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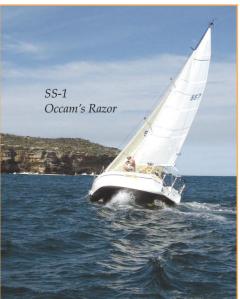
Help your friends give sailing a go!

Manly Yacht Club is throwing its doors open to members of the public on Try Sailing Day, Sunday November 1, between 10am and 4pm. We need your help!

Before the day: Please spread the word and invite anyone who might want to give sailing a go. Everyone is welcome. We'll have lasers, Sailability dinghies, Manly Juniors and yachts available on the day to take visitors out for a sail.

On the day: We need lots of volunteers on the day, to set up boats, take people sailing, greet people, register visitors, answer questions, talk about MYC and generally rave about sailing!







Fill in the volunteer form or find details at www.myc.org.au or contact Helen Buckland:
on 0410 353 296
We'd really appreciate you help!



Try Sailing Day - Open Day 2008 a very busy MYC looking its best.

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President's Report

Another sailing season has begun and as I write this it is 15 degrees outside and North Head observations show it is blowing between 30 and 40 knots...... but I don't care because it is only 15 days, 2 hours, and 30 something minutes until I start the first of MYC's 2009/10 Twilight Races. The new BBQ is on its way, we have a shiny new Race Director in Anne Stockdale and new twilight caterers, so summer is almost here.

Manly Council has awarded the Yacht Club a grant of \$750 to go towards new racking for the centreboards on the lower level. This will enable us to build a prototype rack which hopefully will be the first of the major improvements to the dingy and centreboard storage area culminating in new sliding doors facing the deck allowing boats be removed directly from their rack and onto the deck for rigging.

The next of the major happenings within the club is the painting of the hall and foyer. After much reflection and deliberation our interior decorator / colour consultant has selected a mystery colour which will be revealed in about a week when the painters arrive. Thanks to Brian and Sorrell for getting this project going.

A great way to help out at the club is to come along and lend a hand at one of our working bees. The next one is on October 24th so please drop in, even if only for an hour to meet some of your fellow sailors off the water.

Try sailing day this year is on November 1st, this is a great day at the club so please, if you have some time on the day please send Helen Buckland an email at myclub@tpg.com.au and she can roster you on.

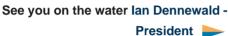
Robby R is again hanging on davits outside the club. This has been a much bigger than anticipated job and no longer will we have the wild rides we used to on the way down to the water. Thanks to Bruce "Davits" Davis and his team of Margo, Al Sims, Jim Nixon, Greg James, Pam Davis and Jeff Taken (Northern Beaches Dragon Boaters) for their help in installing them.

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There are a number of issues effecting the onshore side of the club at the moment including: a very out of date constitution, the issue of paid members and employees of the club, junior sail training provided by the club, (not to be confused with the schools training offered by Big Blue), and the promotion of the clubs activities and advertising to attract new members and yachts. All of these are interrelated in so we are in the process of forming sub committees to look into these matters. If you are interested in helping out on a committee, or have opinions on any of these issues

please drop me a line. MYC is a club for its members and by providing your time or opinions we can make sure everyone gets a say in the day to day running of the place.





Race Management News

It is great to have so many members volunteering to assist with race management - only one spot left for the Spring season - on Sunday 29 Nov, so if you have that day free and can join the race team - a quick email to pensive@iinet.net.au ...is all you have to do no experience needed.

Of course the other half of racing is the presentation and drinks on the deck with fellow sailors. To enjoy the facilities of MYC volunteers are needed to sell and cook. Yacht skippers are asked to volunteer their boat for shop duty on one race day in which they will come back after the race and man the shop. This does not interfere with racing, and it means everyone can take a turn. We need a shop boat for 8 Nov and 6 Dec, so if you are not yet on the roster here is your chance.

