

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### AUSTRALIAN 16-FOOT SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thank you to all our members for their patience and support of the championships next door. It was such a successful regatta and the President, Rolf Cohen, asked me to pass on his thanks and appreciation for our generous support of their event.



### HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE

Female helms – it's time to start training for the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge. You can enter either spinnaker or non-spinnaker. It would be great to see the entire Manly fleet out to compete. If you're a skipper without a female helm amongst your crew please reach out. There's a raft of experienced female helms who I would gladly match you to now so they could join you on a couple twilights or summer series prior to the race – March 26<sup>th</sup>



### END OF SUMMER BALL

Yankee Bob is hosting our 2023 End of Summer Ball. It's going to be a cracking night full of great food entertainment and a chance to celebrate the end of the sailing season with your crew. Tickets are available now and we welcome all members and their loved ones.

### SECURITY CAMERA UPGRADE



Our current security cameras which Ken Terrens helped install over 10 years ago, have served us well. Technology has improved and the Board has decided it's time to upgrade the existing 8 cameras and install an additional two. The new installation will give us the ability to access footage remotely and in real time so we can better respond to any unusual activity surrounding the club.

Lisa Callaghan - President



New guttering installed on the deck. No more dripping!



**WORKING BEE**  
**TUESDAY MORNING**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY**



**CAN YOU HELP**

There will be some gurney work; a bit of weeding; and a general spruce up of the club. If you'd prefer to swing a paint brush, the office door needs a couple of licks of paint.

If you can spare the time on Tuesday morning, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, please contact :

Club Manager Barry  
 Email: [manager@myc.org.au](mailto:manager@myc.org.au)  
 Mobile: 0415 783 910



**THANK YOU** in anticipation.

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OR...

Have your credit/debit card ready. There will be tech savvy members mingling at the club after twilights and Sunday races to help you buy tickets online. NO paper tickets will be sold.

Let's all show up in our most foolish attire and have a great time!



Yankee Bob - Social Director



# COMMODORE'S REPORT

The December January period is usually a quiet time for sailing at MYC but not for all members.

Quite a few members participate in the Iconic Sydney to Hobart race. This year we had 3 MYC yachts enter - *Supernova*, *Crux* and *Mondo*.

Two out of the three made it to Hobart with *Crux* doing exceptionally well by winning the IRC Division 3.

*Mondo* found itself smack bag in the middle of Bass Strait with a broken gooseneck causing the boom to fall off the mast. As usual the conditions of Bass strait were quite treacherous. Four other yachts lost their rudders as well as other boats experiencing significant damage. Lisa (skipper of *Mondo* and President of MYC) has already declared that *Mondo* will be back this year to have another go. If you are interested, find a *MONDO* crew and they will tell you the whole saga.

## SHELLHARBOUR

The Manly to Shellharbour test race was conducted with 3 yachts on Australia Day this year.

The event was quite successful. The hosting marina was of high standard and were very cooperative. 22 sailors enjoyed the hospitality at Shellharbour.

We tested the rolling start concept and that worked well with the fleet motoring to just off Botany Bay before starting which allowed all of the competitors to finish in daylight thus ensuring that we can run this race as a CAT 4 event in the future.

## SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA (SHR)

SATURDAY 4 and SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023

MHYC has requested that MYC provide *Carlyle* as a finish boat in the upcoming SHR event.

We have agreed to this. I, and the roster coordinator are looking for about 5 volunteers per day to support this event. 3 on our committee boat and 2 for *Robbie R*.

## CALENDAR

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a skippers' forum which will allow feedback from the MYC skippers to the sailing committee to help us design next season's calendar, so it is based upon a bottom-up approach rather than a top-down decision making from the Sailing committee.

All are welcome.

Please RSVP to [commodore@myc.org.au](mailto:commodore@myc.org.au)

Stephen Teudt - Commodore



## EVIE SAUNDERS SAILING TOWARDS BIG GOALS



Read more [here](#)



2023 AUSTRALIAN  
ILCA6 CHAMPION, U19 YOUTH

### EVIE SAUNDERS

9th overall  
6th Australian  
Highest ranked U21



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AUSTRALIA DAY 2023  
LOCAL HERO

### SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR:

Evie Saunders of Freshwater has been sailing since the age of eight for Manly Yacht Club and in recent years became a coach there. Her passion, and drive, has seen her compete in the Youth World Championships, the Open Women's World Championships, various State Championships and she has qualified for the Youth Australian Sailing Team to compete in the Youth World Championships, winning silver. She was the only Australian medallist and the first female to podium at this event in 14 years. Last year she was awarded the Australian and NSW Youth Sailor of the Year. Her current world ranking is 149 in the open category. Her goal is to compete in the Olympics, and she is well on her way.



# J24 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

5<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023



Ahh yes, the J24 Nationals! Qualifiers for the Worlds in Greece.

The brochure painted a picture of fresh NE winds, slight seas off the coast of Cronulla. Racing was to be over 4 days consisting of 12 windward/leeward races (2 drops). Hotly contested this year, as everyone wanted a ticket to Thessaloniki Greece. 18 boats entered - 6 from Victoria - and any boats considered for ticket to Greece had to finish in the top 12.

The first 2 days of racing were abandoned because of high winds (30-40knots) and big seas. The RO was under pressure to get a series in so took us out halfway across the bay on the Saturday to our start line - trying for a true race angle. The sea was monstrous and though the wind had dropped to around 25knots, it was difficult to manoeuvre the J's with the sea state. Most of us went into survival mode - except for the big guns, of course.



MYC youth team

That Saturday was at best, unpleasant, and at worst, ridiculous for the J's to race - but none the less, there was a fleet that made it around for the 3 races, albeit quite diminished by the end of the day with damaged boats and injury. The youth team from MYC made it around the whole day!

We (the girls' team) + Rob (trimmer - ailing with seasickness from well before the start) we're not at full steam as noted. Then after our first rip roaring downwind leg (no spinnaker) with Cath Rofe hanging off the side of the boat goose winging the head sail and me yelling "hold on !!" one

hundred times we jibed to negotiate the port gate. After the jibe we were surfing down a wave and were picked up and tossed down the face, ending in a Chinese jibe (all caught on camera, of course!) Two of the crew had head knocks and Lyn, a fat lip to boot. I decided to call it quits for the day.



Kaotic - Matty up the front



The girls rounding the port gate?



Just like the brochure!

Sunday was the brochure day which we enjoyed very much. We nailed a couple of the starts and felt we raced well. Tactical errors got everyone. Most of the fleet still had jibs on but the sea had abated to a congenial 1-2mtrs. We were in the mix mid fleet most of the racing but couldn't get any impressive runs on the board. The crew Cath, Lyn, Lee, Dee, Rob and I gelled nicely for the day but with our first day wiped we were never going to be in the running for a place for Greece. Disappointing, but that's life!

