



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It's been a long time coming but the new website has been launched.

The Board had allocated 10k to the redevelopment of the site, following the logo refresh in late 2019. With the uncertainty surrounding the financial impact of COVID the project was put on hold. Over the last several months club member Bob Day and I having been creating the new website and in doing so, saving the club 10k.

It's far from being perfect but using Google Analytic to concentrated on the most visited pages on the website we have tried to create a site that is mobile-friendly, easy to navigate and reflects our club's culture. Over the next year we will continue to add; streamline; and improve the new site. On the roadmap is a photo gallery, historical race results, training resources, live video stream from the club and a merchandise shop.

Over the last few months my appreciation for our previous website creator Ken Terrens, who single-handedly built and maintained the previous website over many years, has skyrocketed. Thank you, Ken, for all your time, energy, and skills. Your contribution has been enormous.

Thank you to Bob Day for your patience and expertise working with me on the new site and Maz Radford for reviewing the site before it went live.

So, visit www.myc.org.au and send any feedback to president@myc.org.au.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our Official Club Notice Board has moved from the physical notice board on the lower level of the club to the online platform. All Notices to Competitors and important updates will now be published here www.myc.org.au/notice-board.

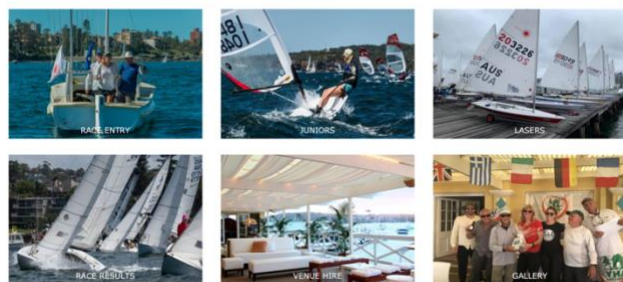
RACE ENTRY

Race entry for all fleets is currently closed. As we anticipate future race abandonments beyond September and potential easing of restrictions in stages, the Sailing Committee wanted the flexibility to be able to adapt as best we can to the rules when they are announced. All series race fees will be revised based on a shortened season.

Lisa Callaghan - President



Manly Yacht Club was established in 1950 and is run for the benefit of the local community. We welcome sailors of all abilities and ages to stay active and enjoy the spectacular waters of Manly Cove and Sydney Harbour.



COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Sydney Commodores' forum met again last week. It has been a privilege for Manly to have a seat at the table. On this occasion, we were joined by several Victorian clubs and one from Queensland. A big thank you to Commodore Peter Lewis (MHYC) for chairing the meeting. Commodore David Ward (RSYS) instigated these meetings as we grappled with lockdown last year and his tenure as Commodore is concluding; we sincerely thanked David for his contributions to the forum and welcomed incoming Commodore Christian Brook (RSYS).

Our discussion focused on the COVID situation. Australian Sailing's Emma Humphries has been meeting with the Minister for Sports and Recreation fortnightly. Unfortunately, the Minister has been left in the dark by the Government subcommittee running NSW and had no new information to impart at the last session.

We discussed a potential return to racing in November. It is uncertain whether there will be any linkage between your vaccination status and your ability to enter the clubhouse or race on a boat. MYC will abide by the relevant authorities' requirements.

In the meantime, MYC encourages our members to get vaccinated. There is a lead to time to booking, a wait between doses, as well as the subsequent interval before you are declared vaccinated.

In other news: Transport for NSW has published a survey regarding expanding the rules about on-water safety requirements. We encourage everybody to participate: [have your say](#).

WILL YOU BE READY?

Take advantage of this quiet period and crack on with your to-do list. It is time to prepare your yachts and Personal Safety Gear for the season.

Don't forget to:



- Get your lifejackets serviced
- Check the expiry of your various device batteries (EPIRB, MOBI, Strobe)
- Check diesel filter for water, radiator for water, engine for oil
- Replace water impellor
- Check individual battery voltages
- Coffee for cappuccino machine
- Send the bowman up the mast for disciplinary reasons.
 - Force them to check the mast fittings on the way.



The weather is great at the moment - get outside and enjoy it!

Jason Bond - Commodore



HANDBOOK ERRATUM:

A slight slip of the hand... page 46 last para. The obscured words should read "... when judging abandonment...". Looks like Graham gets the bottle of wine - oh wait!... he doesn't drink ... lucky editor!

Extension of Special Regulation Equipment Audit Validity

As advised by the Commodore in the August newsletter MYC will recognise 2020-2021 Equipment Audit forms until 31 December 2021.

Owner are however required to maintain compliance with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations. Towards that end I rowed out to my Yacht this morning to check the expiry dates of my fire extinguisher and inshore flare kit to discover that both are now out of date.

I would therefore suggest that all yacht owners take the opportunity to carry out checks against their audits forms (**NSW Maritime – COVID-19 Boating Update** under the heading Maintaining and servicing your vessel allows "Access to a vessel at a marina or on a mooring to maintain, service or check on systems and make sure it is safe and compliant (as a legal obligation)."

A reminder that there are additional requirements beyond the Cat 7/4 audit forms that MYC and Maritime require.

These can be found listed on the MYC Safety Briefing form and in the Maritime Handbook.

The current Whitworth Catalogue has a number of safety items on special (some at half price) till 12 November 2021 including fire extinguishers, fire blankets, life jackets, small first aid kits and safety throw rope with float. While Whitworth stores are presently closed, orders can be placed through their website for click and collect at their Mona Vale store or for mail order through their head office.

