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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2010 HEAVEN CAN WAIT **24 HOUR CHARITY YACHT RACE**





HEAVEN CAN WAIT 24-HOUR YACHT RACE



OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND **OCTOBER 3-4 LAKE MACQUARIE**

The Heaven Can Wait Yacht Club Inc and Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto would like to invite boats, skippers and crew from your club to participate in the 2010 Heaven Can Wait Charity Yacht Regatta, to be held on Lake Macquarie on October 2-3, 2010.

The Heaven Can Wait (HCW) Regatta, which raises funds for cancer research and support programs (as well as some funds going to Marine Rescue - formerly Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol -Lake Macquarie), is now in its fifth year.

In 2009, it raised nearly \$23,000 for the NSW Cancer Council and RVCP Lake Macquarie - and we hope to raise significantly more this year.

The 24 hour race is a YA Category 5N event, while there is also an associated HCW Cat 7 event, the One Lap Dash, which takes participants around the lake during daylight hours. If your club fleet includes trailer-sailer yachts or fast off-thebeach skiffs or multihulls, the One Lap Dash may be of interest to them.

Qualifying yachts are welcome to enter both events.

Entry to the HCW 24 Hour Charity Yacht Race is just \$50, while entry to the One Lap Dash is just \$30 (or \$70 for both) - with the proviso that boats entering raise a minimum \$500 in sponsorship for the 24 Hour Race (\$200 for the One Lap Dash) through the EveryDayHero website (www. everydayhero.com.au/hcw2010). This website remits donations to the NSW Cancer Council and automatically issues a tax receipt to individuals donating money.

In 2009, we had nearly 70 boats on the startline. This year, we hope to see substantially more, particularly given that the Swansea Channel has recently been dredged (with depths as of early June no less than 3 m the entire length of the channel). As you may be aware, the channel was substantially silted up last year, which impacted on the number of boats able to get through to the lake and participate in the race.

Your club is also welcome to participate in the HCW Club Challenge, where three boats from a club can sail together as a team (and clubs can

enter as many teams as they wish).

HCW Club Challenge winners in the past have included Balmain Sailing Club (twice) and Toronto Royal Motor Yacht Club.

Boats sailing up (or down) the coast to the lake may be hosted at RMYC Toronto, which can assist with moorings.

Further information on the 2010 Heaven Can Wait 24 Hour Charity Yacht Race is available on the event's website at www.heavencanwait.com.au.

The Notices of Race for both events (along with information on tide times, channel depths, etc) are available on the DOCUMENTATION page, or at the

HCW 24 Hour Yacht Race NOR: http://www. heavencanwait.com.au/docs/HCW_2010_24_hr_ NOR_Aug9.pdf

HCW One Lap Dash NOR: http://www. heavencanwait.com.au/docs/HCW 2010 1 Lap Dash_NOR_Aug9.pdf

To enter the race, please visit the HCW website and click the ENTER RACE HERE button

If you have any further queries, please contact HCW YC Vice Commodore Mark Cherrington on 0419 236 704, email mark.cherrington@ spitfirecommunications.com.au.

We hope to see you on Lake Macquarie on the October long weekend, supporting us in the fight against cancer - and having a great weekend's sailing while doing so.

Yours sincerely, Shaun Lewicki, Commodore Brian Meredyth Commodore



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After last months epic, the annual migration north to the Airlie Beach and **Hamilton Island regattas** and the early deadline for this month's newsletter you will be pleased to know I have nothing to

Other than to congratulate the MYC crew of Kat and mostly MYC crew of Supernova for their results at both regattas. Kat scoring a third at Airlie Beach and equal fourth at Hamilton Island.

Cheers Ian D



Kat's skipper - lapping it up as he is interviewed by the lovely reporter from Whitsunday TV...

JOURNAL OF MANLY YACHT CLUB

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

UNCLE JIM NEEDS YOU... for the Club Championship

Last year's Club Championship produced some excellent racing and historic results in both divisions, and the coming season promises to be equally exciting.

Pam's win in division one after more than a decade of unbroken commitment to contesting the Champs was a well-earned and popular result; likewise Kaotic's success in division two was equally well-deserved, with Arthur Crothers and his crew, who are relatively new to the club, proving the benchmark for the MYC fleet.

However, to maintain the quality of what is the club's preeminent competition, we need to maintain fleet numbers. So, as is the case every year, your humble race director (who is

normally far from humble) implores all MYC yacht owners to consider entering the Club Champs this season; crew members can also help by harassing their skippers to enter as well. And if anyone knows any boats at other clubs that might consider entering our races, please send them an entry form or let me know their details so I can. Also worth considering if you are short of crew is sailing non-spinnaker and getting a reduction in handicap. But if crew numbers are a concern, please contact me or check the crew listings on the MYC website. Race 1 of the 10-race series is on September 26, with two races in October and one in November and December and then five in 2012. Hope

Race Director Jim Nixon 0403 836221

to see you on the water soon.

This is the story of Kaotic's disasters in Race 1 of the MYC Club Championship.

Kaotic started the race at Reef Beach with a crew comprising Cary Budd (who normally sails on San Toy) on the helm, Helen Buckland having her first race on a J24 as trimmer, Myself in the middle directing proceedings, Matt Miles (6ft 4") having his first ever yacht race and Kerry Alcock up forward (not having sailed for three years while competing a Master Degree).

