

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2005 - 2006

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Manly Yacht Club and election of Office Bearers for 2005 - 2006 will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday 25th June 2005.

All positions on the Board of Directors are open for nominations. The Club is required to have a Board consisting of the office bearers and up to twelve other directors. The Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and at least five other board members must be boat owners.

Only financial members may vote at the Annual General Meeting. Persons who are not members are invited to attend the meeting.

AGENDA

Notice convening the meeting
Apologies
Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM held 26/06/2004
Receive and consider the Annual Report
Hold elections if necessary
and announce Board of Directors for 2005 - 2006
Appoint auditors for 2005 - 2006
Other business



Dear Members,

I would like to invite you to the Manly Yacht Club Annual General Meeting. You can enjoy your complimentary drink on the deck from 7:00pm before the formal proceedings begin at 7:30pm.

These will be followed by a delicious meal followed by coffee and sweets. Drinks will be available from the bar and everyone will have a chance to win the Lucky Door Prize.

The music will start around 9.30pm and those who want to, can dance the night away on the deck.

Be quick with your bookings, table numbers as always, are limited. Please complete the form (posted) and return it to secretary Christabel Casimir by June 17, 2005.

It has been an amazing year and I look forward to seeing you on the night.

Keith Woodward President

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Earlier this year, a member's function at Manly Yacht Club caused complaints from neighbours and our landlord and received publicity in the Manly Daily. This function was organized by a director of the Club, David Parsons and had live amplified music contrary to the conditions of our lease and hall hire agreement. As a director, David should have been aware of that amplified live music was not allowed at Manly Yacht Club. David accepts that he should have known this but was not aware of it when he arranged his function. David is sorry for the trouble that this incident has caused and does not want this single incident to detract from his reputation within the Club that has been built up over many years. David has been an active member and Director of the Club for many years.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Manly Yacht Club will be held on Saturday 25 June 2005. Drinks will be served at 7:00 pm and the meeting will commence at 7:30 pm. The following nominations have been received:

President: Keith Woodward
Vice President: Vacant
Commodore: Maz Theaker
Vice Commodore: Brian Wilson
Rear Commodore: Bruce Davis
Treasurer: David Lewis
Club Captain: Colin Cameron
Directors: David Fairclough
Peter Hamilton
Sorrell Lambie
Margaret Lucas
Andrew Robinson
Chris Shead
Julian Shelbourne
Chris Stockdale
Phil Vidler

To continue to grow, the Club needs an effective Board and to remain effective, the Board continually needs people with new ideas. Being a Director is easy and rewarding so why not give it a go?



Keith Woodward President



"Winners are Grinners"
Club Championship 'Slangivar'
Sorrell & Hector Lambie

Presentation Night

Sailors just love a good disaster at sea story and last presentation night we had one of titanic proportions. Our guest speaker was Andrew Rogers who while not related to Cate Winslett or Leonardo Di Caprio, has actually had a close encounter with the famous ship four kilometres below the surface of the water.

Andrew's story was fascinating as he is just an ordinary guy from Curl Curl and had even sailed Manly Juniors in his youth. However several years ago a simple trip to Franklins changed his life when he won a contest to dive on the wreck of the Titanic off Newfoundland. You would have thought his wife might have been a bit concerned that he was doing the trip with some dodgy Russian submariners trying to make a quick buck but then again it turns out she had no one else to blame as she bought her husband the ticket. Andrew's video of his trip was amazing and even more miraculous than his survival was that our resident "techo" John Webber managed to get the projector and computer to work perfectly.

The video of the rough seas and very dangerous voyage had all the children (and adults) fascinated as Andrew took us 4 kilometres underwater. The Titanic itself was still in amazing shape after all those years and I'm sure everyone at MYC will now be rushing to the video store to get out the copy of the film again. Luckily for us Andrew did not have a copy of Celine Dion's soundtrack to the movie to accompany his video.

Of course no presentation night would be the same without the services of resident MC Michael "Bert Newton" Troy

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MYC NEWS

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2005 Season

President's Report

I was very pleased to see the number of people who attended the last two working bees. The few usual workers were assisted by lots of new helpers.

The Dragon Boat Club attended with their President, Geoff Taken an electrician, installing the new bollard lights at the front entrance with the help of Gustav from MYC. Other Dragon Boaters, Peter Burns and David helped with carpentry and painting.