Turns out the 8 places might be well reduced due

to the host club in Greece putting a cap on the number of entries. So, some of the real qualifiers won't even get a chance to go!

So not like the brochure unfortunately!

**BIG THANK YOU** to Cronulla J24 SSF for their individual and team efforts over the years with the J24 class. A few champions amongst them and even more importantly, champion people. The end of an era!

Our consolation prize is that we (just the girls) are off to the Big Apple for the Lady Liberty Regatta in September-representing MYC and Oz!

Janette Syme

Images by Marg Fraser-Martin

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The girls - day 2 of racing

**LADY LIBERTY REGATTA**

Organized by the New York Harbor Sailing Foundation  
Hosted by the Manhattan Yacht Club  
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Dates  
for your



MYC WORKING BEE  
21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY



SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA  
4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



WOMEN'S CHALLENGE  
25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



END OF SUMMER BALL  
1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL



PITTWATER RACE  
7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



IT'S CELEBRATION DAY!



The new pump installation for the downstairs bathroom completed today with expert help from David, a pump supplier, as well as Marcus, our plumber doing the installation.

The job required a pump out first up and then a clean - something I never want to see again - photo omitted in the interests of good taste!

The next step was to remove the old pump and plumbing - see photo and then the new pump installation.



## FROM THE DUTY ROSTER CO-ORDINATOR

Firstly, thank you to all volunteers who have supported this year's Race Committee schedule so far - it has been a relatively smooth sailing year!

To help with rostering going forward we have a few requests, please keep reading ☺

1. I will endeavour to remind you if you have been volunteered for the Race Committee roster with good notice, however, sometimes life (and a toddler) delays this, so please always keep an eye on the MYC Duty Roster and add any commitments to your personal diary, calendar, post-it on the fridge - whatever works. It will help greatly!
2. Twilight Duty Boats need to provide 1 Race Officer as part of their Race Committee - if you don't have Race Officers within your crew list and are competing within any of the MYC Sailing events please make enquiries to take the Race Officer Course.
3. **March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> is the Sydney Harbour Regatta** and MYC is supporting the event by providing Race Committee support. If you are an experienced Race Officer, a Race Officer Assistant, a Robbie R Driver or Robbie R Assistant and would like to participate in this great weekend of sailing please let me know by emailing [dutyroster@myc.org.au](mailto:dutyroster@myc.org.au) with your preferred position.

Anne Immerglück  
Duty Roster Co-ordinator



THERE IS ALWAYS "STUFF" TO DO  
AROUND THE CLUB

Colin supervising while Seamus does some wharf repairs.





# VALE

**GENE SCOTT**

**1939 - 2022**

**AN ABSOLUTE GENTLEMAN**



Manly Yacht Club records show that Gene Scott joined the club in 1982. Very quickly he showed what an asset to the club he was and by 1986 he became Vice President to Doug Ebeling before taking on the presidency from 1987 to 2002. The club at this stage was at near insolvency. The concrete deck had been completed but the lower deck needed a lot of repairs, replacing of pylons and re-planking.

Gene took over and, with Bob Rowland, began to build some fund-raising activities utilising the new deck and refurbished main hall. At this stage the Club Captain, Colin Cameron, took responsibility for the upgrading of the wharf structure with his professional expertise. The club was now being raised by its bootstraps and Gene succeeded by gentle persuasion to mould a new club with the help of new Commodore, Bruce Davis, who revitalised the sailing program, and Chris Shead and Keith Woodward who took over the club maintenance.



*Gene - MYC Board meetings*

In 1998 Sailability approached Gene about allowing 3 boats to be stored at the Club and so our long association with Sailability began.

As the 2000 Sydney Olympics approached Gene was on the Towards 2000 committee.



*Gene and Helen at an AGM*

At the end of Gene's tenure as President, MYC had a 20-year lease at low rates; several moneymaking activities had been established which ensured financial viability; and club parents were beginning to rebuild a Junior fleet with other centre boards. Gene had effectively reorganised a viable sailing club from a very shaky position. After his presidency, Gene served on many sub committees within the Club, was made a Life Member of the Club and in 2003 was appointed to the Board of AYF. At all times until his illness he was a good supporter of the club and a mentor to many. His "gentle persuasion" found your editor with the job of Vice Commodore and then Commodore for 6 years between 2006-2012, with always an offer to "renew my contract" for another 10 years. I'm sure other members can also relate to his gentle persuasion.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is the last Newsletter until February, 1990. Another decade has gone by and I'm sure it would be accurate to say that members of the MYC who have been around the Club longer than I have could never have imagined the great strides and progress that has taken place. The MANLY YACHT CLUB in a considerable less period than a decade has transformed itself into an organisation that is visible, active, competitive and is the envy of many of its contemporaries.

For those who enjoy sailing and the water may we continue to enjoy the MYC and all it has to offer.

I would like to wish all members a very happy Christmas and a successful, happy and prosperous 1990.

Gene Scott  
President



*What to do with all the history of the Club?*

*Gather some volunteers and sort through what to keep and what not.*

## **WHAT ABOUT GENE THE SAILOR?**

One of Gene's first boats in the late 70's was *Karen*, a Julie-class 20-footer (later sold to club member Peter McDonald) which Gene used to teach his young family to sail; *Sarah* an Endeavour 24; *Felix* a Soling which, due to it being an Olympic class boat, was part of the popularity for the Soling fleet and the start of the Toto Cup Mini Regatta at MYC as we approached the 2000 Olympics.

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# GENE SCOTT

1939 - 2022

There is a picture in the MYC hallway of Gene sailing *Felix*. *Felix* was sold to club member Julian McPherson (who now owns *Kia Kaha* with Andrew Watt). Julian says he will not forget that Gene was the reason he got into sailing. *Tachi* was another of Gene's Solings - a bit more highly spec'd than *Felix*; and finally, his beloved Cavalier 975 - *Aussie Rules* which won some races and series in its time at MYC.



Sail number MYC1 was proudly flown on her sails. This sail number, rather than being arbitrarily assigned, was auctioned at a fund raiser for the Club. It was only fitting that Gene "won" the bidding and carried that sail number until *Aussie Rules* was eventually sold.



Gene and David  
There was a guesstimate about how many people Gene introduced to sailing. 70-75 was figure touted.



*Aussie Rules* wins the Cumberland Cup.  
Margo, Gene, Christabel and crew  
On Presentation Night



*Aussie Rules* heads for the finish

Gene on after race BBQ duty

When he wasn't sailing on his own boats, Gene was having great adventures on Bruce Hitchman's yacht *Pacific Breeze*... I'm sure Brian Wilson remembers midnight, 31 Dec, just 200m short of the finish line in the 1994 Sydney to Hobart race, deploying the anchor to



stop *Pacific Breeze* from drifting backwards and, as the breeze filled in, sending Gene forward to pull on the anchor to provide a slingshot effect over the line. The tactic didn't work but Brian will forever remember the image of Gene, arms going like pistons as he hauled that anchor up.

