



MYC NEWS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Three of the great MYC events have just passed, the Woman's Challenge, the Summer Ball and the Easter Race to Pittwater.



The Woman's challenge as always was a great success, Ivana and Maz along with countless others put in a huge effort and that is why we see so many sailors from all over Sydney, and even other states coming to Manly to compete and celebrate the event....thank you to all who contributed to the day's success.

On behalf of everyone who attended I would also like to thank Peter Burton and his team for the Summer Ball, the club looked

fantastic and so many people went to so much effort with their outfits. As a result our lost property bin is now overflowing with feather bowers and machine guns, if you did mislay your gun or feathers they can be claimed from the office.

The Good Friday race to Pittwater is another highlight of the year, this year we had a great sail up the coast in near record times followed by dinner at the Royal Motor Yacht Club and a raft up in Jerusalem Bay for those who stayed.

All three events are characteristic of our club. There were no crew cliques, everyone mingled and sat where they felt like it and, as was pointed out on the Friday night in Pittwater, this is pretty unique in the Sydney sailing scene and what makes us the club we are. So if you are new to the club please come along to an event, make yourself known and join in the fun.

You may have noticed the empty office down stairs. The Big Blue has moved out and expressions of interest have been called for a new sailing school to operate out of MYC. Bruce Davis has received some very promising replies and will soon start meeting with the potential schools.

David Lewis and his committee that are looking into the services that are provided to the club on a paid and volunteer basis are moving steadily ahead. This has proven to be a much bigger process than any of us realised. As one avenue is explored two more open up. Proposed bi-laws have been presented to the board and these will probably lay the ground work of where we are headed. This process will hopefully result in some options being put to the membership for discussion and finish with an open meeting of the clubs membership where any member can have a say and vote on the future direction of paid and volunteer services at MYC.

Finally, we are always on the lookout for good quality cheap bits and pieces for the club. If any members know where we can source some good 4 drawer filing cabinets, a largish projector screen or other equipment that may be of use around the club please let me know.

Cheers

Ian Dennewald

If you are receiving a printed black and white copy of this newsletter and would rather receive an email in glorious technicolour please let us know. You can email the club or fill in the personal details survey mailed to your home.

Invitation to THE COMMODORE'S PICNIC

When: 11:00am Sunday, 2nd May 2010

Where: Reef Beach (MYC if the weather is not good)

What:Fun Race and BBQ (BYO drinks) Who:Everyone (no boat? Walk around!)

No excuses this time ... Mother's Day is next weekend!!

The day kicks off with our traditional La Mans start at Manly Harbour Beach (near Oceanworld); racing around YA marks; then heading off to Reef Beach for the 12:30 BBQ. The usual activities ... if you've been there before you know what I mean ... if you haven't ... come and find out ...

Notice of Race will be sent out separately. Sailing Instructions will be issued at the start line.

The Robbie R will be transporting people from boats to shore if required.

Everyone is needed to assist with the activities on the day. If you don't volunteer, you will be given a job. Contact Maz on 9938 1296 to advise attendance otherwise you might go hungry.

Thanks again to Davis Marina for their ongoing commitment as our Official Sponsors.



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COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Twilights have ended and the Easter weekend has come and gone. And with it, the traditional Pittwater offshore race – sponsored by Blackheart Industries, the final in the series. Ten yachts raced up – all using different tactics to get there first. The competition was fierce; San Toy crossing the finish line first with Pensive in hot pursuit and Torquil not far behind. A close finish for the race for all and a close finish for the series – check out the results in this newsletter or the web. After a pleasant meal at the Royal Motor Yacht Club and an overnight stay, boats headed back to Manly or further up the river for a little R and R.



By the time this newsletter "hits the stands", the final race of the **Hempel Yacht Paints Summer Series** – the marathon - will have been sailed and the overall winners decided, leaving just the **Life's an Adventure Club Championships** to be fought out. Currently this series is a close run thing. Help make it interesting by entering as a casual or just turning up if you have already entered – your placing could decide the series winner!

The **winter racing**, also sponsored by Hempel Yacht Paints, starts in June giving you plenty of time to get that maintenance done; and maybe a bit of training or the odd cruise while you wait for the summer season to start again. MYC is holding a number of **training days** on chart work — magnetic compasses, position fixing and course plotting — check the hand book for dates and contact Cary if you intend to attend.

Thanks to the hard work of our enthusiastic Sponsorship Director, Ivana, all of our racing is again sponsored this year including the Musto/ Sturrocks Women's Challenge 2010. If you were there, you know what a blast it was. If you weren't or even if you were and want to relive the thrills of the day, log onto the MYC gallery page and view the great photography of Krystle Wright and our club members. Ivana has decided to pass the baton on for next year's challenge - after 15 or more years, she has decided she needs a break. So, on behalf of the members of this club I'd like to thank her very much for her achievements in making this event a highlight of the MYC calendar and wish her all the best in her retirement. (Secretly, I hope she will have a change of heart before the next regatta)

Wow! Is all I can say about the Twilight Ball (or is it the End of Summer Ball – we really must decide what to call it next year). Club member,

Peter Burton pulled out all the stops to make the evening a smashing success. Perhaps the black and white deck IS a go! Peter had some help but I'm sure that story is covered elsewhere in this issue. Thank you, Peter and all your helpers for a great night. None of these events would get off the ground without the enthusiasm of the members of this club. So, don't be shy, if you want to help, there is always plenty to do. If you don't know who to contact you can always contact me.

