on the Northern Beaches over Christmas. We had 12 boats sign on which was a nice start to the Autumn Point Score.

In the first heat, Iain Cameron took the bullet ahead of a yardstick waving Phil Reid from Ian Saunders and a very well sailed Richard Lacey. Iain Cameron also picked up the double taking the handicap as well from Ian Saunders and Richard.

In the second heat, Ian Saunders put his foot down and won the race by about 2 minutes from Phil and Iain in 3rd with Geoff in 4th place. Not to be outdone, Ian also took the double with the handicap as well from Geoff with Phil in third place.



Dave Walton & Cameron Wall

JANUARY 24: MARATHON

It was a tough day at the office for the laser fleet as the Marathon took the fleet around Shark Island and back in 20+ knots of breeze.

Despite the challenging conditions, all seven boats made it home in one piece.

Congratulations to Phil who stole the win (with his yardstick) from Ian and Iain. Special thanks to Evie for running the race and a rescue RIB.

They didn't need it - just!



Phil Reid & Evie Saunders



Images by Evie Saunders



Image by Colin Cameron



Cameron Wall - Lasers



SAILABILITY NEWS

Sailability NSW
Freedom on the water
MANLY

WELCOME 2021

We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday season and an enjoyable New Year and Australia Day.

Our 2021 Sailability season kicked off with a brisk morning in Manly Cove on 6 January, and the rest of the month was packed with many more lovely Summer sailing days, including the exciting 185th Australia Day Regatta.

We are happy to welcome back familiar faces from some of our schools and look forward to new groups joining us for upcoming sailing dates. We are still awaiting other groups to re-join us, as our lives and activities post-pandemic slowly return to normal.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

COVID restrictions continue to ease, and we are now able to resume the ritual of a regular "sausage sizzle sesh" with our handy BBQ grill after Saturday sailings.

Here's calling out to all volunteers for Expressions of Interest in serving as the Sailability Manly Saturday BBQ Chef. Our kind, hardworking Membership Coordinator, Helen Hendry will provide all of the ingredients; we are just in need of a competent Chef to toss it all on the Barbie!

For this job, you will be required to arrive at the Manly Yacht Club by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday sailing days (see calendar), start up the BBQ and cook the snags. After everyone has finished feasting, you will need to give the BBQ a quick cleaning and your job will be finished by 12:30 p.m.

This volunteer role requires much less time than other roles, but it is a very useful and valued role indeed!

Please message Eli@manlysailability.com.au with questions / EOI's.

Heather MacKay (Editor Signals Manly)

185TH Australia Day Regatta

26 JANUARY 2021



Image by Crosbie Lorimer

Today's weather for our Australia Day Regatta was hot and steamy, with a light Nor-Easterly blowing across Manly Cove. Our sailing crews expertly rigged their own boats for racing, then sat and waited for the Race Officer Team to arrive. In the meantime, Helen and Wilma were busy registering the crews, temperature taking and helping with life-jacket distribution, generally keeping everything moving.

RACE COMMITTEE READY FOR ACTION



Pam checks the timers - the flags a ready to go



Charlie's Chariot awaiting instructions from Carlyle



Bruce setting the course

Image by Marg Fraser-Martin

SAILABILITY NEWS

185TH Australia Day Regatta

26 JANUARY 2021

Sailability NSW
Freedom on the water
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At just a few minutes past 10:00 a.m., all crews were poised for the start and jockeyed for position, and then the first race commenced! *Woody* was the clear leader and over the line before the others in this race and then the second race commenced. *Dolly Wallis* was the winner this time, and a photo finish caught the next two, with *Alex* just pipping *Ralph Newman* over the line for 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The third race was full of excitement also, with *Dolly Wallis* again the winner, *Alex* coming in 2nd and *Woody* in 3rd place.



Jockeying into position for Race 1



Series winner - David and Fiona on *Dolly Wallis*

Now it was time for a race back to home base, where a wonderful lunch was awaiting (courtesy of Dallas and Joe) and the team of washers and de-riggers were poised to get the boats stacked away, ready for the next sailing day.

Thank you so much to Pam and Bruce for laying a perfect course which took the exact amount of time allocated.

The crew of *Charlie's Chariot* also did a wonderful job keeping everyone safe and capturing some incredible photos. And as always, a huge Thank You to the crew back at the Pontoon working the radio, providing lunch, (having a few swims to keep cool) and warmly welcoming all of our visitors.

