



MYC NEWS

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2009 Season

President's Report



Photo by Megan Williams

Greetings from Airlie Beach Race Week

Thursday August 13 saw several members and friends of Manly Yacht Club arrive in Airlie Beach on Queensland's Whitsunday coast for a week of fun and fiercely contested regatta racing.

Crew members on KAT, a 50-foot Beneteau, included skipper Chris Stockdale, foredeckies Anne Hogan and Laura Thomas, mast and cockpit crew Bec Sadleir, Matt McKenzie, Rod Williams (MHYC), Jane Roberts (MHYC) and Helen Buckland.

KAT's results during the race week varied from first and second (on the days with around 18 knots of wind), and mid-way to last in the division (with around 5 knots), with our handicap jumping daily. We finished the week in equal third place overall (fourth on countback).

The race lengths for KAT's Cruising Division varied up to 39nm and 'marks' included North and South Molle, Armit, and Double Cone Islands and White Rock, making for very scenic courses. The final race in the series involved point racing around triangles on Pioneer Bay. KAT's secret weapons included charts, GPS, binoculars, the revolutionary foredeck 'ugh boot' protector, Jane's red shawl for an oversized protest flag, and local resident Jeff who joined the crew for two races.

The weather was fabulous, sunny and warm, with crew members having to avoid sunburn and hangovers and enjoying a swim to cool down after races. The crew managed to squeeze in some wildlife watching, with visits from whales, manta rays and even a turtle.

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It has been another busy month at MYC and the sailing season has barely started with equipment audits and the season launch BBQ. Thanks to Stephen Teudt and his band of helpers for their efforts at the BBQ, unfortunately numbers were down as many of us were in Queensland sailing in the Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island regattas or overseas on holidays.

The new BBQ is on its way, Phil Vidler (Tensixty) has taken on the job of refurbishing the BBQ and building new stainless steel lids, we should have it ready to go for the first of the Twilight races.

MYC has applied for two grants, one from the State Government for the refurbishment of the toilets and another from Manly Council for some centreboard racking. Lets cross our fingers and hope our cause is seen as worthy, the toilets are defiantly ready for a bit of freshening up.

The saga of the gates at either end of the new deck continues. Brian Wilson has submitted a D.A. for permanent gates with Manly Council and only one objection has been received. The temporary fence was removed at the insistence of Council so this leaves the club in a vulnerable position with the deck and wharf open to anyone to access. If you see non members on the premises please (in a nice way) tell them that the facilities are for members only, membership forms are available on the MYC website, and ask them to leave.

The issue of paying people to work at MYC has raised its head again.

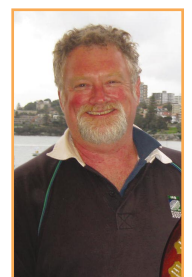
As MYC continues to grow we now find that we have a number of roles within the club that are currently receiving some form of remuneration, these range from cleaners and accounting, through to hall hire and serving in the shop, we also have some of our members providing goods to the club, this has led to a situation where we now have paid people working alongside volunteers. Many of you are very passionate about this and I have been agonising over it for a while without finding a solution that keeps everyone happy

What I would like to do is open up discussion on what the membership wants. On one hand the volunteer nature of MYC is what the club has been built on and promotes great commandery within the membership and is a great equaliser. On the other hand we have members with terrific skills and expertise in many fields which in some circumstances can not be expected to be supplied at no cost to the club.


If you have any suggestions or ideas on the issue of paid people working within the club please drop me or any board member an email or grab us at the club as it is important that formulate some guidelines that will see us into the future.

With the Twilights fast approaching and many boats looking for crew and crew looking for boats a new position (unpaid) has been created.....Crew Co-ordinator.....Jo Huggins has offered to take on the role. It simply entails giving her a call if you are crew or a skipper looking for someone to sail with. There will shortly be a dedicated phone number to call but in the mean time you can get Jo on 0422 693 305.

Judy Cole and Greg Hyde from Sailability have been out training hard over the past months for the masters games to be held in Sydney between the 10th and 18th October. They will be competing in the Access 2.3 class. On behalf of everyone at MYC we wish you fair winds and the best of luck.



See you on the water

Ian Dennewald - President 

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Maintenance Director's Report

Welcome to a new season of happy club maintenance.

Have I got some work for you.

