

## A Letter from the (Past) Editor

I'm not sure if you miss the newsletter, but I do. The last newsletter was in April and a lot has happened since. If you have Facebook you may have seen some MYC news items. We've finished off the Mini Regatta and Winter racing for the yachts. Presentation Night; the AGM and Comedy Night nights have come and gone, and we even hosted a 2-day J24 Winter Sprints Regatta; and in the background, the Sailing Committee has come up with next season's planner and the 2023-2024 handbook is at the printer as I write.



HANDBOOK & SAILING PROGRAM

2023-2024  
 www.myc.org.au



Electronic version [here](#)



You may be aware that after 2 generations of the same family, Davis Marina is in the process of being sold. We wish Pam and Bruce a very happy retirement from the marina and look forward to their continuing support of Manly Yacht Club, our juniors and our infrastructure.



You may also have heard about the devastating fire at Brookvale just recently. The premises included Hart's Battery Solutions, sponsors of the current Winter Series. While it will take some time to recover from this disaster, Graham Hart has indicated that all prizes will be honoured and we encourage all members to contact Graham for any battery or auto solution needs, to help him get back on his feet.

The Hart family have been servicing the Manly area for almost 100 years.

Graham Hart and his team continue their reputation of honest appraisal, quality workmanship, and provision of value for automotive servicing and repair, tyres, and now MARINE battery system design and supply.



After 8+ years as the editor, I was hoping someone might take on the challenge - President Lisa assures me she is still looking - but there might be one more "comeback" in me, once I'm back in November.

This newsletter will be a quick (?) summary of what's happened ... and what's to come.

I'm hoping that in my absence that you will diligently record events in words and pictures and send them to [newsletter@myc.org.au](mailto:newsletter@myc.org.au) so that I may compile a newsletter for December if no-one has stepped up to (at least) cover August, September and October.

So, what's coming up...

Well... racing wise, much the same as last year in the laser and junior fleets, but we are beginning to build a better laser program for the graduating juniors. The Battle of the Sound is on again for the lasers who will try to wrest this trophy back; and MYC O'pen Skiff Regatta will again be held on the first weekend in December.

For the yachts, the Sailing Committee has managed to schedule 21 twilight races; 5 twilight female helm races; alternate week 11 Club Championships and 8 Summer Series races; 4 Marathon and 4 Offshore events and two days of windward/leeward Mini Regattas on the first weekend in April. With the new start boat in operation we'll be able to hold this event in the Sound, where there is more room.

The on-line calendar has been updated and can be viewed at [www.myc.org.au](http://www.myc.org.au), so start making plans for what series you will be entering, and make provision for which races you will be volunteering to be part of the Race Committee ... did I mention a new start boat (with loo)?

The Sydney to Gold Coast, Maggie Is, Airlie Beach and HIRW are all happening in August. Good luck and safe sailing to the MYC members participating in the racing. Further afield, we wish the MYC J24 women's team representing Australia at the Lady Liberty Regatta in Manhattan in September, all the very best of luck.



# SUMMER IS COMING



## TIME TO START PLANNING



### 2023-2024 SEASON

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

15-Aug-23	Yacht Safety Briefing
19-Aug-23	Equipment Audit
2-Sep-23	Season Opener Social Event
12-Sep-23	Race Officer Course (Theory)
16-Sep-23	Juniors Open Day
16-Sep-23	Race Officer Course (Practical)
TBA	Racing Rules of Sailing
TBA	New Members Night
13-Apr-24	End of Summer Ball
18-May-24	Presentation Night
29-Jun-24	AGM + Social Event

#### WORKING BEES

Working bee dates are somewhat reliant on when there is no venue hire so please stay alert for when they come up... usually August, February and May



#### RACE COMMITTEE ROSTERS



If you aren't competing in all series, please consider volunteering your time so that everyone gets to sail without having to drop out of a race because of their race committee roster obligations.

Get a head start ... the new roster is [here](#).