Bruce Hitchman worried us all with his death defying act painting the lead triangles whilst clinging with his toes to the handrail on the top deck. We must insist that you wear a harness next time!

Alex Wilson, a carpenter, showed us how we should have been doing woodwork! Some of us should stick to wharf building after seeing Alex's precision work. Alex learned to sail Manly Juniors when the Club was located in the old premises and has recently re-joined and would like to sail regularly on yachts.

Alex was assisted by Rob Luttrell who insisted that he was not a carpenter but a jack of all trades. He certainly looked like a carpenter to me! Rob is a very handy person to have around.

Other people who helped included Brian Wilson, Colin Cameron, David Lewis, Chris Shead, Bronwyn Mason, Maz Theaker, Graham Radford, Peter Bennell, Greg Zyner, Nick Boden-Smith, Craig Wallington, Howard Sullivan, Robert Steffens The Eblings and Jack Morrison.



I apologies to any-one that I have left out but I forgot to make lists on the days

The working bees were very successful. We replaced the entire roof over the top deck, replaced some of the timber structure supporting the roof, replaced many hand-rail members, painted the eaves above the deck roof, replaced the front entrance lights, trimmed the vegetation behind the Club and took all of the rubbish to the tip.

A few very reliable members deserve a special mention for working all three days including the two best days of the long weekend. They are Colin Cameron (Colin just does not slow down and makes the rest of us feel tired just watching him work!), David Lewis and Chris Shead. Chris also deserves thanks for organizing the working bees and ordering the materials.

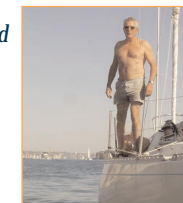
Working bees are a great way to better get to know other members of the Club so if you have not attended one, come down next time. They are great fun and very satisfying.

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Part of the large team:
Cris Shead & Graham Radford

All this and Keith and Colin still found time to do some work on their own boats they are amazing!



DIARY DATES

Sun 19 June MJ's Training
WT 2 Navman
Sat 25 June **Annual General Meeting and Dinner**
Sun 26 June MJ's WPS 4
Mon 27 June Sailing Committee Meeting
Sun 3 July Winter Trophy 3
Sat 9 July Sailability
Sat 23 July Sailability
Sun 24 July MJ's Training
Winter Trophy 4
Mon 25 July Sailing Committee Meeting
Mon 1 Aug Bank Holiday
Sun 7 Aug MJ's WPS 5
Winter Trophy 5
Mon 10 Aug Board Meeting
Sun 14 Aug MJ's Training
Sat 20 Aug Sailability
Sun 21 Aug MJ's Training

DUTY ROSTER CREW:

Call Ann Webber on 9948 6724 please.

What a Fantastic Sailing Club!

Since putting the last 15 newsletters together, I am more aware of how many fantastic people are involved in the MYC club, from the Sailability Sailors and Volunteers, Mums, Dads and the MJ kids, Dragon Boat members, the new and regular members continuing the maintenance and improvements to the club, the Sailing Committee, Volunteers and the Board of Directors, it has made my job as Editor so much easier with all your beautiful stories and photos, (please keep them coming).

Hope you can make it to the AGM Dinner on the 25th June and enjoy the company of other members, family and friends over a relaxed dinner and the opportunity to support and give Keith Woodward a big hand of applause for all his hard work as MYC President for the past year and give yourselves a big pat on the back for making this a fantastic sailing club.

Thank You, M L

There will be no July MYC Newsletter **Deadline for the August issue: Wednesday 10th August.** email: margaretlucas@bigpond.com PH: 9977 1611



Leanne & Greg Zyner
'Morna' collected heaps of
1st and a 2nd in Div 2.



Brian & Craig Bar-Men



Michael Troy
MC for the evening



Maz Theaker

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who kept the speeches to a minimum and almost managed to hand out all the correct prizes. The whole event would just not have been possible without organiser Ann Webber who was duly honoured for her work at the club this year as Race Officer and other things by being named "club citizen of the year". Maz Theaker had cleverly kept Ann's win a secret right up until the last minute when Ann stepped forward to hand out the prize, only to receive it instead. The only problem was Bruce Davis was more confused than anyone and thought Ann had won the prize last year. Oh well.

The juniors got their prizes early while Sailability and the seniors had a supper break before collecting their trophies.