Equipment Audits will be rescheduled, and new dates advised when the club is able to return to sailing.

Arthur Crothers
Chief Equipment Auditor



Helpful
Tips

NAVIGATING THE NEW WEBSITE

Looking for the:

- Safety Declaration form?
- Cat 7/4 Audit forms?
- 2021 Safety Briefing?

Select "Documentation - Yacht Racing" from the "Yachts" drop down menu.

Looking to get back to the "Home" page?

The MYC Logo will take you back!

TRAINING /LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

While we sit out the lockdown, there are opportunities for members to upskill, or learn a new skill, in some of the online training sessions presented by the MYC Sailing Committee and Australian Sailing.

(If the links don't work please email newsletter@myc.org.au to let me know...Ed)

MYC CLUB RACE OFFICER THEORY

Saturday, 18 September, 9:30am-12:30pm

Without race committees we can't race! With this in mind, our PRO, Stephen Teudt, will present an entertaining and informative online session to take us through the steps of becoming a Club Race Officer. This session covers the theory; the practical, on-water training will come as soon as we are allowed.

Topics covered:

- Responsibilities of a Race Officer
- Resources for keeping a race safe
- Decision to race
- Course selection
- How to set a start line
- Starting a race - what the flags mean
- The finish line - recording finishing times
- Communications

This training session is for skippers and crew alike. The more members familiar with the race officer role, the more likely a boat won't have to take average points due to lack of crew (or skipper). Please consider this a MUST DO for you.

RACING RULES OF SAILING

Tuesday, 12 October, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Every 4 years World Sailing Publishes an updated Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) "aka the blue book". The Racing Rules of Sailing session highlights the changes from the previous 4 years and presents a good refresher course for the rules that we race under.

The session covers:

- Rights and limitations between sailing vessels - racing, or not
- Marks and Obstructions - when boats meet
- Starboard roundings - they can be a bit tricky
- A quick rules summary followed by a quiz/Q&A session - to see if we are paying attention
- Other clarifications in the "blue book"

[Register here](#) for either or both sessions. Prior to the event you'll be sent the Zoom details.



WEDNESDAY WEBINARS

THE RULES AND PROTESTS

Three Part Webinar hosted by three NSW international Judges - attend one or all.

- 15th September 6-6.45pm - [Protests - what are they all about, how can clubs run them online](#)
- 22nd September 6-6.45pm - [Q&A with our IJs](#)

[Register at each link](#)



Online Mark Laying course

Australian Sailing has developed an online Mark Laying course for the use of its members.

Development of the course stemmed from a need for accessible information with regards to the correct procedures for laying marks and setting a race course. It is suitable for club volunteers looking to gain knowledge about mark laying at the grass roots level through to mark laying for regattas. Complete at your own pace. More info here: <https://www.sailing.org.au/news/online-mark-laying-course/>



Club Race Officer Course

Being a Race Officer places you at the heart of sailing competition - the Race Officer's role is to conduct consistent, fair and safe racing for all competitors within the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Now a free online 3.5 hours course held every second month.

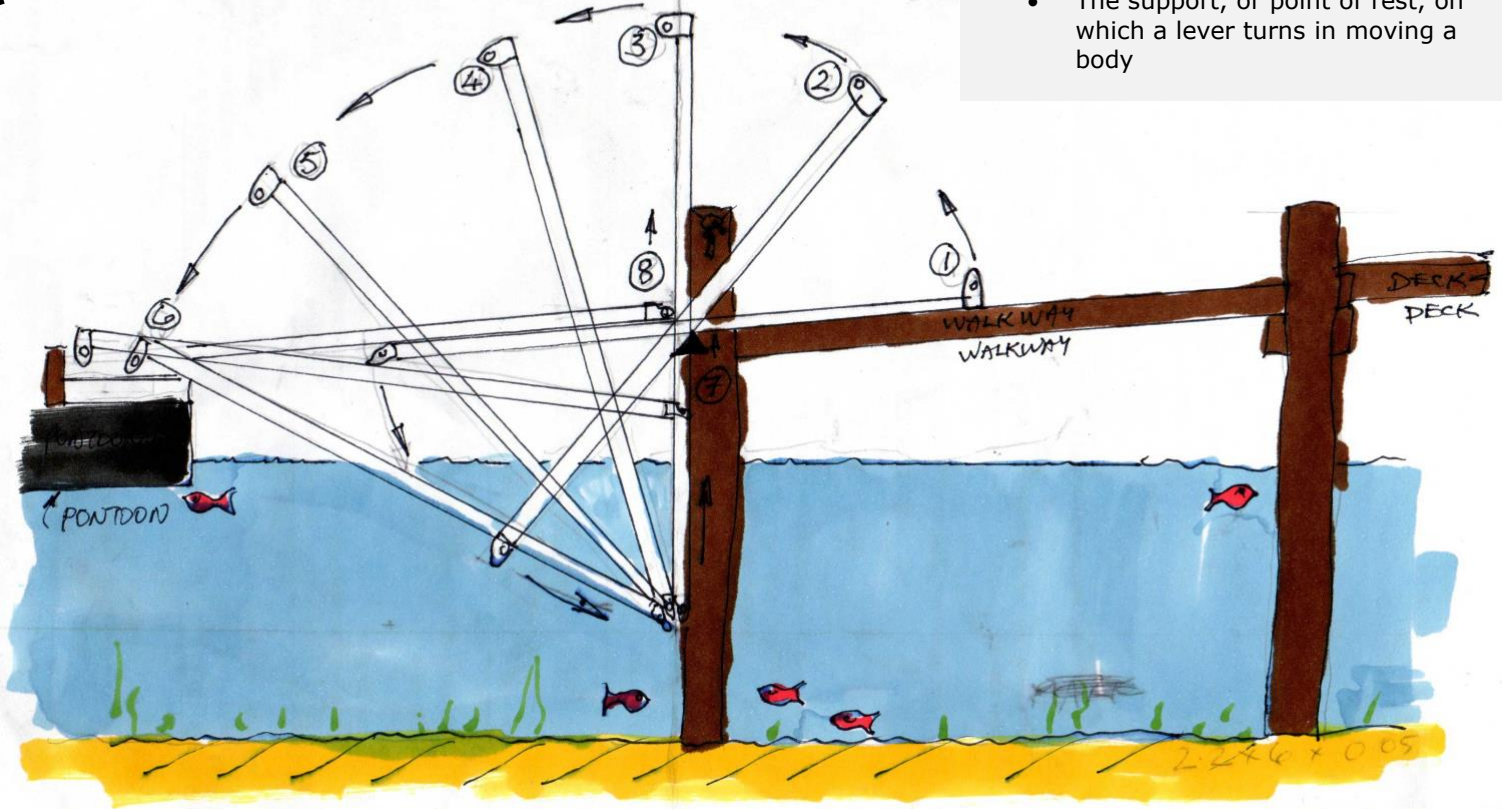
More info here: <https://www.sailing.org.au/events/98531/>