#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

CC1	17-Sep-23
CC2	8-Oct-23
CC3	22-Oct-23
CC4	5-Nov-23
CC5	19-Nov-23
CC6	10-Dec-23
CC7	14-Jan-24
CC8	4-Feb-24
CC9	18-Feb-24
CC10	10-Mar-24
CC11	7-Apr-24

#### MARATHON SERIES

M1	24-Sep-23
M2	25-Nov-23
M3	13-Jan-24
M4	17-Mar-24

#### MINI REGATTA

MR1	13-Apr-24
MR2	14-Apr-24

#### OFFSHORE SERIES

OS1	2-Sep-23
OS2	30-Sep-23
OS3	29-Mar-24
OS4	8-Jun-24

#### TWILIGHT FEMALE HELM

TWF1	3-Nov-23
TWF2	1-Dec-23
TWF3	5-Jan-24
TWF4	2-Feb-24
TWF5	1-Mar-24

#### SUMMER SERIES

SS1	10-Sep-23
SS2	15-Oct-23
SS3	29-Oct-23
SS4	12-Nov-23
SS5	26-Nov-23
SS6	21-Jan-24
SS7	11-Feb-24
SS8	25-Feb-24

#### TWILIGHT SERIES

TWL1	13-Oct-23
TWL2	20-Oct-23
TWL3	27-Oct-23
TWL4	3-Nov-23
TWL5	10-Nov-23
TWL6	16-Nov-23
TWL7	24-Nov-23
TWL8	1-Dec-23
TWL9	8-Dec-23
TWL10	15-Dec-23
TWL11	5-Jan-24
TWL12	12-Jan-24
TWL13	19-Jan-24
TWL14	2-Feb-24
TWL15	9-Feb-24
TWL16	16-Feb-24
TWL17	23-Feb-24
TWL18	1-Mar-24
TWL19	8-Mar-24
TWL20	15-Mar-24
TWL21	22-Mar-24

Did I mention the new start boat (with loo)?



# NOTICEBOARD

## YACHT SAFETY BRIEFING

Tuesday, 15 August 2023, 7pm-9pm

This is a mandatory briefing at the beginning of each season for the benefit of Skippers. Interested crew may also attend.

The Safety Briefing will include:

- a brief rules overview of Racing Rules of Sailing and the Col Regs. A detailed Racing Rules of Sailing session is organised in October.
- Club Safety Orientation including where the safety equipment is and what the safety procedures are
- Fleet Safety Orientation, including MYC racing requirements, ferry exclusion zones and finish lines
- Duty Roster requirements

This session will be videoed for skippers to view if unavailable to attend in person.

The Safety Briefing Declaration is a required document for entry to any racing at MYC and should be completed and signed after attendance at the meeting or after viewing the video, before uploading into the SailSys race entry system.

## EQUIPMENT AUDIT DAY

Saturday, 19 August, 9am-1pm

Please make sure you reserve this date in your diary, have all your items up to date and in good repair.

Before presenting your boat for inspection check that it fits all the requirements for the latest audit category form. These forms can be downloaded from [www.sailing.org.au](http://www.sailing.org.au) or the MYC web site.

Additionally, all yachts need to comply with RMS safety equipment requirements as listed in General Conditions of racing 7.3.4 in the [new handbook](#).

It is anticipated that the usual two venues will be available for inspections: Davis Marina and MYC jetty. **An email to all skippers will be sent, if circumstances change.**

For boats inspected at Davis Marina please be aware that visitors on the day must only use the work berth, one boat at a time and wait until they are called. Clients registered with a boat on the marina or mooring can use other facilities such as pick up, dinghies and tender service.

All gear should be neatly laid out and the appropriate Category form completed. Make sure everything is in good condition, clean and all up to date. Following the inspection, it is the owners' responsibility to have the signed audit form submitted to MYC.

Particular attention should be paid to inflatable PFDs ensuring that they have been serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Proof of service is required for such PFDs. Self-service of inflatable PFDs requires that the paper record for each PFD is kept on board the vessel.

**WILL YOU  
BE READY  
FOR  
SATURDAY  
19 AUGUST  
?**



NOTE for Cat 4 Tethers see [AS Special Regs Amendment](#)



Thank you, Davis Marina for your generosity in allowing us the use of your Marina.



*Ready, Get Set !!! projected launch date - late November; delivery and commissioning early December ... fingers crossed X (...and it's got a loo!)*



## FROM THE DUTY ROSTER CO-ORDINATOR

The calendar is available, and the Roster is updated and ready to go for the 2022-2023 season, it would be great to see names added to the list before we start chasing our members to volunteer for Duty Roster...

People should feel free to get in early and select their preferred slots for Duty Roster. The new roster is [here](#).

Anne Immerglück  
Duty Roster Co-ordinator



# NOTICEBOARD



WE'RE LOOKING FOR

## JUNIORS HEAD COACH

Do you have what we're looking for? Apply today!

APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
AUGUST 4, 2023



### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Cultivate a fun and positive learning environment
- Manage the implementation and delivery of the program and monitor the progress towards achieving the program goals.
- Appoint and manage the instructors to ensure they are implementing the program
- Develop the students' skills, tactics and knowledge and provide regular feedback to them and their parents as to where they are at with their ability and progress.
- Manage the instructors and volunteer roster and ensure parental assistance
- Manage communication to the sailors and families about the program and any program updates.
- Oversee the racing schedule and associated events (i.e. races, briefing, coaching etc). Manage the club boats and allocate them to the sailors.

Details of applicant's prerequisites and Remuneration [here](#).

Email CV to [manager@myc.org.au](mailto:manager@myc.org.au)



### TWILIGHT KITCHEN HAND POSITION VACANT



**TWILIGHT RACING** starts up again after the October Long Weekend and we will be continuing with the "Cook Your Own Steak" after racing. Vegetarian options will also be available.

Last season, Kyle, Adam, Jack, Billy and Alice did a great job look after you, and we look forward to some of the team coming back this season. School studies and relocation may prevent some returns, so we are looking to "beef up" the team.

Do you have son, daughter, nephew, niece, friend, friend of a friend, who would be interested in helping out on a Friday night?

- Up 4 hours @ \$25 per hour Friday nights from 13 October through to 22 March
- 6pm start for preparation • Set up tables, knives, forks, plates etc; decant pre-made salads into bowls;
- Serving meals, including vegetarian
- Wash dishes and put away

If interested, please contact Barry at [manager@myc.org.au](mailto:manager@myc.org.au)

### MANLY YACHT CLUB SEASON OPENER SOCIAL Saturday, 2 September 2023



Will there be music? Will there be trivia? Will there be dancing or juggling clowns?

Shhhhh... Yankee Bob will let you know ... all in good time!



# SO, WHAT DID HAPPEN IN THOSE MISSING MONTHS?

IN APRIL...



## MINI REGATTA DAY 2 - 8 APRIL 2023

With Mini Regatta Day 1 in November abandoned because of excessive winds, there was a marked contrast on Day 2, held yesterday.

Only 3 of the 5 races were completed, with the 4th race abandoned during the race, as boats sat still in the water in less than 5kts of "breeze".

The Committee boat, *Carlyle*, positioned itself in the middle of the course to maximise the length in a Northerly 5-10kt breeze.

Race one, and Course 4 - a one lapper - was chosen. *Kaotic*, with David West and his crew practicing for the World Champs in Greece in September, first over the line and on handicap. Second on handicap was *Plum Crazy*, helmed by Jim and ably supported by the Pam and Bruce off *Pensive*. Third on handicap - Jono and his merciless crew on *MING*.

Race two, and course 5 - a two-lapper, in a NNW 5+ knot breeze with a slight change in windward marks and the start pin, *Kaotic* first across the line again with *MING the Merciless* nipping at her heels 4 seconds later; *Kaotic* first on handicap; *MING the Merciless* second and *Plum Crazy* in third place.

Race three, course 5, NNW 5+kts, *MING the Merciless* first across the line with *Kaotic* 41 seconds further back. *Kaotic* first on handicap, *MING the Merciless* second and *Plum Crazy* in third place.

By Race 4 the wind had died to below 5 knots and the race was abandoned after 30 minutes of "racing". N over A - no more racing for the day ... and then a WNW blew in at 3 o'clock gusting 23kts!

It may seem that there were only 3 boats in the race but, in fact, 7 of the 10 boats entered, turned up for the event - *Cheap Thrills*, *Okavango Delta*, *Sirius*, and *Waterhound* were all out there practicing their spinnaker hoists and drops.



Congratulations to the overall winners of day 2 of the Mini Regatta - 1<sup>st</sup> *Kaotic*, 2<sup>nd</sup> *MING the Merciless* and 3<sup>rd</sup> *Plum Crazy*.

With the conclusion of the series, our series winners are 1<sup>st</sup> *Kaotic*, 2<sup>nd</sup> *MING the Merciless*, 3<sup>rd</sup> *Sirius*. An added bonus for *Sirius* - drawn from the barrel - the grand prize of 2 nights' accommodation at Pittwater YHA courtesy of Eco Adventures.

Thank you to our sponsors Seven Miles Coffee Roasters, Peppertree Wines and Eco Adventures YHA.



PEPPER TREE WINES

Thank you also to the formidable race committee - Graham, Nick, Ken, Karrie and Maz.

Results here: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1786/races>

Images by Ken Terrens here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/xAN7XQnjDQKfWaq96>



IN MAY...