The Davis Marina sponsored Commodore's Picnic has come rushing up to meet me again. I'm looking for helpers to organise this event for me. The Le Mans start seems to be popular and ending up at Reef Beach too — a little earlier this year — Sunday 2nd May; so not a clash with Mothers Day and therefore no excuses! If you can't convince your skippers to enter, then contact our crew co-ordinator Jo, to find you a boat; or come by foot.

Preparations for the next MYC handbook have begun and I'd like to draw your attention to the photo competition for the cover. Any corrections or suggestions for the handbook can be emailed to me — maz@radford-yacht.com - before the 30th April 2010.

Preparations for the **Presentation Night** in May have also commenced — mark the date - Saturday 29th - in your diary — I don't care if there is a rugby match on! Come for the camaraderie; listen to the guest speaker; cheer on your fellow club members on. Who knows ... if you haven't won a major prize; there is still the starters prize in memory of Peter Wilkins; the Nigel Holman Trophy for outstanding seamanship or on water achievement; the Graeme Cotton Good Citizen Award or a draw from the barrel of the major prizes in the series. A slide show of the sailing season also features on this night.

As the **membership renewal notices** go out this month, it is time to remind boat owners who race with our club that Manly Yacht Club encourages all crew members racing with us to belong to a YA affiliated club ... in the interests of the boat owner; the crew and Manly Yacht Club.

Finally, I'd like to thank those members who make it possible for the rest of us to race each week; and I'd encourage members who don't find themselves on boats from time to time to give it a go on the start boat or the mark laying boat, or up on the deck on a Friday Night Twilight. We always match you up with someone more experienced and it is great fun. I'd like to thank Pam for the massive effort she has put in, co-ordinating the Sunday Race Committee.

Likewise, Twilight Race Director Anne has had a double role, also co-ordinating the race committee for the Friday twilights, another massive effort well done. Thank you both.

See you on the water!

Maz Theaker – Commodore



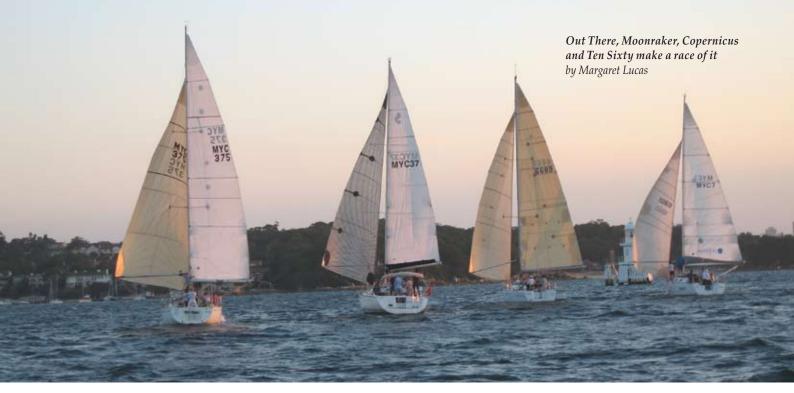


A glorious evening.



After enormous season-long effort, culminating in desperate grovelling, Lynda takes out the coverted Teacher's Pet prize for the series on behalf of Ratty!







MYC



Val - thanks once again!

None of it would have been possible without Jos, Michael, Robyn, Anne and

Twilights >





Not a bad spot to do the hard work of starting us all.



Gracie and Jordan cooked up a storm this season





... and last but not least - that frigate, torpeoes at the ready, prepares to take out the fleet. Isn't it supposed to be on our side?...

