

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WHAT A HUGE MONTH FOR THE CLUB!

New Membership Night

On November 16 we hosted our third New Members Night. It was great to put faces to names and learn what our new members' aspirations are for sailing. We have a few new members that have sailed in the past and are now returning to the sport, so I am thrilled they've chosen to do so at our Club. While some of our new members have already secured regular crewing spots, we still have a couple yet to find a permanent crew. It's been challenging with so many races abandon to introduce them to new yachts, but such is La Niña.

Skippers - please keep posting your crew spots on WhatsApp and we'll do our best to help fill them.



Paul takes the new members through his journey at MYC



Battle of the Sound

The event is an inter-club competition between Standard and Radial Lasers from members of the four clubs:

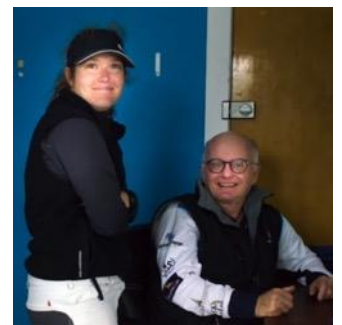
Northbridge Sailing Club and Vaucluse Yacht Club. Our Lasers have done an incredible job to win the Battle of the Sound and to bring the trophy to Manly Yacht Club with Ian Saunders winning every Standard Rig race and Evie Saunders taking out all the Radial Rig class. It's particularly exciting to see new member Bevis Field in third in only his second season at MYC. I want to congratulate all those who represented Manly and for sailing so well in a 25+knot westerly.



Bringing home the trophy

Manly Cup

It was our second year holding the Manly Cup which doubled as the NSW State O'pen Skiff Championships and with 57 competitors across 5 clubs in fresh breezes it was another triumph for organisers – Geoff, Chris and Bevan and the army of parents volunteering. I loved spending the weekend on the water in the support boat. The development of our junior sailors from last year; their skills and resilience in difficult conditions was so impressive. What blew me away was the sportsmanship – competitors stopping to help other competitors, competitors letting the Race Officer know that didn't complete the course properly and should be a DNF and the sheer number of times I heard "thank you". They are all just incredible young humans and it's a joy to see them thriving.



Lisa with John from SailSys, who donated his time all weekend to administer results through SailSys

Cabbage Tree

We had three yachts compete in this year's Cabbage Tree Race – *Corum*, *Crux*, *Enigma*. All three competed well in high wind, no wind and a whole lot of rain. Special mention goes to *Crux* skippered by Carlos Aydos and co-skippered by Peter Grayson, taking out the 2 handed division on PHS and ORCi. On behalf of all members of the Club we are wishing you a safe journey to Hobart and we will be watching and rooting for you the whole way. *Crux* has a Facebook live feed [@crukracing](https://www.facebook.com/crukracing) which I encourage everyone to tune into on Boxing Day!



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Open World Championship

Evie Saunders represented Australia at the Open World Championships in Oman in the Radial class. This is the best of the best Laser sailors from around the world. Such an incredible experience at just 16. Evie's best result in a single race was 7th and achieve 44th overall. Congratulations on such a fantastic result!



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Rule 46 change

At present [rule 46](#) has a prescription that after three races all crew of any race shall also be a club member. From 1 January 2022 the Australian Sailing prescription to the rule will require that all crew are members of an affiliated club and registered with Australian Sailing- regardless of the number of races they have competed in.



To ensure our skippers remain compliant with this rule, Manly Yacht Club will be launching *SailPASS* in the new year which will remain free for the first three races. More details will be released in the new year.

Crew Lists



We also have more details on "Crew Lists" from SailSys in this newsletter. Some clubs like RSYs have opted to make crew lists an ongoing mandatory requirement for all racing. MYC has not implementing this requirement but if you are a MYC member who also races with other clubs then you should be aware of this change and what steps SailSys had to take to enable this system to be made more widely available.



Christmas Race

Our last race of the year is our Christmas Race on December 17th. [Please enter ASAP here](#) and I am looking forward to celebrating the END of this year with you all!

Lisa Callaghan - President



MANLY YACHT CLUB CHRISTMAS RACE AND BBQ

Sunday, 19th December 2021

**IF YOU HAVE A YACHT
ENTER NOW**

**JUNIORS, GET SOME PRACTICE
BEFORE THE AUS CHAMPS IN
JANUARY**

**The BBQ will be at Reef Beach - walk
around or catch a lift on Robbie R
Wet Weather alternative?
BBQ back at MYC**

Questions, queries or comments - call Alex
or his little helpers on 0411 377 292 or email
alex@seja.com.au



GOOD LUCK AND
SAFE SAILING
TO ALL COMPETITORS
IN THE
2021 ROLEX
SYDNEY HOBART YACHT
RACE

Follow the race on the CYCA yacht
tracker:
<https://www.rolexsydneyhobart.com/tracker/>

Live streaming from *Crux* after the
first 2 hours

[@cruxracing](https://twitter.com/cruxracing)



A MESSAGE FROM SAILSYS



On the 22nd of last month, SailSys undertook a crucial and necessary step to maintain high levels of data integrity. This was to change how Crew lists fundamentally work so that *only* Crew could take responsibility for managing *their* personal information.