FULCRUM

PONTOON HINGED RAMP INSTALLATION

FULCRUM : noun

- The support, or point of rest, on which a lever turns in moving a body



Recently someone wrote an article on the MYC Pontoon, which made me try to recall some of the effort and ingenuity applied to installing the walkway and hinged ramp.

The unusual design evolved from the necessity for a limited incline to comply with disability access, therefore two stages over a long distance.

The frame for the outer hinged section was constructed upside down and back to front, on the inner ramp. The hardwood timbers resulted in a very heavy unit, which would necessitate a crane for installation, but this was a resource unavailable, due to financial restrictions.

The late Doug Ebeling, former club stalwart and club President, being a man of science, asked me how we were going to install our monster?



Well we were going to carefully slide our frame to the point of balance, at the outer edge of the inner ramp, and using that as a Fulcrum, employ the Principle of Moments. Connecting the outer ends, with slings and chain blocks to the top of the outer piles, with restraining ropes connected to the inner ends.

Take up slack and control restraints. Gently rotate. 1,2,3,4,5,6, land on pontoon. 7,8, raise the now inner ends into the hinges.

Well I could tell Doug thought this was marvellous. I could almost

visualise him overseeing the erection of a pyramid or Cleopatra's needle and needless to say, it went perfectly on the day, thanks to Keith Woodward, Chris Shead, Charlie Powell and many others.

Excuse me to all I've left anyone out. It was a while back.

Colin Cameron.

Official opening of the ramp and pontoon by Kerry Porter and Mayor Jean Hay on 9 November 2001, with all the volunteers who contributed their time, effort and labour to the project.
THANK YOU





CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

You will notice we have a few square metres more deck space at the Club with the removal of the old *Robbie R* davit winch.



It is now sitting outside Manly Sailing (trust me - it's not light) - Nicki has put her hand up to advertise and sell it off. My guess is someone with a private slip would be interested.

Contact Nicola at Manly Sailing 9977 4000 if interested or you know of anyone who might be.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

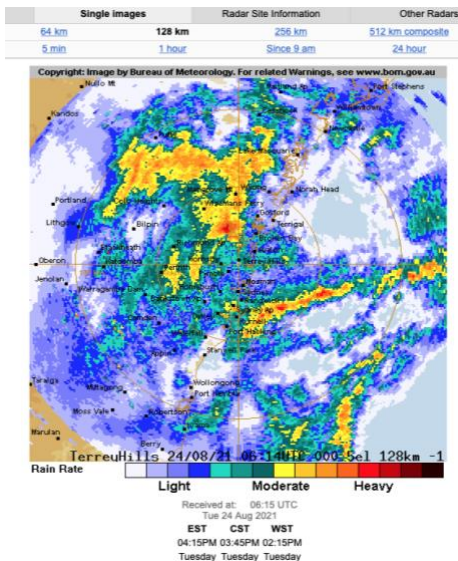


Apart from shifting the *Robbie R* davit winch a few repairs and maintenance items around the Club - repairs to the upstairs balustrade, re attaching a few deck boards and the new aluminium holdoff mooring ladders to be installed shortly which will be set up alongside the current timber ladders.

I also had the offer of a free trailer so gathered up more rubbish from around the back of the Club and did a Tip run.

Not overly inspiring stuff, but there you go! *(But all stuff that needs to get done - thanks Barry ...Ed)*

East Coast Blow...says it all really...



SheSails National Leadership Conference Webinar

The SheSails National Leadership Conference event coincides with World Sailing's Southern Hemisphere Steering the Course Festival, a women's sailing festival that will bring together sailing communities from all backgrounds, with events taking place in multiple countries at the same time.