MYC MARATHON RACE 2

RESULTS <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/985/races>



PEPPER TREE WINES



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TASTES OF NAPOLI



It's a beautiful day and perfect for those happy snaps sailing past Sydney's icons, the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge, but wouldn't it be wonderful to step back in time and imagine the experience, on the Harbour, before colonisation, and rampant exploitation of a magical environment.

We set sail from Kai'yamay (Manly Cove) and head south to Boambilly (Shark Island), then head West to Billong-olala (Clark Island) and Mat-te-wan-ye (Fort Denison), Dubbagullee (Bennelong Point, The Opera House), Barangaroo (Millers Point, or is it the 'Giants Causeway?'), then rounding Me-mel (Goat Island) and return to Kai'yamay. That was quick!

I hope my use of Aboriginal place names helped to conjure up a different picture of natural unspoiled beauty. As Cher famously said, "If I could turn back time". Well not yet, but let's hope, with some respectful stewardship we can enjoy our beautiful Harbour well into the future.



Colin Cameron
Bokarra



And from Spiritbird...

Fantastic race last Sunday around Sydney Harbor's islands (Shark, Clark, Fort Denison, Goat and Cockatoo island and back to Manly).

Thanks to some great crew work all Spinnaker runs and jibes down the harbour went like clockwork and we enjoyed the work out back up wind to Manly. All in all, some close racing with fast Div1 boats.

Big Thanks to Greg Taranto, Cathy, Hazel, Quentin Fauconnier, James and Michael. Thank you to the Manly Yacht Club volunteers and sponsors.



Bokarra crew



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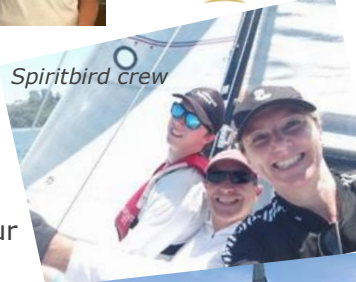
Cheap Thrills



Mondo



PEPPER TREE WINES



Spiritbird crew



Congratulations Xav (1st Div 1- Spiritbird) RD David, Barry (1st Div 2-Cheap Thrills), Lisa (Mondo), Bruce (Wildlife)

MYC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/564/races>



PEPPER TREE WINES



Club Champs Race 5 - Easterly Course 2, 8-11 knots
 Congratulations *Pinta II*, *Ratty* and *Cheap Thrills* ... 1, 2, 3
 Div 2, and *Wildlife*, *Corum* and *San Toy* ... 1, 2, 3 Div 1.

Club Championships Race 6

Div1 eager beavers on the start line today ... one general recall and then an individual recall for *San Toy* and *Spiritbird* on the second start.

Course 3 made the crews work with good upwind and downwind legs, several "to and from" Lady Bay via 40 Baskets or Grotto depending on the leg , with an Edwards leg thrown in for Div 1.

Thank you, Team *Moonraker* race committee.

Congratulations *Ten Sixty*, *San Toy*, *Shear Magic* in Div 1 and *Bokarra*, *Ça Va* and *Ratty Tooy* in Div 2.



Lots of "jackpots"
 ... it seems!
 The only legitimate winner
 - Phil (Ça Va -
 2nd Div 2)

Club Championship Race 7 Course 4 - light SE breeze ... good for some ... not so good for others.
 Thank you, Race Committee and Laef on Robbie R for images.





MYC LASERS

31 Jan Image by Colin Cameron

JANUARY 31: CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (9 & 10) (APS 3 & 4)

RESULTS: <https://sites.google.com/myc.org.au/lasers/results>

In a strong Southerly breeze 13 boats turned up and all the fast sailors turned up to claim victory, however, it was the Evie Saunders show, in the end, taking both bullets and just to rub it in grabbed a Point Score win as well.

Thank God for Andy who picked up a win in the 4th heat of the Point Score or Evie would have grabbed a double/double! Well sailed in challenging conditions. Special mention to Mike Franklin for picking up a couple of 2nds in the APS.

Thanks to Gordon Lacey who was on race duty and also had a challenging day but came through with some great catering in the end with Russian fare, however with a small amount of beer. I must say he is in the running for the Catering Cup though.



Three out of four isn't bad!

