

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We're halfway through the year already – and with winter sailing well underway, I wanted to update you on what's been happening behind the scenes and share some **incredible news** about where MYC is heading next.

### Exciting News – MYC Selected for Australian Sailing's "Sail Our Way" Program!

We're proud to announce that **Manly Yacht Club has been selected as one of just five clubs in NSW** to join *Australian Sailing's* new three-year "Sail Our Way" program. This is a big deal – and a recognition of the strength and potential of our club.

This program allows Australian Sailing to partner directly with selected clubs to support coach development, strengthen club programs, and ultimately improve participation and retention across the board.

### The key focus? Equitable opportunities for women, girls, and youth.

Our club has incredible women and girls, so it's probably surprising that only 29% of MYC's members are female, below the state average of other clubs.

#### What we'll gain:

- Greater engagement and retention of members, especially our juniors
- Enhanced programs at green, intermediate, and advanced levels
- Development pathways for female and youth coaches
- Stronger connections between sailors, coaches, clubs and programs
- Improved club culture and sailing outcomes

This opportunity will help MYC achieve a brighter, more inclusive, and exciting future.

### Club Highlights & Thank Yous

- **Presentation Night** was a fantastic success, with 62 adults plus all the kids. A huge thank you to **Jan, Cath, Thomas and all the presenters** for making the night so memorable.
- **A personal thank you** to the Sailing Committee for presenting me with a special award on the night. Between being your **President** and **Twilight Race Director**, I've dedicated more time and energy to the club this past year than ever before – and I'm incredibly proud of what we've achieved **together**.

This has truly been **our biggest year yet:**

- Record **membership**
- Most ever **junior sailors**
- Most **Twilight** and **Winter Series** entries
- Largest ever fleets in the **Helly Hansen Women's Challenge**
- MYC sailors heading to the **ILCA World Masters**
- Being chosen to host the **J24 Youth Regatta, ILCA Metro Championships, and Australian O'pen Skiff Championships**



It's been a huge year of growth, and that's thanks to **every board member, committee member, race official, RSA, skipper, and crew** who gives their time to MYC. I'm incredibly grateful and proud.

This has been a truly outstanding year for MYC – and with *more coming to mark and celebrate 75 years*, we're just getting started.

Lisa Callaghan - President



# COMMODORE'S REPORT

Another sailing season is over, but that is not the end of sailing for the year with one last Winter race to do.

We have had some excellent successes this last season. The Combined Clubs Sunday Series is up and running with boats from both MYC and MHYC competing together. Our Club Championship and what was known at the Mini Regatta are incorporated into this series.

## IT'S BEEN A BIG YEAR!

- The Friday twilight fleet has had the largest number of entries ever (42).
- The Winter series also has the largest number of entries ever (32).
- The Good Friday offshore race also had the largest fleet ever with 14 boats competing this year. Boats from several other clubs joined us. The party/dinner hosted at RMYC in Pittwater was a great success.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

In the coming season we will have all of the above but in addition MYC will be hosting and running the O'pen Skiffs Nationals with 70-80 expected to compete and we will also have the ILCA (Laser's) Metros with about a 100 Lasers expected to sail with us.

The Youth program designed to get Juniors into keelboat racing is progressing well. MYC recently hosted the J24 Youth Challenge with 6 J24's racing and 30 teenagers and young people crewing and skippering keelboats.

MYC is an all-volunteer run club. It takes a minimum of 5 people to run each race. The fact that we have successfully managed to run so many series and races with just volunteers says a lot about the culture of Manly Yacht Club that we can do this so successfully. As someone joked at the recent presentation night, "maybe we should ask for everyone who didn't volunteer to put their hand up". We didn't actually ask the question, but I suspect we wouldn't have had any hands go up anyway. It is a delight to be in a club working and sailing with such a membership.

We have had the benefit of some new resources in the club this year which have helped the club run so much better. The Tender service is up and running providing a convenient way for members/crew to get to and from their boats. The new Committee boat *Ready, Get Set!!!* has lived up to all expectations. And we have new MYC marks. They are bigger and at least you can see them now, especially when they are laid in The Sound.

See you on the water.

Stephen Teudt - Commodore



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## ARE YOU READY? Committee boat *Ready, Get Set!!!* is!

Our wonderful sponsors - Castlecrag Marine - have slipped and anti-fouled RGS in preparation for the new season and boy does she look ready to go.

Chat to Stewart about your next slipping, mechanical, electrical, rigging or other boating needs and be sure to thank him for sponsoring the slip/anti-foul for *Ready, Get Set!!!*



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## A Note from the Editor



Dear Readers,

I know you've missed me, ha ha!

Apologies for the length of this newsletter but I haven't been around much, and when I have, I've been busy with your next MYC handbook.

So here is a roundup of what's happened since the April newsletter, and a reminder to get ready for the next sailing season starting on **16 August** with the Equipment Audit, followed by the Skippers' Safety Briefing before sailing begins for the ILCA fleet on Father's Day and the yachts kick off with a club champs and combined clubs race on 21 September.

Maz

## WILL YOU BE READY FOR SATURDAY 16 AUGUST?



### EQUIPMENT AUDIT DAY Saturday, 16 August, 9am-1pm

The day where all yachts competing in any MYC (or any other clubs' event) get their yachts checked to ensure they meet appropriate Category requirements as defined in the Australian Sailing Special regulations.

For MYC to race inshore you will need a current Category 7 certificate, and to race in the MYC offshore events you will need a Category 4 certificate.

You can find information on the requirements here:  
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/>

Compliance Forms here:  
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/equipment-auditing-forms/>

Our Chief Auditor (Kimbyl) will be sending all skippers an email on the MYC requirements on the day soon. The main thing that the auditors want, is that you be well prepared on the day of the audit. Don't make it a "last-minute" thing or you will be wasting the volunteer auditors time.