Speaker line up:

- Sarah Ogilvie, Australian Sailing National Club Pathways Lead, will provide the official welcome & introduction
- Sarah Styles, Director of the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation, will speak about the importance of gender diversity and the value of sport.
- Jessica Watson, OAM, SheSails Ambassador, sailor and pioneer, will discuss her experiences and breaking down barriers.

Date: Wednesday 6th October

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm (AEDT)

[Click here](#) to register.

Hope *Waterhound* didn't sustain too much damage, Craig.





MEET THE SKIPPER OF RATTY TOOHEY

This month's ~~victim~~, I mean member profile, is someone who joined the club around about a year before me. He's held the positions of Vice President, President, and Winter and Summer Race Director, MC for many of our Presentation Nights, built things, made signs and joined in many working bees. He's also a great ambassador for women in sailing. Have you noticed how many female crew Ratty Tooey sports? Meet Ian Dennewald.



MAZ: Hey Ian, you have been a bit of a fixture at MYC for quite a while... tell us a bit about yourself.

IAN: I was borne in Newcastle, but we were living in what was then the small country town of Raymond Terrace; now just somewhere to stop for a pee and McLunch on your way up the coast. A couple of years later we moved to Shepperton in Victoria; now just somewhere for Melbournites to stop for a pee and McLunch on the way to the ski fields. Anyway, we wound up in Sydney looking for somewhere for lunch.

MAZ: Shepperton's loss, our gain. Tell us what do you do for a living, or do you just call it fun?

IAN: I am a professional Model Maker. I left school and started an apprenticeship as a model maker and am still going... just, if it is a bit odd or unusual, I make it.

MAZ: I've seen some of your work. You are too modest. What you do is pretty impressive, from architectural models to Manly Hydraulics Lab projects, to scale model yachts like *Copernicus*. You are very skilled at your art. So, what are you best known for?

IAN: Probably being the last man standing at the bar after Twilights.

MAZ: Hmmm! Well I guess we do need someone to lockup! How did you get into sailing?

IAN: I have owned and been around boats since I was a teenager and owned a number of power boats but got bored with them. In the late 90's I thought could start sailing. Being someone who liked making nice things I measured my backyard... took 12 inches off each end and started building a yacht. A couple of months later I realised I would never finish it so I bought a Hutton 24; then quickly realised I couldn't sail it. I saw an ad in the Manly Daily for a Manly Yacht Club Open Day and raced down.



Two wonderful women, Mary Peacock and Judy Richardson took me under their wings and wouldn't let me leave until I joined the club. Mary and Judy were with the club for many years running the twilights and just helping out. Mary has sadly passed on, but Judy stayed at MYC and was to be Secretary many years later when I was President.

MAZ: Yes, they were pretty passionate about the club. So, after the Hutton 24 what boats did you get into? We don't care about the stink boats 😊!

IAN: I started with the Hutton and had no idea of what made a good yacht so rang a mate who sailed regularly, and we took it for a test sail... including the 2-3 inches of growth on the bottom. I remember Maurie saying that the helm was not very responsive. I bought it anyway. Then came a Space Sailor 24, a great little boat, again I had no idea how to sail it and joined MYC to learn. I then sailed with whoever would have me... mostly you and Graham. I learnt a lot and quickly... caught the racing bug. Onto a Northshore 27... *Ratty* - eventually won a couple of races and was even more into the sport. A few years later I saw a Northshore 340 advertised online for a silly price and wound up paying a fair/silly price for *Ratty Tooey* and have never looked back.



Mary, Judy, Maz and Elizabeth
One of the many Try Sailing Days

MAZ: So, you must have some funny stories to tell - that are print-able.

IAN: After almost 25 years there are too many to tell. I have sailed a lot with Stephen Teudt so that probably gives you a clue! Although I do remember a very exuberant tack sailing with you on the Space Sailor the day before you and Graham went overseas to visit relatives. I clocked you in the eye with my elbow. Sorry Graham, you spent the next 10 days saying "No, it wasn't me". It was funny a few months later 😊.

I also remember a toilet hose breaking after a twilight and the best way to clean out the bilge was to throw lots of water into the boat and pump it out. We had not realised the dinghy had floated around under the bilge outlet and we were filling the dinghy up with the stinky bilge water. Again, funny a few months later.



MAZ: Tell us something nobody at MYC knows about you.

IAN: I guess there might be one or two people at MYC that might know that I was a judge for the Royal Agricultural Society (Easter Show) for a couple of years. I'm prepared to offer a nice bottle of red if anyone can guess what I judged 😊. Send guesses to newsletter@myc.org.au

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MEET THE SKIPPER OF RATTY TOOHEY

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MAZ: It's not tomato relish, is it? You haven't come to a decision about Nessie's or mine, yet, ha, ha!

Do you have any favourite music? What's your favourite song?

IAN: I have two songs, both by the same band, probably nobody has ever heard of, they used to play at a lot of the regattas. The first is "A bloody great day to go sailing" by the Wolverines. If you have been sailing a while you would recognise their drummer, John Clinton, he sails a Beneteau 50 called *Holy Cow*.

The second is the *Twocan* song... sorry... that should read "S**t we broke the rudder"

MAZ: I've got the Wolverines on my phone. Anne Hogan used to play it on the PA at the club (or was that you?). I can't say I'm familiar with the second song. I thought it was "S**t we broke the rudder, again!". For those of you who don't know *Holly Cow*, just look for a lime green boat with cow spots and a skipper with a bloody long beard!

Happiest moment on a boat, Ian?

IAN: Way too many too list.