FEBRUARY 7: 4P CHAMPIONSHIP (APS 5 & 6)



A great day on the harbour on a typical summer day only with a light SSE breeze. Ironically the forecast breeze of 12-14 kicked in as the first few boats finished the second race.

Iain Cameron kept his stranglehold on the 4P Series distancing himself even further from the competition by taking both bullets on the day. The usual suspects with Ian, Phil & Bevis filling the top four places.

In the APS Iain picked up a double in the first heat. Dave Walton continues to punch on making his Laser investment a very solid bet winning the second heat leaving his boat's previous owner, Richard behind him in 2nd and Tim Docker in 3rd.

I was on duty and it was the best course I could lay at the time, unfortunately, we couldn't enjoy a nice laser reach. At the end of the day, the catering was excellent and fun times

had by sailors and some of their dogs who turned up for a swim with some of the wives, so a superb afternoon!



Sunny & Trigga waiting for the breeze



Gordon - perplexed about the results



Lastly, the Laser fleet will deploy our largest representative fleet to The NSW & ACT State Masters on 13th -14th February at Jervis Bay Sailing Club with 7 or 8 entries, a milestone for the fleet and the MYC Club.



Cameron Wall - Lasers



A POTTED HISTORY OF YNSW/YA/AS MARKS

After further research and speaking with MYC's representative at Australian Sailing this is the potted history of the racing marks on the harbour as recollected by your editor since joining the club in 2000. Feel free to correct me...



In the days of Yachting NSW, it had always been considered that there were 20 YNSW racing marks around Sydney Harbour. All but 2 of these marks were YNSW yellow spars ... Shark Island being abeam of the South Cardinal Mark and Rose Bay being the Red Port Lateral Mark.

Prior to the 2006-2007 season, MYC was using Fairlight YA and Quarantine YA marks in its racing program. In the 2006-2007 sailing season, YNSW in consultation with all clubs including those in North Harbour - namely the Skiff Club, MYC and NHSC - moved Quarantine YA to Rose Bay (due to larger boats now in fleets having multiple groundings) - and moved



Fairlight YA to Shark Island (due to yachts damaging the RMS marks). The chart co-ordinates below is before the North Harbour / Fairlight Mark was moved to Shark Is but after Quarantine was moved to Rose Bay.

SYDNEY HARBOUR - YNSW MARKS AS AT 27 JULY, 2006

YA Mark Name	Approximate Position Description	AUS200/GPS - AUSGE066	
		LAT	LONG
Edwards Beach	1/4 n.mile NE of Shark Net at Edwards Beach	33-49-252	151-15-283
Rocky Point	1/4 n.mile E of Rocky Point	33-49-432	151-15-346
Grotto Point	1/4 n.mile ENE of Grotto Point Lighthouse	33-48-987	151-16-133
Reef Beach	1/4 n.mile S of Reef Beach	33-48-323	151-16-474
40 Baskets Beach	1/4 n.mile ENE of 40 Baskets Beach	33-48-149	151-16-402
North Harbour / Fairlight	1/4 n.mile SE of Fairlight Pool	33-48-146	151-16-538
Manly West	1/4 n.mile SW of Manly Aquarium	33-48-176	151-16-625
Manly East	1/10 n.mile E of Manly West Mark	33-48-196	151-16-726
Cannae Point	1/4 n.mile W of Flag Staff on Cannae Point	33-48-847	151-16-895
Lady Bay	1/4 n.mile West of Lady Bay Beach	33-50-081	151-16-612
Sow & Pigs (Beashel Buoy)	1/4 n.mile SW of Sth Cardinal Mark, Sow & Pigs Reef	33-50-305	151-16-177
East Channel	1/4 n.mile SW of East Channel Pile Light (Wedding Cake)	33-50-514	151-16-176
Neilson Park (Bottle Glass Rocks)	1/4 n.miles N of Nielson Park Beach	33-51.029	151-15.874
Shark Island	Abeam South Cardinal Mark, Shark Island	33-51-626	151-15-541
Rose Bay	1/4 n.mile NW of Red Port lateral Mark in Rose Bay	33-51-747	151-15-972
Point Piper	1/4 n.mile N of Point Piper	33-51-754	151-15-041
Taylor's Bay	1/2 n.mile SE of Taylor's Bay Beach	33-50-859	151-14-943
Chowder Bay South	1/4 n.mile S of Chowder Bay Naval Wharf	33-50-526	151-15-321
Chowder Bay North	1/4 n.mile SW of Georges Head	33-50-357	151-15-593
Obelisk Bay	1/4 n.mile ESE of White Obelisk at Obelisk Bay	33-49-872	151-15-923

