

HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE DAY 1

23 MARCH 2024

The Helly Hansen flag was hoisted at Manly Yacht Club on the last weekend in March for the 29th anniversary of the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge. The weather was looking soft on Saturday for the seven Hansa 303s that started the event, but a gentle south easterly breeze was just enough for the fleet to complete the 3 races scheduled.

In first place was the team of Macie Bourke and Lily Kljin followed by Sophie Lintvelt and Skye FitzPatrick in second, with Lisa Callaghan and Felicity Cameron rounding out the prizes for third place.



The sunny day created an increase in the wind shifting to the east for the fleet of O'pen Skiffs and Lasers for the afternoon's program of three windward/leeward races. The fleet was tight for the eight racers in the O'pen Skiff class with the top two sailors both on five points after the three races, with Maya Hodzic winning on a countback after two wins and Emma Webb in second place followed by Emma Tallis in third spot. Danielle Chapman had a great

day on the water winning first place in the lasers followed by Tegan Franklin in second and Lily Kljin in third.



More images by Marg Fraser-Martin [here](#)





HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE DAY 2

24 MARCH 2024



There was a record number of entries for the race on the Sunday with 42 boats from six clubs around Sydney Harbour listed across the two divisions. Conditions were looking dire in the morning with the fleet bobbing around with no wind in the Sow and Pigs starting area fifteen minutes before the scheduled start time. A call on the radio from Vessel Traffic Services announcing a huge tanker coming in the heads created another difficulty for the race committee. As the breeze filled in there was a sigh of relief with the starting gun set to go off at 1pm for division 1 just half an hour later than planned in a moderate easterly breeze. Competition was tight on the start line with boats jockeying for position but both divisions managed a clear start with only one OCS across the fleet despite the outgoing tide pushing boats closer to the line.

The Overall results in Division 1: Bridget Canham took out first place on *It Happens* with *Esprit* (Christine Mah) coming in second place and boat *Jambo* skippered by Stephanie Cook, taking third spot. In Division 2 Catherine Thornton-Rofe came in first place on *Kaotic* followed by *Melody* (Marike Koppenol) in second spot and *Ace* (Tegan Franklin) in third. Tracy Richardson took out first place for Division 1 in the All-female category in her Adams 10, *Artemis* with Division 2 All Female going to *Melody*.

The MYC Women's Challenge was the fifth and final race of the Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series, now in its third year. The collaboration between Sydney Harbour Clubs CYCA, MHYC, RSY, RANSA and MYC is now a popular staple amongst the women's sailing fraternity.

Congratulations to MHYC's Katie O'Mara and the crew of *Birubi J70* Racing taking the overall win in Division 2 of the Female helm and Tracy Richardson and the *Artemis* crew winning Division 1 of the All-female crew.

Next year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge at Manly Yacht Club highlighting the strong commitment to women and girls in sailing.

There was a great atmosphere back Manly Yacht Club for the presentation for all competitors with fabulous prizes thanks to the generous support of Helly Hansen.

A huge thank you goes to the many volunteers that pull together to make this event possible for this volunteer club. Special thanks go to Graham Radford for his vision and skills in creating the new committee vessel for the club, christened *Ready, Get Set!!!*, which had its maiden voyage over the weekend; and Marg Fraser-Martin for her commitment to capturing the action over the weekend as well as all the races in the SHWKS.



- More images by Marg Fraser-Martin [here](#)
- Results of the HH Women's Challenge [here](#)
- Results for SHWKS [here](#)

Dates for your WHAT'S COMING UP



PRESENTATION NIGHT

SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024
6pm for 6:30pm start



This is the evening that you get to congratulate the winners of the season just ending: Juniors, Lasers and Yachts - and catch up with family and crew as you reminisce about what could have been.

Come and enjoy a few drinks and nibbles before the proceedings commence; look forward to the light supper of pizzas in the middle and, maybe, Maz or Bernadette will have some sweet delights at the end of the evening.

From previous years, the cost is \$15 per adult and juniors free. More details in a follow-up email with a chance to RSVP - not required but does help with how many pizzas we order.

So, drag out your calendars, mark the date, check with family and crew and wait for the follow-up email.