Thanks to the teams who have done a great job so far. If you are not yet part of a team - check out the roster for the Autumn season and get in early. Remember all members are being asked to help out at least once a season - so email me at pensive@iinet.net.au and get on the list. The day starts at 11am, lunch is provided and you get to meet some other terrific members - so get in early.

Pam Davis - Principal Race Officer: pensive@iinet.net.au

or by phone on 9939 1972 M: 0416 240 194.



Mini Regatta - 1 8th November

The creme de la creme of vacht racing will once more descend on Manly Yacht Club for the annual Mini-Regatta Series. This series of 6-8 short races conducted over two separate days is aimed at small yachts and seriously tests the skills of the crew. Courses are of the short sprint type with crews having to do contend with multiple, tacks, gybes, hoists, drops over short courses. Always an exciting event, the first day of the series is on November 8th. Get your entries in www.myc.org.au, signup your crew and show the big boats what real sailing is like.

Chris Stockdale



Overseas Visitors to Sydney.

Can you help your fellow mariners on the other side of the world? If you think you can, contact Maz and she will pass on your details.

- 1) Christoph Bottoni from Switzerland is coming back to Manly at the beginning of November (until the middle of February), for training and regattas in Australia and is looking for accommodation.
- 2) John Fitzgerald sails from a volunteer club like ours except it's in Dublin. He will be in Manly between Christmas and New Year and would love to be on the water for Boxing Day. If you think you might have an extra spot and would like to help a fellow sailor.
- 3) **Tony Loftus from England** is visiting Manly between Christmas and New Year. Could you possibly help some fellow mariners, or give some pointers please? I am contacting Manly Yacht Club because I understand Manly is particularly beautiful, and you seem to be family orientated. My wife Sharon is on a leg of the Clipper round the world yacht race, from South Africa to Australia.

She gets in to Geraldton on the West Coast about 15th December, where I meet her with our two kids (boy 17, girl 15). We are using the opportunity to see as much of your Country as we can, and are flying into Sydney on 27th for five nights, leaving New Year's Dav.

Most of the decent hotels are booked up (We have left it late). I know it is a long shot, but I was hoping there was someone from your club who may be able to help a nice family. I have crossed the Atlantic both ways and would love to meet fellow sailing enthusiasts on your side of the world. We are happy to sleep on a boat for the period if no landside accommodation is available, and are prepared to make a substantial donation to the club or individual maybe around a thousand dollars - who would be kind enough to help us out. Or perhaps you could at least advise where to stay nearby? If you could circulate this request to your members, I would really appreciate it. We are from Liverpool, England, and would be happy to reciprocate if anyone was ever in a similar situation our end!



Start of Season **Zilzie Twilight** Wine Tasting Friday 23rd Oct 09

Zilzie Wines will be conducting an informal cellar door wine tasting at MYC after Twilight Race 1. A selection of fantastic Zilzie Wines for your tasting pleasure, starts at 8.30pm, order forms will be available. Wet your taste buds and have a look at the Zilzie web site:

www.zilziewines.com









MYC Twilight Season opens Friday Oct 23rd. Time to shake out the shorts, polish up the plastic glasses, blow the cobwebs off the stubby holder. It's here at last - Twilight racing is returning to the MYC Calendar with the first race on October 23rd. Same rules, same fun, a few new faces and lots of lovely Friday Sailing stretches out in front of us. If you haven't entered, get your entry and paperwork to the MYC office now or risk missing out. If you are a skipper looking for crew or a crew member looking for a boat contact the MYC Crew Co-ordinator Jo Huggins on 0422 693 305...

Not only are our wonderful Sponsor Zilzie Wines supporting us again this year but we will celebrate the first twilight with a Wine Tasting by Zilzie Wines immediately after racing. So get back to the club as soon as you can, check out the Zilzie Wine range and maybe purchase a few for your summer consumption. Wine Tasting starts at 8.30pm Oct 23rd.

Who's afraid of the dark.....? Your Twilight Race Committee thats who!