### MYC SAFETY BRIEFING TUESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

#### THIS IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL SKIPPERS

You can attend in person at MYC or watch the video later. Either way you will have to sign a declaration afterwards. It is a reminder on Col Regs and RRS obligations and local rules of Sydney Harbour to do with ferries and big ships. This year we will also be covering some changes to the MYC general regulations of sailing which can affect every skipper. It's not a bad idea for crew to attend too. For context, every club in the harbour runs these sessions, not just MYC.



### INVITATION

TO LEARN AND/OR UPGRADE YOUR  
RACE MANAGEMENT SKILLS

#### RACE OFFICERS' COURSE SATURDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2025

THEORY in the AM | PRACTICAL in the PM

Please come along to either learn new skills or, use it as a refresher if you have done this course previously. It will be in two parts (both on the same day). The morning session is theory, and, in the afternoon, it will be an on-water practical using the Club's brand-new committee boat "Ready Get Set".

Please register your interest by contacting Stephen at  
[commodore@myc.org.au](mailto:commodore@myc.org.au)

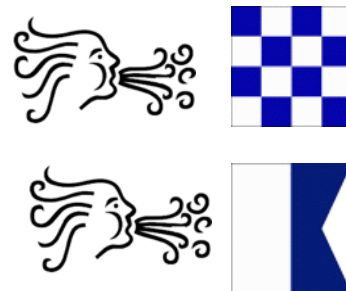


The new handbook is at the printer and should be available on Equipment Audit Day.

A digital version has been uploaded to the MYC website [here](#).



## WINTER SERIES RACE 1 18 MAY 2025



### WELL THAT WAS A BUMMER...

Sailing is a funny sport, as success depends on some pretty specific factors. Sailing is a skills sport, it's an equipment sport and to add another unwieldy angle, it's a weather dependent sport. To do well, a person must be able to interpret Mother Nature's sometimes gentle and sometimes violent mood swings.

Last Sunday's Winter Series Race 1 was one of the more aggressive prospective sailing days on our beloved Sydney Harbour. The forecasts were all pointing to an Abandonment, but of course as mere humans, our arrogance abounds. Our devoted volunteers from *Pompadi* arrived at the club early, the course was chosen, and crews were working their way out to their boats. We all wanted to get out onto the water and race, but Mother Nature was not having any of it.

It was obviously going to be a challenging race day as the wind was slowly building, precisely to all the predictions. After a flurry of phone calls and discussions, we reluctantly decided to pull the pin. Later that day it hit 30 knots at the Wedding Cake.

Race 2 is on June 1st, so keep your powder dry, your beer cold and we'll see you on the start line in a few weeks. Hopefully in more favourable winds.

### HAVE WE MENTIONED THE WINTER SERIES PRIZES YET?

Let's start with **Clarity Cruz Wine Merchants**, who have kindly provided us with bottles of wine for each prize giving. They 'celebrate craftsmanship, artistry and passion behind every bottle'. We'll look forward to raising a glass.

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



Then we have Brown Brothers' Dessert Wine for each race day. Better known as 'Peter Wilkins Starters Prizes', these little beauties are kindly donated each year by Greg Wilkins for yachts starting closest to their allocated start time.

# KIESER

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Kieser Australia, who were one of our Helly Hansen Women's Challenge sponsors, are also joining our Winter Series. Each race day, they will be providing a \$100 voucher for their physiotherapy and strength training services. Not to mention, a valuable series prize drawn from the barrel.

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And that's not all...

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<https://www.coralexpeditions.com/>

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**Now if these prizes don't tickle your fancy, I've got even more prizes up my sleeve.**

## WINTER SERIES RACE 2 - 1 JUNE 2025



RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3766/races>

How was that for a nice day on the water?

The possibilities of another abandonment were on the cards. Again, there was a flurry of discussions in the race office about wind predictions. With a max of 6 knots, and an average of 4, it could have led to a 'no-go' drifter before or even during the race.

But the decision to pick a course that could be shortened off the club was a goodie. Straight up and straight back was a good call. Even though a couple of times during our work down the harbour, many of the fleet were on the verge of being becalmed.

It was a windward start and getting beamy from the east as we approached the Nielsen Park mark. As the breeze shifted, there was a flurry of last-minute spinnakers being raised off Vacluse. Fortunately, there were no run-ins with the CYC winter fleet, so this end of the harbour was ours to play in.

On the way back, the predicted sick nor'easter zephyred in, so by Sow & Pigs it was on the nose again. Some yachts forgot to study the Sailing Instructions regarding a shortened course (PAM was one of them), even though our volunteer RO's reminded the fleet twice during the race via channel 72.

As per the Twilights, this style of off-the-club triangle starts and finishes really takes the heat off our volunteer army not having to launch support boats. But the same issue raises its contentious head with this style of finish. Yachts finish too far to the west of the projected finish line, therefore not within the finish line! I may consider planting a volunteer on the corner of the Manly Pavilion building with a beer, binoculars and a radio to report those out of bound finishers.

The moral to that story is: finish with the beach right in front of you and you won't get dinged 5 or 10 minutes. Also, in case of any finish time inaccuracies, take your own time and note the boat finishing near or next to you.

All in all, it was a great turnout with a fun prize giving back at the club. We were thrilled to have *Margot*, a beautiful 5.5 from Vacluse join us and to also see Gemma, from our sponsor Coral Expeditions, on the water.

Now it's onto Race 3 on Sunday 15 June 2025. Clarity Cruz Wines and Brown Brothers' Dessert Wines will be part of prize giving again, plus 2 x \$100.00 vouchers from our sponsor Kieser Physiotherapy will be pulled out of the barrel.