Notes:

- 1) All YA Marks must be rounded to Starboard. All Harbour Islands must be rounded to Starboard.
- 2) Refer Chart AUS200
- 3) GPS Positions refer to AUS/GE066
- 4) References to Contractors Positions are historical, these GPS Co-ordinates are close to present positions, but are likely obtained from a different GPS datum. Bearings / distances quoted not checked by MHYC.



In the last few seasons, from 2018-2019 on, there has been much confusion about which AS marks are, or will remain, in North Harbour.

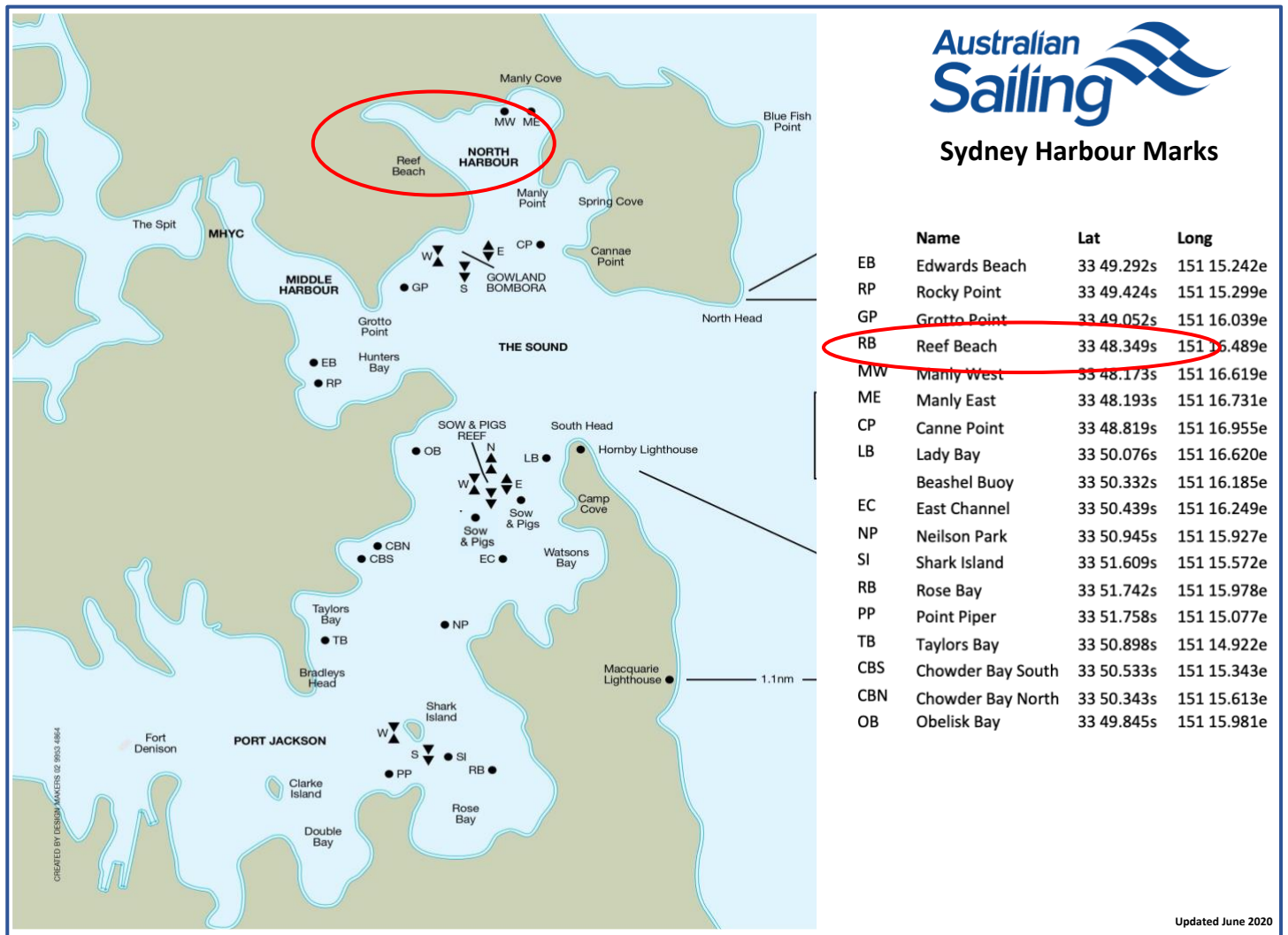
From conversations with MYC's representative at Australian Sailing the confusion appears to lie in the referencing of the Marks - sometimes North Harbour/Fairlight; sometimes North Harbour/Reef Beach; sometimes 40 Baskets in various documentation and email correspondence to date. Hopefully in the near future the Mark that lies west of the MW-ME AS Marks will be referred to as 40 Baskets AS in further correspondence, and the chartlet which resides on the AS site will be corrected.