MAZ: How about scariest?

IAN: As mentioned, I've sailed quite a bit with Stephen Teudt, although I also sail a bit on *Esprit*. Greg keeps me on my toes.

MAZ: Enough said! I won't mention the submarine incident at Port Stephens 😊.

Looking at the honour boards I notice your name appears on a few, apart from the obvious President's Board.

IAN: Having been around for a while, eventually you stumble across the line first.

MAZ: Six Club Championships!

IAN: I stumble a lot.

MAZ: Before we wrap up, what's been your proudest moment?

IAN: I guess there are a few sailing ones shared with many great people, but 3 years as Vice President and 3 as President was pretty hard to beat, again with the support of many great people.

MAZ: Thanks, Ian for taking the time to chat. As I mentioned in my intro, you've given a great bunch of people, mostly women, a great opportunity to experience, learn and helm your boats over the years, maybe a few can comment on your skippering style for the next newsletter. How about it ?





SAILABILITY MANLY

New Signals Editor *by Candice Novello*

It is with much sadness that we say **farewell our extra ordinary editor, Heather Mackay**. Heather took over the Manly Sailability Signals Newsletter in November 2020 and has been dedicated to creating Signals every month. Going above and beyond, Heather has done an amazing job keeping everyone involved informed about Sailability's news and events. Heather will be moving back to the USA to spend time with her daughter and new grandchild. We'd like to extend a huge thank you for all her hard work to make the Signals Newsletter not only informative but entertaining. We wish you the best of luck in the future!

Through Heather's departure we now **welcome aboard the new editor Candice Novello**. A Northern Beaches local with a love of the water, Candice joined Manly Sailability early in 2021 as a way to give back to the community and has been learning the ropes ever since. With a background in marketing, Candice has recently taken on the administration of the Manly Sailability Facebook page and has now agreed to take over the task of editing the Signals Newsletter.

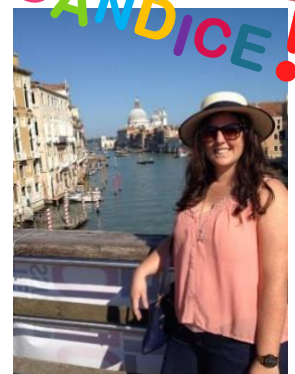


THANK YOU



HEATHER

Safe Travels



Onto news regarding the current Lockdown, which as most of you may know, for greater Sydney has been extended until the end of September. Under the current restrictions, we will not resume sailing now until October at the earliest. ... the proposed sailing dates from October ... are subject to change on further advice from NSW Health.

Due to Lockdown, we haven't sailed since June but that doesn't mean we haven't been busy! We have plans to sail as soon as we are able and, in the meantime, we are undergoing maintenance activities as well as some innovative ideas to increase sailing dates.

Until then, we hope everyone is keeping well during this time and we can't wait to get back out on the water!



If you already haven't done so and are eligible, please book in for the Covid-19 Vaccine so we can have a full complement of vaccinated volunteers ready to start the sailing again.



Bendigo Bank New Branch Opening



A very exciting opportunity has also come up for **Sailability** in conjunction with the new **Bendigo Bank Branch Opening** in Freshwater.

Bendigo Bank has been a generous sponsor of **Manly Sailability**, and as they celebrate the opening of their new Branch on Lawrence St in Freshwater, **Bendigo Bank** are helping to promote various charities they work with in the community.

Sailability has been given the opportunity to use the branch's front window space to raise our profile and maybe even whet your appetite for sailing again. This window will be used to display brochures and information about **Manly Sailability** and the important work we do.

Sailability will take over the window for two weeks from **Monday 6th September until Friday 17th September**, so if lockdown rules permit, we encourage all of you to don a mask, walk or drive past and check out the window display.



FASTNET DREAMING Muir Watson

With us all largely confined to land during lockdown, many of us racing junkies have had to turn to YouTube to get our latest fixes.

Perhaps you saw the excellent coverage of August's **FASTNET Race** (from Cowes in the UK, around the Fastnet Rock on the southern tip of Ireland and then back across the Celtic Sea to, for the first time this year, Cherbourg in France). If you missed it, the race videos compiled by RORC are excellent, particularly the mayhem on the start line, as are the videos produced by Team BombyRobertson about their two-handed **FASTNET** campaign.

As an aside, if you like those, we can also thoroughly recommend Shirley Robertson's brilliant sailing podcasts, in which she conducts in-depth interviews with fascinating sailing characters such as Ben Ainslie, Jimmy Spithill, Ken Read, Paul Cayard, Skip Novak, Tom Slingsby, Tracy Edwards and so many others.

While watching the videos, you might remember that MYC also had an entry in the 2017 **FASTNET Race** and Cowes Week, aboard *Sailplane*, a Beneteau First 40. Although a torn mainsail in the middle of the Celtic Sea ended that challenge, the whole event, including Cowes Week and its associated festivities, was a whole heap of fun.

THE MYC AND FRIENDS CREW REPRESENTED MANLY YACHT CLUB ON SAILPLANE



L-R back: Marike Koppenol, Peter Bennell, Sandy Farquharson, Muir Watson, Tomas Kliman,
L-R middle: Chloe Tetlow, Tiffany Lay, Karl Onslow,
L-R Front: Helen Buckland, Steve McKeogh



Sailplane, a Beneteau First 40



YouTube: RORC Rolex Fastnet 2021

<https://www.rolexfastnetrace.com/en/multimedia>



YouTube: Team BombyRobertson



Shirleyrobertson.com/podcast

The **FASTNET Race** is one of the classic middle-distance ocean races, right up there in terms of prestige along with the Middle Sea Race, Newport to Bermuda and, of course, our very own Sydney to Hobart.