**SAVE THE DATE
PRESENTATION NIGHT
SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024**

WINTER RACE COMMITTEE

By the time this newsletter hits your inbox, the season will almost be over.

However, there are six races in the winter series. Race committee duties are conducted from the club, just like the twilights.

Please, check the [planner](#) and volunteer for one of the race committee days before Anne needs to chase up for volunteers.

I'LL HELP

WINTER SERIES RACING

STARTS SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

As the summer racing winds down to a close, it's time to give your boats a little TLC before we start the Winter racing program.

Winter is often a great time on the harbour and the spacing and length of the races is just enough to keep the skill set current.

WS1 19 May 2024

WS2 02 June 2024

WS3 16 June 2024

WS4 30 June 2024

WS5 14 July 2024

WS6 28 July 2024

✿ 12 May is Mother's Day



More info here

<https://www.myc.org.au/winter-series/>



AGM SOCIAL EVENT

SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2024



Now, before you all duck for cover... the AGM is only a tiny formality of a bigger social event. If you haven't been tapped on the shoulder or volunteered to be on the Board in the next few months, there is nothing to FEAR!

So, mark the date **SATURDAY 29 JUNE** in your diary for a Winter social event.

Details closer to the date...



DID YOU KNOW?

2025 will be the **75TH ANNIVERSARY** of Manly Yacht Club. While originally formed by young sailors in 14ft Skiffs as Manly 14 Foot Sailing Club in 1950, these, now older sailors, having moved to small yachts, reformed the club as Manly Yacht Club in the 1964/1965 sailing season.

We are looking to form a small subcommittee to brainstorm how to celebrate our 75th year.

Ideas and volunteers welcome.

Club history [here](#)



TWILIGHT RACE 19 - 8 MARCH 2024

RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/2678/races>



PEPPER TREE WINES



image Lynnette Gould



Stephen & Lisa (Mondo), Ian (1st Ratty Tooley), Michael (3rd Shear Magic) with RD Jason

Unlike the last 2 cloudy Fridays, the sunshine brought out 23 boats to contest twilight race 19 in a 10-15knot Nor' east breeze, giving the race committee a good chance of finishing the boats in reasonable light. Course 5 took the fleet to Cannae, around S&P before heading to Obelisk, then Grotto and home. The course suited the smaller boats who took the first 9 places.

The race suited *Ratty Tooley* coming in first across the line,

followed very closely by *Pompadi*, with *Shear Magic* in 3rd place. *Mondo* clocked the start on 0:00 seconds coming away with the starters prize as well as fastest around the course, with *Farr N Away* just 22 seconds slower.

The fight for the top is getting tense with *Farr N Away* less that 8 points behind leader *Sirius*, with *Madama Butterfly* a potential to topple the leaders, at just under 11 points away.

RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/2678/races>

TWILIGHT RACE 20 - 15 MARCH 2024



PEPPER TREE WINES



A bit of jackpotting going on with Carlos (Crux) taking place and a starters prize, Michael (1st Shear Magic), Mike (2nd Madama Butterfly) and RD Jason

After a cloudy start to the day, the sun came out for the penultimate twilight race, making it easier to spot the finishers. Course 3 was selected for the 13-15knt SSE breeze. Two casuals made up the 19-boat fleet with *Shear Magic* coming home first, followed by *Madama Butterfly* and *Pompadi*; the short course up to Cannae, then Chowder Bay North and home, suited some of the early starters.

Farr N Away was, once again, fastest around the course with *Okavango Delta* closest to the start at 3 seconds.

With 5 drops showing and 1 race to go, can *Sirius* take out the Twilight series trophy? Less than 10 points behind; can *Madama Butterfly* hold on to second place, or will *Farr N Away* beat her to the post?



Kryptonite - image Lynnette Gould

THANK YOU



team *Ratty Tooley* on race committee duty



Bree on the bar

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Adam, Zara and Karrie in the galley



and the tender drivers.





RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/2664/races>

What a sparkler of a day to be holding the penultimate race for the Club Championship series. While most boats opted for a boat end start, casual entry *San Toy* made a bold move by starting at the pin end on port from where she successfully crossed the fleet on her way to the first mark of today's chosen course 9. The 15-18 knot NNE breeze took the fleet from the Manly laid top mark to Lady Bay, down to Taylors, up to Cannae and back to Taylors before a finish at the triangles.