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A POTTED HISTORY OF YNSW/YA/AS MARKS

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From the [Australian Sailing website](#)



AS has assured me that the Mark that is currently (Jan 2021) to the west of MW-ME AS Marks will not be removed, however Reef Beach AS Mark, which has been missing for some time, will not be replaced.

In summary, the area known as North Harbour - defined as waters north between Gowland Bombora and Flagstaff Point - there will be 4 marks - the Mark west of MW-ME AS (hopefully known universally as 40 Baskets AS from now on); Manly West AS; Manly East AS; Cannae AS.

The Sailing Committee will be working on adjusting the affected Summer, Winter and Twilight courses for the remainder of this season and into the next season's handbook.

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WINE TASTING

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TWILIGHT SERIES

RESULTS: TWL: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/719/races>
and TWF: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/720/races>

Since the last newsletter in December we have had 6 twilights, including Twilight Female Helm race 3, up to the 10th Feb newsletter deadline. Colin Cameron has been keeping his eagle eye on the finishers from his eerie at Fairlight - but the rest of you twilighters have been less than helpful with images and stories to assist my editing... could do better!

So, here are Colin's contributions plus a few from Jim Nixon and your editor (off *Pensive*), Peter Ahern (off *Pinta II*) and a few blurred images on the deck. The lights have new batteries so feel free to snap and send to newsletter@myc.org.au



Twilight race 11



Twilight race 12



Johanna, helming *Pinta II*
twilight female helm Race 3



Zest



Kia Kaha



Twilight Race 12 - the view from *Pensive*



Misky



PEPPER TREE WINES TWILIGHT SERIES

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RESULTS: TWL: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/719/races>
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Twilight Race 13 - image by Colin