And then there was that rescue of 3 people in a rubber ducky off Wollongong in 40 knot winds, returning from the 1988 Sydney to Hobart race...

I'm sure "Mad Dog" (Peter McDonald) and Brian Wilson and many of the other people who crewed with Gene, will have many more tales to tell.

Gene Scott - a true gentleman...

RIP

*Editor's Note: I had many requests to pass on condolences to Helen and the family with most people commenting on what a true/absolute gentleman and special/lovely man he was. He was a great mentor to me and to many others in the Club. As past President Ian Dennewald commented "a mentor to pretty much anyone who knew him" and he will be missed.*

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**Three saved from sinking rubber dinghy**

**Yacht in midnight rescue**

The crew of a Manly yacht has rescued three people from a rubber dinghy which was almost sunk in wild seas 10km from shore.

The crew of the *Pacific Breeze* - cruising back from Tasmania after taking part in the Sydney-Hobart race - came across the dinghy partly by chance in 40-knot winds and pitch darkness, off Wollongong, just after midnight on Wednesday.

Aboard the dinghy were two men and a 12 year old boy, who had taken to the

□ Heroic of a rescue in dangerous seas (3 to 8) Gene Scott (who left the crew) before the return journey. Peter McDonald, Bruce Hitchman, Brian Wilson.

By MARK SAWYER



# TEAM OKA GOES TO THE NATIONALS

5<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023



This January, juniors Macie, Ollie, Zach and I, accompanied by Harry from Manly Sailing (acting as our taxi driver/legal guardian for the week) sailed down to Cronulla in *Okavango Delta* to compete in the J24 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Massive swell and gale force winds saw the first two days of the regatta cancelled, however fortunately by the third day, the conditions dropped to a mild five metres of swell and 20 -25 knots of wind, with lots of rain to top it off. This created quite the challenge for our team especially, being 90kg underweight, resulting in a few capsizes and broaches.

We watched one boat's rig completely snap which



didn't give us much confidence regarding our own boat's durability, however the mighty *Oka* pulled through and we finished every race, despite a third of the fleet retiring.

Lily from the juniors joined us for the fourth and final day to bump our weight up a bit, and the day was a much calmer sunny day, with some exciting starts and pleasant racing conditions.

We ended up 15th overall and improved significantly since states. I'm very proud of my team and how hard they have worked, and would like to say a huge thank you to Harry, for looking after us and keeping us motivated; to Lyn for all your support and encouragement, and to everyone else who has helped us along the way.

Special thank you also to John Crawford for essential delivery support; Dave West for training and particularly Nicola from Manly Sailing for promoting the juniors to the "grown up" yacht owners.

Next up for us is the Victorian champs in late March.



Thanks again to Marg Fraser-Martin for capturing the action. More images [here](#)

William Hough

## VALE GENE WILLIAM SCOTT

Former MYC President Gene Scott passed away on 2 December 2022, after a long illness, which he fought bravely.

On 4 January 2023 a celebration of his life brought many relations and friends together to honour him.

I served on the MYC Board, as his Club Captain, sailed with him on *Felix*, and enjoyed many memorable lunches with our special social group, the GTs (Get Togethers).

Gene will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered.

Colin Cameron GT



Some of the many GT members



## COFFEE, TEA, BONOX?



These three words may mean nothing to most of you. To those who were fortunate enough to be part of the long sailing campaign of the mighty Farr 38 *Pacific Breeze*, this phrase became synonymous with the great "Lord Gene" Scott.

As all offshore sailors get to quickly realize during those long, wet, dreary, storm tossed nights or even the dead flat breathless drifters; there's usually one member of the crew who takes charge. Not in a "mutiny of the bounty" sense, rather, the important task of helping pick up crew morale, and keeping an eye on their health and well-being.

Gene may already have been awake for 18 hours; damp, sticky and tired. Instead of going to his bunk for some well-earned rest, he always thought of his crew mates first. In these pitch black, sloppy conditions with the odd greenie running over the decks, it was Gene who constantly stepped up.

The top storm board would slide open and in Gene's baritone, well-heeled voice, the trifecta of heavenly heated beverages would be announced: "Tea, Coffee, Bonox?". That was all he would say, and that's all he had to say, to raise the heads of the dishevelled masses in the cockpit.

I've sailed offshore with lots of mates and that one crew member on a voyage that thinks of his fellow crew mates before his own comfort, is worth his weight in Rum. This was "Lord Gene". Always calm, cool and collected. He became one of the most important members of the motley bunch who used to race on Captain Hitchman's 38-footer.

As for inshore races, Gene had a few yachts in his life; *Karen*, *Felix* and *Aussie Rules*. Of these, he pushed *Felix* the hardest. She was a Soling, back when we had a good size Soling fleet at MYC.

When sailing on the harbour, we all know The Sound can get quite hairy; especially in an open 27-footer in a stinking southerly. Gene was a club stalwart, never missing a chance to pop a kite and get the bone in her teeth no matter the conditions.

Was he any good on the helm I hear you ask? Well, *Felix* wasn't the newest, nor the fastest boat in the fleet, nor did she have the latest sails. The rest of the fleet however became aware very quickly, that Gene was pretty damned good on the end of a tiller and could drive a boat well in any conditions.

To check out how fast *Felix* was, just look at her name emblazoned on the Honour Boards in the club.

Now Gene had a few more talents than just sailing. Most importantly he hooked Helen. Then together they created a great family, a thriving business, brought the club out of the dark ages, and volunteered for just about everything.

Most of all, Gene Scott was a good bloke.

PS: no one ever opted for the Bonox.

PPS: It should be noted somewhere that in his younger days, Gene was a prolific mountain climber. Due to an injury whilst mountain climbing, we never sent Gene forward of the mast.

Mad Dog



The crew on *Pacific Breeze*  
"Lord Gene" Scott, Pete "Mad Dog" McDonald, Bruce Hitchman, Brian Wilson



# WHAT'S ON

## SYDNEY HARBOUR WOMEN'S KEELBOAT SERIES



Images and Graphics Marg's Yacht Photos



MHYC

25 SEPTEMBER  
2022

[RESULTS](#)



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2023



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MYC

26 MARCH  
2023

### — 2023 — NAUTILUS MARINE SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA

**Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th March 2023**

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

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# ROLEX SYDNEY TO HOBART

## CONGRATULATIONS CRUX



CATEGORY	PLACING
Line Honours	90
IRC	38
IRC - Div 5	3
ORCi	24
ORCi - Div 4	1
Corinthian - IRC	8
Corinthian - PHS	5
2-Handed IRC	4
2-Handed ORCi	2

\* Click on the categories for full standings



DTG	0 nm
SOG	0.0 kt
COG	0°
DTL	0 nm
Position	42°53'S, 147°20'E

## ICONIC



The old adage "the two happiest days of a boater's life is when you buy the boat and sell the boat" doesn't really hold true.