Sorrell is looking at an upgrade to the hall involving a new paint job. The President is pursuing grants towards a major refurbishment of the toilets. Colin Cameron has given me his surveys of the jetty and a plan of maintenance will be prepared. In the meantime a number of small jobs have been completed eg; the down stairs rear door has been rehung with stainless steel hinges; guides have been attached to the roller door to the deck to make locking easier; the PJs have been secured with a spare cap shroud and padlocks and the wheels on the club tassar trolley fixed.

Apart from the above the next big project is reorganising the boat storage racks at the lower level in order to accommodate more boats and to provide better access to the deck. Sounds an awfull lot, does it not, but remember most of the major works will be carried out by paid professionals.



The next working Bee is scheduled for 24/10/09 and volunteers will be advised beforehand of the work which needs to be done.

In the mean time I'll see you on the water.

Brian Wilson - Building and Maintenance



**Countdown to Summer fun at MYC
Sunday 20th September SS -1**



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ZILZIE Twilight Wine Tasting

8.30pm after Race - 1
Friday 23rd October at



The Zilzie Twilight season
is just over a month away.

Not long now until households across Sydney
ring with the common refrain....

"Ah, you are not going sailing AGAIN are you?"

Do you have a spouse, partner or friend who would love to be part of the Friday Night fun at MYC but doesn't like to sail. Perhaps they won't come for dinner after sailing because they would feel left out? Well now they can be a core part of the action without going near the boat by joining the Twilight Race Committee.

The twilight race committee sits in the comfort of MYC, while starting and finishing the participating boats as they cross the line. Full training is given and a free meal and drink are supplied. You don't have to be out on the water to be fully involved with the sailing and its a valuable role.

Without a race committee we can't go sailing.

So if you know anyone who would like to help us
out get them to contact the

Twilight Race Director: Anne Stockdale
hogan_a@hotmail.com or 0414 209269



NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome to our
Club the following new members:

Bevan McKavanagh - Senior
Peter Burton - Senior
Colin Ryan - Senior
Natalie Bennell - Junior



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LIFE'S AN ADVENTURE

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Willie Sirks introducing members to 'Six Foot Track Adventure' sponsorship.

MYC welcomes our new sponsor 'Six Foot Track Adventure' for the Club Championship series 2009-2010.

Six Foot Track Adventure, provides guided tours through the famous Blue Mountains. Winding through State forests and national parks, the track follows the 45 kilometre route of the original 1884 horse track from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves.

Crossing mountain ranges and falling into deep valleys, the track features sheer sandstone cliffs, waterfalls and panoramas of richly-forested valleys, staying overnight in an Eco-Lodge next to the picturesque Cox's River on night one and camp under the stars on night two where we'll enjoy a glass of wine or beer, a delicious dinner, and campsite sing-along.

www.lifesanadventure.com.au/six-foot-track-guided-walk

Crew Co-ordinator,
Jo Huggins collecting
3rd prize for Beausoleil.
Thank you Greg and
Leanne Zyner for
looking after
Club Champs for Jim.
Contact Jo for Crew:
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R: Beausoleil