Ratty Tooey sailed extremely well today to take out the handicap win for the third time in this series - well done! *Pensive* and *Sail Exchange* came in 2nd and 3rd on handicap with only a margin of 33 seconds between them on handicap.

The series scores are looking very interesting with only 1 race to go and no drops published at time of writing. By this correspondent's calculation *Ratty Tooey* and *Absolut* are sitting on 24 points each, with *Ratty Tooey* winning on a countback, and *Khaleesi* in a comfortable 3 spot on 26. *What will happen in the final race on April 7?*



Sail Exchange was fastest around the course again, giving her an unbeatable 4 wins for the Bob Greene Trophy. Well done Michael and Ben and the crew on *Sail Exchange*. With only one race to go, your closest rival to this coveted trophy is *Corum*, on 3 bullets - looks like you have a winning team whichever way you look!



THANK YOU

Thank you team *Kaotic* for race committee duties and still managing to race - well done! Special thanks to Arthur for the sausage sizzle afterwards.

More images here : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Poq7odKbMM5NZQte8>



RESULTS: https://laser.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Metros_2024_Day_2_Results_V6.html

Image Maz Radford, images by Jon West [here](#)

LASERS 4P15*/4P16 SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024



RESULTS : <https://sites.google.com/myc.org.au/lasers/results/2023-2024?authuser=0>

The 4P heats 15 & 16 (AP heats 13 & 14) were held and contested by eleven boats with Iain running the official duties.

We had a 5-6kn Easterly which proved a tricky breeze that had its usual shifts everywhere.

In the pursuit start AP heat 13 was won by Lloyd Harrison. Phil Reid won the 4P elapsed heat.



In the scratch 4P heat 16 we had Phil Reid taking the bullet on yardstick corrected time from Geoff Reid who was first over the line. Shaun O'Reilly (Really) winning the AP Point Score.



Hamish standing in for dad Iain with Phil and Lloyd



Felicity standing in for dad Iain with Shaun and Phil



The whole fleet did well in the light and challenging conditions.

Mike Franklin and Sam Jackson put on a BBQ of sausages and buns with cheese, onions and sauces with cold Reschs.

More photos here <https://photos.app.goo.gl/YhiN4b2tLPbVqbd5Z>



WOMEN IN SAILING & RANSA NETWORKING AND SPEAKERS EVENING

by Macie



I competed for the first time as a skipper in the Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series ("SHWKS") this season and really enjoyed it so it was an honour to be asked to be on the panel representing MYC at the Women In Sailing & RANSA Networking and Speakers Evening on Wednesday 27 March.

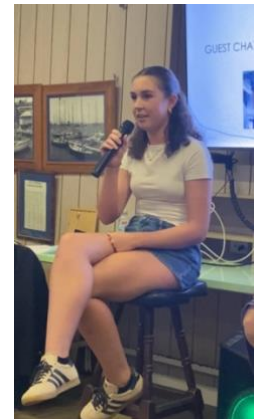
With all tickets sold, about 60 mainly female sailors attended the evening which reflected on the SHWKS series and heard from some of the competitors who participated and contributed to the overall racing. Picked from participating clubs, each speaker had their own unique contribution and perspective to share.

I was pretty nervous being on the panel, given my up and down first SHWKS season. I started the season strong coming 4th in Division 2 in the first race skippering *Okavango Delta*. For race 2, I was really excited when Lisa asked me to skipper *Mondo*. With Stephen close by and Emma and Tilly, two of my *Oka* crew on board, I finished 1st which was the highlight of my season. Race 3, I was back on *Oka* and finished 1st but was protested and, after a lot of advice and support from club members, made the decision to retire. Race 4? If you have seen Marg's photo collage, yes I crossed the line with the spinnaker pole on the same side as the main because I was heading for the start line not the finish line. Lastly, the HHWC, having the pilot on that container ship going down the harbour on his megaphone "You're not going to make it, turn back" didn't help my strategy.

I was on the first panel with Liz and Merrilee from RANSA who were loaned the Rear Commodore's yacht for the season and Ruth Lawrence from BSC, who is an Australia keelboat instructor, and owns and has sailed a S80 for many years.