| MYC Twilight Races 2009 - 2010 - Results Race 19 - 12 March 2010 | | | | | | | | |
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| Sail No | | Yacht Name | Owner/Helm | Yacht Type | Start Time | Actual Start Time | Finish Times | |
| MYC37 | 1 | Moonraker | Tomas Kliman/Muir Watson | Beneteau Oceanis 37 | | 18:20:37 | 19:29:10 | |
| KA55 | 2 | Atalanta | David Harris | J24 | 18:08:00 | 18:10:12 | | |
| AUS102 | 3 | Flying Carpet | Nick Chatham | J24 | 18:12:00 | 18:12:23 | | |
| MYC34 | 4 | Sip Ahoy | Paul Duncan/Murray Bailes | Northshore 340 18:15:0 | | 18:15:25 | 19:30:38 | |
| MYC27 | 5 | Esra Tew | Jackie Morgan | Northshore 27 | 17:55:00 | 17:55:17 | 19:31:00 | |
| 1124 | 6 | Puffin | Bevan Cavenagh | Adams 18:11:0 | | 18:11:20 | 19:31:08 | |
| 4863 | 7 | TwoCan | Stephen Teudt/David Lewis | Masram 920 | 18:26:00 | 18:26:30 | 19:31:38 | |
| | 8 | Lady Canasta | Edward Pieck | Catalina 380 | 18:13:00 | 18:19:09 | | |
| MYC10 | 9 | Pensive | Pam Davis | NSX38 | 18:29:00 | 18:29:15 | 19:33:22 | |
| MYC5 | 10 | Eos | Brian Wilson | Brittany Sloop 33 | 18:11:00 | 18:11:45 | 19:33:27 | |
| MYC25 | 11 | Topaz | John Malins | Holland 24 | 18:13:00 | 18:13:33 | 19:33:44 | |
| 4967 | 12 | Beethoven | Mike Reddie | Sonata 8 | 18:11:00 | 18:11:29 | 19:34:11 | |
| MYC9 | 13 | Beausoleil | Spence/Thomson/Donnelly | Cavalier 28 | 18:10:00 | 18:10:05 | | |
| AUS147 | 14 | Okavango Delta | Emma Reid/Julian McPherson | J24 | 18:27:00 | 18:27:19 | 19:35:46 | |
| 6510 | 15 | Poets Day | Steve Wilton | Elan 40 | 18:30:00 | 18:30:07 | 19:36:42 | |
| MYC1 | 16 | Aussie Rules | Gene Scott | Cavalier 975 | 18:15:00 | 18:15:09 | 19:36:45 | |
| AUS135 | 17 | Boudicea | Jonathon Sinton | J24 | 18:18:00 | 18:18:21 | 19:36:53 | |
| MYC12 | 18 | San Toy | Graham Radford/Maz Theaker | Radford 12 | 18:35:00 | 18:35:20 | 19:38:30 | |
| 6776 | 19 | Dances With Waves | Jim Thomas | Beneteau First 40.7 | 18:37:00 | 18:37:09 | | |
| NH14 | | Hagar IV | Chris Cope | Endeavor 30 | 18:22:00 | 18:22:16 | | |
| 169 | 21 | Palga | James Roberts | East Coast 31 | 18:07:00 | 18:07:25 | 19:40:21 | |
| MYC24 | 22 | J Curve | Jack Morrison/ Alan McKay | J24 | 18:20:00 | 18:20:35 | | |
| MYC7 | 23 | Ten Sixty | Phil Vidler | Radford 10.6 | 18:30:00 | 18:30:12 | 19:41:01 | |
| 5393 | 24 | Runaway Taxi | Matt McKenzie/Rebecca Sadleir | Custom Jog 23 | 18:04:00 | 18:05:05 | 19:41:52 | |
| NH555 | 25 | Gramarye | Andrew Morrison | Top Hat Mk III | 18:01:00 | 18:02:36 | 19:42:53 | |
| A79 | | Pompadi | Steve Frith/John O'Brien | Catalina 309 | 18:09:00 | 18:09:41 | 19:47:20 | |
| MYC820 | 27 | Good Intent | Peter Bennell | Clansman 30 | 18:08:00 | 18:08:27 | 19:51:08 | |
| MYC28 | 28 | Kestrel II | Jeff Lea | Herreshoff 28 | 18:01:00 | 18:01:48 | 19:52:05 | |
| MYC100 | П | Shear Magic | Robert Steffens | Adams 10 | 18:29:00 | 18:29:33 | DSQ | |
| 6689 | | Copernicus | Greg Zyner/Leanne Zyner | Radford 12 | 18:31:00 | DNS | | |

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| KA355 | 2 | Nickel | Michael Troy/Simon Grosser | Modified Etchells 22 | | 18:22:01 | | |
| 6295 | 3 | Ratty Tooey | Ian Dennewald | Northshore 340 | 18:16:00 | 18:16:15 | 19:36: | |
| MYC5 | 4 | Eos | Brian Wilson | Brittany Sloop 33 | 18:11:00 | 18:11:09 | 19:36: | |
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| MYC34 | 9 | Sip Ahoy | Paul Duncan/Murray Bailes | Northshore 340 | | 18:17:35 | | |
| 557 | | Occum's Razor | David Fairclough/Stephen Garm | Duncanson Offshore | | 18:23:12 | | |
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| AUS147 | 26 | Okavango Delta | Emma Reid/Julian McPherson | J24 | 18:26:00 | 18:26:15 | 19:48 | |
| 1152 | | Bokarra | Iain Cameron | Santana 22 | 18:13:00 | | 19:49 | |
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ON BOARD FOR THE LOUIS VUITTON TROPHY

by Blue Robinson in Auckland

America's Cup skipper Ben Ainslie was screaming at me. So was Tactician Iain Percy. Big Andrew "Bart" Simpson was bellowing and team manager Mike Sanderson was emptying his lungs in my general direction. It seemed the whole of TeamOrigin afterguard were roaring at me to get out of the way.

I was glad Pawel wasn't shouting at me. Pawel is one of the TeamOrigin grinders and weighs 140 kg's. I weigh 85kgs less than his lunch.

Technically the brains trust on TeamOrigin weren't screaming at me – they were roaring for room at the top mark from Paul Cayard and Terry Hutchinson, skipper and helm of Artemis during the most intense race in the Louis Vuitton Trophy series in Auckland – but as 18th man on Artemis, I was standing directly between Hutchinson and Ainslie, so I felt like the referee in a Sumo match, looking on as two massive, unbending forces, clashed, reared back – then came back for more.

That is what it was like on the Version 5 America's Cup boats in Auckland, provided and maintained for the Louis Vuitton Trophy by Emirates Team New Zealand. The breeze was above twenty



knots and shifty, so there was plenty of brawling and shadow boxing. Circling each other in the pre-start, everybody on the other boat stared right back at you with their game-faces on. They want, what you want.