I'm sure that Jim and the many crew mates had some really fabulous times on *Melody* and was sad to let her go.

I'm equally sure that Jim is very happy that the new owner is Marike, a Manly Yacht Club member, is now the very happy owner of *Melody*!



## ... AND ANOTHER ICON JOINS THE CLUB Another happy day for new owner, Jim



PLUM CRAZY

**ON THE WATERFRONT**  
With BOY MESSENGER

**Joe can take all the credit**

ALL credit for the design of the half-tonner, Plum Crazy, winner of division two in the last Hobart race, goes to Joe Adams, of Mona Vale.

Bob Miller, the well-known yacht designer who most people thought had designed the yacht, cleared the matter this week.

Miller said he advised Adams with the interior design and fittings.

I had not seen Joe Adams since 1969 when I sold him mine — a coach-house, centre board yacht which was built by Hays of Neutral Bay, in 1953.

Joe and his wife, Anne, made alterations to Mona and cruised to New Zealand in 1963, returning to Sydney in 1965.

They then set out on a world cruise in the same year and went via the Barrier Reef, Red Sea, Greek Islands and the Mediterranean.

They then set out on later via the Canary Islands, West Indies, Panama, Marquesas, Tahiti and Haranoga, arriving in Sydney early in 1969.

Adams, who is a boat-maker, engineer and school teacher by occupation, first set to work on yacht design.

He has more than 20 yachts being built to his designs at present which include a 72ft ferro-cement ocean racer, the Star Fish and a 30ft ultra-modern schooner for use as an island workshop.

Possibly Adams' first successful design was a 30-ft cutter, Tampon, which was a top class division two yacht.

He was approached to design a half-tonner in quick time for the 1971 Hobart race and the result was Plum Crazy.

Peter Cook, who designed the successful Clebe Ma Havelin, from Hunter and Parakee, is designing a 31ft half-tonner.

It was ready to race only a few weeks before the big event.

Plum Crazy is really recognized as she is

plum-colored and carries a plum-colored spinnaker.

Adams said he has an improved version of Plum Crazy for any interested buyer.

He is would appear half-tonner are — the coming thing and there is little doubt the next Hobart race could see a half-tonner division.

Construction

★ "Tig" Thomas in the cockpit of Plum Crazy, division two winner of the 1971 Sydney-Hobart yacht race.





# MARATHON RACE 3

8 JANUARY 2023



PEPPER TREE WINES



*Bokarra and the Cameron clan - Iain, Hamish, Felicity and Colin behind the camera*

After an awful couple of days of strong winds and rain that saw the twilights abandoned on Friday, The five boats in division 1 and 3 boats in Division 2 of the Marathon fleet, starting from the triangles saw a reasonable SSE 14-18knot breezes, in sunshine, as they made their way down the harbour and under the Bridge to round their designated islands before heading back home.

There may have been some dodging and weaving as the boats threaded their way through the fleet of Manly Skiff Club 13' and 16' skiffs competing in the Nationals.

There was certainly a duel going on between Enigma and Jupiter who finished within 26 seconds of each other but while Jupiter was fastest around the course, Enigma won

the race on corrected time - a difference of less than 1 minute.

In division 2 Ça Va was fastest around the course and first on corrected time. Well done to all competing boats.

Thanks Race Director Ian Dennewald who was also THE Race Committee.

**It would be fantastic if crew not racing in a particular series, volunteered to help on race committee duties. The same people are missing out on sailing for your enjoyment and that just doesn't seem fair!**

Provisional results here <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1784/races>



*David helming Enigma - Jupiter coming through*



*Division 1 winners - Enigma*

## NEED A BREAK FROM SAILING?

WHY NOT CHILL OUT IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS...

### "ASHWOOD"

3-BEDROOM  
MOUNTAIN COTTAGE  
NEAR KATOOMBA FALLS



Enquiries: Contact Barry on 0423 519 863



*Barry on Cheap Thrills - also sponsor of the grand prize drawn out of the barrel after race 4 on 12 Mar 2023. Be on the deck for that one!*





**RESULTS:** <https://sites.google.com/myc.org.au/lasers/results/2022-2023?authuser=0>

**JANUARY 15: 4P SERIES 9 & 10 - APS 1 & 2**

The silly season is full of food and festivities, but the time comes when it has to be paid for. Today was that day. With arms only trained to lift yet another glass and stomachs only fit for digesting sugar and meat-medleys - we faced a 17-22 knot N Nor'easter.

King Richard set an excellent 4P course which made for some exhilarating reaches, though many arms and stomachs were crying out that it was set too deep in The Sound for such a lively breeze. The battles back up were tough.



*Reaching for the stars*



Nevertheless, it was a beautiful sunny day, pain does subside and all ten of us made it back in one piece. Tim reminded us Chrissy was well and truly over with a spartan (but just as appreciated) catering effort of beer and chips. What more could you possibly want?

P-course Phil took both wins from Tim and Iain in the first race and Iain and Tim in the second. Tim's potential is beginning to show.



*Gordon takes a breather*



*The long and the short of it*



*P-course Phil / Tim gets the cap*



On the handicap side, provisional results were later changed after an issue was identified with set handicaps. Correct results had Tim, Cameron and Gordon (the identifiers) in front in the first race, while Councillor Dave won the second from Seamus and Iain. Shame we didn't get a shot of Dave in the cap as it would really suit him.

Thanks to the race committee and those on the rescue boat for running the day. It was a good one.

**JANUARY 22: CHAMPIONSHIP PULLED PORK**

To quote Coleridge from The Rime of the Ancient Mariner:

*"We stuck, nor breath nor motion;  
As idle as a painted ship  
Upon a painted ocean."*

Now the ocean/harbour didn't look painted because it was pouring with rain, but there was the same lack of wind. Duty officer Lloyd had no choice but to abandon our Club Championship heats.

That's not to say all competition had finished. Upstairs, in a fine push for the Catering Cup, Ali produced some delicious pulled-pork and coleslaw rolls - aided and abetted by icy cold beers.

With Noel over from Perth it was a shame the Lacey brothers' challenge couldn't take place, but thanks to Ali it was a fine afternoon.



*Geoff Reid - Lasers*





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# TWILIGHT RACE 13

13 JANUARY 2023



**RESULTS:** <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1816/races>

Twilight Race 13 on Friday the 13th ... what could go wrong ... well, nothing really.. The race committee tried out course 9 for twilight race 13 in a NE 15knot breeze which took the fleet to the Eastern Channel AS mark and then across to Chowder Bay South AS before heading back to Manly.

Being such a nice day, there were many pleasure craft at anchor in the vicinity of our start / finish line. Fortunately, a few boats had moved by the time the first boat, *Daybreak*, crossed the finish line.