In the early weeks of the twilight season many, if not all boats finish after dark. And as our finish line is west of the ferry terminal, your race committee often have a hard time determining if there are boats crossing the line - let alone who they are. We do our very best and we want to be able to give everyone a finish time so please help us out by noting the following:

In the Twilight Sailing Instructions under Section 12. The Finish, Instruction 12.1 states Boats should record their own finish time in poor light and note boats finishing around them. We ask all competitors to note this instruction and either SMS their boat name and finish time to 0414 209269 or to phone the office with it (9977 4949) or call up on VHF Channel 72. Failing that - pop by the office when you get back to the club. Anyone who fails to do this and complains that they don't have a finishing time will be asked to volunteer for race committee the following week and a donation to our Night Vision Glasses fund.

Shining a light on your sail number helps - but get your crew member to shine it on the actual sail number with your brightest strongest torch. Not in the general direction of the sail number and not at the bottom of the sail shining upwards. It all helps your poor eye strained Race Committee!

> If none of the above appeal, then donate a Night Vision Telescope to the Race Committee.





Commodore's Report

Looks like this season is going to be very interesting weatherwise! Arriving back from Austria, I found a very dusty red boat at North Harbour - but a few good scrubs (thanks Graham) and the recent heavy downpours have fixed that. And I'm pleased to say, it is still hanging off its mooring after the gales we've had (thanks Bruce!).

Now that the season has begun, I'd like to thank (on behalf of the boat owners) all the Equipment Auditors for inspecting the fleet. If you still need to be inspected, it's not too late ... we want as many boats racing as we can. Ivana has been working hard to secure new sponsors and retain existing sponsors - so come enjoy the racing; the after racing camaraderie; and win some fabulous prizes.

Thank you also to the club members who have so far responded to requests for help on the Race Committees, either on Sundays or Friday Night Twilights. If you haven't contacted Pam or Anne yet, please do. You'll be surprised how much fun you will have and how much you will learn.

With the Twilights starting in a few short weeks, let me please remind you to be aware of the ferries and your responsibilities associated with racing with Manly Yacht Club. Be mindful of your start time in relation to the ferries entry and departure times and keep clear when starting and finishing. It is a requirement when racing with Manly Yacht Club that navigation lights be used in poor visibility. NSW Maritime imposes heavy fines if boats are caught without navigation lights on in poor visibility. I would encourage the Race Committees to disqualify any boats racing without navigations lights if they should be on. Navigation lights are required if you intend to enter the Twilight Series - see SI 17.3. We know you've got them they were inspected - so please use them.

If you haven't already tried it, I'd encourage all members to come to some of our training sessions. I recently attended the sail trim seminar and found it most informative - yes even though San Toy only has one sail! We can all still learn. See the newsletter for further training dates.

Try Sailing Day is coming ... if you can spare a few hours to help out, please complete the form that will shortly be sent out, if it hasn't already.

The Mini Regatta is not as far away as you think - so get those entries in.

In other news ... a sailing training committee, made up of Board members and Sailing Committee members, has been working through a process which aims to encourage junior sailing at Manly Yacht Club. If you have children between the ages of 9 to 15, or have friends with children, who would like to participate in a junior program, please contact me, so that the committee can gauge the level of interest and make use of the strategies they have outlined.

For those "old" juniors and other interested parties, just a reminder that celebrations for 50th Anniversary of the MJ will be held on 14th November, in conjunction with the MJ State Titles. For more details see www.manlyjunior.asn.au. You need to book if you want to attend the dinner or watch the racing from the ferry.

Finally, I'd like to wish Judy Cole and Greg Hyde good luck as they compete in individual Access Dinghies at the Masters Games being held in Sydney in October. I hope you have fair winds.

See you on the water!





ROBBIE R LAUNCHING AND HOISTING PROCEDURE USING THE WINCH

- The winch is powerful machine and its use must be taken seriously
- The key is attached to the Robbie R keys.
- Insert the key into the power switch but don't turn the key.
- Turn the power switch on.
- Make sure no one is near or touching the lifting wires.
- Press the up, down or stop button as required.
- While the winch is in motion the operator must always be:
 - standing next to the control panel and within easy reach of the buttons.
 - facing the boat and davits and continually observing the operation.