I was fortunate enough to be invited to the Sailability Volunteer Recognition Evening, which saw MYC club member and Sailability volunteer, Jackie, doing what she does best, as MC.



As Eli steps back from her massive role over the last 27 or so years, speeches of recognition of her work were presented by Sean, representing Zali Steggall; past MYC president Keith; past MYC commodore Maz; daughter Beth and Mayor Michael Regan, now MP for Wakehurst, who is also the Patron of Sailability Manly, (with apologies from Zali and James Griffith due to a double booking.

Volunteer of the Year and Junior Volunteer of the Year awards - Wilma and Sophie - were handed out by Eli and then the additional awards were distributed. Mermaid of the Year went to Helene and of course, angel wings to Eli.



It was a fun night for this attendee. Thank you to the Totem Club at Stockland for their donation and support.

More images by Caroline Holdstock here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/3VYnbCyLKkiJXquK9>



## WOMEN'S REGATTA Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Two J24s from MYC - *Kaotic*, helmed by Catherine, and *Okavango Delta*, helmed by Macie - plus the mighty *Melody* on Marike's capable watch, and *Shear Magic* with new part owner Erin taking the helm, competed in the MHYC Women's Regatta on Saturday 6th May.

By all accounts a good day out with steady but light breezes.

Full report and lots more fab images by Marg Fraser-Martin at this link <https://www.mhyc.com.au/.../1926-sunny-women-s-regatta>





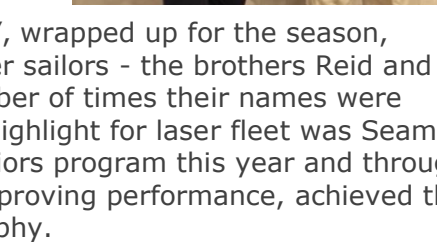
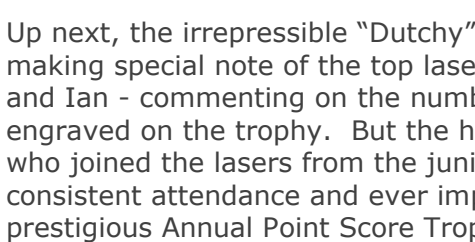
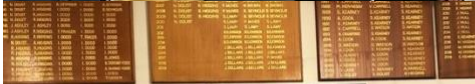
# AND, OF COURSE... PRESENTATION NIGHT

On a cool evening, Juniors and their parents, laser sailors, yacht skippers, crews and families gathered at Manly Yacht Club to celebrate the end of another season and to congratulate the winners.



After a brief introduction by Commodore Stephen, the juniors kicked off the evening. Joe, Macie and Iggy held court, regaling the large crowd with the stories that made up the juniors sailing season and thanking all of the wonderful parents and club members who helped them along the sailing path this season.

Peter, representing our Sailability sailors, then stepped up to award prizes for this section of the evening.



Up next, the irrepressible "Dutchy", wrapped up for the season, making special note of the top laser sailors - the brothers Reid and Iain and Ian - commenting on the number of times their names were engraved on the trophy. But the highlight for laser fleet was Seamus, who joined the lasers from the juniors program this year and through consistent attendance and ever improving performance, achieved the prestigious Annual Point Score Trophy.

After pizzas were consumed, the Twilight and Summer series raffles drawn, it was onto the yachts, culminating with the special awards for fastest boat in Division 1 (*Norton White Corum* - of course) and Division 2 (*Ça Va* - pronounced "sah vah"); consistently closest to the start - congratulations *Jupiter*, and finally, the Graeme Cotton Good Citizen Award which went, deservedly to Peter Bennell.

From the chatter and the smiling faces around the room, all evening, it could not have been anything other than a successful evening. Thanks to everyone who played a part in making it happen.



# AND, THEN IT WAS TIME FOR THE WINTER SERIES



## GOOD CALL RACE COMMITTEE!

Gusting 36 knots at North Head.

This is what is looked like at Manly Yacht Club around about finish time!



Overcast skies and a 70 % chance of a shower, didn't deter the 8 division 1 and 11 division 2 boats from turning up at the start line.

We were all a bit "rusty" after the long hiatus since the last race in early April, so spinnaker work was a little "untidy". Course 7 took the division 1 boats from the triangles to Cannae Point, Nielsen Park, Grotto and home, while division 2 diverted at Sow and Pigs before heading to Grotto. The CYCA Winter fleet was out but we managed to stay out of each other's way.

First to start and finish in division 2 was *Bokarra*, who managed the handicap win as well. Fastest around the course in that division was the aptly named *Fast Company*. The handicapper should be pleased

with himself - 5 boats within 41 seconds on corrected time.