Hutchinson and Ainslie jousted with each other then at the final top mark Ainslie made his move. Slotting the bow of the 25-metre 24 tonne yacht between Artemis and the buoy he sliced into the picture, raising my eyebrows and my pulse rate. Like all intense moments time slowed to crawl. Half of my brain mumbled there definitely and absolutely wasn't room to fit a boat in that gap - while the other half

wondered what all that booming noise was. After I saw TeamOrigin slide into a gap that simply wasn't there, it seemed that I had all the time in the world to realize the hammering was the blood pounding in my ears. Now closer to the TeamOrigin bowman that any of the Artemis crew - still in slow motion, I watched fascinated as he pulled some slack out of the guy a metre away from me, the texture of the line in his hand and the logo on his crew shirt intensely vivid. It was a very Lewis Carroll moment...

Ben Ainslie, the triple Gold medallist and furiously competitive TeamOrigin skipper had collected a black eye in a crew rugby match two days before, (tackling a grinder of course...) so as he held us up then peeled off to the finish, he looked like a college quarterback with a black battlestripe below his eye. Time came back up to normal speed - and If Ainslie was zooming away for the gun, nobody told Cayard and



PROTEST! TeamOrigin's spinnaker touches Artemis pole on the Version 5 America's Cup boat.

Skipper Paul Cayard with flag, Terry Hutchinson helming, and Blue Robinson hoping he didn't leave his lens cap on...



Hutchinson that. Off they went, hunting the British boat down.

Event organiser's Bruno Trouble, Grant Dalton and shore manager Kevin Shoebridge made it quite clear there was to be no hard contact at this event. With just two of ETNZ's Version 5 Cup boats used on the water and a reserve BMW Oracle boat on the hard-stand, boat breaking was not an option, but on the last leg of this battle Hutchinson pushed hard trying to get a piece of TeamOrigin. When he luffed Ainslie, the runner alarms on both boats left no one in doubt we were close to the red-zone. As my head was in line with the runner blocks, alarms were buzzing between my ears and I thought, "Hmmm. I don't get this sort of noise sailing my Finn..."

The umpires were close in a RIB and there was a fair bit of protest flag semaphore between the boats. TeamOrigin conceded two penalties (see photo), Artemis one. Ainlsie crossed the line first but the race committee gave the gun to the Swedes though none of the crew on board Artemis heard it as they were head-down dropping the kite, and turning back upwind to take the turn. The racing was simply stunning. If you are going to mix it at this level, in 20+ knots of breeze on a short course with this size boat - you are going to get scorch marks. Everybody does. So there was "slight " contact, penalties, winners and losers. But thanks to Bruno Trouble' and the vision of Louis Vuitton, there was some phenomenal racing - allowing the teams for the next America's Cup the chance to race against each other and more importantly, talk about the future.

Paul Cayard, skipper of Artemis said this was one of the best races he has had in twenty years of sailing this America's Cup class. Certainly there was a lot of head shaking, backslapping and hand-karate in the Artemis tender heading back to shore-trying to work out what had happened.

After a couple of days of self imposed errors, Artemis sailed well as a team to win this one and certainly both teams pushed hard - but when I later spoke to Ainslie, I could see the smouldering fire of losing this one will last long after that black eye has faded. What was it like to race on an all carbon America's Cup class yacht? Unbelievably intense, gruelling - and a hard fought, nail bitingly tough race. Almost as competitive as an MYC twilight really...

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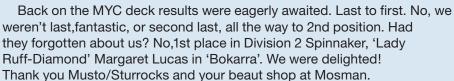
'The Devils in Skirts'

Everyone needs an inspiration and for the crew of 'Bokarra', sailing inthe 'Manly Yacht Club Musto/Sturrocks Women's Challenge', it was 'The Devils in Skirts'. No, not the 51st Highland Division the 'Blackwatch', who were given that nickname by the opposing German Army because of their ferocious fighting spirit (during the Battle of Ancre), as they proudly wore their kilts in battle. Our role model was the 3rd Foot and Mouth Regiment 'The Devils in Skirts' (Ladies from Hell) who valiantly guarded the Khyber Pass in 'Carry On.....Up the Khyber'!

Our main goal was to finish the race. The spray dodger come banner was displayed. Tartan rugs and towels were used as make shift Kilts and 'Jimmy Hats' (Tartan Tam 'O' Shanters with ginger wigs attached) were worn. Andrea was enthusiastic. 'I always wanted red hair'. Iain and I supported Margaret, who did a magnificent job of

stearing 'Bokarra' round the long Division 1 course and we finished with 15 minutes still

on the clock.



'The Devils in Skirts' and Colin Cameron



Show us your other talents by entering the

"SNAP THE FRONT COVER OF OUR HANDBOOK COMPETITION"

It's open to all MYC members to rummage through their pics for the year OR shoot something specially - ABSTRACT, STILL LIFE, REALISTIC, ATMOSPHERIC, DRAMATIC OR OFF BEAT, COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE.

Subject must be sailing and it would be great if it had a really MYC feel.

Judges will be Maz Theaker, Jim Nixon, Carole Orbell PRIZE is FAME on being published on the cover of the handbook.