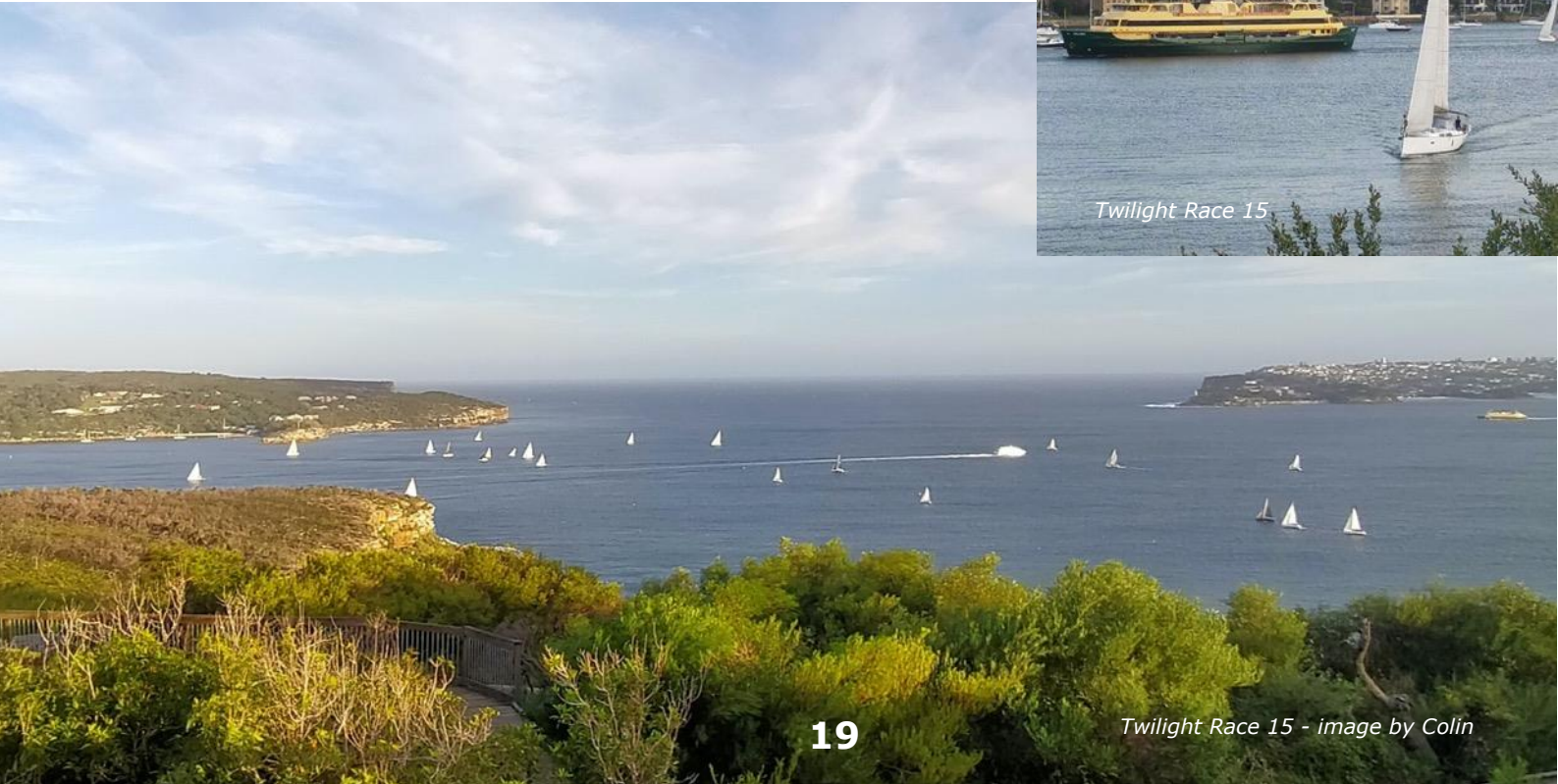
Twilight Race 14



Twilight Race 13 - all "jackpots"!



Twilight Race 15



Twilight Race 15 - image by Colin



SAILABILITY NEWS

Sailability NSW
Freedom on the water
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Meet the Committee

Alan Bimson

Sailability Manly Webmaster

Sailability Manly Volunteer of the Year



Please meet Alan Bimson, a valued Volunteer, Committee Member and our Webmaster for Sailability Manly. Alan has just celebrated a milestone birthday, turning 70 on December 15. We are very fortunate at Sailability Manly to benefit from Alan's vast computer expertise! As a special treat, Alan agreed to be interviewed for the December 2020 Signals Newsletter. Please read on to learn more about his fascinating life.

Delivered in 1950 at Royal North Shore Hospital in St. Leonard's NSW, Alan became disabled only a few minutes after birth with Cerebral Palsy. When asked about challenges he has faced, he humbly replied, "Name me one human on this planet who has never had challenges? They all accumulate to make us who we are. I fear a life without them!" Alan has enjoyed living in the beautiful Northern Beaches, residing in both Narrabeen and Frenchs Forest over the years.

He went to school from 1954 to 1966 at the Spastic Centre Queen St. in Mosman. His impressive array of subjects studied include Tech ED., Radio Trades/Electronics, Data Processing, Supervision Management, Programming in "C", COBOL, UNIX, Machine Code and HTML. He also earned an IT Certificate and an Associate Diploma in IT and Business Management.

Alan grew up involved with the Spastic Centre, which is now the Cerebral Palsy Alliance (CPA). He also has experience serving on many community living/housing boards. In his spare time, he was involved with a community disability radio program at Macquarie University called, "Wheeling Free." Over the span of six years, he worked there in various capacities such as reporter, panel operator, producer and director.



Alan developing training videos



Alan being lowered into his boat

Alan heard about Sailability from his Hydro Physiotherapist (repeatedly) until he finally decided to book a try- out in August 2008. On that first go when sailing out past the Skiff Club, Alan turned to his Skipper and said, "Okay, how do I sign up?" He was hooked! Only just two years later, Alan had competently learned to sail solo. When asked what he has gained from sailing he answered, "The ability to relax and Zen out; I'm a solo person and being out there on my own, with the lapping water and breeze - it's GREAT!" He became a member of Sailability Manly on his first day and was recruited to join the Committee only six months later. Alan took on the Webmaster role at that time and also serves as a Sailability NSW representative and Consulting NSW Webmaster.