Of course, none of this could happen without our volunteers. Behind the scenes there are probably 10 to 15 people each race that take on a task that lightens the load for race organizers. You know who you are, and we are grateful for your help.



Viva Manly Yacht Club!

Peter Mac - Winter Series





24 MAY 2024





## 2025-2026 BOARD



Lisa

Maz

Stephen

Catherine

Martin

Sarah

Bruce

Dear Members,

Thank you to the 40+ people who completed proxy forms and the 30+ who braved the wild weather to attend the AGM. It was a fantastic turnout and a real show of support for the club.

I'm pleased to report that all motions were passed.

Let me now introduce your Manly Yacht Club Board for 2025/2026:

- President – Lisa Callaghan
- Vice President – Maz Radford
- Commodore – Stephen Teudt
- Vice Commodore – Catherine Thornton Rofe
- Treasurer – Martin Hastings
- Membership Director – Sarah Richardson
- Club Captain – Bruce Davis

We're especially excited to welcome two new directors this year —Martin Hastings and Sarah Richardson — who bring deep expertise and a fresh perspective to the board.


- Martin Hastings has been sailing since he was 15, is also a Dragon Boater, and sails on *Mondo* and *Esprit*. He does most of his sailing out of CYCA with the same crew since the 1980s. Martin is the current Finance Director of the NSW Dragon Boat Association and has previously held the national role. With over 15 years' experience as a not-for-profit finance director, and a career in finance and event management, Martin brings tremendous financial and governance experience to the club.
- Sarah Richardson is new to sailing, having learned on Xavier's yacht *Solace* and now sailing regularly with Garth on *Sirius* and *The Gambler*. She is the Founder and Director of the Australian Loyalty Association and has built loyalty and membership programs for some of Australia's largest brands. Her late ex-husband — and father to her children — learned to sail at MYC at 17. He sadly passed away two months ago, and Sarah has chosen to contribute to the club in his honour. Her expertise will be instrumental in helping us deliver more value to members and in fostering long-term connection to MYC.

I'm genuinely excited about the year ahead and proud to welcome a board with such depth, passion and professionalism.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to David Lewis, who steps down after 22 years of service as a Director, including three as President and two extended terms as Treasurer. His leadership and commitment have left a lasting legacy.

Thank you again for your support — see you on the water soon!

Warm regards,

Lisa Callaghan  
President Manly Yacht Club 

**THANK YOU**

## MYC 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA BALL

Saturday 6 September 2025

<https://www.myc.org.au/latest-news/75th-anniversary-gala-ball/>



We'll be seeing more of our new sponsor, Kieser in the next edition of the newsletter

[kieser.com.au](http://kieser.com.au)

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## DID YOU KNOW?



Manly Yacht Club has a number of fund-raising campaigns to support the operations of the club.



These can be found on the  
[Australian Sports Foundation website](https://www.ausportsfoundation.org.au/)

All donations are tax deductible

Currently Manly Yacht club is looking at:



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There were many jobs on the Manly Yacht Club working bee list ... and quite a few got scrubbed off!

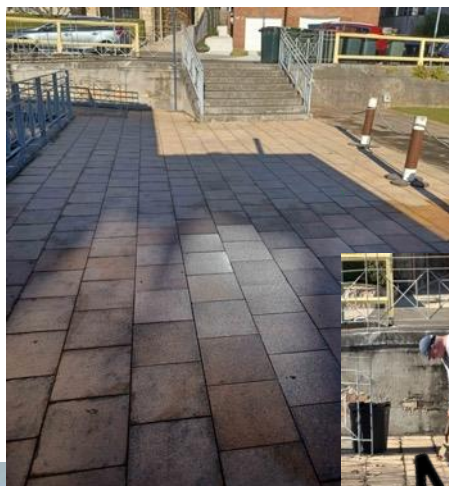
A big day and plenty achieved:



- \* The buffer at the end of the jetty reinstalled
- \* Stairwell walls cleaned
- \* Pavement area out the front door weeded and jet washed
- \* The backyard downstairs cleared and green binned
- \* Kitchen cupboards and contents cleaned out
- \* Skirting boards spot painted
- \* Deck beams washed down and part painting completed
- \* Gents ceiling scraped down and painted
- \* Concrete ramp jet washed



Top morning tea provided by Maz - all in all a massive amount of work completed.



A BIG  Thank YOU

Thank you Barry, Peter Mac, Stewart, Jane, Andrew, Pam, Bruce, Dave Wright, Dave Walton, Phil, David A, Graham, Gianni, Martin, James for today's effort. A special shout out to Arthur who tackled the kitchen benches, fridges and cupboards surfaces earlier in the week while Barry looked after the backyard.





## WINTER SERIES RACE 3 - 15 JUNE 2025



RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3766/races>

### A Winter's Day

Last Sunday was a real test. A test of skills, a test of patience, and a test of commitment. All these were in abundance during this most salubrious of occasions: MYC's Winter Series Race 3.

Before the race, much ado was had back at the Situation Room in the club's sailing office. In the lead-up to Race 3, eyes were glued to websites such as Sea Breeze, Bom etc., all with ominous signs of "We haven't got a clue" prediction.

So, the committee chose old faithful Course 1; straight up and straight back. But even this eventuated in most boats enduring wallow-mode.

We on PAM chased a westerly zephyr over into Obelisk Bay (bad move), while the smarter in the fleet ran south past Camp Cove, Watson Bay and Bottle & Glass in a meagre easterly. This paid off with a few going for a flaccid kite-run.

The fleet were constantly scouring the horizon for tell tail signs of breeze, all the while keeping a watchful eye on the CYC fleet who were scattered all over the harbour. Then over the radio we heard that the CYC had abandoned the days racing.