Deadline - before the 30th May

Please keep it to one image at a time. Email: maz at maz@radford-yacht.com with the subject line MYC handbook photo comp...
We reserve the right to crop and visually adjust the chosen image.

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Good luck!



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jos van Lamoen Shipper Honorary member Michael Ridley Honorary member Valerie Ridley Honorary member Brett Williams Senior member (Northshore 27 "Sea Sharp")





Bigger is not always better!

The Women' Challenge attracted a fleet of 40 yachts and dinghy's from MYC, MHYC, CYCA, SASC and RSYS competing in perfect 10-15 knots north /north easterly conditions.

The courses were long and the leading positions were contested fiercely. Full on sailing and full on in the costume / fashion dept.

IT WAS REALLY A DAY OF BIGGER IS NOT ALWAYS BETTER.

The small boats ruled. Melody and Bokarra took out firsts in the two largest divisions against some pretty big competitors from MYC and other clubs and the little sailability boats took out the largest one design fleet trophy. Well done

Thank you to all the MYC members who helped run the event and represented the club on the water.
Thank you to our sponsors Musto /
Sturrocks who donated generous money Vouchers to the winners and thank you to

our supporting sponsors Hempel paints, Jendi and Scott sails for their contribution that helped raise money for the club through the raffle.

We all need to get behind our sponsors and visit the shops in Mosman and Balmain and purchase some of the wonderful sailing and sports clothes.

An anonymous famous Sports Journo has written the report below about this equally famous event...







SCOTT SAILS

The most fun you can have with your sailing clothes on.

Attracting a huge fleet and many of the country's leading female sailors, Manly Yacht Club's Musto Sturrocks Women's Challenge

celebrated its 15th anniversary on Sunday March 21 on a perfect Sydney Harbour afternoon.

"It was just what we wanted," said race director Ivana Gattengo. "A 10-15-knot nor-easter, a sparkling harbour, some great but friendly competition and heaps of fabulous prizes from our sponsors Musto and Sturrocks. It's the most fun you can have with your sailing clothes on."

This year the event attracted Olympians Jenny Danks and Nicky Bethwaite, and some very experienced harbour and offshore sailors such as new MYC member Felicity Nelson, who has nearly 30 Cat 1 ocean races on her resume including 15 Sydney-Hobarts, and MHYC's Melissa Yeomans, a leading Adams 10 skipper.

"With the NE breeze shifting and a few holes opening up, local knowledge seemed to pay off, with a little Swanson Dart named Melody steered by MYC's Candace Christesen claiming the handicap win in the all female Division 1," said Ivana.
Candace said she was thrilled

with the win but had really only wanted to beat the "other Dart" in the race, the SB3 Whistling Kite which was helmed by Louise Tofts.

"We had butterflies at the start of the race but soon settled down and had a good start and managed to get through the holes, really, all we wanted was to beat the other Dart!" Candace said.

Middle Harbour YC yacht Viva La Vita was first on scratch and Jenny Danks steered Lunch Cutter 2 to a second on scratch and third on handicap. Melody, which had Felicity on the bow, held off a few bigger boats to take third on scratch.

In division 2 (female skipper and mixed crew) another small MYC boat, Colin Cameron's Santana 22 Bokarra, with Margaret Lucas on the tiller, came home last but claimed the win on handicap from a J24, Flying Carpet (Ivana steering), and the Soling class yacht Nortel that made the

journey from Drummoyne with Dominique Winn steering.

"We had a non-spinnaker division as well and Nicky Bethwaite was too good in that, claiming the win for Middle

Harbour Yacht Club in the beautiful wooden White Pointer," Ivana said.

"And another great women sailor, Alex Murray, wife of America's Cup sailor lain, jumped in a Yngling and won that class, having sailed the classic 5.5 metre boat Pam in previous years."

The only dinghy event this year was held in the Access class, with boats from the Sailability group based at MYC forming the biggest one design fleet.

First came Sunrise, with Helen Gregan and Alyse Saxby (Alyse is a Special Olympics silver medallist), with second going to Woody (Judy Cole) and third Lionheart (Deanna Smyth).



MYC Commodore Maz Theaker, who steered her yacht San Toy to 10th place in division 2, said the day had been a great success and extremely competitive.

"It's great to have such a talented bunch of female sailors all sailing together and telling the blokes what to do for a change. The turnout back at the club was fantastic and I'd like to thank Musto and Sturrocks for their continued support for what is one of Manly Yacht Club's most important events," Theaker said.

"I know the commodore shouldn't win the race but I'm going to have to have a word to the handicapper [her partner Graham Radford], he was way to harsh on me this year."







