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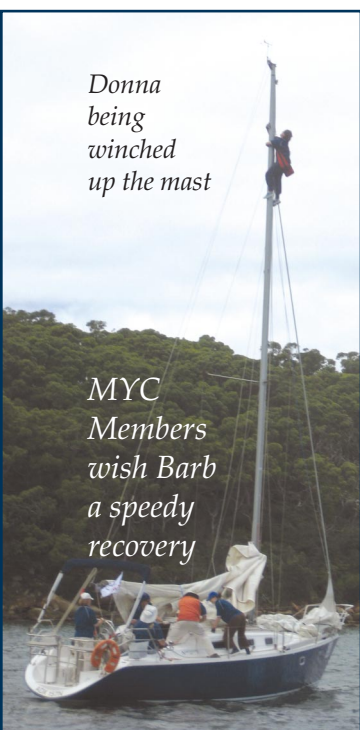


President's Report

February and the beginning of March proved to be a busy time. Bruce Davis competed in the Etchells National titles improving his position with every race and comparing very favourably with some well known National Champions. Christoph, an Associate member, won himself a place in the Swiss Olympic team on a Laser. This is a first time ever for the Club. Congratulations Christoph. We wish you every success. There was the Mini Regatta (four races in a day) organised by Peter McDonald always good fun and a crash course in learning how to sail. Take part in a Mini Regatta and you are sure of a good nights sleep.

Then there was the Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta organised by MHYC (with some assistance from MYC, thanks volunteers). Nine MYC yachts took part and that says a lot about the strength of yachting at the Club.

Saturday was very windy but on Sunday the wind eased and even the cautious sailors on Eos flew the spinnaker at every opportunity. Eos, sailing against Carinya and Pam in the Classic Division, survived the four races without mishap except the skipper started sailing the wrong course on one occasion. Carinya was not so lucky and broke a spinnaker pole fitting and flew her spinnaker like an asymmetric. It worked! I do not know what happened to Pam. Ratty Tooley had a tough weekend. At one point Ian Dennewald over balanced and landed on Barb breaking two of her ribs. She ended up in Manly Hospital. Donna showed me the bruises on her arms which were the result of being winched up the mast to retrieve a lost halliard. Although the results were not as spectacular as they have been in the past, nevertheless, it was a great experience for some.



Donna being winched up the mast

MYC Members wish Barb a speedy recovery



MYC Results

Cavalier 28	Beausoleil (Al Thomson)	4th
PHS Classics	Eos (Brian Wilson)	5th
	Carinya (Jim Nixon)	8th
	Pam (Peter Macdonald)	10th
PHS Div 3	Ratty Tooley (Ian Dennewald)	6th (not bad considering)
	Manly Sailing (Chris Stockdale)	15th
Ynglings	Controlplus (Ivana McAlpine)	8th
PHS Div 2	Dances with Waves (Jim Thomas)	13th
	Copernicus (Greg Zyner)	16th

Al Thomson should get a bottle of wine!

(L/Ratty Tooley & R/Eos photos, thanks to Patrick)

I have been given a trophy which belongs to MYC but which has been absent for a few years. It is called The Captain Blyth Trophy and it comprises a cat-o-nine tails. It is awarded to the skipper who performs the most dastardly deed on his crew. One year Greg Ebeling won it for marooning his sister on a cardinal mark. Maybe Ian will be in the running this year?

At the Board meeting on 11 Feb 08 I presented the Board with a list of projects taken from Candace Christensen's draft Masterplan. Every Board Member had to number each project in order of priority. The results have been analysed and will be presented at the next Board meeting. Candace is working on it already and the results will be published in the Newsletter.

The davits for Robbie R should be fixed to the piles on the deck by the time you read this Newsletter and that will conclude the contract. Harbour Constructions has done a great job and carried out some additional tasks like levelling and replacing bits of the old deck where it abuts the new one at no extra cost. Be prepared for the Grand Opening Ceremony on 29 March 08.