More CC-1 photos by Ken: www.myc.org.au/picture_library

CB's - We have a fleet! see page 5

RACE 1 [06/09/2009] MYC Club Championship 2009-2010													
Club Championship Race 1 Division 1 Keel TOT HC results Start : 13:15:00													
PI	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HCCord	TBCH	CHC	Skipper	Class	Score	F/Tim	ETOrd	DidNot
1	AUS1161	Wild Life	2:10:37	1.043	2:16:14	1.043	1.043	B Davis	EtcHELLS	1	15:25:37	1	
2	KA16	Pam	2:26:11	0.99	2:24:43	0.932	0.966	M Walker	International5.5	2	15:41:11	2	
3	3354	Whistling Kite	2:28:37	0.975	2:24:54	0.917	0.951	G James	DartSo3	3	15:43:37	3	
DNC	6499	Supernova	1.085					D Bates	Sydney36	8			DNC
DNC	MYC12	San Toy	1.05					G Radford	Radford12	8			DNC
DNC	MYC100	Shear Magic	0.985					RXDecomps	Adams10	8			DNC
DNF	6689	Copernicus	1.071					G Zyner	Radford12				DUT
Division 2 Keel TOT HC results Start : 13:05:00													
PI	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HCCord	TBCH	CHC	Skipper	Class	Score	F/Tim	ETOrd	DidNot
1	5830	Cheap Thrills	2:06:39	0.835	1:45:45	0.845	0.839	B Mifflin	Ross830	1	15:11:39	1	
2	A73	Top Odds	2:22:45	0.75	1:47:04	0.75	0.75	K Petersen	Northshore27	2	15:27:45	4	
3	MYC9	Beausoleil	2:20:50	0.798	1:52:23	0.76	0.783	B Athomson	Cavalier28	3	15:25:50	3	
4	AUS160	Kaotic	2:18:40	0.87	2:00:38	0.772	0.83	A Crothers	J24	4	15:23:40	2	
5	MYC5	Eos	2:44:02	0.845	2:18:36	0.653	0.767	B Wilson	BrittanySloop	5	15:49:02	5	
DNC	557	Occum's Razor	0.839					D Fairdough-Gar	DuncansonOffshore3011				DNC
DNC	1152	Bokarra	0.722					C Cameron	Santana22	11			DNC
DNC	AUS147	Okavanga Delta	0.845					E Reid	J24	11			DNC
DNC	MYC34	Sip Ahoy	0.86					P Duncan-Bailes	Northshore34e	11			DNC
DNF	1255	Melody	0.765					C MottR	SwansonDart	7			DNF

RESULTS



RACE 1 [6/09/2009] MYC Centreboard Club Champions CC 1											
Division 3 Mixed Class YS results Start : 14:00:00											
PI	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	YS	Skipper	Class	Score	F/Tim	ETOrd	DidNot	YS Cor'd T
1	156731	Seanille	52:26:00	113	I Cameron	Laser	1	14:52:26	1		46:24:00
2	156769	Grampage	53:19:00	113	G Reid	Laser	2	14:53:19	2		47:11:00
3	103623	Zapp	55:15:00	113	P Reid	Laser	3	14:55:15	3		48:54:00
4	156752	Sicem Rex	56:40:00	113	C Ryan	Laser	4	14:56:40	4		50:09:00
5	101475	Charles Angel	59:42:00	113	V Morgan Smith	Laser	5	14:59:42	5		52:50:00
6	93819	Mania	1:05:07	122	M James	Laser4.7	6	15:05:07	6		53:22:00
7	123247	Gumbaru	1:11:29	113	R Beck	Laser	7	15:11:29	7		1:03:16
DNF	101500	Cod-zilla	113	P Burton	Laser	9					DNF

MYC Centreboard RACE 1 [6/09/2009] MYC Centreboard Spring Pointscore SPS 1													
Division 3 Mixed Class HC results Start : 14:00:00													
PI	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	YS	HCCord	TBCH	CHC	Skipper	Class	Sc	Fin	Tim
1	156769	Grampage	53:19:00	0.779	113	36:45:00	0.822	0.796	G Reid	Laser	1	14:53:19	
2	156731	Seanille	52:26:00	0.832	113	38:36:00	0.836	0.834	I Cameron	Laser	2	14:52:26	
3	103623	Zapp	55:15:00	0.793	113	38:47:00	0.793	0.793	P Reid	Laser	3	14:55:15	
4	123247	Gumbaru	1:11:29	0.615	113	38:54:00	0.613	0.614	R Beck	Laser	4	15:11:29	
5	93819	Mania	1:05:07	0.731	122	39:01:00	0.727	0.729	M James	Laser4.7	5	15:05:07	
6	101475	Charles Angel	59:42:00	0.75	113	39:38:00	0.734	0.744	V Morgan Smith	Laser	6	14:59:42	
7	156752	Sicem Rex	56:40:00	0.8	113	40:07:00	0.773	0.789	C Ryan	Laser	7	14:56:40	

A combination of Manly Yacht Club members, Jim and Debbie Thomas, Greg and Gabrielle James recently took the trip North to the Whitsunday Islands and Airlie Race Week 2009 to join forces with Dr Roger Down and his crew to race his Yacht "True Love" a Farr 11.6. (25 years old but in great condition and nice set of carbon composite sails with a big A symmetrical spinnaker) The crew had one practice day to get to know each other and to fine tune the boat for a week of very competitive racing. The weather for the week was just about perfect fine and sunny with temp around 25 C each day with variable breezes to maximum of 20knots.