Launching Put the bungs in the boat or it will sink. There are 4 bungs - 2 internal and 2 external. The external bungs should be put in and removed when Robbie R is out of the water. When the boat is afloat don't let too much wire off the drum or it will bunch up.

Hoisting Don't hoist the boat too high or the wire will be damaged as the blocks in the tackle jam. Take the bungs out of the boat (4 bungs) or it will fill with rain water and become too heavy for the davits.

Sailing Committee



WORKING BEE 24th October

The big item at the moment is the redecorating the hall. Sorrel has organised the painters. Club members and the Diggers have removed all the various items which decorated the walls. The painters should have completed their work before the next working Bee which takes place on the 24th of this month. So one of the main tasks will be to put back the items which were taken down, but not all of them. In an attempt to reduce clutter and improve the ambiance of the hall some items will be stored and some relocated.

I understand new tap washers are required in the ladies toilet and the urinal in the gents toilet is partially blocked. Experts in these fields who are available should advise me on 9949 1073. In an attempt to ensure the efficiency of working Bees I will endeavour to allocate specific jobs to members or groups of members so that they will know what tools and materials to bring.

Manly council is still contemplating our DA for a security gates and fence for the deck.

See you on the 24th October Brian Wilson- Maintenance Director



Good luck to Greg Hyde and Jude Cole who are representing MYC Sailability in the Access 303 (single class) of the 2009 Masters Games at Dobrovd Aquatic. Five Dock, on 13 - 16th October.

TRY SAILING just sitting in a boat!

Sunday 1st Nov. 11.00am - 3.00pm Manly Yacht Club - East Esplanade

- Maybe you can learn to sail?
- Join our youth program for regular coaching?
- Become a paralympic contender?
- Or just enjoy the sound of water lapping against the hull as the boat glides along......
- Experience the feeling and benefits of being on the water at Manly Cove, with a competent skipper
- In a specially designed safe and stable dinghy, with a safety boat always nearby -With accessible ramps and hoists, and the help of supportive, trained volunteers
- No charge for trying, then very reasonable membership fees

Call Eli Demeny on 9976 2747 email: eli@manlysailability.com.au

for more details and to register your interest or just turn up and find out if you like it

we'd love to meet you. www.manlysailability.com.au



"Freedom on the water, regardless of ability"



Awarm welcome to our new members

Craig Whitting - Senior

Rod Williams - Associate

Megan Williams - Hon Membership

Martin Davies - Senior

Ben Stone - Associate

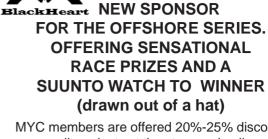
Nathalie Gochel - Associate

Carl Hampel - Associate

Bruno Nagel - Associate

Michael Evans - Syndicate

Felicity nelson - Associate



MYC members are offered 20%-25% discount on all products at the store and online.

BlackHeart have been a great sponsor last season and are now sponsoring the Offshore series for the new season. They need heaps of help to support their new store at the spit.





	HOURS OF	OPERATION
	MONDAY	CLOSED
	TUESDAY	10-6
	WEDNESDAY	10-6
支付網	THURSDAY	10-8
	FRIDAY	10-6
	SATURDAY	8-4
	SUNDAY	8-4

Hope to see you on the 15th of November for the BlackHeart Botany Bay race. Greg Zyner



Hempel Yacht Paint Summer Series - Race 1

Sunday 20 September, 15 yachts of 21 entrants lined up for the first race of the Hempel Summer Series, on a great spring day with a light to moderate northerly breeze. All were flying the pennant of Hempel Yacht Paints, the new series sponsor.

The series is a handicap start and the boats closest to their start times will be in the running for the starters prize each race and trophy at the end of the series. This looks like it will be hotly contended, as 5 boats were within 10 seconds of their start time, with Beausoleil best on the day only 4s after.