At this stage, you would think this was the perfect time for MYC to do the same, but you'd be wrong. In true MYC tradition, true grit and unwavering stupidity saw us soldier on. The breeze (sort of) came in from the North East and the fleet made its way back to Manly West mark. The final turn for home (or so we thought), saw most of the fleet parked instead.

This didn't faze our intrepid fleet who were only a stone's throw away from a triumphant finish. Eventually everyone ghosted over the finish line - well done. A successful race was had by all, unlike all the other clubs that quit. Consider this good practice for those Twilight drifters coming up this spring.



Now down to some housekeeping:

1. Is everyone flying an MYC burgee? If not, we have plenty at the club for sale.
2. Our race committee volunteers would like to remind competing boats not to hang out in the start zone before 5 minutes, as it's hard for them to spot sail numbers to record your start. They would also like to thank boats staying east of the imaginary line running south from Manly Pavilion during the finish.
3. After the race, we'd love to see you on the deck for beverages, sausages, prize giving and some Bar Karate with your MYC compadres.

Winter Series Race 4 is on the 29th June, so turn on VHF 72, read your sailing instructions and grab some ice to keep the beers cold.

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Peter McDonald/Jim Nixon  
Winter race directors





Another year has passed, and I can't tell you enough how proud I am of all our junior sailors. Watching our Silver Fleet merge with our Gold Fleet, how our Youth Fleet of ILCA sailors stepped up and became role models for our younger sailors, and how we needed to add an extra day of sailing a week to accommodate all our new Green Fleet sailors—has been a pure joy.

But the best part of it all has been to see the friendships forming between our juniors and youths. They may not have paid it too much attention themselves, but for someone who's seen them go from strangers to friends—from "sailing friends" to the type of friendship I know can last a lifetime—well, it's the greatest gift a coach can ask for.

I am a strong believer that the only way to succeed in your sport—and to keep doing it year after year—is to have fun doing it, and what better way to have fun than with your friends?

With that said, I hope we'll see another season full of kids having fun together— both on and off the water—when we kick things back up in September.

*Johanna Bergqvist*  
Head Sailing Coach





# J24 YOUTH CHALLENGE

## 22 JUNE 2026

Results: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/4629/races>

MYC proudly hosted the J24 Youth Challenge, a celebration of the next generation of sailors. With a strong fleet of six J24s and nearly 25 sailors aged under 25 competing, was an exciting and inspiring day on the water.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Lyn Humphreys, a long-standing champion of youth sailing at MYC. Lyn, your tireless dedication to building a pathway for young people to stay involved in our club and our sport is nothing short of remarkable.

Thank you Vice Commodore Catherine Thornton, Dave West, Scott McCarthy, John Crawford and Anthony Poole for generously donating their time and boats to train and support these young crews in the lead-up to this event.

This was a truly member-led initiative, and I couldn't be prouder. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in making it happen.

Thank you Marg Fraser-Martin for your fab coverage of the event.

Lisa Callaghan - President



Congratulations Will, very fitting, being on Ace - after 1 drop - all aces. Seems to have been quite a tussle between you and Innaminka, with Josh a reasonably consistent 3<sup>rd</sup> place on Kaotic.

Well done everyone who competed - looked like a fun day!

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



# VALE

## HUGH TREHARNE OAM

1940-2025



Manly Yacht Club joins the broader sailing community in acknowledging the passing of a remarkable sailor and tactician, sailmaker and mentor to generations of sailors.

Manly words have been written about Hugh and his lifelong contribution to sailing.

- Keeping the History of Yachting Alive <https://boatgen.com.au/Hugh%20Treharne>
- Tribute from Australian Sailing <https://www.sailing.org.au/news/vale-hugh-treharne-oam>
- Tribute from CYCA <https://cyca.com.au/hugh-treharne-oam-vale/> to mention a few.

Here is a tribute from club member Peter McDonald:

### THE PASSING OF A LEGEND

As the passage of time slowly wears away our memory, historical milestones become less relevant in our lives. Generation to generation, moments that at the time seemed to define society, don't seem so inspiring, so dramatic.

I suppose this is the time-old occurrence each generation faces. What I found important, is not so important to others.

As we are all dedicated and proud members of the sailing fraternity, occasions that extoll the exploits and virtues of members of our sporting family, are big and shape how we look at our sport.

We historically have the Big 3 of the sailing achievements.

I would argue none bigger than America's Cup, Admiral's Cup and of course, our beloved Sydney to Hobart.

Here are just a few more super competitive international challenges:

- The Kenwood Cup
- The Half Ton World Championships
- The Three-Quarter Ton World Championships
- The One Ton World Championships
- The 16 Foot Skiff Championships
- The 18 Foot Skiff Championships



I could go on until I filled this page.

What do all of these and many others have in common? What one common thread ties them all together? One fella reached the pinnacle of all these challenging and ridiculously competitive competitions. Winning everything mentioned and more, much more.

Balancing this talent while running a thriving business, being a great family man, mentoring hundreds, while at the same time keeping a quiet, laconic, larrikin attitude was impressive. Qualities all Aussie's admire.

This bloke was a sailing savant, a boat builder, a sailmaker and a yacht designer. Big boots to fill, but maybe we don't need to fill them. So once in a while when you're on a winning tack, in a great little breeze, out in front for a fleeting moment, surrounded by your mates, give him a nod. That way he will not be forgotten.

The bloke I'm talking about is Hugh Treharne.



RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3766/races>

## Let's try Grotto

"I think we might get a half decent little breeze", was a quote heard from one of our erstwhile volunteers as we were setting up on the clubhouse deck before Race 4. Light-air sailing seems to be a trend this winter series, but at least we've managed to successfully finish 3 out of 4 races.