The races included round the Islands races 24 to 39 miles and one day of windward leeward's 2 races of about 12 miles.

Racing in the PHC Division with 14 starters was a great chance to enhance yacht racing skills over 6 days of racing. After 6 races we were leading overall by 4 points. However due to a tactical error and the effect of a strong ebbing tide our closest rival got the better of us in the last race. However we were very happy to finish a creditable 2nd overall by one point and a well earned podium result.

After a few trips north we all made the comment that the sailing conditions were the best we have had for winter at Airlie away from the cool Sydney climate.

MYC was also well represented on the Beneteau 50 Kat sailing in the Cruising Division. MHYC was represented by Local Hero and Carbon Credits. A good time was had by all.

I think a return visit next year is just about a certainty.

Jim Thomas - Dances with Waves 



Greg and Gabrielle, Jim and Roger



Sailability Manly. Open Day and Orientation.

Manly Yacht Club was a hive of activity on Saturday morning with forty eager people attending Sailability Manly's Open Day and Orientation.

After sharing a cuppa and chat, people settled down to hear the story of Sailability, and how being involved with the club makes a huge difference to the lives of clients with disabilities, their carers and volunteers.

The group helped rig the Access 303 dinghy fleet, and saw how the hoists were used to move people with mobility issues in and out of our small but stable craft.

By the end of the morning, everyone had been out on the water, either sailing with an experienced skipper, or on the safety boat, and were ready for a sausage and coffee.

Many of the new recruits have had some boating and sailing experience, others a willingness to learn, and a huge desire to be part of a very worthy cause.

Next Saturday 12th Sept from 9.00am we'll be holding a training day for all volunteers. Anyone keen to learn how to rig and practice sailing the Access 303s is welcome, whether you are able to volunteer on a regular basis, or just occasionally.

And if you miss that, check the diary dates in this newsletter for our Sailing Days, and just drop in and help.

For more information, please call Eli on: 9976 2747. 

A: Recently elected President of Sailability Manly, Evelyn Shervington with re-elected Commodore and MYC rep.

Peter Hamilton, enjoying a rare opportunity to sail together!

B: Jill and new recruit Barry

C: Jill Madden about to take interested recruits on a quick spin around the Cove.



Commodores Report

Servuz from Austria...hope you are all behaving yourselves while I'm away?

Sounds like there was a great turnout for the Centreboards at the Club Champs... pity about the Div 1 fleet but I'm sure we will have a better turn out for Race 2 when all the boats and club members come back from their various locations. Having a great time, weather is super but looking forward to coming back to MYC at the end of the month.

See you on the water on 27th Sept. Maz 

Blue: The most fatigued I have ever been in my life was not climbing. Or playing rugby in the rain at Richmond Park or in the furious heat of Fiji. It was not on a freshly restored 72' Fife yawl as it broke up underneath us in a hurricane north of Bermuda - or even punching round Cape Horn heading for New Zealand; forty days away with all the remoteness of a life sentence. The most fatigued I have ever been is in a Finn dinghy, here in Sydney.


In the mid 90's during a Sail Sydney regatta - a month after buying a second hand Vanguard Finn, it blew 25-30 knots and I was physically and psychologically unprepared for the event. I tried to compete, but after five hours of struggle punctuated by the dreariness of capsizing, the fleet became a mirage. After finishing the last race with legs speaking a language I had never heard, I simply tried to make it back to the ramp - but in full view of the returning fleets was again overwhelmed and overturned. I knew none of the International Olympic Finn sailors patiently waiting for me - who said little as they dragged me and my flooded boat up into the park.

I fell asleep in the taxi on the way home, then again standing in the shower surrounded by my kit. Climbing into bed at around 5pm it felt that every individual bone in my body had been scrubbed with a Scotch-Brite pad. My muscles denied any knowledge of me and were seeking legal advice. Jane woke me two hours later and thought I had been mugged. In a way I had. My love affair with the Finn had begun.

The rest of that regatta was a blur in which I sailed like a somnambulist, occasionally ducking the transoms of blonde, expressionless Scandinavian lumps of granite as they sliced past me upwind. In those first couple of years I remember outright derision from some sailors in Sydney on why anyone would sail a dinosaur. But I was hooked. I knew it was a good boat which had forged sailors like Coutts, Bertrand and Schumann, and I knew at my significantly lesser level this floating gymnasium would challenge me and keep me honest.