In division 1 *Kia Kaha* first across the line, win on handicap and best starter at 1 second. A mighty tussle between *San Toy* and *Esprit* saw *San Toy* cross the line 7 seconds ahead of *Esprit*, with only 46 seconds on handicap, and *Absolut 3* seconds behind them... another good result for the handicapper!

While there were quite a few on the deck after racing, enjoying the company of the other competitors, there were a lot of "jackpots" when the prizes were

handed out!

Thank you to the stand in race directors off *Esprit* - Jess, Chelsea and Federico - while Race Director Greg is out of the country. Thank you also to the race committee - Jess, Mark and Ben, RSA Cary and our sponsors Hart Automotive Services, Pepper Tree Wines and Peter Wilkins family for the starter's prizes.

Images here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/qvdom4GqW57attED6>

Results here:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1818/races>





# IN JUNE...

EVIE SAUNDERS continued to work hard as she prepares for the World Champs. At the Hague World Cup event, Evie qualified for her first open Medal Race. Against some of the world's biggest names in women's dinghy sailing Evie finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Medal Race and 6<sup>th</sup> overall for the regatta. Our huge congratulations for an amazing result.

From proud dad Ian ... "Thank you to everyone for supporting Evie. To be coming home with a 10th in the North Sea Regatta, 6th at the Allianz World Cup, and 3rd Kiel Week is just fantastic. We are really excited to have achieved our goals especially with Evie now eligible for the Australian Sailing Team."

## [Employment Hero](#)

Evie Saunders

Remember you can follow Evie at [www.eviesaunder.com.au](http://www.eviesaunder.com.au) and on Instagram @evie.saunderss

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## MANLY YACHT CLUB HOSTS J24 WINTER SPRINTS

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

MYC junior William Hough helming *Okavango Delta*, and ably assisted by the rest of the juniors "dream team", scored a first on handicap in the first race of this series, progressing to a second in the second and fourth in the next 2 races as the handicap caught up to them - well done!

The battle for fastest around the course was always going to be between *Tinto* and *Ace*, with *Tinto* "acing" *Ace* each time. Well sailed Stephen.

The "Manhattan Maidens" on *Kaotic*, practicing for their regatta in New York in September, held their own with a second in race 1 and an equal second with *Ace* in race 3.

The forecast for Day 2 of the Winter Sprints was a lot lighter than Day 1 but they still managed 3 races with *Okavango* leading the handicap point score.

Congratulations Will, Charlie, Seamus and Macie (hope I got that right) and Michael. Thank you Lyn for loan of *Okavango Delta*. *Tinto* second on handicap followed by *Ace* in third podium spot.

Thanks again to the weekend's race committee RO Steve T, Peter B, Jackie on the committee boat, Dimitry, Colin, Bob D and Stephen S, on *Robbie R* and Mark as Duty Officer.

Thanks also to our favourite photographer [Marg's Yacht Photos](#) for her fab images.

Images by Marg Fraser-Martin here

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/AhQ9LUZ24Fu8594x9>

Results here:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/2441/pointscore?vie w=individual&handicap=5>



# AND NOW... BACK TO THE WINTER SERIES ...



PEPPER TREE WINES

## WINTER SERIES RACE 3

18 June 2023



It was a busy time on *San Toy* today so not many pics of today's racing... did I mention I don't like westerlies! ... however, *Kia Kaha* and *Esprit* found time to take a few snaps of *San Toy* - thank you 😊.

The NW course 4 chosen today took the fleets to Cannae before splitting to 40 Baskets (division 1) and Lady Bay (division 2), then Lady Bay for division 1 before we all headed off to Obelisk and then Grotto, Manly West and East, Cannae, Forty Baskets, Cannae and home.

Interesting times for *San Toy* at the first Cannae mark with the CYCA fleet approaching at the same time!

The reaching conditions for this race suited *San Toy* very well, coming in fastest around the course and first on handicap, although we seem to be losing our touch as closest to the start - which went to *Stock Car* - well done Kate and crew. *Shear Magic* scored a second on handicap with *Ming the Merciless* in third spot in division 1. A protest, still to be decided, will make these provisional results.

Ten boats in division 2 saw *Misky* fastest around the course and first on handicap; new to the club boat, *Micron* with MYC Junior Charlie ably assisting Dad, Stuart in second place and *Bokarra* in third.

It was a lovely, if sometimes challenging day for sail.