The process undertaken was to:

1. Place all past Crew lists data into a quarantined environment as "pending" accounts. This data could no longer be seen by Skippers nor by SailSys.
2. An email was sent to the owner of this "pending" account inviting them to crystallise this account.
3. If the recipient then created an account, they would retain the data that the Skipper initially entered, and notably, from the Skippers perspective, their Crew lists would remain intact, finally.
4. Any unclaimed "pending" accounts would be purged.

The outcome by the time this exercise is complete.

1. SailSys will have the explicit consent of everyone whose data is hosted on SailSys,
2. The Crew will know exactly what information is held by SailSys...because they 'own' it,
3. They can maintain/curate *their own data*, and
4. They can request its deletion at any time.

What it means for Skippers:

1. Moving forward, the only information required to add someone to a Crew list is name and email. Whether the maintenance of crew lists is required is a Club decision.
2. Skippers will no longer be the pinch point for Crew updating or deleting information.

We hope this clears up any uncertainty, but please, if you have any question don't hesitate to reach out to our support team. If moving forward there are series that require you to use Crew Lists, remember there is some help documentation to assist here <https://sailsys.tawk.help/article/maintaining-crew-lists>

And of course, we are always here to help too.

Fair Winds



TEXAS BBQ
PLATEFULS OF LEGENDARY LONE STAR FLAVOR
★★★

MANLY YACHT CLUB

MYC BALL 2022
19 March 2022
7 pm
\$50

INCLUDES FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT
BUY TICKETS
AT TWILIGHTS & SUNDAY RACES

Or Email
David Lewis: david.lewis1052@gmail.com
Or Cary Budd: cary@myc.org.au

Hey there, y'all!

This year the theme will be an authentic Texas style BBQ, with goldang tasty grub, great music, and entertainment and of course, knee-bucklin' cocktails to wash it all down.

Everyone is welcome, including members, family and guests. The more the merrier, so dust off those boots, Akubras and Stetsons for a night of food, fun and friendship (please note: six-shooters, knives and saddles will have to be left at the door).

You can get your tickets at the club on Twilight nights or Sundays after the races; or give a holler to David Lewis or Cary Budd and they'll rustle up some tickets for you and your sidekicks/crew.

DATE: 19TH MARCH 2022
TIME: 7PM-11PM
VENUE: MANLY YACHT CLUB
TICKETS: \$50 PER HEAD (includes entry, food, entertainment/dancing)
DRINKS: Will be at MYC Bar prices (no BYO)

CONTACTS: **David Lewis** m: 0411 883 475 e: david.lewis1052@gmail.com
Cary Budd m: 0419 600 108 e: cary@myc.org.au



Geoff Reid - Lasers

Phil had a dream. It was about winning the first northern harbour interclub regatta, the Battle of the Sound. He bothered all of us with it for weeks. Would've been months if it wasn't for COVID. However, his enthusiasm must have seeped in - like osmosis through the hulls of our heads and hearts. He got some of us caring enough to turn up and sail for the club. And better still, others to fire up and get the job done. Our victory shouldn't have been so surprising, considering the class and improvement of some of our sailors. And besides, we only needed six of our heroes to do well.

Our first race point-scorers in the Radials were Evie (1st), Bevis (3rd) and Phil (5th) and in the Standards, Ian (1st), Iain (2nd) and Mike (13th). With the second race abandoned, this was more than enough to take the prized centreboard trophy, ahead of Vacluse, Middle Harbour Amateurs and Northbridge Sailing Club.

Our win has been widely documented, but what was the battle actually like from the POV of a foot-soldier/sailor?



Team MYC victorious



The forecast was 20 knots from the west (and increasing), so some expected (or prayed) for an abandonment of the regatta. It

was not to be and twelve of us plucky sailors had to go over the top. The first race was tough but bearable, until towards the end, when the cantankerous westerly really began to lose its temper - with gusts of well over 30 knots.

Before the start of the second race, the white horses were stampeding, and we had to lean hard even against flapping sails. (I can't get that crazy noise out of my head 🤯.)

Two-thirds of the way up the first beat I went over and found I couldn't pull my boat up, simply because of the windage on the hull. By the time I did the race was abandoned, The Sound littered with more hulls than sails - a true battlefield. I was relieved until I realised the absolute madness of going straight downwind in that breeze. So, I flapped down towards Middle Head until the distant MYC was on a perfect three-quarter reach angle. Then took off.



I don't think I've ever been so fast in a Laser and was back at the club in no time. Intel came through

that we were looking good for the win and after unrigging, headed over to MHASC courtesy of Ian's RIB - MYC flag aflutter.

MHASC were gracious and so was Field Marshall Phil as he accepted the inaugural Battle of the Sound centreboard trophy. Victory to MYC 🏆 - a dream ful-Phil-ed.



Gallantry medals to all our soldier/sailors: Mike, Ben, Bevis, Evie, Ian, Phil, Iain, Dutchy, Richard, Dave, Tim and yours truly for enlisting.

mysailing.com.au story here featuring Phil here: <https://www.mysailing.com.au/wild-weather-for-inaugural-battle-of-the-sound/?fbclid=IwAR3zAADOqTxE7DRBseUOMhuJ7cTvqrA6iIKeHETTB7QJUYjjJoWnCIFh2T0>

Full results here: <http://mhasc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Battle-Results-14-Nov.pdf>



Evie - 1st Radials



Ian - 1st Standards



Iain - 2nd Standards



Bevis - 3rd Radials

WAR CRAFT



Phil - 5th Radials



Mike



Phil



Evie



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Bevis



Evie

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RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/126/results/series/1478/pointscore?handicap=s>



Manly Yacht Club hosted its 2nd annual Manly Cup, which incorporated the NSW State Titles in the first week of December. We had a large fleet of 57 boats across three fleets with a handful of sailors traveling from VIC. Early weather forecasting wasn't looking great with 25knots from the SE, a bit excessive for our needs, although direction wise, a SE is excellent for Manly, probably the most consistent and clear wind directions for sailors in this part of the harbour.