Keen to get going, *Manly Sailing-Aqualuna* and *Savannah Girl* incurred a 5-minute penalty for OCS, while *Ming the Merciless* failed to cross the finish line - so was scored DNF. Sorry *Ming*, the Race Committee showed no mercy.

The "Pied Piper", or should I say, a loveable rat led a few of the fleet passed the Eastern Channel AS Mark and onto the Neilson Park AS Mark but realised their mistake before going too far. *Ratty Tooley* did, however have a brilliant start and claimed the Peter Wilkins Starters Prize.

By the way, if you are looking for Twilight race 12 and Twilight female helm race 3 results, sadly we had another abandonment - *La Niña* just isn't playing fair!



*Daybreak out in front followed by Pompadi and Okavango Delta*



It was great to see so many people back at the club. Apologies for running out of salads - will do better next week.

**THANK YOU**

to Glenn and the crew of *Gecko* for your commitment to race duty with bub in tow.

We still need to fill spots on the various race committees so please raise your hand if you can help.

**THANK YOU**

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*Simon (Ten Sixty), RD David, Mark (Sirius), Marilina (Moonraker), Ian (Ratty Tooley)*

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Oh, Oh!



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## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE 5 18 DECEMBER 2022

Well, you could probably say that racing on Club Champs 5 was not for everyone. Of the 14 boats entered, 6 boats did not come out to play and 3 others retired during the race. It looked pretty wild out there!

*Corum* wasn't happy with the start line so decided to move it to a new position - sorry Michael and Ben, there is *always* someone with a phone when things don't go quite the way you planned.

*Lost Horizon* first in division 1 on handicap, followed by *Ludicrous Mode* and *Pensive* with *Corum* fastest around the course.

In division 2 only *Ça Va* and *Ratty Tooey* took to the course, with *Cheap Thrills* as duty boat, so AVG for them. Without the lasers racing, RO Barry made the wise decision to finish the boats on the triangles. There really was no need for the race committee to sit out in the bay waiting for the finish. With a retirement from *Ratty*, *Ça Va* was fastest around the course and 1st on handicap.

Well done to everyone who stayed the course.

**THANK YOU**

*Cheap Thrills* Race Committee - it was a challenging day.

RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1783/races>

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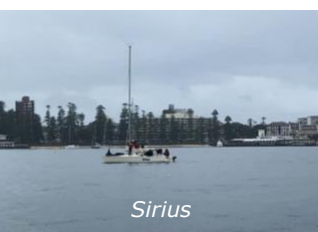


Conducted by RSYS, Race 4 looked to be a bit damp judging by the wet weather gear. Congratulations Phil Dressler on *Ça Va*, second fastest around the course and 1st in division 3 beating the *Far 1020* by less than a minute on handicap. Thank you Marg Fraser-Martin for the image.

## SUMMER SERIES RACE 1

22 JANUARY 2023

*Shear Magic*  
*Sirius*  
*San Toy*  
And  
*Jupiter*  
presented to the  
start line







# PEPPER TREE WINES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE 6 15 JANUARY 2023

RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1783/races>



The view from Carlyle - thanks Chelsea  
Division 1 start

What a sparkler of a day with a steady 15-19 knot nor'easter, getting more NNE by the end of the racing time!

Division 1 sported 9 yachts on the field with Division 2 looking to only have 3 starters until *Kaotic* charged to the start - fortunately crossing the line before the penalty kicked in.

Course 1 took the fleet to Rocky AS after the top mark and then onto Cannae before division 1 and division 2 split - division 1 to Taylor's AS and division 2 to Obelisk, before both fleets joined again at Cannae, Obelisk and on to the finish.

There were a few good wineglasses (and I don't mean the alcoholic kind), but fortunately not captured as evidence (lucky for you Bruce and Peter).

*Corum* streaked to the lead with *Mondo* in hot pursuit - Lisa finally relinquishing the helm to Stephen; with *San Toy*, *Pensive* and *Khaleesi* in close contact. So close that *San Toy* and *Khaleesi* both recording the same finish time, with *Pensive*, ultimately 2 minutes ahead at the finish but 23 seconds behind *San Toy* on handicap; *Khaleesi's* handicap putting her back into 7<sup>th</sup> place. *Corum* 1st on handicap and fastest around the course with *Lost Horizon* 2<sup>nd</sup> and *San Toy* 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 1.



Ca Va and Ratty Tooey around the top mark  
View from San Toy



Division 1 kites

In Division 2, *Ca Va* was fastest around the course with *Ratty Tooey* second fastest but first on handicap, with *Kaotic* coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> - *Cheap Thrills* having a problem on the course - newbie who got very seasick -and pulled out.

Barry's always looking for crew on his fun little Ross 830 - especially an agile foredeckie, so give him a call if you feel like a sleigh ride on his speed machine.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Peter, Muir, Colin, Gianni, Chelsea and Richard for making up the race committee at short notice.

Thank you to new members, Chelsea and Bobby, for the images.

Thank you Peppertree Wines for your continuing sponsorship. It is much appreciated.



Phil (*Ca Va*), Maz (*San Toy*), Matt (*Lost Horizon*), Michael (*Corum*), Cath (*Kaotic*), Ian (*Ratty*) and RD Mark



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**RESULTS:** <https://sites.google.com/myc.org.au/lasers/results/2022-2023?authuser=0>



*Sleepy old day*

**JANUARY 22: LASER MICRO REGATTA**

Excuse us if we drift off.  In a feeble nor'easter and then a feebler sou'easter, race officer Iain managed to squeeze in 3 heats of the Micro Regatta.



*The drifters*



*Ian and Geoff*

In the first heat there was actually a 5 (or so) knot nor'easter and Ian sailed away to take the win. Then the wind gave up the ghost – and after half an hour, it eventually came out of the SE. Iain was on it and flipped the course and again Mr Saunders drifted fastest.



*Richard on a flyer*



*Cameron and the Councillor*

In the last race there was barely any wind, and the course was shortened with Phil taking the win - pretty impressive with a Radial. The minor placings for the heats were filled by Ian, Phil, Councillor Dave and me (Geoff).

It was surprisingly tough - as crouching, stock-still, while trying to hold the boom out doesn't do wonders for the knees, back or anything else. (I may complain of aches and pains whatever the breeze, but that is my right.)



*Last race of the day as the yacht headed to the finish - random images from the bow of San Toy*



*Heat 3 winner, Phil*

Thanks to those on the committee and rescue boat for their patience. And to Andy who rustled up an impressive collection of both sausages with rolls and fine lagers. We do appreciate your efforts.