Just a reminder to new members or members with bad memories, that the finish line is WEST of the ferry lane (ref MYC handbook General Conditions of Racing 7.15.1).

Provisional result here:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1818/races>



## FAREWELL "GENTLEMAN JIM"



IN JUNE the sailing community lost a true gentleman and one of Australia's finest sailors... Sir James Hardy OBE.

There is a lovely tribute to Sir James here <https://cyca.com.au/fair-seas-sir-james-hardy-obe/>

Quoting from that tribute "... He represented Australia in two Olympic Games, skippered three America's Cup challenges and competed in four Admiral's Cups.

*His name is deeply etched in the history of the America's Cup, having competed as crew, then skipper aboard Gretel in 1967, skipper of Gretel II in 1970, Southern Cross in 1974, Australia in 1980 and as relief skipper and advisor to John Bertrand for Australia II's win in 1983.*

*As helmsman aboard Impetuous in the 1979 Admiral's Cup, Sir James assisted the Australian team in winning the prestigious trophy for the CYCA..."*

Our "Gentleman Jim" Nixon commented: "... Charming, funny modest and the best 80-year-old-helmsman I've ever sailed with..."

Jackie recalls what a lovely man he was "... supported our Sailability dinner event to raise funds for a new Charlie's Chariot. He agreed to be the key speaker and made our mad crazy dinner back in 2005, a memorable event."





## WHO IS TEAM OKA?

If you've wandered around the club at any time in the last 5 years or so, you will have spotted the MYC Juniors as they head out on a Saturday afternoon for race on the O'pen Skiffs. You may notice now that some of these young folks are not so young and are growing into charming young adults.

They are taking different paths in our sailing program - Seamus is taking on the adult laser fleet and has proven he can sail with the best of them. You will also find Will, Charlie, Macie, Joe, Aneya, Lily, Ollie, Seamus - to name a few - on the Manly Sailing Force 24 fleet on a Friday twilight (Charlie and Joe usually on Charlie's dad's boat *Micron*); on the bow of boats like *Mondo*, *Esprit*, *Khaleesi*, *Corum* and others on a Sunday race and offshore with other clubs on MYC boats.

If you are a follower of the MYC newsletter you will also have heard of *Okavango Delta*, successfully raced by Julian and Andrew and their crew until they purchased *Kia Kaha*. New owner Lyn then raced *Okavango Delta* for a season before getting involved with the juniors.

Such a keen supporter of the juniors, she loaned these young adults the use of "*Okavango Delta*" to trained and compete in the J24 Nationals - see Feb 2023 newsletter; followed by the Victoria Championships in March - see Apr 2023 newsletter.



So, up until this point "Team Oka" seems to be dominated by anyone of the juniors who have so far trained and competed on her.

But some big news has hit the desk. It seems that Lyn has some new partners in the ownership of "Oka" - congratulations Macie, Will, Charlie and Ollie. (that snippet of news was revealed quietly from a Facebook post ...)



From Facebook...

A BIG THANK YOU from Team Oka to [The Quays Marina](#) and South Eastern Sails.

Oka (Okavango Delta) won the very generous door prize last year from Q service at Quays Marina, Church Point for \$1500 of antifouling and was donated this year's door prize won by Manly Sailing.

The Oka Juniors (Macie, Will, Charlie and Ollie) now own Oka with me (Lyn) but could not take any more time of school so thank you to [Manly Sailing](#) staff Dani and Onur and to Royce and Malcom from [Middle Harbour Yacht Club](#) for helping me take Oka up and back.

Also thank you so much to Garth and Mark for the loan of Sirius's engine for the slow plod back. The ride up was very fast - door to door just five hours with a top speed of 8.5 knots. Onur got hit by a sea gull and Malcolm almost ran over a whale but apart from that it was a fun delivery.

The Oka juniors also received some great sails from Warren Slater from South Eastern Sails, so Oka is ready for business, just don't tell the handicapper.

Thank you so much to Q Service for the much-needed remedial work on Oka and Warren for the fantastic sails.





# IN JULY...

## WINTER SERIES RACE 4

2 July 2023



A nice 12-15kt SSW kicking around to S-SSE for the run home - sunshine to boot and a balmy 16C. Course 3 was the RO's pick and this took Division 1 and Division 2 to Cannae where Division 1 split to Chowder Bay South as the Division 2 boats headed to Obelisk; all divisions then back to Many West and East, around to Cannae again before the final legs to Obelisk and then home.