Esra Tew by Krystle Wright











MYC Race Results



SUMMER SERIESRACE 7

| | Division 1 - Sp | nnaker | Race7 | Race7 | Race7 | Race7 | | |
|--------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|------|
| | | Race7 | | | | | Race7 | Race |
| | | Start | Actual Start | Actual Finish | Place | Late at start | elapsed time | Pnts |
| MYC12 | San Toy | 13:27:00 | 13:27:16 | 15:35:08 | 1 | 00:00:16 | 2:08:08 | |
| 3354 | Whisling Kite | 13:00:00 | 13:00:57 | 15:40:10 | 2 | 00:00:57 | 2:40:10 | |
| 6689 | Copernicus | 13:27:00 | 13:27:18 | 15:40:19 | 3 | 00:00:18 | 2:13:19 | - 3 |
| 557 | Occum's Razor | 13:03:00 | 13:03:19 | 15:41:10 | 4 | 00:00:19 | 2:38:10 | - 4 |
| KA55 | Atalanta | 12:44:00 | 12:44:39 | 15:42:28 | 5 | 00:00:39 | 2:58:28 | |
| 1255 | Melody | 12:59:00 | 12:59:39 | 15:43:00 | 6 | 00:00:39 | 2:44:00 | 6 |
| | Ratty Tooey | 13:01:00 | 13:01:05 | 15:43:39 | 7 | 00:00:05 | 2:42:39 | - 7 |
| 5393 | Runaway Taxi | 12:31:00 | 12:31:15 | 15:45:18 | 8 | 00:00:15 | 3:14:18 | 8 |
| MYC100 | Shear Magic | 13:23:00 | 13:23:02 | 15:48:52 | 9 | 00:00:02 | 2:25:52 | 9 |
| MYC9 | Beausoleil | 12:46:00 | 12:47:22 | 15:53:38 | 10 | 00:01:22 | 3:07:38 | 10 |
| MYC7 | Ten Sixty | 13:20:00 | 13:20:28 | 16:02:04 | 11 | 00:00:28 | 2:42:04 | 11 |
| MYC1 | Aussie Rules | 12:49:00 | 12:49:06 | DNF | | 00:00:06 | | 12 |
| MYC34 | Sip Ahoy | 12:57:00 | | DUT | | | | 13 |
| 6499 | Supernova | 13:33:00 | | DNC | | | | 17 |
| MYC820 | Good Intent | 12:33:00 | | DNC | | | | 17 |
| 1152 | Bokarra | 12:30:00 | | DNC | | | | 17 |
| | Division 2 - No | n Spinnake | r | | | | | |
| | | Race7 | Race7 | Race7 | Race7 | Race7 | Race7 | Race |
| | | Start | Actual | Actual Finish | Place | Late at | elapsed time | Pnt |
| MYC157 | Lady Canasta | 13:08:00 | 13:03:01 | 15:27:51 | - 1 | 23:55:01 | 2:19:51 | |
| | Kestral II | 12:30:00 | | 15:34:37 | 2 | 00:00:48 | 3:04:37 | - |
| 79 | Pompadi | 13:01:00 | 12:55:17 | 15:58:38 | 3 | 23:54:17 | 2:57:38 | |
| MYC27 | Esra Tew | 12:51:00 | 12:45:35 | 16:12:53 | 4 | 23:54:35 | 3:21:53 | |
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MARATHON

| | lanly Yacht | Club Hempel Yacht Pain | ts Summe | Series | Race 8 - Ma | arathon | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisi | on 1 Keel | TOT HC results Start: 1 | 1:45:00 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Elapsd | AHC | HC Cor'd 1 | Skipper | Class | Score | Fin Tim | ETOrd |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | AUS147 | Okavanga Delta (cas) | 3:25:42 | 0.860 | | J McPherson | J24 | | 15:10:42 | 7 |
| 2 | 557 | Occum's Razor | 3:25:47 | | | D Fairclough | DuncansonOffsho | | 15:10:47 | 8 |
| 3 | 1255 | Melody | 3:46:08 | | | | SwansonDart | 2.0 | 15:31:08 | 9 |
| 4 | MYC100 | Shear Magic | 3:12:14 | | | R Steffens | Adams10 | 3.0 | 14:57:14 | 5 |
| 5 | 5393 | Runaway Taxi | 4:31:16 | 0.685 | | M McKenzie | JogRacer | 4.0 | 16:16:16 | 15 |
| 6 | MYC12 | San Toy | 3:02:06 | 1.027 | | K Terrens | Radford12 | 5.0 | 14:47:06 | 1 |
| 7 | MYC7 | Ten Sixty (cas) | 3:12:35 | 0.975 | | P Vidler | Radford10.6 | | 14:57:35 | 6 |
| 8 | AUS1161 | Wild Life (cas) | 3:08:58 | 1.011 | 3:11:03 | B Davis | Etchells | | 14:53:58 | 4 |
| 9 | MYC820 | Good Intent | 4:33:40 | 0.700 | 3:11:34 | P Bennell | Clansman30 | 6.0 | 16:18:40 | 16 |
| 10 | 6499 | Supernova | 3:03:55 | 1.044 | 3:12:00 | D Bates | Sydney36 | 7.0 | 14:48:55 | 2 |
| 11 | 6689 | Copernicus | 3:08:24 | 1.027 | 3:13:29 | L Zyner | Radford12 | 8.0 | 14:53:24 | 3 |
| 12 | MYC34 | Sip Ahoy | 3:52:31 | 0.844 | 3:16:15 | P Duncan/M Bailes | Northshore34e | 9.0 | 15:37:31 | 11 |
| 13 | 6295 | Ratty Tooey | 3:48:35 | 0.862 | 3:17:02 | I Dennewald | Northshore34 | 10.0 | 15:33:35 | 10 |
| 14 | MYC1 | Aussie Rules | 4:12:01 | 0.790 | | G Scott | Cavalier975 | 11.0 | 15:57:01 | 12 |
| 15 | MYC9 | Beausoleil | 4:22:33 | 0.777 | 3:24:00 | B Spence/A Thomson | Cavalier28 | 12.0 | 16:07:33 | 14 |
| 16 | KA55 | Atalanta | 4:19:30 | 0.826 | 3:34:21 | D Harris | J24 | 13.0 | 16:04:30 | 13 |
| DNC | 1152 | Bokarra | | 0.728 | | C Cameron | Santana22 | 17.0 | | |
| | 3354 | Whistling Kite | | 0.950 | | I Gattegno | DartSb3 | 17.0 | | |
| DNC | MYC33 | Lautrec | | 0.783 | | H Ebeling | Passage33 | 17.0 | | |
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| Divisi | on 2 Keel | TOT HC results Start : 1 | 1:35:00 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Elapsd | AHC | HC Cor'd 1 | Skipper | Class | Score | Fin Tim | ETOrd |
| 1 | 5231 | Esra Tew | 3:31:00 | 0.629 | 2:12:43 | J Morgan | Northshore27 | 1.0 | 15:06:00 | 1 |
| 2 | 79 | Pompadi | 3:36:42 | | | S Frith | Catalina309 | 2.0 | 15:11:42 | 2 |
| | A73 | Top Odds | 3.30. IL | 0.728 | E.33.1E | K Petersen | Northshore27 | 6.0 | 13.11.12 | _ |
| | MYC28 | Kestrel II | | 0.616 | | J Lea | Herreshoff28 | 6.0 | | |
| | MYC157 | Lady Canasta | | 0.748 | | E Pieck | Catalina380 | 4.0 | | |
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Sip Ahoy - I hope you boys appreciate my only showing the 'after' shot...

