O'pen Skiff regattas split the fleet into Gold (Most experienced) Silver (Less experienced) and Green (least experienced, generally the youngest and often never having raced before). With 17 sailors in Gold, 34 in Silver and 7 in Green. A great mix with lots of new sailors even in the silver fleet, who have never attended a regatta.

Thankfully, conditions abated for Saturday which allowed for 3 races for the gold and silver fleet in the first sailing session at 11:00. SE 15-18knots with a few heavier gusts made for excellent racing in the Gold Fleet. Conditions were challenging for the silver fleet but most of them managed the three races.



The afternoon session was made up of the popular 4-up adventure race. This teams 4 sailors together on the one boat matching the top of the gold fleet with those from the Green Fleet, this encourages the better sailors to share their skills with the less experienced sailors and have them getting to know the other sailors.

The sailors love this race and it's great to see the kids coming together to work as a team to get their boat around the course. Anything goes in this race other than pirating, crashing, or taking apart the boat. A fun event for the kids and an even funnier spectacle for the parents watching from shore!



More Day 1 - <https://photos.app.goo.gl/7iwqXUWnq2oV9MrN7>

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Sunday's forecast was looking better with the SE easing to 12-15knots and for most of the day that's what we had. We managed 4 races for Gold and Silver in the morning with the green fleet hosting a mini regatta close to shore. Sailors were on the water by 10:30 and we managed 4 races to take the overall series to 7 races for both the Gold and Silver Fleet.

Congratulations goes to Corrado Dorrington for taking the overall 1st place in Gold and the 2021 Manly Cup Champion. Well worth the trip up from his home club of Torquay, Victoria.

The Christmas dress up race topped off the day before all competitors made their way to the club for results and presentation



THANK YOU

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A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE ORGANISERS, RACE OFFICIALS, SUPPORT PARENTS AND SUPPORT JUNIORS WHO MADE THIS REGATTA ANOTHER WONDERFUL SUCCESS.

Special thanks go to :

Principal Race Officer and long-time O'pen Skiff supporter **David Tallis**, who ensured we can schedule with excellent courses and super-efficient race management.

John Mclurcan from www.sailsys.com who volunteered his time and software to manage the results for all the weekends racing.

Manly Yacht Club for hosting the Manly Cup and their continued support of the growing junior fleet at Manly Yacht Club.

Marg Fraser Martin from Marg's Yacht Photos for covering the event.



YACHT RACING ROUNDUP



We are getting pretty familiar with this flag! As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the weather hasn't been kind since COVID restrictions have been gradually eased, with yet another Twilight race was abandoned along with Marathon 2. You will recall Marathon 1 was not run as we were not yet allowed community sport.



It was a difficult decision to abandon Marathon 2, as the conditions were moderate for much of the day. However, there were strong periods such as between 2pm and 3pm which recorded with gusts of 36 and 38kn!

Consequently, 2 of the marathon prizes jackpotted to the Mini Regatta winners for the following weekend (report later in this edition) with the third coffee prize awarded to the winner of the Battle of the Sound (report above).



PEPPER TREE WINES TWILIGHT RACING

Firstly, a correction to the results published in the November edition for **Twilight Female Helm Race 1**. It appears that the winners were *Mondo*, *Pinta 11* and *Kaotic - 1, 2, 3* - congratulations Lisa, Johanna and Catherine.



TWILIGHT RACE 6 ... and a lovely evening for it. Thank you, Isabel, Lisa and Colin for the images.

Congratulations to our winners *Esprit de Four* (2 wins in a row), *Okavango Delta*, and *Kaotic* with *Mondo* fastest around the course.

Results here:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/.../series/1218/races/9431...>

Thank you, Duty Boat *Ludicrous Mode* race committee Bevan and Scott.

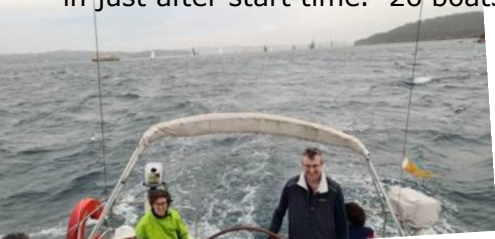


TWILIGHT RACE 7 and the race committee thought the breeze looked light ... until the southerly kicked in just after start time. 26 boats started, 23 crossed the finish line; Course 9, down to Eastern Channel AS, Chowder South AS and home saw a tough slog down but a speedy return trip.

I guess everyone except Pavel on *Moonraker* had time to take a snap. And why wouldn't you with the entire fleet, bar 1, behind you. Was it the partial lunar eclipse that gave *Moonshadow* first place and *Moonraker* second, well done!

The race committee would like to thank the competitors for their orderly sequential finish.

Results here <https://app.sailsys.com.au/.../series/1218/races/9432...>





November 21: 4P (7 & 8) SPS (13 & 14)

After the craziness of the previous Sunday, we were looking for a gentle day out – but it was not to be. Not only was it pouring with rain, the temperature was sub-18 degrees Celsius and the wind was 18 knots - gusting to 25. Not surprisingly, we only had seven hardy sailors venture out into some pretty rough conditions.