A couple of boats were over eager and started well early of their time, including Esra Tew. But even with their start time corrected and a 5 minute Penalty, Esra Tew put in a screamer and finish first in division 2, 22 minutes clear of Lady Canaster in second and Pompadi in third.

In division 1, the start times were stream over 57 minutes and the finishing times ended with much the same spread, but with the order somewhat changed. Aussie Rules and Melody were split by just over a minute for 1st and 2nd, with Occum's Razor 5 minutes further back.

All the place getters choose from a table of **Hempel** products. including teak old, polish, vanish and antifoul. The grand prizes for this series are sufficient paint 5 anti-fouls (plus tie coat if needed), with each divisional winner taking a grand prize and 3 grand prizes being picked from the barrel. Each racer has their name in the barrel, plus extra entries for a place, so everybody is in with a chance for an antifoul prize.

Greg Wilkins - Race Director



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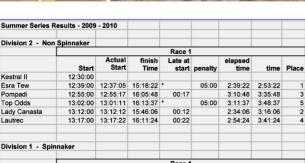
Hempel Products

SS1 -A very Happy Jackie, with Greg & Mark









				Race 1				
	Start	Actual Start	finish Time	Late at start	penalty	elapsed time	time	Place
Bokarra	12:30:00							
Runaway Taxi	12:31:00	12:33:19	DNF	02:19				
Good Intent	12:33:00							
Melody	12:39:00	12:39:14	15:18:53	00:14		2:39:53	2:48:53	2
Aussie Rules	12:43:00	12:43:07	15:16:24	00:07		2:33:24	2:46:24	1
Atalanta	12:44:00	12:44:09	15:59:47	00:09		3:15:47	3:29:47	8
Beausoleil	12:46:00	12:46:04	15:30:06	00:04		2:44:06	3:00:06	4
Occum's Razor	12:53:00	12:53:08	15:23:10	00:08		2:30:10	2:53:10	3
Ratty Tooey	12:57:00	12:57:41	15:52:42	00:41		2:55:42	3:22:42	7
Sip Ahoy	12:57:00							
Whisling Kite	13:14:00	13:16:50	16:10:22	02:50		2:56:22	3:40:22	10
Shear Magic	13:15:00	13:15:14	15:49:55	00:14		2:34:55	3:19:55	5
San Toy	13:23:00							
Copernicus	13:25:00	13:25:16	15:50:46	00:16		2:25:46	3:20:46	6



MYC Centreboard Club Championship SERIES SCORES for Mixed Class YS up to Race 2 on 11/10/2009 Ties not resolved! Duty Score Average of 2 best scores (Ties: S=Score R=Race B= Bettered. Penalties: A=ARB B=BFD C=DNC D=DNE E=ESP F=DNF (Ties: S=Score R=Race B= Bettered. Penalties: A=AKB B=BFD U=DING D=DING E=GOF F= G=RDG L=Late Entrant M=DGM N=ENP O=OCS P=Protest Q=DSQ R=RAF S=DNS U=DUT V=AVG X=EXC Z=ZFP Y=SCP #=NoData [x.y]=Discarded) Series Results [Mixed Class YS] for Division 3 up to Race 2 (Drops = 0) Place Sail No Boat Name Skipper From Sers Score Race 2 Race 1 156731 I Cameron G Reid Seanile Grampage 156769 Charlies Angel 101475 V Morgan Smith 93819 Manaia M James 10 6 Zapp 103623 P Reid 12 9.000

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2	156731	Seanile	1:02:05	0.834	113	45:49:00	0.834	I Cameron	Laser	2	15:07:05
3	156769	Grampage	1:04:45	0.801	113	45:54:00	0.8	G Reid	Laser	3	15:09:45
4	93819	Manaia	1:18:27	0.729	122	46:52:00	0.713	M James	Laser4.7	4	15:23:27
5	101475	Charlies Angel	1:12:00	0.755	113	48:06:00	0.719	V Morgan Smith	Laser	5	15:17:00
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SERIES SCORES for Mixed Class HC up to Race 4 on 11/10/2009 Ties not resolved!