The winners were too numerous to detail except to say that Hector and Sorrell Lambie won the club championship and David Fairclough was the happiest man at the event after winning the Twilight's main prize of a weekend away in the Hunter Valley courtesy of Sydney Sailing.

The real stars of the night besides Maz and Ann were the four helpers behind the scenes. Brian and Scott kept the drinks flowing from behind the bar whilst always observing the responsible sale of alcohol code of practise. While Ann Webber's neighbours Tom (aged 9) and Taylah (aged 11) were fantastic helpers for the third year in a row.

Their dad has a pub so they know their drinks which was actually quite helpful during the set up when Ann needed to get more light beer and they replied: Cascade or Hahn?

At the beginning of the day they stacked all the beer and soft drinks in the fridge, bagged lollies, and carried chairs. While on the night they stayed up well past bedtime to collect glasses, stack chairs and carry all the left over grog back to the kitchen. Ann said she couldn't love them enough!

Congratulations to all the winners again.

Michael Troy

PS: All the gridders with winning trophies, need to return them to the MYC office by 25th June 2005, so don't forget to take a few photos for the family album to share with family and friends. Thank you: Sailing Committee

Overall results of the Trophies, Skites Plates, Plaques & Medilions on the MYC web site www.myc.org.au



Sydney Sailing &
St Hallett's Winery
Twilights 'Chocolate Eclare'
crew collecting for
C. Matthews



Club Championship
Sorrell Lambie 'Slangivar'



Keith Presenting
Andy Cooper with the
Whitworth Summer Trophy
Div 1 - 'Windy Point'
Kathy Brown

Manly Juniors

Manly Juniors on Presentation Night

A great evening was had by all. Thank you to the Club for the support to junior sailing. Results for the year are summarised below. Congratulations to all sailors for a season of fun sailing that saw spinnakers fly and some very close and exciting racing. Looking forward to another great season and welcoming on board any new sailors.

Cadet Fleet

Farewell to Alex McDonald, Emily Shelbourne and Angus Clarke who will be leaving the confined spaces of the Manly Junior and join the Nicole Donaldson, Fiona McDonald and Samantha Pack in the 'Cadet Fleet'. Watch out centreboarders, there is some keen competitors on the way!

Please contact:

RICHARD DONALDSON 0418 209 668

if you are interested in joining our MJ or Cadet fleet.



FLYING THE MYC FLAG

Manly Yacht Club boats have been busy elsewhere on the Harbour during the winter months. Kathy Brown and Andy Cooper have been handing out light-weather sailing lessons to competitors in the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club's winter series, with Windy Point leading Division 2 after scoring two wins and a DNS from three races.

Peter MacDonald and crew also have Pam on the boil and are leading the Classic Division of the SASC series with 11 points (3rd, 3rd, 5th) from Carinya (2nd, 8th, 4th) with three races to go.



LIFE AFTER SAILING!

Hi Old and New members,

I have just finished reading the MYC journal and realized that it is about 2.5 years since we left Sydney and some of the old members may be interested in what we have been up to.

Well the short answer is gaining new skills, breeding alpacas and building our house.

We are living a rural existence north of Marulan (on the Hume Highway about 1 hour south of Liverpool). The alpacas have moved in, the chooks are laying and the cat has acclimatized.

The property was bare when we bought it so we have had to build a shed, animal yards, construct the fences and put in a water trough system. This has been done to some extent. Part of the shed was then turned into accommodation, where we have been living for two years. Quite comfortable, but a little cramped.

The house project is well under way. At the time of writing the frames are up and half the roof is on. Within about 3 weeks we should be at the lockup stage. It should be ready for occupation towards the end of the year.

Alpaca breeding is going very well. We now have 31 (starting from 1 about 10 years ago). Attached is a photo of Brunella, a young female we have bred. She had considerable success at the Canberra Royal in February winning the Champion Junior Female and at the Sydney Royal winning 1st Intermediate Female Brown. The judge described her as an 'elite animal'. All very satisfying. Of the babies born this year Brunella's mother has produced another, which we think is at least as good as Brunella and another animal has produced a very pretty rose grey boy for whom we have high hopes, but it is a little early to tell.