With his hanky for a sail (Radial) it was Phil’s day. Barely needing the yardstick, he sailed like a demon and completed a rare Double-Double, taking out both races on scratch (4P) and handicap (SPS).

On scratch he was followed by Iain and Bevis in both races and on handicap, by me and Iain in race one and a tenacious Gordon and Bevis in race two.

In the atrocious conditions, much kudos must go to the race committee who spent hours in the rain and chop. Cheers to our Ben who also (for the second week running), supplied beers, calamari and chips. In the relatively dry of the boatshed afterwards, that got my vote for the Catering Cup.

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Geoff Reid - Lasers



MYC LASERS



Phil wins the Double ...



Double



Thawing out - Caterers Cup contender?



Evie in Oman - Image by Sander van der Borch / Lloyd images / Oman sail

2021 ICLA RADIAL WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

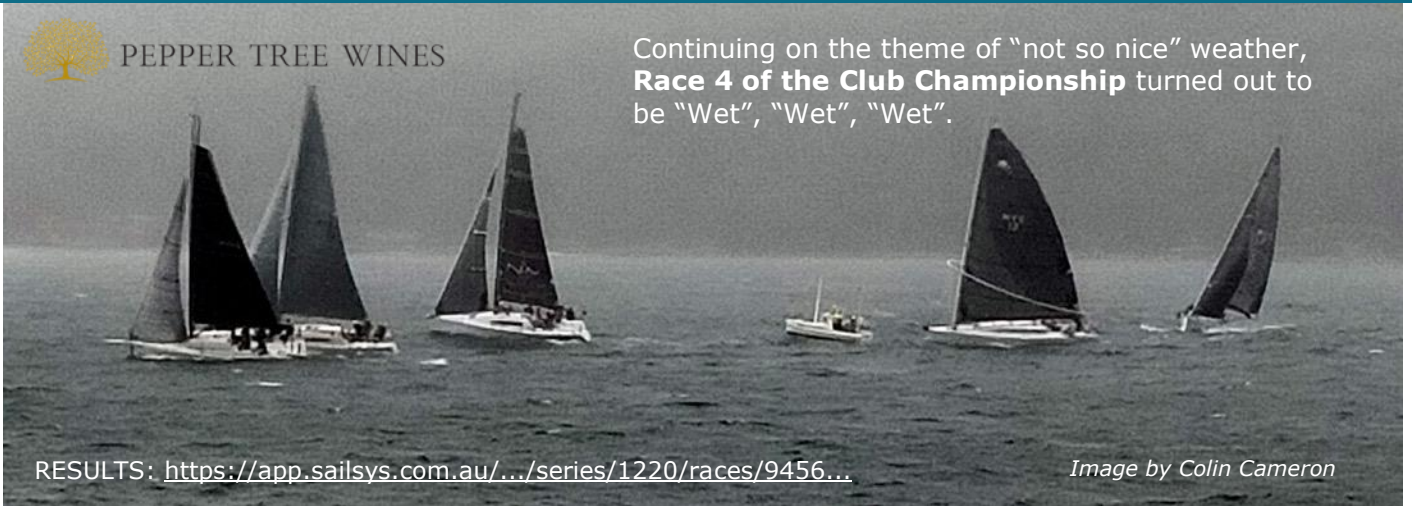
Evie Saunders and 5 other Australian sailors competed in the 2021 ICLA Radial Women’s World Championship in Oman in a highly competitive field of 63 sailors from Europe, Asia and the Americas. Hopefully we’ll get a report for the next edition of the newsletter. More info and results [here](#).





PEPPER TREE WINES

Continuing on the theme of "not so nice" weather, **Race 4 of the Club Championship** turned out to be "Wet", "Wet", "Wet".



RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/.../series/1220/races/9456...>

Image by Colin Cameron

Club Championship Race 4 - 2 starters in Division 2 - *Ratty Tooey* and *Kia Kaha*, braved the elements with *Kia Kaha* fastest around the course and first on handicap.

No day for spinnakers but *Khaleesi* decided to fly a big black beast - Twice!!



PEPPER TREE WINES

It was a real tussle in Division 1 between *Pensive*, *Corum* and *San Toy* - all keeping in touch, *Pensive* besting *Corum* on handicap with *San Toy* second place, but *Corum* retains fastest around the course.

4+ minutes on finish time between these 3 boats and SIX seconds between *Pensive* and *San Toy* on handicap!!! Well done *Pensive*.

And a major thanks to Lisa and *Mondo* duty boat crew for starting and finishing the fleets.

As a bonus Marg Fraser Martin was at our Lady Bay AS mark for the Division 1 final rounding - her fab images [here](#).



Mini Regatta Sunday, 28 November 2021



RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1223/races>

Image by Colin Cameron



Overcast but not wet conditions and a good 18kt SSE breeze kept our 8 competitors on their toes.

Five races in all - course 2 for all five and a lively competition between *Sirius* and *Jabberwocky* who finished overall in that order, with *Okavango Delta* taking third spot - well done Garth, Andrew T and Lyn.

Position 3 to 6 in the series was a difference of 2 points, so, close racing all round.

Thank you, Race Committee Graham, Nick, Ken, Chris, Macie on water and Maz in the office.