Our questions concentrated on what we sailed, our crews, the benefit of sailing in such a series, some of the challenges we encountered and how we navigated through them, what we had learnt about ourselves and what we would do differently next time round.

I would like to make a special call out to Lily who supported me on the night and who was on almost every race with me. Everyone thought it was cool that the last two races *Oka* had an all teenage girl crew and I would like to thank Lily, Tilly, Ellie, Violet, Danielle and Emma for sailing with me. I would also like to thank the club for their support throughout the series especially Stephen, Lyn and Lisa.



Macie - Team Oka



Ruth - Alcamy



The second panel included Matt Bryant, Rear Commodore RANSA, Jackie Sapir, Race Officer CYCA, Katie O'Mara, MYC Women's Representative and Sara Ladd, RSYS Ladies of the Sea.

This panel concentrated more on their experience and how their clubs were getting more females on the water.

It was an interesting evening with a lot of audience participation. MYC was praised for running a full race while other clubs only ran a lap. Everyone also liked that MYC includes Sailability and the Junior and dinghy classes on Saturday making it a full weekend of female sailing. Also thank you Roger from RANSA who said that the requirement to have two adults on board would be removed from the SI which was one of the challenges I had in the series.



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE VOLUNTEERS

A lot of preparation goes into presenting an event like the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge especially for a mostly volunteer run club such as Manly Yacht Club. It starts with the Commodore, Stephen Teudt, and the Women's Challenge Race Director (who is also our Vice Commodore), Catherine Thornton-Rofe and the Sailing Committee, to manage the logistics and resources for this 2-day event.

On-water logistics requires the input of the Boats and Equipment Director, Bruce Davis, to ensure there is no overlap in use of equipment between the MYC Junior fleets and the sailing school, Manly Sailing; and that the boats and equipment are in good working order. Co-ordination with Manly Sailability, ensures that we have enough resources to support the Hansa 303 fleet. Thank you Graham Radford and David Dillon for the tireless effort to get *Ready, Get Set!!!* ready for its maiden voyage.



Inter-club networking by President Lisa Callaghan, Catherine Thornton-Rofe, Lyn Humphreys, MYC SheSails representative Helen Buckland, and the tireless efforts of Marg Fraser-Martin in promoting this event, makes it as successful as it is.

The Duty Roster Co-ordinator, Anne Immerglück, has the unenviable task of securing enough race committee volunteers for both days.

SATURDAY: Thank you Race Officer, Pam Davis, assistant Race Officers Bruce Davis and Graham Radford on *Ready, Get Set!!!* and John, Kerry, and Jeremy on *Charlie's Chariot* for the morning racing of the Hansa 303s. The afternoon racing for the Laser and O'pen Skiff fleet was overseen by Stephen Teudt, Graham Radford, Helen Buckland and Sandy on *Ready, Get Set!!!*; mark laying boat *Robbie R* with Catherine Thornton-Rofe, David Wright and our favourite photographer Marg Fraser-Martin; and head coach Johanna Bergqvist watching over the Juniors fleet. Thank you Lyn Humphreys for cooking up the snags after the racing was completed.

SUNDAY: Rinse and repeat. Thank you Race Officer Stephen Teudt, with assistance from Peter Bennell, Paul Immerglück and Graham Radford on *Ready, Get Set!!!*; Stephen Smith and Claire Rowlands on *Nigel Holman* and the hard-working Di Bridgeford pulling double shift of tender driver on *Teudt's Taxi* before changing roles as photography boat with Marg Fraser-Martin on board.

Food and beverage logistics fell to Club Manager, Barry Miflin and Newsletter Editor and Director, Maz Radford with assistance from Lyn Humphreys and the Saturday snags. Thank you also to San Toy crew member Jane Nixon, (who has only just recently joined the club) for running the gauntlet that is handing out the food without getting mobbed. Talk about being mobbed... Mark Bode and Jackie Morgan capably handled the many competitors eager for a drink after a lovely day on the water.

Thank you to Peter Bennell, Peter McDonald, Bob Morley and Maz Radford for setting up the room and for all the volunteers who did the take-down at the end of the evening; and to Graham Radford who handled the washing up in the kitchen.