It is amazing the new skills you can pick up in a project like this. Apart from the usual farm skills such as fencing, chain saws, water distribution etc, I have also learnt to shear alpacas, and to give fairly reasonable injections. The local bush fire brigade is also a source of new achievements (as well as a considerable amount of local gossip). I have joined the local brigade so am up to speed on bush fires, house fires, gas fires and car fires. The brigade has had a few quiet years with bush fires, but they also have to attend motor vehicle accidents. Part of our area is 25kms of the Hume Highway (either side of Marulan) and we seem to be called out about once per week. Members should be warned that if they have an accident on this part of the highway they may find me pulling them out of the car.

As you would expect the place is getting very dry. We had good rain over the summer, which filled the dams and encouraged the grass to grow. The grass is still about but is quickly drying out and being eaten. We even have had some clover this year which we totally missed out on last year. No cold weather yet (only 1 frost), but we do have a fire on most nights.

We would love to see any members we are passing through Marulan. Come and see a different life style, talk to the alpacas.

Contact us on 48411818 or email: kenwray@iimetro.com.au.

Regards to all and Good sailing.

Ken Wray



Free Yacht

Jim Nixon has been completely **underwhelmed** by the reponse to last month's item on the Swanson Dart 'Melody'. Isn't there anyone out there who wants all the advantages of owning a boat without having to buy one????.....
Call Jim on 9977 0132 or 0403 836 221.

Note: from Colin & Sarah Cameron, We came across an old MYC member at the weekend.

Titled by his boat: 'Hopscotch'. Ted Whitmore sends his regards to all his old friends, at MYC.

We bumped into him while enjoying the old style ambience of the 'Hydro Majestic Hotel', Medlow Bath, in the Blue Mountains.

Just shows that you still have to keep a good lookout, even at a 1000+ metres.



The picture was taken in 1990 at one of MYC fun days. Neptune and his wife were accompanied on the MYC deck by an assortment of pirates, smugglers and a car sailman!

From left to right: Graeme and Anne Cotton, Greg Windsham and son, Bruce Page, Colin and Sara Cameron, and Ken 'Gengis' Wray. (Photo: C Cameron)