Thank you, Seven Miles Coffee Roasters.

The draw from the barrel went to *Kia Kaha* - congratulations Andrew W and thank you Pittwater Eco-Adventure.



Okavango Delta & Kaotic



Jabberwocky



Sirius & Kia Kaha



Okavango Delta



Jupiter



Ludicrous Mode



Melody



Kaotic

It was good to come back to the club for the first time since lockdown.



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RESULTS:

Gold Fleet (Overall)
1st Corrado Dorrington (VIC)
2nd Ollie Ross (1st NSW)
3rd Jonah Griffiths (NSW)



Gold Fleet Overall winner

Gold Fleet (U17)
1st Ollie Ross (NSW)
2nd Jonah Griffiths (NSW)
3rd Sophie Drummond (NSW) (1st Female Overall)

Gold Fleet (U13)
1st Corrado Dorrington (VIC)
2nd Toby McKavanagh (1st NSW)
3rd Samuel Dalton (NSW)



Silver Fleet Overall winner

Silver Fleet (Overall)
1st Lily Klijn (1st female)
2nd Kaia Klijn
3rd Jamie Gill
4th Tom Callander
5th Emma Webb



SAILABILITY MANLY



What a Month! by Candice Novello

Such wild and woolly weather we've been having! Despite November bringing with it a number of rainy days, there were still enough gaps in the weather to allow for quite a few sailing days this month! Now that we're coming into summer, we hope to see some of that beautiful sunshine that makes being on the water so enjoyable.

The Sailability Election of Officers meeting was finally able to go ahead followed by our committee meeting. A big thank you to all our members who both agreed to continue on in their roles and those who stepped up into positions for the running of Sailability Manly in 2021/2022. It was really lovely to be able to finally meet in person to discuss these important topics.



We were also treated to a delicious dinner by **Grill'd Healthy Burgers**.

The Grill'd Team at Balgowlah presented Sailability Manly with a generous donation as part of their charitable efforts for organisations within the local community. We were honoured to be voted the charity to receive this donation by their customers.



MANLY SAILING MANLY CUP - Thursday 18th November 2021



We weren't kidding when we said we've had some wild weather, but Thursday's competition went ahead. The team arrived, rigged the Hansa's and listened to the Race Briefing. Bundled in warm and waterproof clothing, they took off across the bay. The wind was gusting to 18 knots, so it seemed inevitable that everyone would get a little wet.



Teams were:

Denis and John P in *Woody*, John W and Nola in *Eli D*, Kieran and Warwick in *Black Swan*, Michael and Eileen in *Dolly Wallis*, Nikki and Sarah in *Alex*, Eli and Finn in *Ralph Newman*.

There were 3 races; The first to go around the course. The second to add a bit of fun and excitement with a stand up or no hands component. And the last... the serious stuff, like going as fast as you can and beating the others.

It was unfortunately much too wet for photos but there was some very serious racing happening. It's fun to join in with the O'pen Skiffs and do some "real" sailing. Our participation teaches the Sailability team how to remain in control of the boats in all conditions and to just wrest that extra second or two out of the Hansa's.

Finn tried to do it by paddling around the last buoy in the first race but got caught out by umpire, Santo, and had to throw in a 360. Some of the O'pen Skiffs found it difficult to stay upright in the strong gusts, but everyone managed to make it around the course with no dropouts this week.

It is wonderful to race in this manner and many, many thanks to Manly Sailing for hosting us. We are all having so much fun and excitement, creating wonderful stories, least of all the speed with which we get the boats rigged before sailing.

Participation is the most important thing of course, but if you are interested, the results can be found on the Manly Sailing website: <https://www.manlysailing.com/manly-sailing-cup/>



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Friday 31st December is Fireworks Night

Don't forget our NYE Fireworks night! We watch the 9pm Fireworks from the Manly Yacht Club pontoon.

Spots are still available on the pontoon for our participants so please get in touch with Eli if you'd like to come down. Proof of vaccination will be required. (Call 02 9976 2747 or email eli@manlysailability.com.au)



FAREWELL STEVE WILTON



Steve Wilton, a member of Manly Yacht Club since December 2004, sailor, surfer, father, friend and long-time resident of Manly passed away on 14 November 2021. He was just 63, taken far too early by Motor Neurone Disease (MND). He left his beautiful wife Caroline, his son Harry and daughters Bella and Sofia.

Steve cut his sailing teeth as a forrard-hand racing International 14s in the UK. When he came back to Sydney in his early twenties, he was naturally attracted to racing 14-foot skiffs at North Harbour Sailing Club. Steve bought his first skiff, painting it red and renaming it "*Rekcuftac*" [spell it in reverse]. He steered *Rekcuftac* in numerous clubs, state and national championship events and regattas up and down the NSW coast.

In the late 1980's he partnered with fellow 14 sailor, Michael Grout to buy *Beano* a Nantucket 31 which they campaigned with much enthusiasm and lots of rum in the CYCA Winter Series and other races for several years. *Beano* was sailed in twilights around the harbour from RANSA to MHYC. They won the RSYS Montego Bay trophy.