MYC's "Old Salt" Captain Bruce Hitchman featured in this years Sydney Harbour Week awards. He received The Community Award for his work at the Sydney Heritage Fleet and in particular his position as a skipper on the James Craig. The knowledge he acquired as a young man on the Pamir, one of the last of the true square rigged trading ships, has proved invaluable in this day and age. Bruce says that his award reflects the loyalty and dedication of the entire crew and not just the efforts of one man.

*NOTE: ABC TV on April 2nd,
The New Inventors show see page 6*

Safe Sailing **Brian Wilson - President**



Robert, Nichy, & Brian on 'Eos' - Audi Regatta

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MYC members tackle Etchells States

My dream when I bought this Etchells was to compete in the State Titles. Etchells are a funny little yacht with enormous overhangs and were the result of a design competition to find an Olympic yacht to replace the 5.5 metre class. Luckily the Soling was chosen, because it was the better design, but the Etchells didn't have to cope with the fuss and bother of the big games and have gone from strength to strength to become possibly the most competitive fleet of yachts in the world.

The States for this season were held at Botany Bay with 34 entrants. Etchells are a strict one design class and we were required to have our sails measured, crew weighted and boat measurement certificated produced. I was convinced when we left for the start line that the only advantage or disadvantage we had rested with the crew and skipper.

After checking and repairing every thing and with a delivery crew of MYC members Russell Walker, Ken Terrans and I we were ready. Like the First Fleet we heading for Botany Bay, didn't have a motor and were mercy of the wind. Just as we were going to push off a torrential down pour struck North Harbour and then followed a prolonged period of calm.

At 2.00pm we were under tow from Runaround skippered by Davis Marina staff member Bruce Walker who left us to drift just short of Hornby Light. After a worrying hour or so the wind obliged and at about dusk Wild Life was hoisted onto the hardstand at Botany Bay Yacht Club.

Thursday was registration and measurement day. Pam had joined the regular crew of Robert, Bruce and Ivan but the rules require a combine crew weight to be 285 kg or less. With three or four weeks of diet for all but Pam we weighted in at 285.1 kg. The boys went to the bathroom for nervous pea and finally we got the big tick from the chief measurer.

Thirty two boats appeared at the start line for the first race in a gentle nor'easter and as is usually the case with Etchells there was a general recall. We were pleased to have the race recalled because our position wasn't that good. Our greatest fear was to come last but anything better was perceived as reasonable. We rounded the first mark with a handful of boats astern and pick up a few boats in the next work and finally finished 18th. The nor'easter strengthened into great sailing breeze and we finished 16th in the second race.

We were confident that we could do better on day 2, but we didn't take account of fait. A SSW wind swept across the bay and the Race Officer set the start line next the tip of the main East West runway. It seemed we were sharing air space with Jumbo Jets. After the usual general recalls the fleet finally set off for the top mark. From the start we were losers, being sent of to the wrong side of the course by traffic and with numerous other problems we only managed 24th place.

The tacticians aboard Wild Life reviewed the wind, tide and the competitor's tactical style and decided to go right on the first up wind work in the next race. After crossing the line there was certain amount of ducking and weaving but finally the yacht was well positioned on the far right. We were on our final port tack to get to the starboard lay line when the tacticians said, don't tack! Unfortunately with the wind and boat noise I heard this as tack. I glanced over my shoulder at the mark and thought that's too early and sailed another couple of boat lengths before tacking. When we settled down on starboard it became apparent that we had tacked too early and laying the mark would require pinching and shooting.

On our final approach there were only three boats ahead and I was trying as hard as I could to get Wild Life around this buoy. We were touching the two boat length circle and looking like a chance when to my surprise a port tacker came in shaving the mark. We had two options; hit the port tacker at the chainplates or duck. I choose the latter but then it was impossible to get up and round the mark. We found ourselves running down through a number of yachts coming up on the port lay line and had trouble jibing around to have a second attempt at the mark. When this manoeuvre was complete we then found there were also a large number of yachts coming to the mark on starboard. As I was on port I found it difficult to find a way though these starboard tackers so I tacked onto starboard and again attempted to pinch and shoot the mark. On approaching the mark this time I wasn't surprised to find a number of yachts coming in on port tack and so I shoot the mark early to avoid a collision. Unfortunately by now the yachts ahead had come to a stand still and were entangled. We became locked