Throughout his years of membership and service to Sailability Manly, Alan has been recognised with two awards. He received the Volunteer of the Year Award (pictured above) for development of Training Videos he edited and produced with Judy Cole, and he earned the Most Improved Sailor of the Year Award. Alan also once came in first place, winning the 2.3 class at the Dobroyd Sailability Regatta. When asked how volunteering has impacted him, he answered, "Since I've been retired, volunteering keeps my brain active." Alan's other hobbies include electronics, music (mainly instrumentals) from 45 to 90's, researching the Internet and collecting models of cars he has previously owned.

Alan is truly an inspiration to us all! His closing message to Sailability members: "Be true to yourselves."



JUNIOR FLEETS



STAND UP RACE START

Images by Geoff Gill



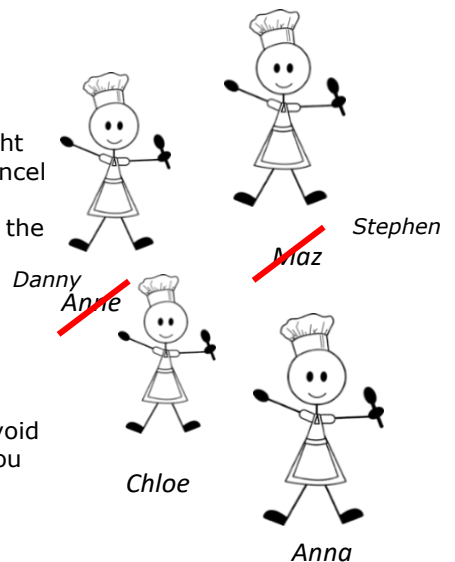
FROM THE TWILIGHT GALLEY

Disappointingly, COVID interrupted our final twilight before Christmas. Fortunately, we were able to cancel the Ham but not the salads. You all missed out on Maz's trifle which was "under construction" before the call was made so, it's now on Maz's hips - sorry Arthur, you missed out.

We hope you had the best Christmas / New Year break possible, under the circumstances.

With restrictions again in place, please avail yourselves of the table booking system early to avoid disappointment, and please be understanding if you are contacted because the maximum number of bookings has been reached.

The Twilight Catering Team



BREAKING NEWS

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CREW LINK

NAME: **Carl Lobato**

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EXPERIENCE: Grown up windsurfing and kite surfing with a bit of sailing thrown in there. Been on a couple of sailing holidays around Greek Islands and now keen to get on the water regularly and to take part in some yacht racing. Available evening and weekends.

NAME: **Ian Mathews**

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EXPERIENCE: Recently lived on a sailing cat for three years.

NAME: **Bhanu Prakash**

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PHONE: 0499 008 431

EXPERIENCE: Beginner - start crew certificate

NAME: **Cameron Read**

EMAIL: camo.kbs@gmail.com

PHONE: 0456 984 499

EXPERIENCE: I have crewed various yachts and raced previously from a young child but haven't raced for a number of years. Keen to get back into sailing. I'm fit and strong given my age 50, working in construction and based on Nth beaches.



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on WhatsApp.

NO EXCUSES FOR AND EARLY START

Thank you, Club Captain, Finn - bright enough!



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Irina Sidorovich

Chris Dodson

Bob Kenderes

Peter Ahern

Andrew Stevenson

Len Power

David Doyle

JUNIOR

Billy Johnson

Thomas Noorbergen

RETURNING MEMBERS - WELCOME BACK

Jessica Lawson

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Pinot Gris	Wrattontully	2019	\$25.00	\$21.25		\$255.00		
Chardonnay	Wrattontully	2017	\$30.00	\$25.50		\$306.00		
"Four Clones" Chardonnay	Orange	2018	\$30.00	\$25.50		\$306.00		
"Classics" Cabernet Merlot Petit Verdot	Wrattontully	2016	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$357.00		
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Varietal Range						12 Pack		
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Merlot	Varietal	2017	\$20.00	\$17.00		\$204.00		
Cabernet Sauvignon	Varietal	2017	\$20.00	\$17.00		\$204.00		
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