The **FASTNET**, though, is very different to the Hobart race.

Surprisingly, the race only requires Category 2 safety equipment and there are no audits to confirm compliance. This might sound enticing to hard-pressed yacht owners, but it caused much consternation with the MYC crew, finding that we were apparently expected to tie jib and spi sheets together to create an anchor rode! (*ed. The perils of yacht chartering – a topic for another day!*)

Similarly, once racing, there are no radio scheds to keep. The onus is very much on the competitors to keep themselves safe.

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What isn't different though, is the mix of excitement and apprehension in the build-up to a major offshore race. The week preceding the **FASTNET** is dominated by Cowes Week, the largest keelboat regatta in the world, with around 1,000 boats racing every day. Just imagine how busy the pubs get after each race!

The **FASTNET Race** itself is limited to "only" 500 boats, with a stacked fleet of Ultime Trimarans, Maxis, VOR 70s, foiling IMOCA's, TP52s, Class 40s, 2-handers etc, as well as the usual Beneteaus, JPKs, Kers and X-yachts. There are 7 start times, with the slowest boats off first so that everyone has a chance of mixing it with the "big boys and girls" as you sail down the Solent.



The Solent itself is a navigator's nightmare. In addition to 500 boats all beating to windward in confined waters, there are lots and LOTS of sandbars, reefs, fast tidal flows and very large cargo ships to manoeuvre around. Calculating tidal heights was a pressure gig, because sailing into rocky shallows on a falling tide with no more than 50cm of clearance below the keel seemed to be absolutely standard for the local boats. Our beloved Sydney Harbour is a dream by comparison!

Unlike the Hobart, where crews quickly settle down to the offshore watch routine, the first 24 hours of the **FASTNET** is actually a series of 3 make-or-break sprints to reach successive tidal gates in the English Channel. If you don't make a gate in light airs, you'll be anchoring (if your rode is long enough!) and waiting hours until the tide turns. Only once out into the Celtic Sea can the crews truly settle into offshore mode.

Although there are few stretches of water in the world as challenging as our Bass Strait, the Celtic Sea, open as it is to the Atlantic Ocean, has more than its fair share of big seas and heavy weather.

The MYC crew even saw a twister!

Unfortunately, that was where the MYC crew's race finished, with a torn mainsail necessitating a disappointing return to shore. Which leaves the **FASTNET** as unfinished business.



Just with a different charter company... *(thanks Muir, fingers crossed that you and the crew can have another crack at it soon... Ed)*



Steve McKeogh does his best leprechaun impersonation



The sun always shines on Helen Buckland



Foredeck union (Tomas Kliman and Steve McKeogh) on strike for more rum rations



Tiffany Lay in the groove at Cowes Week





BATTLE OF THE SOUND
NORTHERN HARBOUR INTER-CLUB LASER REGATTA

13:00.14th NOVEMBER 2021

Inaugural Northern Harbour Clubs
Laser Dinghy Challenge.

2 Races for Standard & Radial Fleets.



2021 Host Club: Middle Harbour Amateurs



FOUNDING CLUBS

-  Middle Harbour Amateurs
-  Northbridge Sailing Club
-  Vaucluse Sailing Club
-  Manly Yacht Club



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MYC LASERS

WAR ON THE HORIZON

Hey y'all, we may not be able to race at the moment, but that doesn't mean we can't plan to race.

Phil has been busy talking to other clubs this end of the harbour and has thrashed out what looks to be a fun inter-club challenge.

BATTLE OF THE SOUND
NORTHERN HARBOUR INTER-CLUB
LASER REGATTA

13:00 14th November 2021

It may not happen overnight, but it will happen.👉

Thanks Phil and to Cameron too for the logo and poster.

Geoff Reid - Lasers 



LASER SAILORS NOT BATTLE READY?

The scheduled Micro Regatta will go ahead - COVID restrictions permitting.

MARATHON SAILORS and Capsize Cup Juniors be sure to keep a look out. This should be good!

YANKEE BOB JOKE ALERT!

An admiral is sailing a ship... and ahead of him, spots an incoming light.

He radios the light, commanding, "Turn 10 degrees South to avoid a collision course."

The radio squawked, "No, you are to turn 10 degrees South."

This exchange happens about 3 or 4 more times until finally, the admiral yells into the radio, saying, "Do you know who you are talking to? I AM AN ADMIRAL OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY!"

The radio says back, "Well, you're talking to the lighthouse."



***Upcoming Events:**

***PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS PERMITTING**

EVENTS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO WATCH OR PARTICIPATE IN

NOVEMBER

22-26 - Youth Match Racing Regatta

DECEMBER

03-07 - Australian Maxi Championships
Including the SOLAS Big Boat Challenge

07-13 - Sail Sydney

11-12 - CYCA Classic Yacht Regatta

15-16 - Sail GP (practice sessions)
(exclusion zones apply 1200-1400 16 Dec)

17-18 - Sail GP (racing)
(exclusion zones apply 1500-1800)

26 - Sydney to Hobart start
(exclusion zones apply 1200-1400)

MANLY YACHT CLUB JUNIORS

This article was written a little while ago by Chris Dudfield and Seamus Smart after the summer sailing season finished. Normally the Juniors don't have a Winter program, but a few keen juniors wanted to give it a try. Fickle winds and COVID messed up their plans but not before Evie, Ian and Jenny Saunders were able to squeeze in a couple of coaching sessions for the Juniors.