MYC Race Results



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Pam - out on her own

After 20 years of trying, the grand old lady of MYC has the division 1 Club Championships almost in her grasp, but her long-time skipper is nowhere to be seen.

Pam, a classic 54-year-old International 5.5m class, has sailed out of her wooden skin this season but Peter McDonald, who saved her from a muddy grave in the headwaters of Middle Harbour last century, moved to Canada two years ago and left her in the hands of co-owners Al Sims and Matt Walker.

Those two, with various crew, have racked up four seconds and two firsts this season, and going into the final race are almost unbeatable. (Mathematically, San Toy has a chance but must win race 10 and Pam come fifth or worse).

Cruel observers might try to link Peter Mac's absence to Pam's success, but while that theory has some credence it would be unfair to discount the wonderful sea-worthy characteristics of Pam's Ohlson hull. MYC News contacted McDonald for

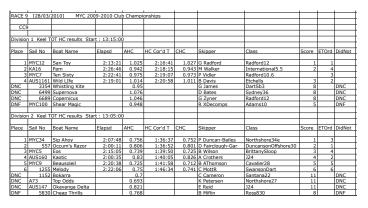


comment, and from the ski slopes of Furnie in Canada, he said: "It's

about bloody time somebody beside [Bruce] Davis won the club champs. I taught those blokes all they know, so they better not bugger up that last race."

Division 2 of the club Championships is equally exciting, with Kaotic having had a similar grip over first place for most of the season but now fighting off a late charge from Sip Ahoy. With a discard of 11, Sip Ahoy needs to do well in the final race to pip Kaotic.

Podium places are also wide open, with four yachts (Melody, Beausoleil, Eos and Cheap Thrills) sharing equal third after the ninth race. April 18 is the date for race 10 and what is really important is that every boat entered in the CCs try and turn up for the final race. While you may not be able to win the series, your presence will affect the outcome. So, see you on the water.









Alyse rises to the women's challenge

Special Olympics Silver Medalist from the 2007, World China Games, 20 year old Alyse Saxby from Newport, took out the Access 303 Division of the Musto Sturrocks Women's Challenge sailed from Manly Yacht Club on Sunday.

Sailing in "Sunrise", a yacht donated to Manly Sailability by Manly Sunrise Rotary, and with Pittwater Sailability's Helen Cregan acting as tactician and sail trimmer, Alyse pitted her skills against more experienced able-bodied sailors in a closely contested race.

In a photo finish, the talented young sailor crossed the line in front of "Woody" sailed by Manly Sailability members Jude Cole and Carol Sawyer. They were closely followed by "Lionheart" helmed by Manly's Deanne Smith with Helen Hendry making a real race of it. The rest of the fleet of 8 had an exciting tussle for the minor placings.

Alyse adds the impressive Musto Sturrocks trophy to the gold medal she won in the Access 303 / Sailability Division of the 174th Australia Day Regatta. On that occasion Pittwater Sailability's Bob Hamilton was in the co-pilot seat, but Alyse has now proven she's competitive in her own right.

In April she will be joining more than 4,500 athletes who will compete in the "IX National Special Olympics Australia" to be held in Adelaide. We wish her the best of luck.



Helen Cregan and Alyse Saxby

Kayakers support disabled Kids

For the fourth year in succession, Sailability Manly was on hand to support the 17.5km Lifestart for Kids Kayak event in Sydney Harbour. Peter, Shelley, Eli and Jos took up position at 09.30 am at Taronga Zoo in the safety boat, Charlie's Chariot to guide the 400 kayaks with an estimated 600 participants, and help them avoid the ferry.