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Theme for this year's
Twilight Ball is
Mexican

AMIGOS COME DRESSED APPROPRIATELY...
OR YOU WILL have to answer to the Bandidos!
COST: \$TBA or 25 Bottles of Tequila!
TIME: Just as the sun SETS,
FRIDAY April 4th.
FOOD: Gourmet Finger food

COMMODORE'S REPORT

By the time this newsletter hits the stands there will only be a few more sleeps before the Mikasa Womens Challenge. Ivana and her team of merry helpers have been working hard to make this event as successful as previous years. Don't let them down...enter NOW!... great fun; great prizes.

The recently held Mini Regatta was great fun as usual. We (Graham & Ted on "Robbie R", Tannis and Graham on "Carlyle" and yours truly in the office), really enjoyed the day. Thanks again to Peter and Tannis who go all out to make this the fun event it is. Congratulations to "Top Odds" for winning both the "horse's arse" award and the series. Position Vacant: Mini Regatta Race Director. As Tannis and Peter are likely to do their 5 yearly migration back to Canada this year, the sailing committee will be on the lookout for "volunteers" to take up this prestigious position!

The Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta weekend proved challenging on the Saturday and quite pleasant on Sunday for the spectators on San Toy. Unfortunately, too late, we thought about taking the course numbers from the "Carlyle" to score spinnaker hoists and mark roundings out of 10 for competitors in Div 3 and 4 and the Classic division. There were some spectacular "out of control" manoeuvres on Saturday. No doubt further reports will appear in this newsletter.

Easter will be upon us shortly and that means the Offshore Race to Pittwater on Good Friday. Boats looking for crew or crew looking for boats should contact Offshore Race Director Greg Zyner. To participate, crews in this event must be a member of MYC or an affiliated YA club - i.e. you need a current YA membership number.

It also means that the Twilights will soon be over. Daylight savings ends on Sunday 6th April so there should still be sufficient light for the last Twilight race on Friday March 28th AND the Twilight Ball on the following Friday.

Please help our committees by showing your intention EARLY to participate in our events. We are all busy people; all volunteers; all ready to do our best but not happy to be taken for granted.

Thanks again to Principal Race Officer Pam and the members of this club who volunteer to make up the race committees so that the rest of us can race, including the competitors who may forgo a race now and then to make up the race committee numbers.

Thank you also to MYC Newsletter Editor Margo who puts together such a great publication each month.

See you on the water! Maz 

PS: don't believe the rumour that your Commodore didn't read the handbook at the last Whitworth Summer Trophy Race (even though it may be true!).

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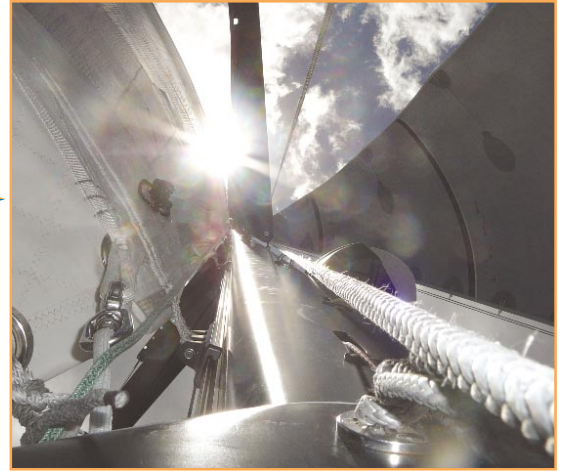


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If you can guess which boat this is, one free drink of your choice is yours to enjoy at the MYC after a sailing event. Email your answer to: blue@utarzan.com and we will be advised of the first correct answer.



Sailability is making good use of the new deck and hardstand.

We are able to spread ourselves around, and leave room for other people to walk through. A very heartfelt thank you to MYC for providing this extra facility.