For eight juniors the gap between sailing seasons seemed long so we decided to try Winter Sailing. Winter Sailing was an opportunity to fit more sailing into the year and to try new things. As expected, the breeze blew in hard some days and not at all other days.

A couple of days were cancelled but then came the gusty day we decided to see how things went. One O'pen Skiff was taken out so everyone could try sailing the conditions and it was a day that juniors returned to the deck buzzing that it was the fastest they had ever sailed.

On another day with Bruce's words of wisdom "*if you can sail in this breeze, you win races*" it took half an hour to get to the ferry lane but there were also the days, including the day Evie, Ian and Jenny Saunders very kindly offered to be guest coaches, the breeze couldn't be any more perfect.

We were lucky to have a Saturday between Evie's sailing camps when the Saunders Family were guest coaches and took the Laser juniors for a sail. The juniors were excited and even their Mums' sat listening to a pre sailing session on rigging a laser in different conditions and hiking strategies especially if you aren't very heavy. When it was time to hit the water even the Mums looked ready. It was a good session on the water from a sail up to North Head and back to and around North Harbour.

The MYC Winter Sailing Juniors would like to thank Evie, Ian and Jenny for a fantastic afternoon and wish Evie all the best.

We still have three days of Winter Sailing left and look forward to being back on the water soon.

Chris Dudfield

(We're back into the new season and hope the planned racing program takes place; fingers crossed ... Ed)

One Saturday last season (with around 10-15 knots of wind) we Junior Laser sailors got a mini coaching clinic from three very experienced MYC laser sailors Evie, Ian and Jenny Saunders.

They started off with a rigging session showing us how to utilize tape on our Vangs and Cunninghams to show the ideal upwind and downwind settings and explained the correct hiking technique. After that, we headed out with Surge as a support boat and did coordinated team upwind trigger pulls towards the heads. Finally, we headed back down by Reef Beach and did a few short races to practise all the skills we had learned. Back on deck we got a few photos with the whole fleet. Big thanks to Evie, Ian and Jenny for a great session!

Seamus Smart (Junior 4.7 Laser Sailor)



There were a few lucky club members who were travelling and not caught up in our recent prolonged lockdown. One of these lucky few was Marike Koppenol. You may know Marike. She has sailed on Shear Magic, Local Hero, Ratty Tooley, Moonraker and other boats at our club but has done extensive sailing at other clubs around the harbour, interstate and overseas, as well.

I first met Marike when she joined the club in 2010. From memory, she joined the Millennium Round the World Yacht Race to do the full circumnavigation but unfortunately broke her leg, part way through the circumnavigation.

You will have seen her on the podium at MYC Women's Challenges and has done a few Hobarts on various vessels including Peter Mosely's Local Hero. She's been seen up a ladder at a working bee more than once and served some time on the sailing committee whilst I was Commodore.

Happily, she agreed to do a write up of Airlie Beach Race Week, one of the few regattas not cancelled due to COVID.



Airlie Beach Race Week

Escaping Sydney just before lockdown was sheer luck as I was helping some sailing buddy from Melbourne deliver his Oceanis 47.3 up to Hamo for HIRW. As the situation got worse in Sydney, I stayed up in Qld with all my fingers and toes crossed plus a flight booked to get back to Sydney for the start of the Gold Coast race which I was planning to do on Wild Oats (aka Wild Rose). Well, we all know how that ended! It had been more than 10 years since I had raced at Airlie (the last time was on Local Hero – with Pete Mosely) and Airlie Beach Race Week wasn't even on the agenda, but the stars aligned and I was lucky enough to run into some friends who had escaped from Southport and had a couple of sailing options.



Race week started with what you would expect, a buzz of excitement at the Whitsunday Sailing Club amongst the skippers and crew of the 75 boats entered, (although I could only count 52 ... 75 is what they reported in the media).

Even though entries were way down, there was a great cross section of boats from Multihulls to Trailables, all hoping for a podium place. They came in all sizes as well, from the 4.4 Wetas to over 17 metres. Most of the boats were local, but a few had snuck up from the southern states just before lockdown including *Holy Cow* – which many of you will know – she certainly stands out on the course.



I started the week on a local boat – *Reignition* a custom built MBD 42 skippered by Charles Wallis, the local Doyles' agent, which claimed an overall podium spot with a scratch crew. And I ended the week on *Summer Wind* a Bavaria 44 skippered by Paul Woodman from Melbourne (RBYC) who also managed a podium place during the week.



The wild man of Kakadu, our own Jim Nixon, will report on Magnetic Island Race Week in the October Edition ... the editor has got to save something for next month!

I joined them along with some friends from Southport Yacht Club for what was a great week of sailing and some excellent "apres" sailing entertainment at WSC who were very welcoming and did amazing job hosting the event.

It's a great event, in a fantastic location and I feel super lucky to have been able to participate... I just wish those who of you who wanted to come could have been here too – maybe next year!

YANKEE BOB JOKE ALERT!



Did you hear about the **RED YACHT** and the **BLUE YACHT** that collided?