Thank you also to our sponsors Helly Hansen, and Scott Sails for the fabulous race prizes; Devitt Meats for the sun-dried tomato sausages on the Saturday; the raffle prize sponsors: Pepper Tree Wines, One Stop Marine and MYC Fiesta tickets; and MHYC for the loan of the inflatable start/finish buoy.



PEPPER TREE WINES



Meats
Ph: 9913 2624



And now the job is done ... well, not quite! We hope you enjoy the wonderful images brought to you by [Marg's Yacht Photos](#) and that you'll add the weekend of **22nd-23rd March 2025** to your diary so that you can come celebrate our **30th Women's Challenge**.

OFFSHORE RACE 3 - MANLY-PITTWATER

The David Parle Cup
29 MARCH 2024

RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/2677/races>

The third outing for Ready, Get Set!! saw 12 offshore starters and a couple of cruisers for the annual Manly to Pittwater race. A late change in Sailing Instructions meant the L flag was hoisted, with competitors required to collect the NTC from the committee vessel, causing the colour to drain from a certain designer's face! On the division flag drop most competitors chose a boat end start with no mishaps. The race got underway on time in light breezes...



The shortened course NTC, collected at the start of the race, was thankfully, not required as the first boat, *Kanreki*, finished at 15:12:49 and the last boat over the line, *Kryptonite*, at 17:16:24, finished well before the cut off time.

On corrected time Michael and Ben, in their newly rechristened *Kanreki*, also took out first place, followed by CYCA entrant *My Way*, in second and light weight flyer *Khaleesi* in third spot. No crew

decisions here, as Peter did the race solo, as did Carlos in the more comfortable *Crux*, taking fourth place with a little over a minute on corrected time. There's not a lot of competition between these two friends!



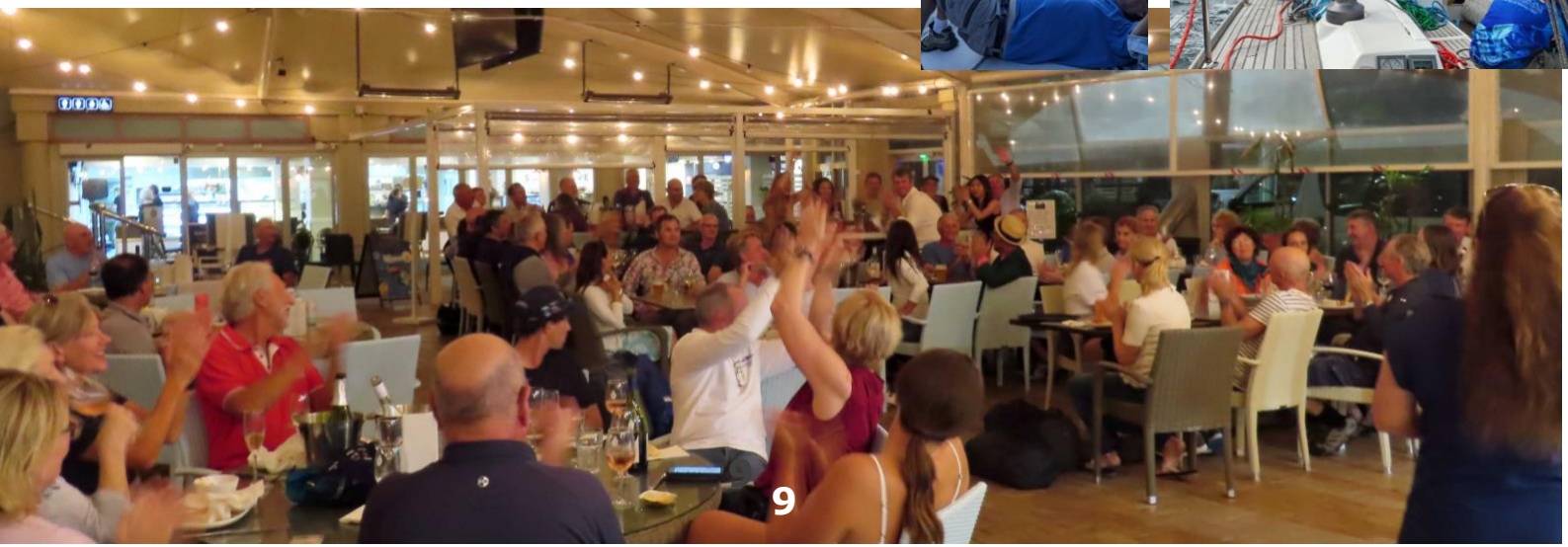
THANK YOU

The Royal Motor Yacht Club roped off a good portion of their venue for the after-race presentation.