Some more sailing shots can be found here thanks Iain:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/UUNScCw8iYsGQLiE8>



*Heat 1 and 2 winner, Ian*



*View from bow of San Toy*





## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

We have lots of interesting events planned for the New Year, not least of these the Sailability NSW Conference in March, where our 5 delegates will spend the weekend discussing State issues such as the new Working With Children issues; Resilience of our State Wide Membership; the new Sailability NSW Website; branch sailing issues; and much more.

We are looking for a **NEW Editor for Signals**. If you would like to help with this satisfying aspect of Volunteering for Sailability Manly, please contact Eli at [eli@manlysailability.com.au](mailto:eli@manlysailability.com.au)

**HELP**



**WOMEN'S CHALLENGE**



Our next Regatta will be the Women's Challenge, held on **SATURDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**. Women only for the racing, which means 7 teams of two women.

We will need some of our male crew also for *Charlie's Chariot*, and for help with the rigging and de-rigging. To put your name down for this excellent Regatta with wonderful prizes donated by Helly Hansen, please see John Weaver at the next Sailing Day, or contact him at [jweaver172@gmail.com](mailto:jweaver172@gmail.com).

## END OF YEAR REGATTA

10 Dec 2022

What a fabulous day for our end of year regatta. The sky was blue, the breeze a steady 8 to 12 knots southerly, a burst of bright sunshine, and 21 smiling faces for our end of year celebration.



There was a steady stream of people in and out of the boat room, getting our fleet of all seven of the 303's ready to go, and also plenty of action on the deck as many groups were setting up for their busy day as well as Sailability. A very inclusive day, with everyone cooperating on deck to keep things moving, at the same time avoiding accidents. Each crew set up their own boat ready for the race.

Congratulations Jeremy and Ken on *Vin* first, with Denis and Nola on *Woody* with equal 4 points; *Dolly Wallis* with Warwick and Victoria in third place.

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENING

Volunteer Recognition Evening will be held at Manly Yacht Club, **WEDNESDAY EVENING, 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2023. FROM 6.00 P.M.** Please put this in your diary now, as we would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to our volunteers who work so hard to make each sailing day a success. Volunteers are welcome, and so are the people they help - carers; families; organizers; and organizations who wish to thank the Volunteers.

## AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA

26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022

A perfect day for a regatta, blue skies, a mild north westerly breeze, and 10 keen sailors put their names on the list in pairs for a closely run race.

We are getting very competitive at this, and the rigging is done efficiently and carefully to ensure that nothing goes wrong.

The first race was fast and furious, with all boats jockeying for the ideal starting position. *Vin* was first through the start line, and led the race all the way, with *Woody* in fast pursuit, but they just could not get past.

In the second race, *Black Swan* was in high contention until, with a loud creak, the mast collapsed. With a broken wing, Jonathan tried to sail home, but this proved impossible, as the sail was by then dragging in the water, pulling the boat out towards the Heads.

With a replacement mast, *Black Swan* came out for the third race and took overall third place. It was hard to beat *Vin* and *Woody*, first and second respectively.



Photo finish  
*Vin & Woody*



More images here <https://photos.app.goo.gl/vY8c6e8ktwLC4uBVA>





# PEPPER TREE WINES TWILIGHT RACE 14 20 JANUARY 2023



**THANK YOU**  
TEAM JUPITER



# TWILIGHT RACE 15 27 JANUARY 2023

Twilight 15 and the rain held off until after the racing - that's a Teudt promise!

Steady southerly breezes at around 10knots - Course 3 - Cannae, Chowder North then home. The dark clouds cleared off the pleasure craft that would normally be crowding our start line.

23 boats started - and finished. *Sirius* in 1st place despite the skipper sporting an injury due to over exuberant body surfing a few days completed the return from the Shellharbour Offshore race with *Esprit de Four* in 3rd spot. The back end of the fleet was hard pressed to catch the front runners.



Fastest around the course goes to *Mondo* beating Jupiter for that honour by 42 seconds, with *San Toy* taking out the starters prize (again) on 0 seconds. Thank you *Waterhound* crew for Race Committee duty.

**THANK YOU**

Peppertree Wines and The Quays Marine for your generous sponsorship.



Provisional Results here <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1816/races>  
More images here <https://photos.app.goo.gl/T8FLR45yxYZEaoVi7>







# MYC LASERS

RESULTS: <https://sites.google.com/myc.org.au/lasers/results/2022-2023?authuser=0>

## FEBRUARY 5: 4P SERIES 11 & 12 - APS 5 & 6

With Phil on duty it was down to The Sound. Thankfully it wasn't a nor'easter, or we would've been starting at Balmoral I suspect. Instead, thirteen boats took the gun off Dobroyd, beating into a 10 knot E Sou'easter which moved to an Easterly for the second race. The breeze was just enough to drive us through the chop and thankfully, the wing mark was wide which made for some quicker reaches.

Ian won both 4-P heats - seemingly comfortably. However, in the first race (with the handicap start) results showed Cameron was a mere 13 seconds behind and Sam only 8 seconds behind him - well sailed guys. In the second race Ian was joined on the podium by Iain and me.

Sam's effort in the first race gave him the win on handicap from Gordon who looked quick too, with Cameron in third. With some extra time gained from his 12th in the first race, Iain won the second, taking the wine from Mike and Ian.

It was good to see Ollie back, though I'm not sure skiing is the best training for sailing. To be fair, the conditions didn't suit the smaller Radial sails as Seamus was off the pace today too.

Thanks to all of those on duty (particularly for being able to untangle a mark rope from the Robbie R prop between races) and to the Skiff Club for being on hand for Mike's last-minute catering.

Their ice for our beers is always welcome too. 🙏

THANK YOU



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Iain reaching out



Seamus buzzes the start boat...



image Colin

...and at the finish



Iain - image Colin



Capitan Cameron



Sam was quick



Care for another bottle?



Phil sharing the 4P wine with Ian



Sam point-scoring



Geoff Reid - Lasers



# SUMMER SERIES RACE 2

27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023



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Finally... enough breeze to get going again after Shark Is ...  
Jupiter from San Toy

PROVISIONAL RESULTS HERE <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1789/races>

It was a race with mixed breezes and mixed strength. The race started on a 10kt nor'easter and finished on a 10kt sou'easter with a few dead patches in between. Course 6 to Rose Bay, Chowder South, Rose Bay, Shark Is and home, threw up its challenges for all competitors.

A good run up the eastern side at the finish under "big blue" saw *Esprit* finish first over the line, ultimately 1st on handicap and fastest around the course. *Shear Magic* crossed the line a little over a minute later under her black kite also scoring 2nd place on handicap. Third over line was *Okavango Delta*, sailed by four of our juniors - Will, Macie, Ollie and Charlie - with Lyn on board, and 3rd on handicap. Well done - all!

*Jupiter*, *San Toy* and *Sirius* were clearly in a different breeze and took our time getting around Shark Is, with another glassy patch near Middle Head, while the front of the fleet had their kites up and going!