Navman Winter Series Results - Race 1 - 29/5/2005									
Sail No	Yacht Name	Helm	Yacht Class	Div	Start Time	Actual Start	Finish	Elapsed	Place
MYC820	Good Intent	Peter Bennell	Clansman 30	1	12:11:00	12:11:27	14:18:35	2:07:08	1
903	Apres Moth	Barry Miffin	Contessa 26	1	12:07:00	12:07:24	14:22:55	2:15:31	2
AUS32	Avanti	Chris Shead	Soling	1	12:30:00	12:30:00	14:23:33	1:53:33	3
KA16	Pam	Peter McDonald	5.5	1	12:42:00	12:42:15	14:28:52	1:46:37	4
M366	Windy Point	Kathy Brown	Adams 8	1	12:39:00	12:39:24	14:29:43	1:50:19	5
3683	Ratty	Ian Dennewald	Northshore 27	1	12:22:00	12:22:27	14:30:40	2:08:13	6
AUS166	Slangivar	Hector & Sorrell Lambie	Soling	1	12:41:00	12:42:10	14:31:53	1:49:43	7
2090	Morna	Greg & Leanne Zyner	Cavalier 35	1	12:41:00	12:41:09	14:31:55	1:50:46	8
MYC2	Cuckoos Nest	Nigel Holman	Bavaria 42	1	13:00:00	13:00:22	14:32:08	1:31:46	9
MH22	Cape Fear	Kevin Boxhall	Cape 35	1	12:55:00	12:55:17	14:33:20	1:38:03	10
MYC10	Pensive	Bruce & Pam Davis	NSX38	1	12:53:00	12:53:06	14:34:37	1:41:31	11
MYC32	Pacific Breeze	Bruce Hitchman	Farr 11.6	1	12:52:00	12:52:09	14:36:22	1:44:13	12
6776	Dances with Waves	Jim Thomas	Farr 11.6	1	12:59:00	12:59:22	14:38:27	1:39:05	13
1152	Bokarra	Colin Cameron	Sanlana 22	1	12:23:00	12:23:20	14:41:17	2:17:57	14
8686	Crow Bar	Bruce Thomas	Masram 940	1	12:41:00	12:42:15	14:42:29	2:00:14	15
MYC6	Aida	Dennis Higgs	S80	1	12:35:00	12:35:50	14:45:52	2:10:02	16
MYC259	Yevanna	Tomas Kilman	Cavalier 26	1	11:50:00	11:50:49	14:53:00	3:02:11	17
951	Eclipse	Ben Howell	Endeavour 24	1	12:00:00	DNS	DNS		
4384	First Light	Anna Ewald-Rice	Adams 12	1	12:47:00	DNS	DNS		
MYC1	Aussie Rules	Gene Scott	Cavalier 975	2	12:33:00	12:35:35	14:01:29	1:25:54	1
MYC24	J Curve	Jack Morrison	J24	2	12:34:00	12:34:15	14:02:50	1:28:35	2
A73	Top Odds	Karen Petersen	Northshore 27	2	12:29:00	12:29:51	14:09:50	1:39:59	3
MYC20	Manyana	David Fairclough	Cole 26	2	12:28:00	12:28:56	14:11:40	1:42:44	4
WP69	Shear Magic	Robert Steffens	Adams 10	2	12:58:00	12:58:30	14:12:12	1:13:42	5
1060	Ten Sixty	Phil Vidler	Radford 10.6	2	12:57:00	12:57:50	14:13:41	1:15:51	6
MYC33	Lautrec	Helen Ebeling	Passage 33	2	12:39:00	12:39:36	14:14:00	1:34:24	7
518	Ayesha	Stephen Jones	Griffin	2	12:32:00	12:32:19	14:14:09	1:41:50	8
5216	Starship	Peter Richter	Hudson 32	2	12:46:00	12:45:28	14:16:05	1:30:37	9
MYC375	Out There	Greg & Gabrielle James	Cavalier 375	2	13:00:00	13:00:06	14:16:41	1:16:35	10
MYC3	Madama Butterfly	Michael Troy	S80	2	12:40:00	12:40:01	14:17:21	1:37:20	11
929	Soujourm	Harold Hooper	Catalina 34	2	12:31:00	12:31:20	14:17:34	1:46:14	12
MYC272	Laura	Adrian Solti	Triton 721	2	12:14:00	12:14:26	14:17:57	2:03:31	13
MYC202	Isaea II	Matt Collis	Bluebird 22	2	12:14:00	12:23:00	14:19:00	1:56:00	14
127	Carinya IV	Jim Nixon	Carmen Class	2	12:49:00	12:49:00	14:20:56	1:31:56	15
6747	Hap Hazard	Ann Webber	Moody 31	2	12:34:00	12:34:45	14:22:07	1:47:22	16
983	Pacifica	Rob Carah	Catalina 30	2	12:30:00	DNS	DNS		
AUS113	Flying Carpet	Nick Chatham	J24	2	12:34:00	DNS	DNS		

Navman Winter Series Race 1

A day to make our new sponsors Navman proud, plenty of sun, plenty of wind, and 33 boats racing our new courses and two shiny new divisions, spinnaker and non spinnaker, or as it turned out, non-spinnaker and pretty much non-spinnaker. Fluky wind in Middle Harbour made hoisting the kite a bit of an each way bet, in most cases better not.

Ratty and her crew, being new to the intricacies of the panic pennant went out early for a practice, in about 15 knots of wind we motored quietly over to the shelter of the Quarantine Station for our maiden hoist, only to be greeted with the ominous sight of a large CYC boat blowing out her lovely new kite and flying it's remains from her mast head around the next two marks, she was last seen heading back down to the dark side with all aboard avoiding the skippers steely gaze just in case they were nominated to go up the mast and retrieve the leftovers..... we left the sail in the bag for another day.

The new divisions seemed to work well with 17 starters in the spinnaker division, and 16 in the non-spinnaker division, there was a good mix of boats in both groups with Gene Scott and Aussie Rules collecting the silverware in the non spinnaker division ahead of J Curve and Top Odds. A bit of a run away win for Peter Bennell onboard Good Intent who finished 4 minutes ahead of Barry Miffin on Apres Moth, and Chris Shead on Avanti.

The next race is on Sunday June 19th, with a post race BBQ back at the club following the race. This year again we have the crew prize for any crew members who have sailed on the day, this will culminate in the grand crew prize drawn after the final race which is a \$300 Myer gift voucher donated by Stainless R Us.....

but you have to be there to win.