We decided to throw in Course 7 just for laughs. It has the old faithful Neilson Park mark, and to flummox competitors it has Grotto in there as the next mark. This meant the fleet had to negotiate the 'Zone of Death' under Middle Head on their way to Grotto. Some boats cruised under the 'Cliffs of Judgement' with no ill effect, while some stood up and wallowed after venturing too close.



*Stock Car* had a scorcher of a race coming first in division 2. Meanwhile in division 1, *Ten Sixty* snatched a well-earned first in gentle but tactical conditions. While on the mighty *Pam*, going the wrong way seems to be our forte this winter.

In the overall standings *Esprit* is leading division 1, closely followed by the giant killer *Kia Kaha*, with Ashton's rabble on *Absolut* nipping at their heels.

Division 2 has its own battles going on with *Stock Car* only 3 points ahead of *Cheap Thrills*, and *Magician* within striking distance. If *Fast Company* sails a blinder, they could easily make it onto the podium.



For the next race Sea Breeze is predicting what could be a really nice 10 to 12 for Sunday, albeit a westerly of sorts. It's a tad early to get too excited about a good consistent little breeze though. It does give us the option of sending you all up the other end of the harbour and using more than 2 AS marks during the race.

So, remember to stay out of the Start Area until it's within your 5 min starting time, take your own finishing time (just in case), read the sailing instructions, get the fridge cold, count your lucky stars and remember how fortunate we all are.





## WINTER SERIES RACE 5 13 JULY 2025

RESULTS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3766/races>

Race 5 ... rinse and repeat! So, we are at the back end of the series with one race to go ... Race 1 abandoned for both divisions; shortened course for Race 2, 3 and 4 and abandoned for division 1 in race 5.



To say that the wind was less than optimal would be an understatement. With inverted battens at every tack or jibe, *San Toy* struggled through the fleet chasing division 2 leader Dave West on *Ace*. From a distance, *Ça Va* looked to be anchored off Cannae Point, waiting for the rest of the fleet to catch up and eventually got moving as what little breeze there was, was brought down to them. The slop in The Sound was enough for the crew on *Cheap Thrills* but Barry persisted until the end, being only one of six boats to complete the division 2 course out of the 12 division 2 boats on the water. This brought him up the leader board into second place, only half a point behind *Magician V*, knocking *Stock Car* off into third place.

The division 1 fleet persisted, but eventually the retirement call could be heard from a number of boats. Not for *San Toy*! Just short of Nielson Point AS another

attempt to "pop" the battens resulted in a decision to drop the sail; manually "pop" and then re-hoist on the other side. As the crew began to hoist, the announcement over the VHF to abandon division 1 was heard. *San Toy* claims a moral victory for being first to Nielson ... almost.

With 2 abandoned races for division 1, it looks like Jan on *Esprit* will hold the lead, but *Pam* and *Absolut* might still have a tussle into 3rd place while *Kia Kaha* needs a blinder to topple *Esprit*.



Results here:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3766/races>

More images here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/JHC5i8nhBJhP7ejx6>



15 WINE MERCHANTS





# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE 10 | COMBINED CLUBS SUNDAY SERIES RACE 11 13 APRIL 2025



PEPPER TREE WINES



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Results CCSS: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/27/results/series/3777/races>

The weak breeze, ostensibly from the NE made for a long race utilising Course 1. There were hopes on some boats that a shortened affair would result ...but no... all racers made it back before the time limit.

Starting in Hunter Bay 10 MYC boats plus casual entry *Cheap Thrills*, contested the field with *Farr N Away*, *Nawi* and *Innaminka* from MHYC boosting the fleet by 3.

A lively start for division 1, with one boat a bit too keen and unfortunately not recognising the individual recall, scoring OCS, otherwise it would have been a brilliant race for them.



*Khaleesi* sailed extremely well and left the rest of the division 1 fleet in her spray, coming first across the line and first on handicap. *Kanreki* followed suit, with second across the line and second on handicap, with *Mondo* third across the line but not on handicap. The wardrobe malfunction at Edwards, may have contributed, but takes nothing away from *Absolut* in third spot on handicap. Final series results (subject to Presentation Night) has *Khaleesi* as Club Champions, *Absolut* second and *San Toy* in third spot.



With the series results in mind, it was a battle between *Kia Kaha* and *Ça Va* in division 2. It just needed a few more boats to make it interesting. *Kia Kaha*, first across the line and on handicap followed by *Ça Va* and *Kaotic* in second and third on handicap. After drops *Ça Va* takes out division 2 with *Kia Kaha* in second and *Kaotic* in third place.



PEPPER TREE WINES



In the final Combine Clubs Sunday Series (CCSS) series score: *Khaleesi* first, then *Absolut* and *Farr N Away* in division 1, and *Kia Kaha*, *Kaotic* and *Ace* - 1, 2 and 3.

Thank you race committee and all race committees from MHYC and MYC in this joint enterprise. Well done all and hopefully we will see more boats in the second iteration of this series starting September.

More images here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/nmDfTdTth3vLQJ766>





13 APR 2025 - CC15/CC16

Results : <https://www.myc.org.au/results-lasers/>

Image Colin Cameron

Excellent day on the Harbour for the last day of racing for the 2024/25 Season. Wind 8-12 knots from ENE, about 26 C and the warm water we get before May.

Both Club Championship races to complete the season. We had 14 boats turn up and Sammy on her maiden RO duty to run the fleet. Sammy didn't disappoint and champions were crowned.

The first race saw just about every hull have a turn as race leader before the top mark. In the end Dave Walton rounded first, followed by the usual suspects.

In the end Geoff Gill got the gun in a great performance, followed by Iain Cameron and Philip. Sean O'Riley won the race on corrected time and has won a few this season, well done.