Thank you Race Director, Stephen Teudt, RO Steve Tucker, RC assistants Steve and Mary Chiodo, and Graham and Maz Radford.

More images here

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/8xTdMzf3VcX7Cftm8>





RESULTS : <https://sites.google.com/myc.org.au/lasers/results/2023-2024?authuser=0>

LASERS CC15/CC16 SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024

Finally, the last two heats of the Club Championship and the Autumn Point Score and overall Point Score. All decided today.

Phil Reid was crowned as the 23/24 Club Champion again and produced some outstanding results throughout the season to clinch the title. He was hurled off the deck as tradition has it in dinghy sailing and should be proud of his performance.



PEPPER TREE WINES



THANK YOU



The Point Score came down to a count back between Geoff Reid and Dave Walton and Geoff Gill managed to take the cup so close with consistency in the 3rd place category.

Thanks to Seamus for directing the races and Dutchy for the feed and drinks. Special mention to Tim for making sure we had a season.

<https://www.facebook.com/manly.lasers>

WHARF REPAIR

With poles ordered for delivery on Friday and the predicted heavy rain event, it was touch and go whether the delivery would be made, but late Friday Club Manager Barry took delivery and bright and early on Saturday morning, the usual suspects-volunteers turned up to tackle the task of propping up some of the failed pylons until the DA and funding for the real wharf repairs eventuates.



You might recognise these three – Brad, Peter and Bruce from another large works project at the club - fixing the hinges on the pontoon.

Notice anything else about these blokes? They're getting a bit long in the tooth to be doing this kind of heavy lifting! (Apologies, gentlemen - just trying to get you some help).

There will be plenty more to do around the club during the years to keep us viable. So, how do we encourage younger members of the club to volunteer? Email? WhatsApp? Suggestions for how to get the word out and attendance happening, always welcome. (There's usually a fabulous morning tea to keep the workers going.) ... Ed



Barry (dealing with the latest plumbing issue), Bruce, Brad and Peter, on a morning tea break provided by Pam

TWILIGHT RACE 21 22 MARCH 2024

RESULTS HERE : <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/2678/races>

Image: Lynnette Gould



And so, we come to the end of the twilights for the 2023-2024 season ...

Twenty boats in the series, plus casual entry *Enigma*, came to the start line and fortunately, all boats finished (and were recorded) by the race committee made up of *Pensive* crew. The setting western sun made it difficult for the race committee to pick the starters but at least it wasn't cloudy for the finish, albeit a little dark!

Shear Magic finished first, followed by *Magician* and *Sirius* on the selected course 1. *Shear Magic* was also closest to the start - well done; with *Farr N Away*, once again fastest around the course.



It was touch and go with the food back at the club; always difficult to predict how many will come back; how many will eat and how many steaks are left at the end of the night. Apologies to those who missed out on salads.

Karrie, Danielle and Kinvara did an amazing job in the galley under challenging circumstances, thank you! Did anyone notice that we were rushing dishes to the bar to be washed? Due to a broken pipe downstairs, there was no water in the kitchen!

SEVEN MARATHON RACE 4 MILES 17 MARCH 2024

COFFEE ROASTERS

Two casuals and one series entrant decided that the rain wouldn't stop a race under the bridge and around a few islands.

Pensive was fastest around the course on both time and handicap followed by casual entry *Lost Horizon*, with *Absolut* the clear winner of the series.