IAN DENNEWALD

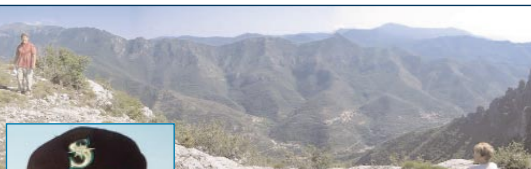


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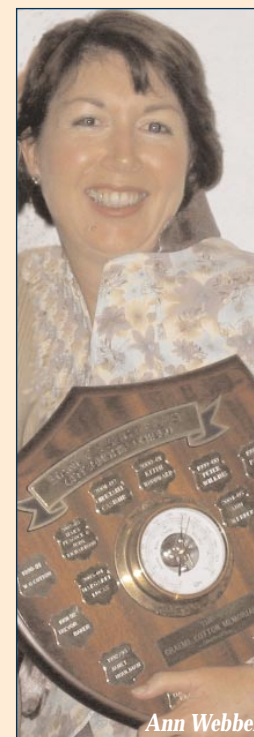
Ciao Tutti,

Ho hum, here we are again in Colletta di Castelbianco in Italy experiencing blue skies, good food, fine wine, beautiful scenery...Having a car (a nice one at that) of our own makes it very easy to see things and be independent, so we have been touring around the Ligurian coast and mountains with gay abandon. Had one very nostalgic day, while having a waterfront lunch at Laigueglia down south on the Med coast - Peter saw a magnificent 30 ft launch moored just off the pier flying a couple of flags. They looked familiar so he looked closely and saw that one was a Laser flag and the other was a postponement flag! As we finished lunch, the postponement flag was dropped, three or four rubber ducky's appeared with large inflatable buoys, and then came about 60 lasers from the beach, and we watched the races while sipping a few Limoncello digestifs. (small extract of an email from Bev & Pete)



Greg and Bev Wilkins, a Panorama from Greg & Jan's Wilkins courtyard in Colletta di Castelbianco in Italy

(head honcho honorary volunteer)
Peter Wilkins
MYC, eat your heart out!



Ann Webber

THE 'GRAHAME COTTON' MEMORIAL TROPHY. THE 'MYC CITIZENSHIP SHIELD'.

For some of the newer members of MYC let me give a little insight into the name behind the trophy, which is the **Premier Award**, on Presentation Night.

A 'wee bit' over twenty years ago Graeme spotted some MJs pottering around, off East Esplanade, and he, and his wife Anne, decided that this was the ideal sport for their young family, namely Greg, Steven and Lucy, and through his enthusiastic involvement at MYC he resuscitated an ailing yacht club by building a large centreboard fleet, with a strong family base.

Graeme had a passion for the timber construction Manly Juniors (MJ's), which were reasonably priced and gave everyone the opportunity to own a boat and compete on the water. Many families have very happy memories of idyllic Sundays, at MYC, or adventurous sorties to MJ State and National Titles under his selfless leadership.

Unfortunately Graeme succumbed, after a long battle, to cancer and it was suggested, by Ken Wray (Ken's story on page 7), that a memorial trophy should be created to acknowledge the qualities and values that Graeme had instilled in the club.

Congratulations to Ann Webber the winner of the 2004/2005 'Graeme Cotton' Memorial Trophy, 'MYC Citizenship Shield'.

Ann our volunteer coordinator and principle race officer is a worthy winner and we recognize the tremendous contribution she has made to MYC.

P.S. Anne Cotton keeps in touch with developments, at MYC, and is currently holidaying in Europe.

Lucy can sometimes be seen at MYC on a Dragon Boat, or guest skippering on 'Bokarra'.

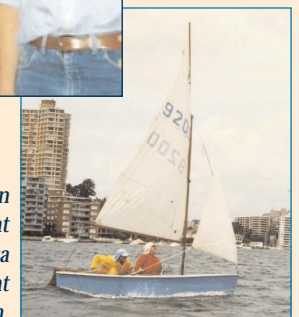
Steven is a keen 16' Skiff sailor, at Manly.

Greg went on to achieve a 2nd place in the World Taser Championships among many sailing achievements.



Colin Cameron

Lucy, Steven and Greg Cotton, in 1991, at the inaugural presentation of the 'MYC Citizenship Shield', accepting the award in memorium of their father.



Graeme Cotton skippering his Heron at The Australia Day Regatta 1991, near Darling Point with crew Colin Cameron.



Guest Speaker Andrew Rogers presenting the MJ awards to: Club Champions The Swick Too: Will Langley (crew) and Angus McKenzie Wills (skipper).