In the second race, Philip took the win with Iain Cameron 2nd and Dave Walton 3rd. Philip managed to snag the handicap win only because I was in 2nd place and tracked just before the finish and lost the sheet for a couple of seconds, that was enough to drop to 4th and let him through!

At the end of the day, Dutchy put on an excellent Catering Cup performance with a 20-hour slow cooked Brisket accompanied by a selection of bread rolls and Coleslaw.

The presentation also included Ian Saunders taking out the Autumn Point Score series to add to his Spring Point Score victory, fantastic effort in a Big Rig.

The Keg Cup came down to the last race and was won by Dave Walton (unofficial), 3 points ahead of Hoppo & Gordon. Hoppo had it in his sights but as sailing does, can take it all away, just like that. Gordon will be soul searching for a few days but will come good.

The Club Champion for 2025/25 was crowned and Philip Reid was the proud recipient. Phil sailed a master class this season, after drops had all bullets. Phil is one of my best mates and has focused a lot on this win and planned out nicely. A special mention is in play to Iain Cameron who won a lot of races this season but missed the mark with a Big Rig.

Next year is a massive season at MYC for our ILCA fleet with competition getting tighter and Manly hosting the Metropolitan Championships in March 2026! It will be all hands to make this a great event and put our great Club on the map. Hopefully Evie Saunders will be in town for the showdown.

Thanks to everyone this season for getting involved and being involved. Personally, I love mucking around in boats on Sundays and having a laugh or two with the characters you, are over a couple of competitive races and a few beers. I always learn something.

See you at Presentation Night on 24th of May, no doubt the Waratahs will be playing as well!

(From Facebook ... Ed)





### VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION DINNER

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by those attending our Volunteer Recognition Evening held recently at Club Totem.

President Warwick McKenzie, as MC welcomed all guests, including Northern Beaches Mayor Sue Heins and David Walton, representing James Griffin.

Following a delicious dinner provided by Club Totem David Webb spoke about the origins and history of Sailability and the formation and development of Manly Sailability specifically, primarily through the hard work and drive of Eli Demeny.

Sue Heins and David Walton then gave short speeches acknowledging the efforts and dedication of all volunteers, including those of Manly Sailability, to the betterment of the community.

The main purpose of the Volunteer Recognition Evening was to recognise the invaluable contributions made by our volunteers – and to award those who have gone above and beyond, and after the speeches Warwick presented the following trophies to our very worthy recipients:

**Volunteer of the Year** : Brian Stitt

**Junior volunteer of the Year**: Sophie Lintvelt

**Sailor of the Year**: Michael Burnett

**Improved Sailor of the Year**: Petra Bedacht



Brian



Sophie & Warwick



Petra

The night concluded with a few words from Warwick, with special thanks to Eli for organising such a successful and enjoyable event.



Manly Sailability is looking for more volunteers to help give disabled participants a chance to sail in Manly Cove.

Find out more here: <https://www.manlysailability.com.au>

If you think you'd like to help please contact Warwick McKenzie:

Email: [warwickmckenzie@yahoo.com.au](mailto:warwickmckenzie@yahoo.com.au) Mob: 0416 295 461

Could be a good project for a D of E participant like Sophie above, or someone who has spare time on their hands and would like to spend time on the water.

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## END OF SEASON REGATTA

For the final regatta of the season our sailors enjoyed a cool but sunny day, with a challenging 8 knot westerly wind, gusting to 15 knots at times. Once again Bruce and Pam officiated as the race committee aboard *Ready, Get Set* and the sailing was close and very competitive.

The overall winners of the regatta were Denis and Nola, with Jeremy and Gracie second and Michael and Ros in third place. John and Joe finished fourth, followed by a tie between David and Jenny and Helene and Skye, followed by Warwick and Kerry.

Despite the variable conditions, a great day was enjoyed by all who participated. An important part of the success of the day was the professional management of the races by Bruce and Pam Davis and the support provided by Jim and Clare on *Charlie's Chariot*.

Following the lunch, we presented the Wayne Black trophies for most consistent and successful skipper and crew over the three regattas to Denis and Nola. Congratulations to them both, and our thanks to all who contributed to making our End of Season Regatta such a fun filled success.

## CHARLIE'S CHARIOT ANTIFOULING

As any boat owner will tell you, boats are in constant need of maintenance and repair and ours are no exception. Brian, David and Warwick regularly repair any damage our sailing boats may suffer, during our sailing season. Several of our team have recently completed essential maintenance on *Charlie's Chariot*, ensuring its seaworthiness for the year ahead.

Our dedicated team of volunteers diligently water blasted, scraped, and repainted the hull with antifoul, leaving it gleaming and protected.

Special thanks to David, Brian, Warwick, Peter and Jim for their hard and dirty work, and thanks also to Pittwater Marine for servicing the outboard motor. With our boats ready for action, we look forward to the winter sailing ahead!



## ELI DEMENY OAM HONoured

Our esteemed Eli has recently been honoured by Warringah Rotary with their "Pride of Workmanship" award for her long-time service to the community through her volunteering.

Eli was a founding member of Manly Sailability and for 27 years has been the driving force behind the organisation. In 2009 she was recognised with the awarding of an OAM for services to people with a disability.

The Rotary Pride of Workmanship Award is a recognition of outstanding qualities of dedication, involvement and commitment in the community. Congratulations Eli!



# THE CLUB COMMITTEE AT WORK



## WHAT IS GOING ON?

The pontoon kept sinking after bad weather, and while Peter McDonald and Bruce had pumped it out a few times, clearly something was wrong.

They finally found a crack that allowed the pontoon to fill up with water when the waves got too big. In order to repair this, it had to be plastic welded, so had to be removed.