Steve with Michael then stepped up a notch buying *Public Nuisance*, a Dubois 30 half tonner. *Public Nuisance* could not be more aptly named for Steve. With a regular crew, they campaigned *Public Nuisance* in JOG and MHYC racing and coastal passage racing, as well as twilight and winter series events around the harbour. They won most of the passage races one year. They were always competitive, swapping spots and often honours with Ed Psaltis who then competed in the same divisions in his *Charmeleon* and then *Nu Zulu*. They then bought the Lyons 24 JOG boat, *Max* (formerly *Box Office*) and later the Mount Gay 31, *Maximum Nuisance* which were similarly campaigned with distinction and partied with vigour. Steve and Mike took turns helming.

After married life and family came into the picture, Steve bought a Bavarian 34. But he also raced regularly on Mitch Gordon's Sydney 38 *The Goat* and sailed many northern races with Roger Hickman, Bruce Foye and Lance Peckman on Farr 43 *Wild Oats*. Steve's last yacht was *Poet's Day*, a lovely Elan 40 which he raced in MYC Twilights. She was renamed *Valparaiso* and raced and cruised with even greater love.

Whilst Steve's yacht racing was always competitive, securing him many wins, his popular booze cruises were legendary, attracting some of Sydney's prettiest crews. The music and champagne always flowed freely and many a working week started with a hangover.

Steve had that character which brought out the spirit of life and fun inside all of us. We all have that quality, but Steve just had that quality in spades. He loved living at Manly, he loved his sailing, he loved his wife, his family and his friends. And he loved to party.

A memorial celebration function in Steve's honour was held at the Rooftop bar of the Steyne Hotel. The venue was packed to its COVID limits with family and friends. Manly Life Saving Club and sailing friends from many clubs, including MYC were represented. Many spoke fondly of Steve recounting many happy memories, including his sailing partner Michael Grout and Steve's brothers Niall and Jeremy.

Speaking at Steve's memorial, Prof. Dominic Rowe AM from Macquarie University, an expert in the study of MND told us, "you don't die from it, it kills you". Sadly, not much is known about the triggers for MND, some environmental, but amazing research is being done out at Macquarie University.

To further mark Steve's passing and to raise awareness of MND, a BBQ was set up at extreme low tide on Sow and Pigs Reef attended by five of Steve's sailing mates who had a few beers and snags in his honour. Steve had talked about the idea for 40 odd years and was there in spirit.

Steve's last race was the final MYC Twilight for the 2020-21 season. Steve and Caroline with son Harry packed *Valparaiso* with his friends, all those who had crewed with him during the season, who brought along their beers and measures of rum. As usual, Steve steered *Valparaiso* in his casual adroit style, which was no mean feat as his condition had been worsening. It wasn't the fastest finish but in true style, Steve made it the noisiest last race finish.

Any donation to assist MND Research would be greatly appreciated. The link to donate is below:

<https://secureau.imodules.com/s/1404/afc/event.aspx?sid=1404&qid=1&pgid=909&cid=2129>

Contributed by Steve's friend and fellow MYC member Philip Dawson



RACING WITH OTHER CLUBS

*When there is never enough racing, there is always somewhere to race!
Especially if you want to tackle the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Race!*

CYCA BIRD IS RACE

Crux (two handed division) and *Corum* (fully crewed) were entered.

What a great sail this was! Eventful too! Here's *Crux's* story.

We reefed after getting out of the heads. After a while, we started getting 25kn gusts. Every time we considered reducing headsail area, the wind would drop back to 16-17kts. At some stage after lunch, a 28kt gust hit and the head sail was ripped out of the foil.

The wind was strongest around 4pm with a 34kt gust around Norah Head. At this stage, the auto tiller attachment pin broke off and we hand steered the rest of the way. We rounded Bird Island at around 4:45 and passed Long Reef on the way back around 8:30pm. The wind dropped to 9-10kts at this stage.

After crossing finish line at around 11pm, we turned the engine on to motor back to the marina, but the engine overheated with smoke coming out. We turned the engine off and had to sail into the marina pontoon under main, zig zagging among the moorings. Peter was quick thinking to use the sheets as mooring lines and jumped on to the pontoon to secure *Crux*. Another of Peter's ideas was to use the 2hp outboard I had on the boot of my car to tow *Crux* back to the mooring with a dinghy. Any awake locals would have thought that was an amusing sight.



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CYCA CABBAGE TREE RACE

Crux (two handed division), *Enigma* and *Corum* (fully crewed) were entered.

The race was tough. Peter and I were trying to make the most of it. The stretch from Sydney to Newcastle was DDW which favoured *Crux* and that is what placed us so well. The maxis managed to round the island early, but the rest of the fleet parked at Stockton Beach with no wind for several hours early Sat morning. A beautiful and solid southerly hit us around noon and took us home. The current from the north with a local southerly swell meant waves were very short and steep. A very bumpy and wet ride. It got pretty cold overnight. As Peter put it, the bunks were dropping off from underneath us and getting any rest was virtually impossible. Hot chocolate kept us alive.

We crossed the finish line around 4:15am at Watsons Bay. I slept all morning, and everything hurts at the moment, but I still have a smile on my face.

Some very generous words from Ian Smith (*Jupiter*):
"Congratulations to Carlos Aydos on *Crux* in the CYCA Cabbage Tree island Race with a spectacular fleet start under spinnaker during the MYC Friday Twilight as we rounded Chowder Bay South AS mark. In the competitive two-handed division Carlos was 2nd on IRC; 1st ORCi & 1st on PHS. Overall, 5th in the fleet PHS in a 65 strong fleet. A stellar performance!!"