We sent one boat with crew to the State Championships at Wallerawang and had wonderful experiences with 5 races over two days in very breezy conditions. Congratulations to Steve and Peter for attending, and to Patrick and Ivan for their support help.

We will be sending a team to the National Championships in Canberra, and with the extra training we are receiving from Bill Spence, we are hoping to do a little better than just be part of the competition.

Please don't forget our social event/fund raiser on Friday evening, April 15th at 7.00 p.m. at St Andrews Church, Raglan St, Manly. It is in aid of the Interchange Program, and Allawah Children's Hospital. Entry by donation.

ELI DEMENY www.manlysailability.com.au

for more highlights!

GRAND OPENING INVITATION

The President of Manly Yacht Club cordially invites you and your partner to the opening of our recently constructed rigging deck.

The deck is the culmination of many years of saving, planning and hard work. It will allow us to store and rig more boats with less fuss.

Time 3.00pm

Date 29th March 2008

Venue Manly Yacht Club
East Esplanade Manly

RSVP **Wednesday 26th March 2008.**

By Email myclub@tpg.com.au
or Fax 9977 3573

Entertainment & Refreshments



The Big Blue Sailing School is running a Sunday Morning and Wednesday after school Junior Program to introduce new kids to our beloved sport. The course started last week and already have a small fleet up and running. We enjoyed the extra space to rig on the new deck and had plenty of room for 4 optimists while the Dragon Boats also prepared to depart. The kids had a stunning day for it and all had a great time. Anyone interested in joining in should **call us on 9977 4000**.

The Big Blue Sailing School welcomes Sorrell to the team. Sorrell is running the office on Tuesday's and Thursdays from 9 to 11am, and organising new courses. Adult courses are available every weekend, if you know anyone interested in learning to sail please pass on our details. We welcome Madame Butterfly back into **The Big Blue fleet** which will be used for sailing lessons, racing, social sailing and yacht charters.

Craig and Sorrell



MYC's New Rigging Deck in action



Craig with the BB Junior Sailors



BB Juniors launching



"Australia training mission at MYC"

One year ago, when I left Manly after 3 months of training in Sydney Harbour, I knew I would come back.

Saying goodbye to this little piece of paradise on earth,

wasn't so hard. I started preparing the next trip to Australia, booking my flight and searching for accommodation in Manly already in May 2007. I loved spending time on the Internet for that! I left Switzerland the 11th of September 2007, the European summer was at it's last days. I felt happy escaping the winter and of course, flying to my second home!

In September and October I went sailing quite often alone, no other Laser sailors were around. I'm quite used to it and it is not too bad, to sail alone; I have to listen much more to the boat in order to understand what is fast and smooth. I always took my mobile phone with me, just in case something happens. I only have one mast and no engine. Playing with the waves is anyway a game that I make alone, improving the "hiking fitness" is also an exercise to make alone. Of course it's good to have a sparring partner to compare speed and to push to the limit. I got my sparring at the end of October, some guys from Middle Harbour SC started going out. Via sms we usually agreed on the time and location to meet on the water in between North and South Head. In dependence of the wind direction and the waves, we either sailed in the Harbour or we went offshore. There're many marks in the Harbour, so it's good for training maneuvers, small races, starts.

I used to sail at least 6 days a week, I just love it! I went a couple of times around North Head, to Manly, Freshwater, Curl Curl and Dee Why, I spent hours hiking and hours sailing downwind in the waves. Once I decided to go whale-watching and I followed the whale-watching catamaran from Sydney. I was lucky and as I approached Freshwater I saw the first whales in my life! I took some pictures with my waterproof camera, it's quite difficult to take pictures from a Laser (very low on the water), in the waves (shaking you), with a sail covering the view...but I got some good pics of a jumping Orca!!!!

On my training trips, I saw dolphins, seals, Skippy the big Manly turtle the small penguins, flying fishes a stingray, many bluebottles (I hate them) and unfortunately also a lot of rubbish. I never saw a

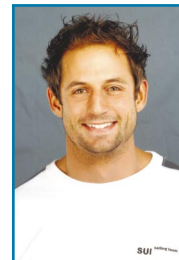
shark. Again and again, I visited the Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge...it's just gorgeous to sail here!!!