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1	156769	Grampage	G Reid		6	3	ABN	2	1
2	123247	Gumbaru	R Beck		9	1	ABN	4	4
3	101475	Charlies Angel	V Morgan S	mith	12	5	ABN	1	6
3	156731	Seanile	I Cameron		12	2	ABN	8.00C	2
5	103623	Zapp	P Reid		14	8.00C	ABN	3	3
6	93819	Manaia	M James		17	4	ABN	8.00C	5
7	156752	Sicem Rex	C Ryan		23	8.00C	ABN	8.00C	7

	Summer Series	- 2009 - 20 ⁻	10							
	Division 1 - Spi	nnaker								
		Race1	Race2							
		Points	Start	Actual Start	finish Time	Late at start	penalty	Handicap time	Points	Total Points
557	Occum's Razor	3	12:55	12:55:03	15:33:07	00:00:03		03:03:07	1	4
6499	Supernova	9	13:27	13:27:03	15:39:24	00:00:03		03:09:24	2	11
6689	Copernicus	6	13:25	13:25:05	15:44:22	00:00:05		03:14:22	3	9
MYC34	Sip Ahoy	11	12:57	12:57:58	15:43:44	00:00:58	00:02:00	03:15:44	4	15
MYC9	Beausoleil	4	12:46	12:46:01	15:46:33	00:00:01		03:16:33	5	9
1255	Melody	2	12:43	12:43:15	15:46:59	00:00:15		03:16:59	6	8
KA55	Atalanta	8	12:44	12:44:07	15:47:37	00:00:07		03:17:37	7	15
MYC100	Shear Magic	5	13:15	13:16:46	15:47:59	00:01:46		03:17:59	8	13
6295	Ratty Tooey	7	12:57	12:57:20	15:54:32	00:00:20		03:24:32	9	16
MYC12	San Toy	11	13:23	13:23:09	15:56:20	00:00:09		03:26:20	10	21
3354	Whisling Kite	10	13:14	13:14:09	16:00:49	00:00:09		03:30:49	11	21
1152	Bokarra	11	12:30	DNS					12	23
5393	Runaway Taxi	11	12:31	DNS					12	23
MYC820		11	12:33	DNS					12	23
MYC1	Aussie Rules	1	12:49						12	13
	Division 2 - No	n Spinnake	er .							
		Race1	Race2							
		Points	Start	Actual Start	finish Time	Late at start	penalty	Handicap time	Points	Total Points
MYC27	Esra Tew	1	12:45	12:46:17	15:47:42	00:01:17		03:17:42	1	2
79	Pompadi	3	12:57	12:57:04	15:52:26	00:00:04		03:22:26	2	5
MYC157	Lady Canasta	2	13:16	13:16:06	15:58:28	00:00:06		03:28:28	3	5
MYC28	Kestral II	6	12:30	12:37:00	16:19:34	00:07:00	00:02:00	03:51:34	4	10
A 73	Top Odds	5	13:02						5	10
MYC33	Lautrec	4	13:17						5	9



The Lion Island race was my first serious race as part skipper and part owner of Supernova. So I spent the preceding 2 weeks anguishing about my first scratch start with 30 boats including the likes of Vangard. In our practice starts, my crew was all very gungho and were keen for a front row pin end start. I recall doing the same urging when I was not skipper, so I guess it's just Karma.

In the advent, the first start was a non-starter. No wind and the fleet just drifted about for an hour. The smoke from fires inland was showing little sign of the forecast north easterly. Eventually the committee boat just picked up the pin, tooted twice and headed at speed out the heads to set a new line out of the harbour. I'm not

sure that was in the SI, but it was the right thing to do as the result was a line square to a fresh northerly just over 10knots.