I am now on my second boat and It has done that and more. Surfing down swells between Sydney heads in a snorting nor'easter, lungs and thighs singing, or, like today, sliding quietly to windward through gin-clear water from Woollahra to Manly in a 12 knot westerly, with the winter sky a duck egg blue and only the birds to witness the evening breeze soften, so it looked as if I was sailing through silk.

And so we celebrated the Finn Dinghy's 60th birthday with the Gold Cup in Denmark, 89 entries and Dane winning. Thank you Finn. Oh and thank you knees...

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Race Management

Congratulations to race management team number 1 who dusted off the boats and the gear and started race 1 of the new season for CC1 on Sep 6. Leanne and Greg Zyner, Hector Lambie, Manny Mitternacht and Ken Terrens got everything working and racing off to a good start. **Thanks team.**

The race management roster is filling up, but we still need people for the summer series races on Sunday Oct 11 and Sunday Oct 25. No prior experience is required, all you have to do is be available from 11am and enjoy the day. Give it a go. If you can assist, please call or email to confirm. Check the roster on the MYC webpage, which is updated monthly.

Pam Davis - Principal Race Officer


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See Ken's great photos on our web site at:

www.myc.org.au/picture_library 



TL: Helen, Steve, Louise, John, Laura, and Peter.

David our Master Chef
L: Penny, Sally and Judy serving at the Season Launch BBQ 



We have a fleet!!

Despite it being father's day (or maybe because of it) the kick-off of the centreboard season was a great success.


With 9 boats at the start we have a real fleet!

We are very happy to welcome to our fleet Colin Ryan as a new member and Peter Burton who converted from the yachts to the laser. Peter sails Cod-Zilla that he bought from Geoff and Colin joined us to prepare himself for the Masters later this year.

There were some changes for the regulars over winter. Geoff upgraded to Rampage and sticking to his "branding" renamed her to Grampage. Marcus has a 4.7 sail over the winter and successfully sailed his first MYC race single-handed.

As for the rest of us, Veronique, Iain, Philip and Roland there is more of the same. Iain finishes first and Roland despite trying every trick, like ramming Veronique twice before the start, comes in at the end of the fleet. This time avoiding the wooden spoon only because Peter and Rick, who joined us for a casual race, missed some of the course and DNF. (Results page 3)

It was a great day out there and I hope to see you all again for the next race.

Roland Beck 




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Shore crew member Megan Williams (Rod's wife) spoilt the KAT crew at the end of each race with dips, nachos, cheese platters and even French champagne. Spectacular sunsets were viewed from the race week beer tent and the evenings were cool.

The KAT crew made themselves known among the fleet and around town by wearing their tasteful racing shirts on and off the boat. Evenings were spent socialising in the Abel Point Marina beer tent, patronising the town's Rum Bar, Whitsunday Sailing Club and restaurants and a bit of celebratory dancing, including the KAT foredeck speciality, the Deckie's Dance (see Laura and Anne for instruction).

Other members and friends who made an appearance at the race week included Pete Moseley and Arthur Crothers (MYHC) on Local Hero, and Jim Thomas, and Greg and Gaby James sailing on 'True Love'. (see story page 4)

All had a great time and swore on their final rum and cokes that they'd be back next year. **While Airlie was serious (on the water anyway), Hammo was even more so.....**Helen Buckland  www.flickr.com/photos/41836713@N02/ for more photos



Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, its off to Hammo we go.....

With a successful and fun week behind us at Airlie, we packed away the tropical shirts, put all the heavy gear back on board and headed off to Hamilton Island for another week of fun in the sun! Sadly leaving behind Rod and Megan (the best shore crew ever!) the rest of us ambled our way over to Hamilton Island to meet our new crew of Ian Dennewald, David and Caroline Busvine. Jane and Helen were staying with us for a few days

while Bec and Matt were showing the stamina of true yacht racers and completing both weeks!

It had been hot at Airlie but nothing like Hamilton. What little wind there was didn't seem to reach the marina and we were all soon running for the resort pool.

Day One and we headed out to the Eastern Start Line with 200 other boats, wearing our smart (and clean) Manly Sailing Crew Shirts we fitted right in! It was an incredible sight; much as we love the Airlie Beach regatta, the sight of 200 yachts lining up for their start at Hammo takes your breath away every time!