Notwithstanding the mermaids on *Waterhound* (you had to be there) and the tense moments before the *Kaotic* crew learned that they were not OCS - but in fact closest to the start - everyone on the course today professed to have a great race. Well done, Skipper Matt Miles and *Kaotic* crew.

*Waterhound*, minus Skipper (mermaid) Anthony, came first on handicap in division 2, followed by *Misky* in second and in third place, the mighty *Ratty Tooey*. Fastest around the course appears to be *Fast Company*, living up to their name 2 races in a row - seems like Jack's effort under the boat paid off, although *Kaotic* was only 31 seconds around the course behind you.

In Division 1, *Kia Kaha* was first on handicap, with *Absolut* and *San Toy* in second and third respectively. *Kia Kaha* and *San Toy* are now equal first in the series so both boats will be on their toes from here on out.

There is another battle for podium spots between *Shear Magic* and *Ming the Merciless*, both on 13 points and well within reach of ousting *Absolut* from 3 place in the series. Fastest around the course was *Absolut* with *San Toy* only 16 seconds behind.

Race results here:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1818/races>

Thank you RO Phil, and your race committee Jim and Matt; Chelsea and Georgia as stand in RDs and Jackie as last-minute call up for the bar.





# STILL IN JULY...



A lot of milling about at the start

## WINTER SERIES RACE 5 16 July 2023



PEPPER TREE WINES



All seasons in one day! A lot of milling near the starting area in case the breeze dropped to nothing, through to a cloud burst and wind with the rain towards the end, meant wet bedraggled crews everywhere ... some forgetting which way was up! A repeat of course 3 but with entirely different breezes.

Casual entry *Mondo* picked up the starters prize on zero seconds and completed the trifecta with fastest around the course and first on handicap in division 1- all good preparation for the Southport race this weekend. Second on handicap was *Sirius* with Garth at the helm while Mark took up RO duties, and in third place was *MING the Merciless*.

In division 2, *Waterhound*, *Stock Car* and *Ratty Tooy* were 1, 2 and 3 - so a sideways kite does help! Fastest around the course in this division was again *Fast Company*, living up to her name.

Thank you Mark, Jim and Ali in the race office, Georgia as fill in race director, and David looking after our interests at the bar.

One more race to go with *San Toy* one point ahead of *Kia Kaha* in division 1 and *Waterhound* two points ahead of *Misky* in division 2, so it all hinges on everyone turning up; some smart sailing and ... the drop - good luck all.

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A rain squall



And a tired and emotional "Rat" - thanks Mark Edmonds for the pic



Perfect kite set for Ludicrous Mode



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# THE FINAL RACE OF THE WINTER SERIES

WINTER SERIES  
RACE 6  
30 July 2023



Results here: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1818/races>



Great to see Bokarra out on the water. Congratulations on your grand prize draw!

On a hot Winter's day with a forecast of light W-NW breezes, the Race committee sent the 2 divisions on Course 7 which sent the fleets to Cannae before division 1 diverged to Nielson Park AS while division 2 took off around Sow and Pigs. Both fleets then headed to Grotto Point before their final destination back to Manly.

With *San Toy* way behind the fleet, it looked like *Kia Kaha* had the series in the bag, but the fickle westerly wind conditions eventually found *San Toy* closing at the Nielson Park mark and with *Kia Kaha* in her sights, picked the shifts as best she could.



Esprit, powered up - Michael Rowe on the helm



Micron with Team Oka on board

*Sirius*, first across the line, just 2 seconds ahead of *Absolut* with *Kia Kaha* less than a minute behind would have made it interesting for the race committee. Line honours aside, the handicap corrected time was *Absolut*, *Sirius*, *San Toy* and *Kia Kaha*; the difference placing *San Toy* ahead of *Kia Kaha* in the race and with the drop places *San Toy* ahead of *Kia Kaha* by 1 point. *Absolut* in third spot in the series just 2 points behind. A hard-fought battle between worthy opponents.



Going to be hard to catch

Fastest around the course in division 2 was *Kaotic* - Go Manhattan Maidens!!; great work on the helm Matt! - and good to see Peter out on *Peach Teats Velocity* nipping at their heels. On handicap *Misky* first, *Kaotic* second and *Peach Teats Velocity* third.



It was Grotto before we did!

*Misky's* win placed her first in the series, and with the drop, relegated *Waterhound* to second place with *Ratty Tooy* in third.

Thank you Giorgia and Chelsea for a terrific job running the Winter series in Greg's absence. Thank you also to Andrew, Jim and Peter on race committee and Jason and Barry on the bar.