Commodore Brian Wilson presents Angus Clarke with the Junior Centreboard Award. Angus is leaving behind MJ's and moving into Cadets. Look out centreboarders!

Kartoffelpuffer (Fiona and Rob McDonald) lead The Swick Too (Claire Gilet and Angus McKenzie Wills) and Titanic (Alex McDonald and Emily Shelbourne) in some tight mark work.

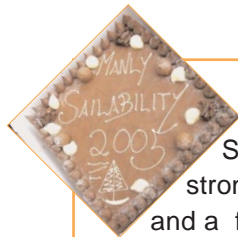


Emily Shelbourne and Alex McDonald (Titanic) receive their medallions



Claire Gilet (sailing The Swick Too with Angus MacKenzie Wills as crew) in a tight tussle with Alex McDonald and Emily Shelbourne (Titanic)





Sailability

Saturday, 14th May, 2005 commenced with strong winds and clouds, weather conditions and a forecast that did not look promising for a Sailability Race Day. We resolved to go down to the sailing area and look at the conditions, as the disappointment of a large number of people was a strong factor in any decision we would make.

It looked OK from the Yacht Club. Malcolm Murray rigged up Lionheart and took it for a spin to check the conditions out on the water. Accordingly, we decided that we could go ahead with the race, with reduced rigging. Jackie arrived with the picnic food; crews, skippers, volunteers and spectators arrived, 6 boats were rigged, the starter boat and buoys were in position, safety boat in attendance, race schedule organised, and off they went.

David Barr, Member for Manly was the crew for Roger Blake in Greg Mott, Marjorie Janz, Disability Information Officer at Warringah Shire Council crewed for Evelyn Shervington in Woody, Deirdre Ronai crewed for Ivan Demeny were in Lionheart, Steve Davis crewed for Peter Hamilton in Jack Harkness, Dolly Wallis was skippered by Greg Lee, crewed by Declan Lee, and Sunrise was skippered by Andrew Hoyle, crewed by Wayne Black.

In the meantime, the deck of Manly Yacht Club started filling with picnickers and people who were hopeful to get a sail after the race was completed. The barbecue was started by our expert cook, Patrick, spectators went to the end of the jetty to scrutinise the race area, and the race began.

First to cross the line after the race start was Jack Harkness, and this boat darted around the course in 22 minutes and 2 seconds, very strong winners. Other boats had troubles at the turning buoy, and some even demonstrated backwards sailing in the gusty winds. Second boat to finish was Dolly Wallis, in 29 minutes and 3 seconds, Greg Mott, Sunrise and Woody did their best to beat the worsening conditions, with Woody qualifying for the Rubber Duckie. Poor old Lionheart was forced to abandon the race with a broken boom and torn main and limped home full of water, with Deirdre madly bailing.

All sailors definitely deserve a medal for their wonderful spirit in finishing the race, and we especially thank David Barr and Marjorie Janz, our guest sailors, for sticking it out under appalling sailing conditions. We also would like to thank Pam and Bruce Davis for being the Race Officers and Race Starters for the day. We are very proud to announce that we now have our own web-site, www.manlysailability.com.au All information regarding sailing days, fundraising, photos, volunteers is on this site.

We are planning a fund-raising dinner for November 10th, 2005. More information on this in following Manly Yacht Club News.

Our Annual General Meeting for 2005 is on Wednesday, 6th July at 6.30 p.m. at MYC.

Don't forget, Winter Sailing Days on, July 9th and 23rd, August 20th. Eli Demeny. .

Many Yacht Club wish to thank our sponsors for the 2004/05 MYC Twilight Racing Series.

Sydney Sailing announced many exciting prizes to participants. After each Friday Twilight race, Sydney Sailing awarded fine St Hallett wines to the winners. In addition, arranged an exciting new wine list at the bar for all participants to enjoy and for MYC members to purchase St Hallett wines through Brookvale Cellars,

AT THE PRESENTATION NIGHT 21ST MAY THE TWILIGHT RACING SERIES, Sydney Sailing awarded the following prizes:



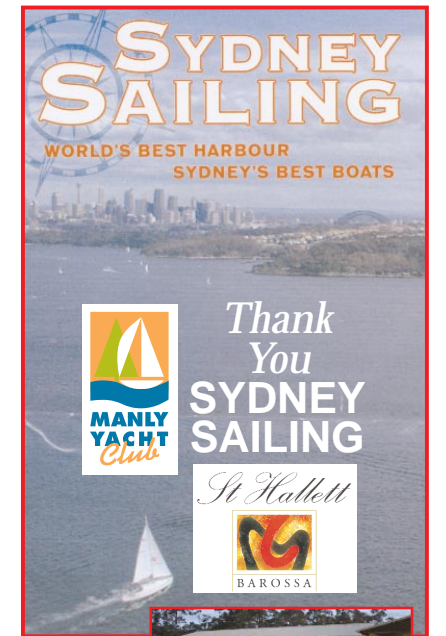
David Fairclough 'Manyana'

A weekend for six at Lovedale Cottages in the Hunter Valley (www.lovedalecottages.com.au). Escape the city stress in one of these self contained cottages with a relaxed country atmosphere. The cottage features a log fire, double corner spa, outdoor furniture, fully equipped kitchen, queen size bed, and much more. The cottages are surrounded by natural bushland, close to a host of vineyards and restaurants with a national park right on the boundary. The perfect getaway for the lucky winners!

St Hallett Wine
Bruce Hitchman 'Pacific Breeze'

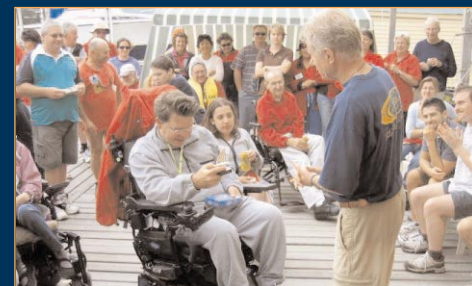


Lovedale Cottages



Check the NEW Sailability website for MORE photographs:

www.manlysailability.com.au, then go to Event Reports and find the report on 14 May.



David Barr, Keith Woodward and Des Carmody at the presentation on the MYC deck with a happy group of sailors and spectators



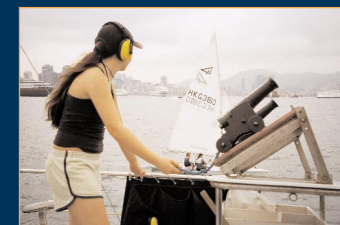
The Coxwain & RHKYC Committee Boat



Flying Fifteens start line



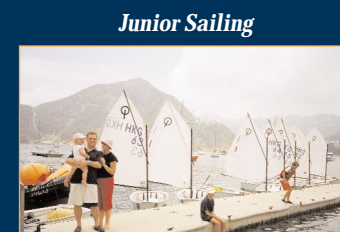
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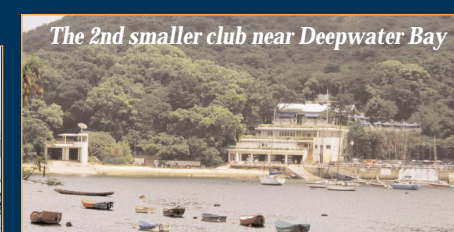
The Cannon Finish Line



Flying Fifteens preparing a spinnaker run & Pandoras in the distance



Junior Sailing



The 2nd smaller club near Deepwater Bay

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB

May 28 was overcast but still pretty hot, I had a great day out with my daughter Jodie on the RHKYC Committee boat (the busiest working harbour) with the race officers daughter, 16 year old Natasha Yourieff, what a buzz and bang! Div 1 : 10 x Flying Fifteens, first the Coxwain's hooter then the cannon for the start, 20 mins later Div 2, 4 x Pandoras with the same cannon start. With all the large ships anchored and heavy traffic of big and small boats it wasn't easy to see all the marker buoys, and the wind changed constantly, the two Divisions had some great spinnaker runs, with one of the crew on the F15's falling overboard with the support boat checking that he hadn't swallowed any of the H/K harbour water? Natasha fired the cannons on the finish line for the first 3 places in both divisions. Back at the club we didn't stay for any presentation, instead joined Gary and baby Jasmine around the pool with G&T's and my thoughts were with Peter Wilkins wanting to fire a couple of cannons off MYC Caryle!

The RHKYC facilities are amazing, (to go with the membership fees) Rowing, Dragon Boat, Book & Video Libraries, Bowling, Sailing Courses, Gymnasium, Snooker, Squash. We enjoyed the Swimming Pool, Bistro, Bars & Fine Dining with fabulous Hong Kong harbour views. **ML** www.rhkyc.org.hk (for more information)