It was a bit of a floater, a slow down wind start but we were on the right side of the course when the breeze filled in a little and got away from the pack, only to stop again with all the lead yachts at Isolated rock. Never before have we done a race where we raised the kite on all legs...the breeze was shifty and almost non-existent in places but surprisingly for a very heavy boat we held our own and came out with a 12th (out of a fleet of 42), pretty good for a first day.

That was to be the pattern for the week, light, variable and shifty winds.....oh, how they shifted. On one downwind start we managed to hoist the kite on the port side, drop it, hoist it again and gybe it - all before we hit the start line.....you can imagine the howls of protest from the foredeck.....!

Shortened courses were the order of the week but there were no complaints from the KAT crew...as soon as we crossed that finish line we either motored to a nice anchorage for lunch and swims or hit straight back to the island and headed for the resort pool.....on more than one occasion a crew member was heard to murmur "I wonder what the poor people are doing" as they sipped on a Happy Hour Cocktail poolside....

One of the highlights of the week (besides the sailing) was sunset drinks at the new yacht club, what an amazing building, well worth a visit. The heat was draining for everyone and we were all drinking litres of water during races so it was only right that we kept up our liquid consumption after racing!

Friday dawned and with it the Prix d'Elegance, a competition for the best dressed yacht. Bec and Matt were in charge of organising our outfits for the day and they did us proud. Dressed up as pirates we passed the judging committee as Ian and David had a mock sword fight on the bow, the rest of us "Aaaarring" with all our might. See the photograph of Cap'n Matt that day! Being pirates must have inspired us because despite the fact that light winds are so not our conditions we sailed our hearts out and came second....there was much celebrating as we collected our trophy that night.....

Until the race committee called us the next day and said "Emmmm, we're really sorry. We made a mistake, you actually came third..can you bring your trophy back and we'll swap it for the third place one". When I took the trophy back they were most surprised saying that some people had refused to swap back and gave us a bottle of wine to say thank you. I didn't tell them that we were happy to swap our trophy for a new one because Chris had dropped ours on the way to the pub the night before and chipped it.....and so a fabulous week in the tropics drew to a close. Quieter on the race circuit than usual, but no less tactical or competitive. We were most proud of our overall 11th in division and can't wait to come back again next year!

Anne and Chris, Manly Sailing 





WHERE'S THE FERRIES AND SHIPPING IN THE HARBOUR?

It's the start of the sailing season so...a timely reminder to be aware of ferries and shipping in the harbour.

All competitors must keep 200m from the bow and at least 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.

Large ships and ferries are severely restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and are unable to stop quickly. Some are restricted to navigation only within the confines of a narrow navigation channel due to their draft. The Masters of vessels should be aware that the pilot of some larger ships can not see a vessel that is less than one nautical mile ahead of the ship.

The "Big Ships - small boats" video provided by NSW Maritime gives the following advice:

1. Recreational boats both power and sail should keep well clear of large vessels and ferries. They are difficult to manoeuvre.
2. Do not cross ahead of large vessels or ferries unless well ahead.
3. Do not cross too close astern of a large vessel or ferry (there could be someone coming from the other side).
4. Stay away from the lee side of ships because there is an enormous wind shadow that will becalm you.
5. As a general rule, yachties should know that in a race you may not only incur penalty points if you are seen to impede the passage of a commercial vessel, you can also be charged with negligent navigation.
6. Always keep to the starboard side of the channel.
7. Do not cross a channel if you are going to impede the vessel which has to use the channel.

Manly Ferry timetables are available at
www.sydneyferries.info/timetables/manly.php

Do not manoeuvre close to the ferry lane when your start time in the Twilights (or other MYC series) puts you in close proximity to the arrival or departure time of the ferry. When starting or finishing a race, you must do so on the western side of the ferry lane.

All yachts are governed by Maritime NSW regulations regardless of whether they belong to a yacht club or not and owners should ensure that their yachts comply with these regulations. Yachts are required to display navigation lights when travelling on the water after sunset or when visibility is poor.

What have we learned? Our training strategy for this season is going well with two opportunities to learn new skills or polish old ones.