Xav clearly enjoying the helming on Jupiter - added bonus... San Toy is behind

**THANK YOU**

team Ça Va for your race committee duties.



The winners ...  
Jan(*Esprit*), Michelle (*Shear Magic*), RD David, Will (*Okavango Delta*) ... Lyn, your wine is in the office ;0)





# TWILIGHT RACE 16/ TWILIGHT FEMALE HELM RACE 4

3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2023



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Twilight results here : <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1816/races>  
 Twilight female helm results here: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1817/races>

And a gorgeous night for it! A good sailing breeze, a little more than forecast but nothing to be troubled about.

Course 6 kept the fleet up in the northern part of the Harbour with a couple of loops - Cannae, Grotto, Manly West, Cannae, Grotto and home - to keep the fleet together. There were a few keen starters with 5 OCS recorded.

*Kia Kaha* were closest to the start at 2 seconds, followed by *San Toy* at 3 seconds. Fastest around the course - *Jupiter*, followed by *Pensive* and then *San Toy*.



Congratulations *Kryptonite* 1st - what a great birthday present David - *Manly Sailing-Aqualuna* 2nd and *Daybreak* 3rd.

L: *Graham* (*San Toy* - jackpot starters prize), *RD Jason*, *Peter* (*Misky* - jackpot 3rd prize), birthday boy *David* (1st *Kryptonite*), *Danielle* (2nd *Manly Sailing-Aqualuna*)



In the Twilight Female Helm Division, *Manly Sailing* almost scooped the pool. First was *Jessie* on *Supernova*, followed by *Danielle* in second on *Aqualuna*, with casual entry *Esprit*, helmed by *Jan*, in third place.

## HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR



2023

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<https://www.nbdbc.com/home/>



L: *Jason*, *Jan* (3rd *Esprit*), *Jessie* (1st *Manly Sailing-Supernova*), *Danielle* (2nd *Manly Sailing-Aqualuna*)



# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE 7

5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023



RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/1783/races>

Division 2 start - good start Kaotic

A congested start line for the division 1 fleet made for some interesting manoeuvres, but everyone crossed without incident.

Course 3 for the ESE 8-12kt breeze, took the fleet across The Sound a number of times as we Lady Bay'd and Grotto'd a few times, and for the division 1 fleet there was a dip down to Edwards thrown in for good measure.

Cannae AS to 40 Baskets AS



The handicaps seemed pretty cruel today for *Corum* who sailed a great race - fastest around the course by more than 7 minutes but pegged back to 4th place on handicap.

Congratulations division 1 winners: *Ten Sixty* - well sailed today; *Esprit* in second place and *Khaleesi*, second fastest around the course, in third place - that 720 cost you!

Division 2 saw *Cheap Thrills* on the podium in first, followed by *Ça Va*, and *Ratty Tooey* in third place.

View from San Toy



View from Carlyle



**THANK YOU**  
PEPPER TREE WINES  
**THANK YOU** race committee and thank you Mark, Scott, John and Maz for the pics.



At 40 Baskets AS - get rid of those kites

Division 2 heading for Cannae AS



Ten Sixty and San Toy



Pensive



More images here <https://photos.app.goo.gl/gj1hF4agtBNamN4M8>



The winners and on lookers





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Although photographer Marg Fraser-Martin lives in the mountains, she can be found anywhere near the water whenever there is a race on. Here is *Sirius* competing in the MYC Bedlam Cup. Follow her on FB

<https://www.facebook.com/margsyachtphotos> for more fabulous images.

**THANK YOU**

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8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023





# A NEW OFFSHORE RACE

## A GREAT ADVENTURE AND SOME LESSONS



### CONTEXT:

Jason Bond developed this new offshore, cruising race while exploring the south coast during 2020 and brought to life with the help of the offshore Race Director, Stephen Teudt, Greg Wilkins, and the Sailing Committee for the 2022/23 offshore series - Sydney Harbour to Shellharbour.

The idea was a "cruising race", 50 nautical miles down the coast to Shell Cove (just south of Shellharbour) on Australia Day. The plan is to make this an annual event.

Shellharbour? Shell Cove? ... Think Wollongong then Port Kembla, then Shellharbour and then Shell Cove. Shell Cove is a very new, machine-dug marina just south of Shellharbour.

If driving, think Albion Park and then turn east.

The race is a Cat 4, which means a day sail with the intention of getting everyone to Shell Cove in time for dinner. This strategy is based on the successful race to a destination model used for the Sydney to Pittwater race each Good Friday, with dinner at the RMYC.

### THE RACE:

The start line is between South Head (Hornby Lighthouse) and North Head.

The start time, a respectable 0900.

The wisdom of the race director included an allowance for no wind, or a slight breeze. One of the boats (*Enigma* was chosen) became the rolling start line with *Ça Va* (Peter Lewis and Phil Dressler), *Lost Horizon* (Brett Hudson) jockeying for position as we headed south under motor until the breeze reached a consistent 10kts. In actual fact this delayed start was used for a spot of morning tea or another round (to keep hydrated).

**THE FINISH LINE** ... a lesson here in design versus implementation. The design was that a bearing from the boat to Shell Cove breakwater would form the finish line.

The lesson was that the finish line needs a pin end. In practice the bias towards the farthest end of the finish line (260° from the boat), meant that the shortest distance to the finish line was to travel south east from Sydney Harbour for about 20 nautical miles.

### GETTING EVERYBODY TO DINNER ON TIME:

Because different boats would sail at different speeds, in this cruising race, each boat if they believed they would not be able to finish the race under sail and get to dinner on time, could photograph their lay/long position, log the time, and then motor the rest of the way to Shell Cove. This result would then be calculated by the handicapper to determine the overall race results. In practice, the alteration to the finish line made the calculations for the race results a lot more complex than expected.

### THE EXPERIENCE:

FROM ON-WATER REPORTER ISABEL RAWLENCE:

*Dolphins everywhere as we began the rolling start off the Heads, Enigma (Jason Bond), motored south at 6kts until 10kts consistent wind, boats in radio contact, agreed start time of 10.30am with full start sequence called by Muir Watson on Enigma; the race was on. A steady 10kts nor'easter meant the prepared and waiting spinnakers had their chance to burst into life. Enigma and Ça Va had symmetrical kites up and followed the coast approximately 5 nm offshore, Lost Horizon flew their assy which took them further and further offshore until they were quite literally lost (over the) horizon. A clear sky, hot and sunny, calm sea state; Enigma's crew of 11 quickly relaxed into racing formation: some snoozing on the foredeck in the shade of the kite or others aft under the 'racing' Bimini.*



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# A NEW OFFSHORE RACE A GREAT ADVENTURE AND SOME LESSONS

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## THE RESULTS:

Line honours to *Enigma*.