Colin Binet and Bruce managed to get it out by standing on the sinking pontoon to further sink it under the framework. Not easy but success. Not so easy getting it back in place after repair.

This required removal of some of the framework, but unfortunately one key piece of timber dropped out and didn't float, ending up on the bottom. Luckily, Finn came to the rescue, stripped off and dived down to retrieve it, which was really appreciated as this allowed work to continue. Ropes were tied onto key bits from then on. Bruce with help from Pam filled the pontoon with water and tried to lever it under the structure, which proved very difficult. Just at that time Robert Chapman and his brother from *Knotty But Nice* returned from sailing and helped lever it into place.

Bruce bolted to the framework and pumped out some of the water, leaving the rest of the pumping and replacement of the timber decking to Peter McDonald. Thanks to all – what a team effort!

THANK YOU

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## VALE DAVID HAY MBE 1933-2025



Dear Jean,

On behalf of the members and board of Manly Yacht Club, we would like to extend our deepest condolences to you on the passing of your beloved husband, David.

Your unwavering support for our club over the years has always been deeply appreciated, and we remember with gratitude your advocacy for our Development Application in 1998. We also fondly recall the connection between your family's shop on the Corso and MYC, where so many of our trophies were sourced in the 1960s and 1970s. These ties have made your family an enduring part of our club's history.

Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

A tribute to David in from the Northern Beaches Advocate

<https://www.northernbeachesadvocate.com.au/2025/05/12/vale-david-hay-mbe/>



Jean Hay AM with president David Lewis  
at the ribbon cutting ceremony  
celebrating MYC rigging deck completion  
- Dec 2013





## ASX REFINITIV CHARITY REGATTA CALL FOR YACHTS!



I'm reaching out regarding one of Saltwater Veterans Sailing Project's (SVSP) major fundraising opportunities for the year—the 2025 ASX Refinitiv Charity Regatta at Middle Harbour Yacht Club on FRIDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.

We're encouraging Manly Yacht Club members to get involved by volunteering their yachts for the regatta. Each suitable yacht provided unlocks a charitable donation to SVSP equivalent to the vessel's comparable charter fee—directly supporting our veteran sailing programs.

This is a fantastic way for MYC members to enjoy a day of sailing while contributing to a great cause, with their participation also helping 15 other charities as part of this national fundraising effort.

I've attached our event call-out/our Expressions of Interest below to allow us to capture interest, which outlines the regatta details and what's required.

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/svsp/events/300088>

Thanks so much, for considering how MYC and its members might get involved—we'd love to see Manly Yacht Club represented at this important event.

👉 All Saltwater Veterans Events / Events Calendar [REGISTER HERE](#) 👉

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## MYC BOATS SHINE AT THE MHYC WOMEN'S REGATTA



Seventeen boats from four clubs contested the Middle Harbour Yacht Club Women's Regatta sailed in light winds early in May. Due to a reluctant breeze, only one of the scheduled windward-leeward sprint races was completed before Race Officer Kathy Johnston sent the fleet off on a short passage race to conclude the regatta.



After the two races, Manly Yacht Club's Jan Bartel helmed the Archambault 31 *Esprit* to claim the Overall Division 1 win and best of the Female Helm / Mixed Crew entries.

In Division 2, Tegan Franklin also steered the J/24 *Innaminka* from MHYC to the Overall Division 2 win and best Female Helm / Mixed Crew.

the All-Female Crew competition, Ali Braden and the Farr 36 *Georgia Express* team from MHYC were best in Division 1, while Catherine Thornton-Rofe's team on the J/24 *Kaotic* claimed the Division 2 honours.



View all the results [here](#).

# THANK YOU

Marg Fraser-Martin - top pics  
again !



# SUMMER IS COMING



## TIME TO START PLANNING



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

16-Aug-25	Equipment Audit
19-Aug-25	Safety Briefing
23-Aug-25	Race Officer Course
6-Sep-25	<b>75th Anniversary Ball</b>
TBA	Racing Rules of Sailing
13-Sep-25	Season Opener for Parents
17-Oct-25	Peppertree Wine Tasting
11-Apr-26	End of Summer Social
30-May-26	Presentation Night
27-Jun-26	AGM + Social Event

### 2025-2026 SEASON

#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

CC1	21-Sep-25
CC2	26-Oct-25
CC3	16-Nov-25
CC4	23-Nov-25
CC5	7-Dec-25
CC6	11-Jan-26
CC7	1-Feb-26
CC8	22-Feb-26
CC9	15-Mar-26
CC10	29-Mar-26

#### TWILIGHT SERIES

TWL1	17-Oct-25
TWL2	24-Oct-25
TWL3	31-Oct-25
TWL4	7-Nov-25
TWL5	14-Nov-25
TWL6	21-Nov-25
TWL7	28-Nov-25
TWL8	5-Dec-25
TWL9	12-Dec-25
TWL10	19-Dec-25
TWL11	9-Jan-26
TWL12	16-Jan-26
TWL13	23-Jan-26
TWL14	30-Jan-26
TWL15	6-Feb-26
TWL16	13-Feb-26
TWL17	20-Feb-26
TWL18	27-Feb-26
TWL19	6-Mar-26
TWL20	13-Mar-26
TWL21	20-Mar-26

#### SPRINT SERIES

MSS1-3	12-Oct-25
MSS4-6	8-Feb-26

#### SUMMER SERIES

SS1	28-Sep-25
SS2	19-Oct-25
SS3	2-Nov-25
SS4	9-Nov-25
SS5	30-Nov-25
SS6	14-Dec-25
SS7	19-Jan-26
SS8	15-Feb-26
SS9	1-Mar-26

#### MARATHON

M1	2-Nov-25
M2	1-Mar-26

#### TWILIGHT FEMALE HELM SERIES

TWF1	31-Oct-25
TWF2	28-Nov-25
TWF3	9-Jan-26
TWF4	6-Feb-26
TWF5	6-Mar-26

#### COMBINED CLUBS SUNDAY SERIES

CCSS1	21-Sep-25
CCSS2-4	12-Oct-25
CCSS5	26-Oct-25
CCSS6	10-Nov-25
CCSS7-9	8-Feb-26
CCSS10	15-Mar-26

### RACE COMMITTEE ROSTERS



If you aren't competing in all series, please consider volunteering your time so that everyone gets to sail without having to drop out of a race because of their race committee roster obligations.