On 11 August, Larry Cargill from YA-NSW shared his knowledge and coaching skills in developing and implementing Strategies and Tactics. He introduced the skills pyramid with Boat Handling forming the foundation and boat speed the middle. Tactics sit on the top third of this pyramid. The two foundation skills need to be working well to open opportunities to introduce tactics and strategies. This approach will make a difference in your racing results. Almost 20 members and guests attended this course and the feedback I heard was that this course was very helpful in exploring some current racing practices that can be improved and how to use more involvement by the crew in the process of improving results. This course was well attended but we needed a couple more to financially break-even.

On 1st September, we held another Racing Rules session with Mark Pryke. Entertaining, informative and important to understand the new racing rules of our chosen sport. I noted one example from Marks explanation of the three hull circle rule about having to give 'Buoy Room' when approaching a top mark. In the first Club Championship race, I witnessed this rule being ignored by one skipper who approached the mark and tried to squeeze out another where clearly the inside, overlapping boat had rights for space. The result was a short-term perceived gain in getting to the mark first but then having to tack away after rounding the mark to avoid a possible collision and in doing so, impacting on a third boat who had given both boats room to get around the mark and then sail their proper course. Being on the third boat, just let me say I encourage more members attend our training courses.

The next course is on 29 September, Race Management, followed on the Saturday (3rd) with a practical induction to our Race Management fleet. Also put into your diaries (if you have not already transferred all the MYC calendar events into your diary) the 7th October training session for Sailing Trim. This is a little different to our usual pattern of training sessions on Tuesday evenings as our presenter was only available on this Wednesday. Following on 10th November is another YA-NSW course 'One with the Wind'.

All courses will start at 7pm, require a small cash fee and require RSVPs to cary_budd@optusnet.com.au or SMS 0419600108.

Cary Budd- Training Coordinator - MYC

This year the audits for our MYC yachts were carried out over a couple of weekends because quite a few of our auditors had sailing or other commitments in the latter part of the month when normally the audits would have been carried out.

The sailing committee would like to thank those owners who made the effort to have their boats ready for inspection early.

The compliance forms were more detailed than usual and made obvious the basic requirements without having to refer to the Blue Book for the expansion of each rule regulation. Time for each inspection was saved for the auditors as well as allowing owners to be better prepared.

The regulations are being constantly updated by the YA and so there will be slight changes to the requirements when the inspections are carried out again in one year's time. To be aware of the changes it will be advantageous to keep an eye on the YA website, www.yachting.org.au

There are still a few boats who haven't had an audit inspection so it will be up to them to contact one of the auditors and arrange a mutually convenient time to carry out the inspection. For those concerned please don't try to have this done an hour before your race is due to start, plan sometime ahead. Please make sure you are familiar with pages 35-36 of the new MYC handbook.

Many thanks go to the boats who turned up on time with all the equipment marked, in good condition and well laid out. This made the job of the auditors so much easier and saved so much time. To the auditors, thank you very much for a job well done and for volunteering your time and efforts for what is not a very thankful job and to Maz and Greg Wilkins for helping with the organisation.

Happy and safe sailing.