We did achieve our pin end start, but 30 seconds back. This turned out to be tactical genius as all the starboard tackers battled each other towards the real estate, while we tack onto port into clean air and got clear of the heads. When we did tack north we were on starboard and above all the front line starters now coming out on port.

We had a clear lane above a line of boats including pensive. We slowly ran over the top of these guys and put some distance on them. We did a short step out and long reef before resuming a lifting starboard tack towards Careel headland. It was all looking so easy and talk soon turn to the great handicap we had (we like the SASC handicaper's appraisal of our skills more than the MYC's), and we almost planing how to pack up.

Then Stormaway (another Sydney 36) came out and tacked onto our lee bow. A private tacking battle ensue with no clear winner on boat speed. On the third coming together, Stormaway ducked us and sailed out to sea and we congratulated ourselves on "winning" the battle. Unfortunately we had almost lost the war, as in the excitement of the duel we missed the fact that the wind had shifted 20 degrees and we sailed a knocked tack all the way into the coast and then found a hole as well. About 8 yachts got past us on the outside and by the time we had work back out to the wind we were behind Pensive again. This time with a bit of reach in the course we could catch her but not get past her.



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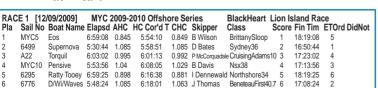
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So pensive rounded immediately in front of us. We rubber necked for bit but could see Dances or any other MYC boats. So we assumed they were long gone.

Asymmetric Spinnaker set was fine and we set off pointing about 25 above the rhumb line, which was almost dead down wind. Pensive had a symmetric up and was more or less sailing the rhumb line.

We slowly caught Lady Ann and Stormaway and then spent a frustrating 20 minutes as we all took turns gassing each other. At this point we finally remembered we had an asymmetric and hotted up another 15 degrees (instruments said TWA 110 - but I seriously doubt that as we gybed 90 to TWA 110). This broke us away from our little pack and our VMG was excellent, even if we were well on our way to NZ. We soon overhauled several other rhumb line runners, including Perl II (another Sydney 36).

The wind stayed good out to sea and it looked pretty soft closer to shore. The line of big boats going in the heads gave us the perfect hint to pick our gybe point and we lined our entrance up perfectly. We had to come in about 3nm, but had a good angle to keep the speed up through a soft spot just off North head. Ratty reported going from 8kn to 25kn in the same place and we had almost as much. The angle was such that is was fun try to duck north head and not run into south head.

Turning into Watsons bay, the wind was right behind us and a bit soft. We only had a km to go, so we flopped the main over and went gull wing with the asymmetric straight down wind, which got us over the line simply.

We were 10th over the line and our generous SASC put us second in div 1. Our MYC handicap still had us 2nd, but Eos obviously had a great (albeit long) day and pipped us to 1st by 5 minutes. Congrats Brian! Bruces first words as we hit the dock were about how Pensive beat us to the mark, so half congrats to them as well.

After a winter of no wind sailing, it was great to finally have a day at speed. Although I had not guiet understood the exhaustion of the nervous tension of being skipper for a race. Hopefully that will get a little easier.



Thanks to the crew for an excellent day! Greg Wilkins

Eos heads back to Sydney with Ratty Tooey in the distance, Greg, Penny and Brian with Candace obscured. Photo: Jim Nixon



A LITTLE HOUSEKEPING NEEDED. PLEASE LEND A HAND 9AM -SAT 24[™] OCT IN ORDER TO HAVE OUR **CLUB LOOKING IT'S BEST FOR OPEN DAY & TRY SAILING DAY** 1ST NOVEMBER