RESULTS [here](#)



THANK YOU

Thank you Pam, Peter, Jim and Cath on the race committee. Thank you Peppertree Wines for our fabulous prizes and thank you tender drivers - I'd name you individually if I knew who you were.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE 11

7 APRIL 2024



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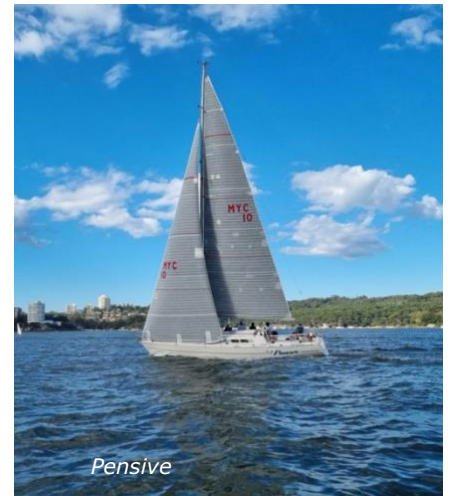
A light NNE was on promise for the final club championship race of this series. Course 1 from Reef Beach to a laid top mark, then on to Rocky before returning to Cannae and a spinnaker run to Taylors Bay, back to Cannae, Obelisk and to the finish.



Kanreki, first across the line and first on handicap was jubilant that they had beating *Corum* in the series. (*Corum* morphed into *Sail Exchange* (7709) before being rechristened *Kanreki* - well done crew).



Second place goes to *Pensive* with *Absolut* in third place on handicap. Ten boats, including casual entry *San Toy*, came to the start line and for some it was a very long race.



Provisional series results are quite tight with less than 5 points separating the winners.



RD Mark, Michael (1st *Kanreki*), Bruce (2nd *Pensive*), Ian "Revvie" (3rd *Absolut*)

THANK YOU

Thank you *Khaleesi* crew, doubling as tender service as well as race committee - a long day for you too!

Images and videos from Peter, Dmitry and Maz [here](#)



PEPPER TREE WINES



END OF SUMMER - EAST COAST LOW

5- 6 APRIL 2024

Heavy rain caused flash flooding on the Northern Beaches, which caused "flush" flooding at MYC. Sailability sailing, junior sailing, a wedding and a working bee on the wharf was all that was needed to complete the picture of a backed-up sewage system from the street, waiting for Sydney Water to come and fix. Despite the efforts of Club Manager, Barry and our plumber, Marcus the phone lines to Sydney Water were swamped due to so many other rain event emergencies.



THANK YOU BRUCE

When Bruce is not turning his hand to fixing pontoons and flagpole halyards, driving piles, chasing reports for DAs for wharf repairs, building laser dollies, repairing skiff dollies or making sure the Juniors Program is on track, he's also fixing or sourcing resources to fix the many outboard issues caused by continual use.

So next time you see Bruce, let him know you appreciate his efforts to keep this club running ... and maybe offer to help, next time...

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in the past.




Bruce and David and an errant steering cable

THANK YOU BARRY



This month...

- New cistern installed in the disabled toilet
- Soft drink fridge repaired
- Robbie R insurance switched
- Club flags purchased for start boat and Club flagpole
- Seagrass mooring service completed
- Burst water pipe downstairs repaired
- New taps, trap and SS plugs installed in the hand basin in the ladies toilet
- Grab handles installed in the ladies toilet cubicle
- New poles on order from Vic. for temp. repairs to the Club Wharf
- Wasp nests removal 
- Painting quotes being sought

And then there is the regular managing of the bar - buy, transport, stock; regular managing of other casual employees; managing supplies for the twilight season; assisting the venue hire manager; lunches for the race committees; assisting with DA and grant applications along with the garbage runs; broken tiles leading to a leaking roof and the sewer issues - it's a wonder he has time to sail!!

MY(C) GENERATION (S)

Maybe it's just me, but I've noticed our Newsletter Editor using a rather retro word of late. 'Fab'! *(just showing my age, Colin!)*

How can a simple three letter word transport me, faster than an acid flashback, to the swinging sixties?

Fantastic music! The Rolling Stones, Kinks, Animals, Who and of course the Fab Four, The Beatles. In my native Scotland a young teenage lad was bound to be caught up in the hysteria of the times and formed a band (The Four Skins), with three other young rebels. No wonder we were transported to the colonies.

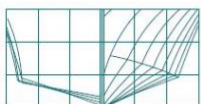
What has this to do with sailing? Absolutely nothing. It's just My Ge-generation.

Grandpa Cameron

Photo: 'The Four Skins' on the grass



One for the grandkids ... which one is grandpa Colin??