Best of all, all 3 MYC entrants *Corum*, *Enigma* and *Crux* had solid performances and finished a tough race in 1 piece.

INFORMATION AND RESULTS: <https://bwps.cycaracing.com/>



Sorry, no images of *Enigma* found...Ed

Crux has been "live streaming" on the FB page - hoping to continue in the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Race





SYDNEY HARBOUR WOMEN'S KEELBOAT SERIES

Wet and wild conditions for race 2 of the Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series. Manly Yacht Club boats excelled with Catherine Thornton-Rofe and her team on *Kaotic* winning 1st place in PHS and *Gecko* skippered by Aurora Warren coming in 3rd place.

Kaotic currently leads the series with 2 firsts with *Gecko* a casual entry. Next race in the SHWK series is hosted by Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on **23rd January 2022**.

RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/27/results/series/1227/races>



Did I mention it was wet and wild?

More images by Marg Fraser Martin [here](#) or visit [Marg's Yacht Photos](#)

COMBINED CLUBS INSHORE SUMMER SERIES

As part of the Combined Clubs Inshore Summer Series MYC supported Race 3 held by MHYC, sending *Robbie R* along to lay marks. Unfortunately, at this time, there are no boats entered from Manly Yacht Club - but it's not too late to enter! The first 2 races were abandoned due to COVID.

The Next Race, hosted by Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, is on Saturday **18th December 2021**.

Information and on-line entry [here](#)

Images of the racing by Marg Fraser Martin [here](#)

Thank you, Steve McKeogh and Stephen Teudt



And still the weather is against us! Twilight Races 8 and 10 were abandoned due to the fickle weather produced by [La Niña](#).

Twilight Race 9 include the Twilight Female Helm Race 2 with marginal weather tempting *Gecko*, *Pinta 11* and *Mondo* onto the racecourse, finishing in that order. In the Twilight Race 9 fleet, 16 boats ventured out and it looks like the wind abated somewhat by the elapse times shown. Congratulations *Moonshadow*, *Sirius* and *Sakana*, with new boat, *Jupiter* coming in prime 4th position. Sorry, no images.



Twilight Race 10's abandonment was probably particularly hard to accept since the weather moderated pretty quickly after 6:00pm, but the race committee had no choice but to follow abandonment guidelines with winds gusting to 32kts at 5:30pm.

Results: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1218/races>



PEPPER TREE WINES

Club Championships Race 5



Results: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1220/races>

Wild and woolly - but not wet!
Some said, "perfect sailing conditions".

8 boats started in Division 1 - but only 3 finished! Division 2 fared a bit better with 5 starters and 4 finishers.

All divisions keen to race; 2 general recalls (one in each fleet); a fleet bearing down on our start line heading for Manly West AS; a dismasting; some wild spinnaker work. What more could you want to top off 2021!

The southerly Course 4 was chosen, and being a southerly, *Carlyle* was tossed about like a cork on the start and finish line. Thanks duty boat *Sirius* - race committee.

NOTE: Pensive crew ok - dismasting story later in this edition ...Ed



COOK YOUR OWN STEAK
is back after twilight racing from
7 January 2022

Salads, bread rolls and of course, vegetarian options, will be available.

Please make welcome our catering crew of Jack and Billy, and, Adam and Kyle on rotating shifts.

Please be patient as we all get back into the swing of things.





Manly Yacht Club is home of the Manly Juniors designed right here at our club by Ralph Tobias.

I'm pleased to report that the grand children of some of our most esteemed life members of this club are carrying on the tradition of sailing the Manly Junior, albeit not at our club - but maybe one day soon.

The NSW Manly Junior State Championships were held at Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Club, hosted by the NSW Manly Junior Association.

First in the Novice Division Hamish Cameron (son of laser champ Iain, grandson of life member Colin) and Chloe Cotton (granddaughter of Graeme Cotton of the Good Citizen Award) in their MJ *the Bandit*. I also noted Lachlan Mellows among the competitors (grandson of life member Michael Mellows).

Congratulations Hamish and Chloe on your win. Well sailed.

Results:

<https://topyacht.net.au/results/nswmjisa/2021/otb/2021Novice/series.htm?ty=15169>



FIRE AT NARRABEEN LAKES SAILING CLUB



On Saturday night 28 November, Narrabeen Lakes Sailing Club suffered extensive damage from a fire that started in a neighbouring building. This is a small community, not for profit sailing club that focusses on grass roots sailing and introducing the next generation of sailors to our sport.

Most importantly, nobody was harmed, but they were not in the vicinity to save their equipment. All the club boats, rescue boats, and kitchen equipment was damaged beyond repair.

Although there is contents insurance, it will not be enough to rebuild the club from the ground up or help them cover current club costs and find alternative arrangements for the kids this summer.

The not-for-profit club is 110 years old. Destroyed in the fire were some beautiful wooden boats that were 30+ years old, and trophies that listed names from the community going back many generations.

Our thoughts are with volunteer-run Narrabeen Lakes Sailing Club and we are in the process of reaching out to offer our support. Please help by donating to their [Go fund me page](#).



RMS Expired Flares Disposal

Bayview Boat Ramp - Pittwater Road Bayview
Saturday, 15 January 2022 7:30am – 12:00pm
[Other sites and times:](#)





MYC LASERS



PEPPER TREE WINES

Club Championship 7 & 8 (SPS 15 & 16) - Dec 12

Who'd have thought it would take till mid-December to run our first Club Championship heats? The late start to the season and a Sunday of no wind were the culprits. So, finally we had 11 keen sailors sheet on and into a stiff 20 knot southerly.