Thank you to our sponsors Peppertree, Hart's Battery Solutions and Altitude "The Lodge" Smiggins for the grand draw prizes - *Esprit* winning Division 1 and *Bokarra* winning Division 2, congratulations.



Anthony (*Waterhound*), Cath (*Kaotic*), the lovely Chelsea, Peter (*Misky*)



Garth (*Sirius*), Chelsea, Phil (*Absolut*), Graham (*San Toy*)



Michael (*Esprit*), Chelsea, Colin (*Bokarra*)



# ALL THE MISCELLANEOUS BITS...

## THE SECRET SAUCE OF THE STARTERS PRIZE

Each season, skippers vie for the privilege of having the best start of the race (i.e. closest to their start time) in order to win the coveted starters prize after racing, hopefully aiming for their inscription on the Peter Wilkins Starters Trophy on Presentation Night. But only the handicapper knows what the algorithm will be each year.

## FROM THE HANDICAPPER

This season the starters prize has been calculated over the Twilight series, as it has the biggest fleet and most comprehensive recorded data set.

All boats with more than 10 starts were considered and median times for lateness was calculated, thus excluding a boat's worst times and looking at the best 50% of her starts. Several boats had really great median times (less than 10s), but some of these were also boats with many OCS results, so they were pushing the boundary too much! Thus, the starter sponsor has arbitrarily decided to punish each OCSs with a 5s penalty.

Coming in last of the 10 race contenders (before OCS penalties), is *Manly Sailing Solace* (33s from 17 starts, 0 OCS). I guess that BBQ can be hard to light sometimes!

Hurt the most by OCS was *Shear Magic* (9s over 16 starts, 3 OCS), who fell off the podium as a result down to 17th!

Honourable mentions go to a 3-way split for 5<sup>th</sup> between *Mondo* (10s over 18 starts, 1 OCS) *Magician V* (15s over 19 races, 0 OCS) & *Waterhound* (15s over 20 starts, 0 OCS).

*San Toy* (3s over 11 starts, 2 OCS) is rueing her OCSs, but clings to the podium for a shared 3<sup>rd</sup> place with *Gecko* (13s over 14 starts, 0 OCS) who is thankful that her 4m42s start was effectively dropped by the median calculation.

In second place is one-day-will-be-winners-but-not-this-day, *Esprit* (12s over 12 starts, 0 OCS).

And the winner is *Jupiter* (11s over 14 starts, 0 OCS) with her best 7 starts being 3s, 4s, 5s, 5s, 6s, 7s & 10s! She's put in many great starts without stepping over the line for a too good start!

## PETER WILKINS STARTER'S TROPHY

This Trophy is presented in memory of Peter Wilkins who enjoyed the company of Manly Yacht Club and the satisfaction he gained in completing a start and finish sequence correctly on the "Carlyle" over the 10 years he was PRO. The Starters Trophy commemorates "that Grand Old Lady of MYC - Carlyle" and rewards the boat most closely and consistently achieving its scheduled start time.



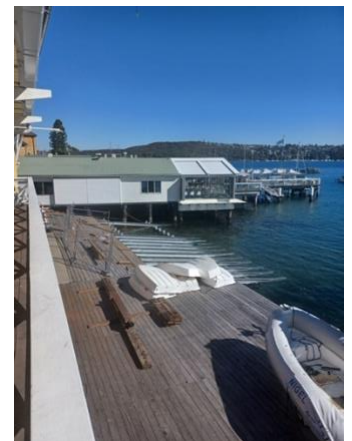
Commodore Stephen presents the Starter's prize to Ian from Jupiter



Bruce, hard at work keeping Carlyle looking "spiffy"



Warm up routine at the dragon boaters



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12 Pack									
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'Tallawanta' Shiraz	Hunter Valley	2019	\$155.00	\$131.75		\$1,581.00			
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'Coquun' Shiraz	Hunter Valley	2017	\$90.00	\$76.50		\$918.00			
'Robustum' Shiraz	Wrattobully	2018	\$130.00	\$110.50		\$1,326.00			
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12 Pack									
'Alluvius' Semillon	Hunter Valley	2022	\$55.00	\$46.75		\$561.00			
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'The Gravels' Shiraz	Wrattobully	2018	\$55.00	\$46.75		\$561.00			
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'Block 21A' Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattobully	2018	\$60.00	\$51.00		\$612.00			
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'Block C6' Pinot Noir	Orange	2022	\$40.00	\$34.00		\$408.00			
'Aglianico	Wrattobully	2019	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$357.00			
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