Diary Dates

Sun 18 Oct Yachts - CC-3

Centreboards -SPS-5/CC-3 **BBS** Coaching Juniors BBS Fun Day

Fri 23 Oct **ZILZIE Twilights - 1**

ZILZIE Twilight Wine Tasting

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 -

Try Sailing Day

Tue 3 Nov **Board Meeting** Fri 6 Nov Zilzie Twilight - 3

Sun 8 Nov MR - 1

BBS Fun Dav

Tue 10 Oct Training -

At One With The Wind

Wed 11 Nov Sailability - RFW, MAPS

Forestville, Brokvale Sp

Fri 13 Nov Zilzie Twilight - 4 Sat 14 Nov MJ 50th Anniversary

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Sun 15 Nov Yachts - OS-2

Botant Bay Race

Fri 20 Nov Zilzie Twilight - 5

Sun 22 Nov Yachts - CC - 4

Centreboards SPS-7/CC - 4

BBS Fun Day Zilzie Twilight - 6

Sat 28 Nov Sailability, Hornsby Lifestyle

General

Sun 29 Nov Yachts - SS-4

Fri 27 Nov

Centreboards - SPS-8

Mon 30 Nov Sailing Committee

Meeting

Please check the 2009-2010 Handbook

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Deadline for the November issue Tuesday 10th November.

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'Twas a dark and stormy night'...but that did not deter a record turn-out of skippers, crew and guests to learn more about the art of Sail Trim.

This was the third training session this season; first was Strategies and Tactics. second was Racing Rules.

We have learned about the sailing skills pyramid made up of the foundation third being Boat Handling, middle third; Boat Speed, and the top third, Tactics. The larger Boat Handling part of the pyramid I have left to skippers to work with their crew/s (working as a team, on-board communication, each crew member understanding their role/s and the idiosyncrasies of each yacht). These boat handling skills can only develop with consistency.

The approach to boat speed was to consider how to let the sail do what it was designed to do -move air efficiently over both surfaces. Our trainer for the Sail trim session was Julian Plante from North Sail. He made sure we understood the importance of knowing where the draft should be and why; the recognition that not all twist is bad and probably the greatest contribution to consistency - setting up the means to replicate good trim. Particularly important when the crew composition is not always consistent.

We learned many things including the price of a slack forestay, halyard adjusting, and the effect on the sail by backstay adjustment.

Thank you Julian for some new methods for improving boat speed.

Check your diaries - the next training session is scheduled for 10th November - a YA session called 'One with the Wind'. Designed to help us learn more about weather, reading the wind and how it works. \$15 per head, 7pm start - RSVP by SMS to 0419 600108 or email cary_budd@optusnet.com.au.

Unfortunately the Race Management course scheduled for 29 September was cancelled due to only two people sending an RSVP by the night prior. I will have a new date for this in the next newsletter. Cary Budd - Training Coordinator MYC

Boat Insurance Tip While investigating the purchase of racing insurance for Melody recently I discovered that Yachting Australia has a link to a third-party only policy that covers racing. The company that sells this cover is named OAMPS, and it regularly sponsors YA events. So, for those MYC members who may find it difficult or expensive to add racing cover to their current insurance policy, it might be worth investigating this option. Remember, it only covers the things you hit, not your boat! The cover cost around \$200 per annum.

For more info see: www.oampsgaultarmstrong.com.au - Jim Nixon



Ever wonder where on earth the term "Boom Vang" came from? Sounds like Double Dutch, doesn't it? One usually hears that "boom" is the sound made when it collides with one's head! Wrong! It is of Dutch origin. No wonder some of the spelling is weird. Given that the Dutch were some of the earliest global sailors, it is not surprising that many of the terms that we use every day in our favorite activity are of Dutch origin. Examples are boom, vang, yacht,

Well, Boom means "tree" and Vang meant "to catch or hold". Early paintings of sailing ships have the boom flying high, indicating that the vang was not in use or had not been invented

Cruise comes from Kruisen meaning to sail to and fro. Deck from Dek meaning covering. Yacht is from the word to chase or hunt, so I guess literally to chase the wind - or a hunting ship.

Other terms include -

Freight - from Fraght Keel, Skipper, Sloop,

For more terms visit

Buoy = shackleCruise, Ship, Yacht,

Booze, Bow, Schooner

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutchism

Robert Steffens