You've got the dates!

Get a head start ...

Contact [dutyroster@myc.org.au](mailto:dutyroster@myc.org.au) for your preferred dates.



Have you ever wondered how the Sailability boats get their names? They are: Clea, Alan Wood, Dolly Wallis, Ralph Newman, Woody, Alex Martin, Vin, Black Swan and Eli D.

## HERE IS THE STORY ABOUT ALAN WOOD,

By Alan Wood the Hansa 2.3

Just a short story about myself, as I am ageing rapidly, and need to get this on paper before it goes out of my memory!

Towards the end of 1995, momentous decisions were being made by a group whose idea it was that everybody should be able to sail, no matter their physical or mental health. They wanted sailing to be possible as a sport for anyone, whatever their physical or intellectual status. So, that clever sailor/inventor Chris Mitchell put on his thinking cap and created me, a Hansa 2.3, which everyone can sail, no matter their physical or intellectual condition.

At my simplest, I am just a simple solo sailed craft with a joystick for direction; the wind for energy, and a rudder for finding direction. I can also be fitted with a double motor, that can pilot me in any direction or point the sail at any point so that sailing is possible.

I was named Alan Wood after one of the principals of the Sailability Branch that had sprung up on Sydney Harbour. Kirribilli was my original home, but this proved too difficult to accommodate the sailors who wanted to sail me, so I was moved initially to Pittwater, then later to Manly, up to Toronto for a couple of years, then back to Manly again.



My first sailor that I knew about was a Hungarian Gentleman called Zoltan, who had been learning to parachute in Canada when he had an unfortunate accident that left him a paraplegic. This meant that he had paralysis from the neck down, with no control from neck to feet. Chris fitted 2 small battery charged motors, one to change the direction of the rudder, the other to manage the sail. Each time that I sailed, my batteries were recharged to ensure that I could come back to the starting point. The switch was worked by moving it with a chin switch.

After being stored at Manly, I quickly found a different sailor, as Zoltan had returned to Hungary and was sailing a 2.3 on Lake Balaton. Judith took me over at Manly with a great deal of help from Allan Jones and David Webb, who kept the batteries and motor in prime condition.

Judith sailed me at Manly for many years, also using the original chin switch, until her other interests took over after a few years.

Then Philip, a young man coping with Muscular Dystrophy took over and quickly became an expert sailor with his use of the 2 motors, kept in good condition by David.

David also changed the chin switch to a hand switch with a sensitive direction finder. This worked well for several years, until Phil's family moved to the Central Coast, so I was moved up to Toronto so that Phil could sail closer to home.

Philip decided to migrate to Denmark, as he spoke Danish, and conditions for people like him are more comfortable there than in Australia.

*(Read about Philip's remarkable story in the May 2017 edition of the MYC newsletter ...Ed)*

Once this change was made, Judith took over again, with her original chin switch. All this time, for over 20 years, I was kept in remarkably excellent condition by David, so this has been an excellent partnership. As Judith grows older, however, the sailing has now eased off, and I am missing my sessions sailing on Manly Cove.

Eli Demeny, May 2025



Judith



Philip



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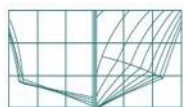


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 Our Halvorsen 26, Helen K had extensive timber rot which ruled out local repairs so we went for a full rebuild from the deck up. Ply and tank cabins with laminated Oregon beams. Stayed true to the original shape and dimensions but added a helm door. It was a 12 month job and I can heartily recommend the work of Murray, Stuart and the boys at Castlecrag Marina - excellent workmanship throughout.

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Single Vineyard   'Venus Block' Chardonnay	Orange	2022	\$50.00	\$42.50		\$510.00		
Limited Release   Pinot Rosé	Wrattonbully	2023	\$30.00	\$25.50		\$306.00		
Limited Release   'Venator' Shiraz	Hunter Valley	2022	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$357.00		
Alt Series Barbera	Wrattonbully	2022	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$357.00		
Limited Release   Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	2021	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$357.00		
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Platinum Range						12 Pack		
'Coquun' Shiraz	Hunter Valley	2014	\$130.00	\$110.50		\$1,326.00		
'Coquun' Shiraz	Hunter Valley	2018	\$90.00	\$76.50		\$918.00		
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'PJP' Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	2016	\$175.00	\$148.75		\$1,785.00		
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'Venus Block' Chardonnay	Orange	2022	\$50.00	\$42.50		\$510.00		
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'8R' Merlot	Wrattonbully	2018	\$50.00	\$42.50		\$510.00		
'The Gravels' Shiraz	Wrattonbully	2021	\$50.00	\$42.50		\$510.00		
'Tallavera' Shiraz	Hunter Valley	2018	\$60.00	\$51.00		\$612.00		
'Elderslee Road' Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	2018	\$50.00	\$42.50		\$510.00		
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Caberbernet	Wrattonbully	2019	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$357.00		
'The Pebbles' Shiraz   Viognier	Wrattonbully	2019	\$35.00	\$29.75		\$29.75		
Dessert & Fortified Wine						12 Pack		
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