I started doing some small races on weekends, sometimes at Vaucluse, other times at Double Bay or Middle Harbour. I was fit and fast, also when racing with my training sail.

My first big regatta was Sail Brisbane in December, I loved the car trip along the coast. I finished 5th overall and I was quite happy. Just few days later I sailed the Sydney International Regatta (World Cup), the level was higher and the fleet bigger. I know quite well Sydney Harbour and it was very helpful to know which rock would give me a lift, which beach to avoid. I'm also very familiar in racing against the ferries. My overall SIR position was 31st from 86 entrants, I'm not so happy about the result.

I took some days off for Christmas and New Year, and, of course, I was one of the million people going to the Harbour on the 31st of December and watching at the fireworks. Few weeks later I drove to Melbourne for the Asia Pacific Regatta (World Cup), my last big event before the World Championships in Terrigal. I wasn't too fit and I got sick. No panic, I will recover, I thought. But the stress and the Worlds pressure on me didn't help my recovery. At the end of January, I wasn't feeling good and as I moved to Terrigal, I started feeling worse. Fortunately at the beginning of the championships, the wind was light. I started the regatta with bad results and feeling better, my results also got better. I managed to qualify Switzerland for the Olympic Games of 2008! Tired but happy, I left Terrigal for Manly, recovering, resting and starting the physical training at the gym in Harbord. I have to fly to Switzerland by the end of February and to race some regattas in Europe, and to prepare myself for the Olympics in August.

Unfortunately, I don't have a plan for coming back to Manly next summer, even though I'd rather be here for ever than in Switzerland! I hope to get the chance to come back, maybe find an Aussie girlfriend here and settle down here. Who knows, life is sometimes unpredictable!



I really appreciated the simple, kind and fresh atmosphere at MYC, thank you for welcoming me!

I have a website, but it's only in German:

<http://bottoni2008.cadosch.org> (There's no www!)

My sailing email: bottoni2008@hotmail.com

Cheers, Christoph - Laser SUI 

MYC (female members) would welcome you back any day Christoph!



Flying the flag for MYC

A Crew from Manly Yacht Club have entered a yacht in the famous Cork Week Regatta in Ireland to be held from 12th to 18th July this year.



Hosted by the Royal Cork Yacht Club which holds the honour of being the oldest yacht club in the world, the Cork Week Regatta is one of the most famous events in the European sailing calendar.

An entry in this regatta is so sought after that the fleet is capped at 600 yachts and that is usually filled long before the closing date. The competing yachts come mainly from Europe and the US and include some of the most famous yachts in the world. This year for the first time there is an entire class devoted to TP-52's. The event is so large and the racing so good that Cork Week is only held every two years and the day after it finishes they start organising the next one. As well as all of that the craic (Irish word for fun) is legendary, 20,000 people party in the regatta village every night.

And Manly Yacht Club is going to be represented there. We have chartered a brand new Jeanneau 42. Our entry went in last month, we nominated MYC as our home club on the form and reckon it's a first for the club! The crew is made up of Susan Strath, Laura

Thomas, Rebecca Sadler, Anne Hogan and Chris Stockdale of Manly Yacht Club and Jane Roberts, Paul Goodyer from MHYC. We can possibly fit two more in so if anyone is interested in sharing this experience **give Anne a call on 0414 209269 or chat to one of the crew when you see them around the club.**

Everyone is very excited, flights are being booked as we speak (in fact some of the crew booked their flights months ago!), we can't wait to get over there and show them what we are made of!


We also hold the honour of being the first Australian Team to enter and the Cork Week Press Office have contacted us to do a story about us for the Irish Media; fame at last!

Competing in Europe is an expensive business, there are charter costs, race entry, insurance etc. So we are going on a shared cost basis, staying on the boat and delivering it to and from the regatta ourselves to keep the costs down. If anyone knows of a company who would like to sponsor us to help the team meet costs (even just to get some crew shirts) we'd love to hear from them!