All the sailors were marooned! 😊



Great images here:

<https://shirleywodsonphotography.smugmug.com/Yacht-Racing/Airlie-Beach-Race-Week/Airlie-Beach-Race-Week-2021>



Having received my invitation to the **Twilight Tragic's Trivia - The Reconing**, I quickly deduced that the quiz masters couldn't spell very well. Perhaps they took to heart "Yaeh, and I awlyas tghuhot speling was ipmorantt!" in the August newsletter.

Overcoming this "glaring" mistake, and, being the pedant that I am (no snickering there Mr Teudt!), I had to pose some questions to the quiz masters regarding the title of the email.

MAZ: "Twilight Tragic's Trivia" ...

- Is it one tragic or many tragics?
- Is it an adjective or a possessive pronoun?
- Is the apostrophe in the correct place?
- Or is one needed at all?

Your Options are:

- Twilight Tragic's Trivia
- Twilight Tragics' Trivia
- Twilight Tragics Trivia



An answer was soon emailed back...

PAUL: A 'Twilight Tragic' is a subject (as opposed to object). We have a collection of Twilight Tragics attend the trivia night. It's their night, hence it's possessive Twiqlight Tragics' (Their) trivia.

I'm not sure Tragics is a real world as Tragic is an ADJ not a noun right? Perhaps we've made it one?

MAZ: I'll take the "twig" out of my eye now and go back to the real "word". I won't even start on the punctuation, ha, ha, ha.

For those of you who haven't worked it out, this banter is tongue in cheek as I'm desperate to fill the newsletter.

It seems for the first Trivia Night there was a relatively good turnout - 19 Teams with "Team Esprit" blitzing the competition Followed by "Steve McK" and "M&M". There was a smaller, but no less fun filled turn out, for the second Trivia Night with any technical difficulties of the first Trivia Night having been smoothed out.

Thank you quiz masters Paul Immerglück and "Yankee" Bob Morley for taking the time to set up the Trivia. I understand Paul and Bob provided the half time entertainment with some of their jokes. I've peppered the newsletter with a few of Bob's (still waiting for Paul). Hope you all enjoyed the trivia!... Ed

You may have read in the August newsletter that Bob's claim to fame is ... give him a topic, ANY topic, and he'll have a joke for it...

So, send in a topic, a word ... see how he goes...

"YANKEE" BOB JOKE ALERT

(this joke was told to him by his Dad... so maybe it's a Dad Joke? ... Ed)

It's the first day at sea for a batch of new recruits and many of them are leaning over the gunnels having "technicolour yawns."

The Captain approaches one of the seasick sailors and asks: "What's the matter son? Weak stomach?"

To which the sailor responds: "No SIR! I'm throwing just as far as the rest of them."

(Computer geek joke - for all our IT members...Ed)

A programmer was going to the shops.

His wife said, "Dear, would you buy a gallon of milk? And if they have eggs, get a dozen."

The programmer came back with a dozen gallons of milk and said, "They had eggs".

A TOUCHING STORY OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE

(this one comes as a result of me threatening to put recipes into the newsletter if I didn't have anything else to write! ... Ed)

An elderly man lay dying in his bed. In death's agony, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favourite chocolate chip cookies wafting up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands.

With laboured breath, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven. There, spread out upon newspapers on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favourite chocolate chip cookies.

Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table, landing on his knees in a rumpled posture. His parched lips parted; the wondrous taste of the cookie was already in his mouth; seemingly bringing him back to life. The aged and withered hand shakily made its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife.

"Stay out of those" she yelled, "they're for the funeral."



BRAIN PUZZLES:

I'm sure you all worked out the brain puzzles in the August edition. Here's the translation here for those who didn't.

RUN YOUR BRAIN AROUND THIS ONE!

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IMPRESSIVE THINGS!

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BE PROUD!

ONLY CERTAIN PEOPLE CAN READ THIS!

THIS ONE IS STRANGE BUT INTERESTING!

If you can read this, you have a strange mind, too. Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can!

I couldn't believe that I could actually understand what I was reading.

The phenomenal power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letters be in the right place.

The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem.

This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

Amazing huh?

Yeah, and I always thought spelling was important!

CREW LINK

Name: Giorgia Fornari

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Experience: Very limited practical experience (a few sailing holidays), moderate theoretical knowledge of nautical terms, vocabulary and concepts, BUT extremely keen to learn and get out there as much as possible. Fit, strong, and quick learner. Love watching races and discussing tactics with more knowledgeable people.

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MYC SROS Juniors Development Program

What is a SROS?
Small Rig Open Skiff

In 2019 a small group of members formed a consortium to help our Junior Program grow by purchasing 9 Small Rig Open Skiffs (SROS) - formerly known as BICs - which they loaned to the club.

These SROS have been an integral part of our junior program giving hundreds of kids each year the ability to improve their sailing ability and have been critical to solving the gap between our beginner Optis and the Full Rig Open Skiff.

The total project cost for the new **SROS** boats was **\$26,500**.

Our plan was to apply for grants to be able to purchase these boats from the consortium to give our next generation of sailors the opportunity to participate in a fun outdoors family orientated sport in the beautiful sailing waters surrounding Manly.

But in the last two years we have been unsuccessful. So, we have set up a fundraising campaign via the Australian Sports Foundation so that all donations are tax deductible.

Please give generously when making your donations to this worthy project directed at developing our future generation of sailors.

<https://asf.org.au/projects/manly-yacht-club/>

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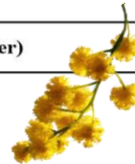
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