THANK YOU
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FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP
for
annual slip/clean/antifoul of
Ready, Get Set!!!





CONGRATULATIONS JUPITER CREW
 Ian Smith and Billy Sykes
 OVERALL WINNERS

Results: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/13/results/series/3047/races/22036?handicap=5>

In what must be one of the slowest races on record, 27 boats lined up for the start of the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour race and through sheer tenacity only 3 crossed the finish line.

First across the line was *XS Moment*, a fully crewed XP44, followed by Manly Yacht Club entrant *Jupiter*, a double handed J99, with the remaining boat *Transcendence Rudy Project*, a double handed Jeanneau Sunfast 330.

With the handicaps applied, Ian and Billy on *Jupiter* came out overall winners in PHS and IRC. Congratulations to all competitors for your perseverance and determination to complete the race.

Thank you RPAYC Media for use of your images.

Full report here:

<https://rpayc.com.au/pittwater-to-coffs-line-honours-to-xs-moment-jupiter-wins-overall/>



*Jupiter passing Seal Rocks Lighthouse
 4pm 23 March - image Dmitry (MYC)*



Jupiter (MYC 99 on right of pic) is one of the remaining four - Andrea Francolini, RPAYC pic



Jupiter heading to the finish and the overall win - RPAYC media pic



The Winners



CC11 onboard ...

LUDICROUS MODE

Scott Breakwell

Light winds of 7-8 knots were forecast for the final race of the Club Champs series, and the fans were excited. Hundreds - possibly thousands - gathered on the foreshores of Sydney harbour to see their heroes in action!

It'd been weeks since they'd caught even a glimpse of the team, as we'd missed the last two Summer series and last three Club Champs races.

We were still low on bodies but with light winds we felt comfortable with four - Stu on bow, Rich steering, me on main, and debutant Steve on jib sheets.

The fans' cheering became deafening as we stepped onto the boat and hoisted the burgee.

Cheers soon turned to groans as we realised the kite was still in the back of Stu's car. Some brilliant teamwork from Jules had the bag promptly delivered to the club, ready for Steve to pick up on arrival. We hit the racetrack with minutes to the starting gun and realised there was a lot more breeze than we'd bargained for! A steady 10-11 knot nor'easter stepped things up a notch, and before we knew it the starting gun had fired!

At the wrong end of the line and with limited options, we performed an advanced crash tack manoeuvre and immediately got down to business.

A short upwind leg to Manly Wharf gave us a chance to get the kite organised before the sharp turn towards Balmoral.

We'd decided to try the lower fractional halyard after the Pittwater race success. But things soon turned ugly as we couldn't get the halyard fully hoisted, leaving the kite barely skimming the surface!

Lots of head scratching as we wondered which bloody rope was actually the fractional halyard! Was it the blue one next to the other kite halyard? Or the black one next to the Genoa halyard? Had we hoisted the kite with the topping lift? Who knows??? They both seemed to run to the same point on the mast and we'd hastily chosen the blue one... a bad idea.

As we struggled for speed with the kite flying low, something had to be done. We re-hoisted the jib, dropped the kite, changed to the masthead halyard and tried again.

Boom! We were away, careening towards Balmoral trying to pick up lost ground - of which there was plenty! A nice kite jibe by Stu and soon we were rounding the mark for an upwind leg back to Cannae.

Some snappy tacks had us slowly gaining ground, but we still had plenty of work to do.

Around the top mark and it was a long kite leg to Taylor's Point, which was basically a straight line down the harbour on port jibe. A beer or two helped quench the team's thirst as it was tough work with four bodies!

By the time we reached Taylor's Point we'd gained more ground, but the fleet was so dispersed that it was hard to know how much.

Next it was another leg back to Cannae, then a kite leg to Obelisk, then home. The breeze was fading in the latter stages which meant the faster boats finished well ahead of us.

All up it was 3 hours of tough, gruelling racing. Everyone was busy the whole time and we finished exhausted!

Back to the club for more beers, our official final place was 6th - which as it turns out was our average placing for the series.

An incredibly fun day, we didn't make it to the podium but as always plenty to talk about. Maz admitted that she studies tide charts before each race, as well as shipping reports! Next level.

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