With Bevis AWOL and Ian settling back in after Evie's regatta in Oman, it was Phil and Iain duking it out up the front with the rest of the fleet not far behind. Phil took the first race followed by Iain, me and Tim. He also took the second one, amazingly beating Iain over the line carrying a Radial sail, in front of Tim and Garth. Now that's an impressive Double (but not a Double-double). Well sailed Phil. The handicap honours were taken by Tim, Vivien and Iain in the first and *moi*, Tim and Phil in the second.


They were trying conditions and not everybody stayed upright, finished or made it home under their own steam. So, a big thanks to the crew on *Robbie R*. Also appreciate the efforts of those on duty on *Carlyle* for starting and finishing us. Especially Lloyd who also plied us with Asahis, Peronis, party-pies, sausage rolls and if I'm not mistaken, pastizzis. Fine catering Lloyd and a great way to finish a rare sunny day on the deck.



Up we go again. Iain rounds the bottom mark



Lloyd with Phil asking where his wine is. (In the usual place, Phil ...Ed)

Geoff Reid - Lasers 



**NSW & ACT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
GEORGES RIVER SAILING CLUB
DECEMBER 4 & 5**

(Some people just never have enough racing)

Day 1 saw 22 gusting to 28 knots SSW which tested the skill and endurance of the sailors. Day 2 presented a more manageable 15 gusting to 18 knot SE so no complaints about the wind.

Bevis Field and Philip Reid from MYC attended the Open Regatta competing in the Radial division and finishing 11th and 8th respectively out of a field of 25. While numbers were down due to COVID, the big names all turned up (other than our own Evie and Ian Saunders who are in Oman at the Worlds).

Reid commented: "Saturday was brutal! 5 hours on the water in out of control conditions, it was probably the hardest sailing I've been involved in."

Both sailors had their moments during the regatta but were let down by simple mistakes. Field put a positive spin though on the experience noting: "The States Masters are in early February at Port Stephens and we are ready to go and take it up a notch."

MYC is expecting a big representation from the laser fleet at the States Masters.

Phil Reid - Lasers 



Even hats were blown away



Phil in the thick of it!
Image Jon West Photography



PENSIVE - DISMASTED!

12 December 2021

Club Championships Race 5

By on board reporter, Jim Nixon



"Life is a shipwreck, but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats."
Voltaire

Without any warning except an ear-piercing BANG! the mast of Pensive toppled into the sea just south of Cannae Point in last week's final race, CC5.

To say the crew of four - Bruce, Pam, Chris and the author - were dumbstruck is an understatement. All we could do was sit there, mouths agape, as the tangle of aluminium, wire and sails hit the water in seconds after what appears to be a D1 rigging fitting failure, the mast crumpling at the first spreaders and also just below the deckhead.



Still stunned, we surveyed the mess and soon realised there wasn't much we could do as much of the debris was hanging deep in the water over the side. All the halyards were jammed so retrieving the sails impossible. The weight of shattered mast was being held by the halyards, lifelines and remaining rigging and it couldn't be budged. Cutting it all away wasn't an option, either.



None of the mess was near the propeller, so we gingerly started the engine and crabbed ourselves away from Cannae. Luckily the skipper's marina was dead downwind, and with *San Toy* and *Esprit* standing by we crawled our way back to North Harbour and the awaiting marina tender.



Bruce jumped aboard *Runaround* and expertly towed the stricken NSX38 through the moored boats with Pam equally expertly operating the tiller on the yacht.

Safely alongside at the Davis Marina work berth it was pleasing to see a throng of MYC members pitching in and helping with the clean-up, lifting the mast and removing the No 3 headsail and mainsail with very little damage. Remarkably most of the clean-up was finished by day's end. Hopefully the repair will be swift and *Pensive* will be back ASAP!



Footnote: We had a terrible start to the race and had to go around again to avoid hitting the start boat *Carlyle* yet had fought our way back into the lead before the dismasting but were reliably informed by the (former) handicapper that we hadn't been leading on handicap!



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Manly Yacht Club Membership Cards



It's been difficult distributing the MYC membership cards because we haven't been heading allowed back at the club for most of the season. I've had the cards with me for most events, so if I haven't spotted you to give you your membership card, make sure you come up and see me at the Christmas Race or twilights and Sundays next year.

Maz



Yankee Bob slow poke joke:

The head wrangler asks his cowhands how they'll count the herd on their way into the feedlot and Dusty pipes up and waves his Stetson furiously.

"Okay, okay Dusty sez the head wrangler, what's yer plan?"

"Simple sez Dusty. I'll just count the legs and divide by four!"



MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

The next newsletter will
be in February 2022



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Crews and skippers hook up on the MYC WhatsApp group



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ADULTS

Tom Wrathall	Matt Davis
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Philip Dawson	Peter Ashcroft
Carole Mahe	Christopher Lavers
Margaret Lavers	Rebecca King
Dean Davis	Scot Wheelhouse
Pavel Hruza	

JUNIORS

Tonmee Callander	Jonathan Olsson
Sam Pickard	Charles Young
Emma Tallis	Lawrence Mclelland
Olivia Mclelland	Jonah Griffiths

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/>

P.S The nine top donations will be given the opportunity to name one of the boats. Imagine your name on one of the sails below.



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