In the end, the provisional results were; *Lost Horizon* 1<sup>st</sup>, *Enigma* 2<sup>nd</sup>, *Ça Va* 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you LUXE Sailing as the race sponsor (they are an agent specialising in crewed sailing holidays or private yacht charters in Greece/Croatia, but also many other locations. Their next tour is in the Ionian Islands) and Tahe Outdoor who is the offshore series grand prize sponsor who have provided a prize of an \$800 inflatable stand-up paddleboard + offer of discounts to purchase from their SUP range for all members).



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## TOUR GUIDE TIME:

Shell Cove, a new marina-based Cove, has an explosion of infrastructure, including a large marina, Tavern, shopping centre, and numerous apartment buildings under construction. The marina manager, delightful, helpful, and keen to see us after our inaugural race to his marina. The Tavern, where dinner and presentations were held, was huge with a broad menu and reasonable wine list. Opposite the Tavern, the cafe where a scrumptious, large- serving breakfast is available.





**A NEW OFFSHORE RACE  
A GREAT ADVENTURE AND SOME LESSONS**

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**NOT THE RACE HOME:**

Over dinner, the three skippers agreed to see who could get back to Sydney first the following day based on the forecast 25kts southerly and a 3m swell.

**ISABEL:** *Enigma had just five onboard and gamely set the S4. "A heroic decision Skipper..." In a sea-state-with-attitude, some "eventful" sailing, and an "eventful" dousing, we brought the S4 down, poled out the J3 and tracked north very nicely at 8kts. The crew could breathe again. Lost Horizon jibed, converged & crossed Enigma, swapped to their symmetrical kite, pulled ahead at Garie Beach and shot ahead, this time it was Ça Va who disappeared from sight out to sea behind us.*



*Horizon finished 1<sup>st</sup>, Enigma 2<sup>nd</sup> - passing Hornby lighthouse at 5:13pm. Just as the crew started to reach for refreshments, the skipper announced we were just in time to keep sailing and aimed for the start line for the Friday Twilight race! The rain eased and we enjoyed a golden evening while keeping a watchful eye out for Ça Va's delayed return. Twilight result - Enigma 2<sup>nd</sup>!*

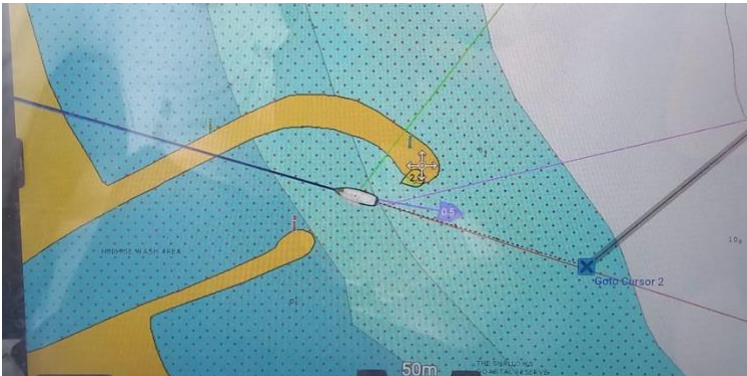
With this article are a myriad of photographs (thanks Isabel Rawlence, Cary and Lynnette Budd, Phil Dressler) to help encourage visiting this new fabulous marina facility and hopefully join the race fleet next year. Australia Day 2024 is a Friday so STD for that long weekend, experience the facilities, and unofficial return/race home sometime over the weekend.

I hope to see you in Shell Cove next year.

Cary Budd

*P.S. just to clarify any confusion, the name of the new marina is called Shellharbour Marina, located in Shell Cove, situated just south of Shellharbour, tucked in behind the new breakwater, which extends from Shellharbour South Beach. FYI - not all charts have caught up with this new development.*

More images here:  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/BEOqA3nHy7u5wvGeA>





## CREW LINK

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MYC circa 1970

## SAILOR'S REST

When my sailing days are over,  
And I sail the seas no more,  
I shall build myself a refuge  
By the ocean's murmuring shore.  
As I watch the foaming breakers  
When the tide comes rushing in,  
I will contemplate my lifetime,  
With its virtues and its sins.

Where the azure heavens  
Meets the undulating blue,  
Where the sweeping, soaring seagull  
Flies its endless quest for food.  
It is there that I would rest,  
When my work on earth is done,  
At the endless blue horizon  
'Neath the crimson setting sun.

D.R. Block

## 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**.

### UPDATE:

At the end of 2022, the consortium notified the MYC Board that this debt is forgiven. The Board thanks them for this generous gesture.

The funds already raised will go towards junior projects which will include replacement sails, hulls and other equipment as well as coaching fees.

Total raised by member contributions

**\$10,303.25**

**THANK YOU**

For your generous donations.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### ADULTS

Karrie Rose	Brad Van Dijk
Richard Lauder	Marilina Masciantonio
Bobby Summerfield	Sajj Farahani

### JUNIORS

Callum Mapson	Cooper Stephens
Jack Powning	Toby Williams
William O'Sullivan	

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Single Vineyard   'Venus Block' Chardonnay	Orange	2018	\$50.00	\$42.50		\$510.00		
Limited Release   Pinot Rosé	Wrattonbully	2021	\$30.00	\$25.50		\$306.00		
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<b>CASE SPECIALS</b>								
Mixed Case Special - 20% off retail prices	1 x Riesling   2 x Pinot Gris   1 x Chardonnay   2 x Rosé 2 x Shiraz   2 x Tempranillo   2 x Cabernet Sauvignon					\$320.00		
<b>Platinum Range</b>						<b>12 Pack</b>		
'Coquun' Shiraz	Hunter Valley	2014	\$130.00	\$110.50		\$1,326.00		
'Coquun' Shiraz	Hunter Valley	2018	\$90.00	\$76.50		\$918.00		
'Tallawanta' Shiraz	Hunter Valley	2014	\$155.00	\$131.75		\$1,581.00		
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'PJP' Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	2016	\$175.00	\$148.75		\$1,785.00		
<b>Single Vineyard Range</b>						<b>12 Pack</b>		
'Venus Block' Chardonnay	Orange	2018	\$50.00	\$42.50		\$510.00		
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'Rock Knob' Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	2019	\$60.00	\$51.00		\$612.00		
'Block 21A' Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	2016	\$60.00	\$51.00		\$612.00		
<b>Limited Release Range</b>						<b>12 Pack</b>		
'Home Block' Verdelho	Hunter Valley	2021	\$25.00	\$21.25		\$255.00		
'Casuarina' Semillon	Hunter Valley	2021	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$357.00		
'Fruitloop' Viognier	Wrattonbully	2021	\$25.00	\$21.25		\$255.00		
Viognier	Orange	2021	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$357.00		
Fiano	Wrattonbully	2019	\$30.00	\$25.50		\$306.00		
Shiraz Pinot	Orange	2019	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$357.00		
Aglianico	Wrattonbully	2019	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$357.00		
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