This year over \$173.000 was raised. It was a lovely day, with again, a lot of team spirit for a better world.— Jos In the picture, Peter, Shelley, Jos and Eli.

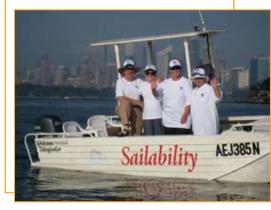
PROGRESS ON FERGO

After much hard work, the yacht donated to Manly Sailability by Robert Ferguson will soon be ready to sail.

There are several things we're short of, and wondered if MYC boat owners, or former boat owners, can dig around and maybe spare any of the following:



- Single blocks for the jib cars x 2 (12 16mm sheets)
- Small to medium snap shackles for jib halyards x 2
- Cam cleats or jammers for the coach house winches (6 12mm halyards)
- 2 wheel deck organisers x 2 (6 12mm halyards) Also:
- 6mm lines $2 \times 200 250$ mm strong cleats for mooring lines. We suppose it's too much to ask if anyone knows of a 6 8 hp outboard going begging??? If you can help out with any of these please call Jill Musgrove on 99056706 it will be much appreciated.



Maintenance Director's Report

Perhaps the noticable change to the club Premises is the **new venetian blinds** put up in the hall. This was done as part of the last Working B on 13 March 2010. Other tasks completed included:-

Repairing the front door which included filling in and painting the hole left by a redundant bolt.

Scraping down, reputtying and undercoating the all the **windows** on the lower ground floor. Volumteers are putting on the top coat when possible during the week. This is a major undertaking.

Assembling the first of the **boat storage racks**. The first time round this turned out to be a Rubix Cube type of event but the future should be plain sailing.

Wedging up the **floor joists** from the bearers underneath the boat storage area. This was quite a job in wet conditions and no standing headroom. It was necessary to accommodate the new flooring anticipated in the forseeable future.

Two panels of the lattice screening the boat storage area were replaced.

The door from the deck to **the accessible toilet** was removed, planed, repainted and rehung.

The area around **the bins** was cleaned with a pressure hose and the pavers looked as if they had just been laid.

The heavy timber step/seat at the Robbie R davits was fastened to its legs. Material supplied by Davis Marina.

Helen Ebeling was disappointed to discover that someone else (Council?) had weeded the pavers outside the front door, her job for the day, and Judy Richardson, disgusted at the very thought of smoking, replaced the ashtrays at the front door with nice new flower pots filled with sand. Colin Cameron refastened the steel mesh grills in the store room and flattened the nails on the concrete ramp.

Once again thanks to all those volunteers who responded to the email and turned up on the day and to those who carried out tasks before the day and those who were still painting after the day. Your efforts are truly appreciated by the Board and by me. Without you there would be no Club.

The names of those whose efforts will earn brownie points in their next incarnation are:-

Helen E; Jim N and his two young assistants; Greg P; Matt M; Felicity N; Alex S; Jack M; Jeff L; Ralph N; Greg Z; Cleveland R; Peter B; Al T; Jo H; Elena D; Candace C; Mark B; Ian D; David ? and finally Kees and Barry Newell.

Brian Wilson





Matt and Greg sort out the boat racks



The planning stages are very important...



Peter, Jo and

Al put up

some new

lattice



Jeff , Alex and Cleveland fix the windows



DIARY DATES

Sun 18 Apr Yachts CC10

Juniors fun day

Centreboards - APS9/CC10

Mon 26 Apr Sailing committee meeting

Sat 1 May Sailability Hornsby

lifestyles general

Sun 2 May Commodore's picnic

Tues 4 May Board meeting

Tues 11 May Training. Chartwork,

position fixing

Wed 12 May Sailability. RFW,

Brookvale Sp, MAPS

Forestville

Sat 15 May Sailability. picnic and

race day

Mon 24 May Sailing committee meeting

Sat 29 May Presentation night

Please check the 2009 - 2010 Handbook

duty roster crew:

contact: Pam Davis: 9939 1972

pensive@iinet.net.au

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TRAINING SESSIONS

Pack away your GPS and learn about navigation

As per the MYC calendar, over the three months of April and May and June I have scheduled three training sessions that will cover an introduction to navigation.

In the first session on April 13 we covered an introduction to navigation terminology, latitude and longitude, and important information about reading charts (projections, types, meaning of title/Legend information).

In the May session we will be covering compasses and compass errors (Deviation and Variation). This session will also cover positions and lines of bearing so we can find our location on a chart.

In the June session we will be conducting further chart work and plotting courses.

Diary dates reminder: April 13 (Tuesday 7pm) May 11 (Tuesday 7pm) June 8th (Tuesday 7pm)

RSVP to me please

SMS to 0419600108 or email: cary_budd@optusnet.com.au

Cary Budd

Training Coordinator

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Saturday 29th May

ALL members WELCOME Come collect your trophy, meet up with old and new members and enjoy a relaxed social evening at MYC. **Arrive at**

6.30pm for a 7pm start

\$10 gets you in the door, light supper and a complimentary drink - Children FREE

Major prize draw for the Twilights and the Club Championships.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER!

THE night for ALL MYC sailors: Access dinghies, Centreboards, Point score Yachts, Twilights, Summer and Winter Series.

Start writing your acceptance speeches now ... just in case!

Deadline for the May issue is 9th May

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