You can check out details of Cork Week on:

www.corkweek.ie

Anne: 0414 209269 

Diary Dates

Fri 14 Mar	Yachts Zilzie Twilight 19
Sun 16 Mar	Mikassa Women's Challenge
EASTER WEEKEND -	
Fri 21 March - Mon 24 March	
Fri 21 Mar	Good Friday Yachts OS-4 Pittwater Race
Sat 22	Easter Saturday Sailability General/Hornsby Lifestyle
Fri 28 Mar	Yachts Zilzie Twilight 20 Last race for 07-08
Sat 29 Mar	Grand Opening Invitation to our new rigging deck at 3pm RSVP 26.03.08
Sun 30 Mar	Yachts CC - 9 BBS Coaching CBs APS7
Mon 31 Mar	Sailing Committee Meeting
Wed 2 April	ABC TV The New Inventors
Fri 4 April	Twilight BALL
Sat 5 Apr	Sailability General/BIRDS
Sun 6 Apr	Daylight Savings ends Yachts - WST-4 CBs APS - 8/CC-10
Mon 7 April	BBS Sail Camp
Tue 8 April	BBS Sail Camp
Wed 9 April	BBS Sail Camp
Wed 9 April	Sailability Fisher Rd/RFW
Sun 13 Apr	Yachts CC - 10 CBs APS - 9
Mon 14 Apr	Board Meeting
Mon 14 April	BBS Sail Camp
Tue 15 April	BBS Sail Camp
Wed 16 April	BBS Sail Camp
Sat 19 Apr	Sailability General/Hornsby Lifestyle
Sun 20 Apr	Yachts WST 5 CBs APS-10

Please check the 2007 - 2008 Handbook

DUTY ROSTER CREW :

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Congratulations! Sara and Tim.

Baby Jake arrived, 19th Feb at 3pm, 2.98kilos and their all doing fine! He's absolutely gorgeous, very strong and just two weeks early. Thanks aplenty to all our visitors and if we haven't seen you yet, we'll be out and about in no time so will catch up with you soon.

Tim, Sara and Jake Stanley Stewart 



Deadline for the April issue 10th April

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David 'Atlanta'
and Mad Dog Pete



Winners...Anne 'Manly Sailing'... David 'Manyana'
Karen 'Top Odds' and Mad Dog and his Girl, Tannis

The Fat Lady Has Sung....

It's hard to believe, but the 2nd and final race day of the MYC Mini-Regatta has come and gone. We made sure to invite Mother Nature again this time who supplied a perfect sow-easter, blowing 10 -15. Conditions were so good, that competitors didn't even realize the top mark was set in precisely the right spot the first time. This without any radio contact with Robbie R (let us not forget channel 72.... 72!)

Throughout the 2 day regatta, 23 boats tried their hand at the short, straight up and down courses. It's great fun on the Starter Boat watching the crews confidence grow from race 1 through to race 4. On both days of the regatta, some yachts didn't know in the beginning what a 'gate' was, let alone when they had to go through it. Yes, Sailing Instructions are a wonderful thing.

Having 4 races, 2 divisions and an overall regatta winner made for a lot of great prizes to be handed out. In Division One, Manly Sailing and Top Odds took home lots of goodies, while in Division 2 it was Manyana, Manyana, Manyana.

Our sponsors are too many to thank individually, but we are very grateful for their contribution to the success of this event. Listed below are the lucky ones who took home the main prizes:

Division 1: **Dead Heat - Manly Sailing:** Jotun Anti Foul - **Atlanta:** Brett Scott Sails gift certificate

Division 2: **Manyana:** Wine (plus 2 goodie bags, 1 t-shirt and a gift certificate to Manly Boat Shed)

Overall Winner of the MYC Mini-Regatta

Top Odds: One night's stay in a harbourside unit at the Quest Grande Esplanade

Thanks again to all of you who came out to play, our fantastic sponsors and especially to Maz and Graham who always add to the fun! (Results page 7)

Mad Dogs Girl 



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to Peter 'Top Odds'



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