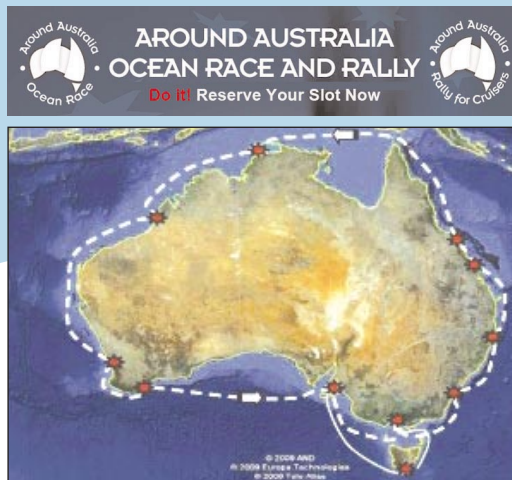
Bill Spence

DIARY DATES

Sat 19 Sept	Sailability - BIRDS Baptist Community Centre, General
Sun 20 Sep	Yachts - SS-1 Centreboards SPS-2
Sun 27 Sep	Yachts - CC-2 Centreboards SPS-3 CC-2 Juniors - Fun Day
Mon 28 Sep	Sailing Committee Meeting
Tue 29 Sep	Training - Race Management
Sat 3 Oct	Training - Safety Boat induction - practical
Sat 3 Sept	Sailability - Hornsby Lifestyle, General
Sun 4 Oct	Daylight Saving starts
Mon 5 Oct	Labour Day
Tue 6 Oct	Board Meeting
Wed 7 Oct	Training - Sail Trim
Sun 11 Oct	Yachts - SS - 2 Centreboards SPS-4
Wed 14 Oct	Sailability - A/C Foundation, MAPS Turramurra, MAPS Pymble
Sat 17 Oct	Sailability BIRDS- General
Sun 18 Oct	Yachts - CC-3 Centreboards SPS-5/CC3 Juniors - Fun Day
Fri 23 Oct	ZILZIE Twilights BBQ Wine Tasting ZILZIE Twilights - 1
Sat 24 Oct	Working Bee
Sun 25 Oct	Yachts - SS-3 Centreboards SPS-6
Mon 26 Oct	Sailing Committee Meeting
Fri 30 Oct	ZILZIE Twilights - 2
Sat 31 Oct	Sailability - Hornsby Lifestyle, General
Sun 1 Nov	MYC Open Day and Try Sailing Day

Please check the 2009 - 2010 Handbook
DUTY ROSTER CREW CONTACT:
Pam Davis: pensive@iinet.net.au

**Mark your diaries now
for the:**
Working Bee
Saturday 24th October
and
MYC Open Day and
Try Sailing Day Sunday
1st NOVEMBER
more details in the October issue



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'Jump-To-It' Discover Australia.
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Aquatic Licence and what it means to you and your club

Maritime NSW is concerned with the conduct of sailing vessels competing in races under Aquatic Licences and reminds club members of the conditions of the Aquatic Licence which clearly state that:

All competitors must abide by traffic directions of NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers. Any competitor, so directed to stop by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.

And;
All competitors must be briefed in relation to obligations to keep well clear of shipping.

The Water Traffic Regulations provides for a penalty notice to be issued to the master of the vessel for impeding a seagoing vessel or ferry which can carry a penalty of up to \$1500.

The Water Traffic Regulations also provides for a penalty notice to be issued to the Aquatic licensee which can carry a penalty of up to \$1500. Non-compliance with the conditions of the Aquatic Licence with regard to the above issues may result in the cancellation of the Licence.

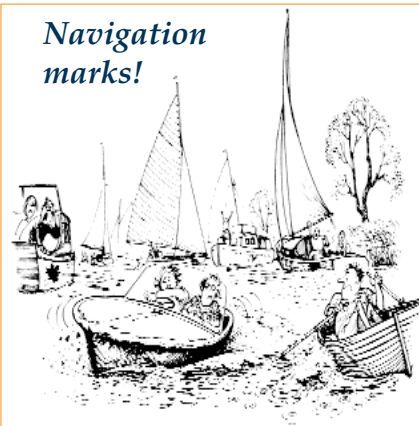
Any displays of non compliance of the above nature will result in NSW Maritime issuing a Penalty Notice to the Master of the vessel involved and a Penalty Notice to the Aquatic Licensee.

Dear Crew

I am doing the rounds of friends who will crew with me from time to time and reminding them that **they must be a paid up member of a club affiliated with Yachting NSW.** This is principally for insurance purposes although we'd love to have you as a member of Manly Yacht Club and enjoy the club facilities too!
Please confirm you are now a paid up member of a club.

Cheers, Your Skipper 

Navigation marks!



THE FOLLOWING COURSES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR 2009

Marine Radio VHF& HF:

Sept 17 and Dec 2

Marine First Aid:

Sept 23 and Nov 11 and Dec 9

RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance:

Sept 18 and Nov 8 and Dec 3

RYA radar operations:

Sept 16 and Dec 1

All above courses at MYC

YA and RYA/ISAF Sea Survival:

Sept 26&27 and Nov 28&29

Sea Survival is run at Mosman

Gerald Fitzgerald: Principal

Offshore Maritime

Training Australia

ISAF/RYA and Yachting Australia
and MSQ accredited

■ Safety and Sea Survival
Certificate

■ RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance

■ Marine Radio Operators Course

■ Marine First Aid

■ Master V & Coxswain Courses

■ Adventure Sailing Antarctica

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