We approached the Manly mark in the lead and after rounding the mark proceeded to hoist a spinnaker. As I looked forward something appeared amiss – the spinnaker did not appear to be setting correctly. On looking under the mainsail I discovered Carv had connected the halvard to the clew of the spinnaker and the kite was set sideways. We proceeded to Cannae still in the lead.

I then advised that we needed to drop the kite and reconnect the halyard and sheets before we gybed the spinnaker. After sailing well past the mark and having reconnected and hoisted the spinnaker we gybed onto port only to have the spinnaker wrap around the forestav.

I then instructed Cary to ease the halyard in order to undo the wrap. This fixed the problem and we were once again underway. Except the halyard had not been secured in the cleat and we proceeded to run over the spinnaker destroying it in the process.

The remains of the spinnaker were



retrieved and we proceeded to Obelisk Bay by which time the wind had picked

On returning from Obelisk Bay and off Middle Head we tacked only to loose Helen overboard. Helen was retrieved back on board on our second attempt.

At this time I suggested that it might be an appropriate time to head back to the club. Both Helen and Cary insisted we should continue. As the guys on board did not want to be seen as wooses we dutifully agreed.

While Helen went below to change out of her wet clothes and put on her wet weather gear I put the boat head to wind and we changed from a genoa to a jib.

During the rest of the race as we tacked I reminded Matt (6'4" on a low boom yacht) who was taking part in his first yacht race to watch his head. However, as we gybed around the last mark at Cannae Point, Cary who

normally sails on San Toy with a high wishbone and plenty of headroom and was now on in the cockpit of a J24 trimming the genoa, was hit on the head with the boom.

Despite the spinnaker being set sideways, then wrapped around the forestay, and finally being shredded, the loss of a crew member overboard and having a crew hit by the boom we managed a second over the line (due in some measure to another yacht sailing the Div 1 course) and a fourth on handicap.

The moral of this story is that we needed this fourth place with 4 points to win the Club Championship and if we had GIVEN UP and not completed the race would have been awarded 7 points as a DNF and came second in the Club Championship.

Thanks for the good call by Helen and Cary.

Arthur Crothers

GIVE US A HAND ON 'TRY SAILING DAY' It's a great chance to rave on about sailing!

Sunday November 7, 10am - 4pm

We'll be inviting visitors to give sailing a go when we open our doors to the public on Sunday November 7 (10am - 4pm) with our annual Try Sailing and Open Day. Please help us make this our most successful one yet by volunteering your time and giving us a hand.

Before November 7

We need help to organise the day. And for everyone to spread the word by inviting friends, family, neighbours, your children's school and anyone else you know who wants to give sailing a go. We'll have flyers to hand out and emails to pass on, so don't be shy!

On November 7

We need lots of boats and crews to take people out for a sail from the end of the MYC clubhouse jetty. We also need volunteers to set up boats, greet and register people, sell drinks, run the BBQ, talk about how wonderful MYC is, answer questions, and generally rave about sailing!

SOME OF THE THINGS WE **NEED PEOPLE TO DO ARE:**

- skipper and crew yachts and dinghies
- help people on and off boats and in and out of lifejackets
- · meet and greet people at **MYC** clubhouse
- chat to people about sailing and why it's so great
- run knots, winching and compass/chart reading demonstrations
- sell food and drinks, run the BBQ and kitchen



Everyone is welcome and we'll have Sailability dinghies, Manly Juniors, (hopefully) lasers and lots of yachts to take everyone out on the water. Our sailing school Manly Sailing will be getting involved and the Sailability crew have already held up their hands to participate, so thanks for your early support!

Cross your fingers for great weather and contact Helen Buckland on 0410 353 296 to register your support. (Please note: children under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian).

Plain sailing on our new WEB SITE

The new MYC web site has been launched at http://myc.org.au/ after many months of hard work by Ken Terrens. As well as a new smart look and feel, the new website has a number of new features that should improve our web sailing.

The Calendar on the MYC website is now integrated with google, so you can link it with your desktop calendar (eg outlook), on your smartphone or use your own google account. It even will send your event reminders by SMS for free. The calendar is loaded with all trainings, meetings and races for the next year. The default calendar view is the agenda, which lists out the upcoming events. You can click on the "Week" or "Month" tab to see a more traditional view of the calendar. Clicking on the google calendar

button on the bottom of the screen takes you to a google login page. If you have a google account (or if you register for one), then the MYC calendar will be added to your google calendar page and you can then setup email and SMS reminders.

If you want to import the MYC calendar to outlook or Mac, then there are icons at the bottom of the page for XML and ICAL, and one of these should be suitable for your desktop calendar

So now nobody has an excuse to not know what races and training are coming up, so get your entries in!

Another new feature is the crew link. Crew looking for boats and boats looking for crew can fill in an online form, to have their details published on the web and/or newsletter. So also no excuses about no crew, so get your entries in.

Also the image gallery has been spruced up. So now that you know when you are sailing and you have crew/boat to go sailing with, don't forget to take your camera and share the images with all on the site.

Not only does the Forms page contain all our NOR, SI and membership/entry forms, it also provides lots of general information (eg. launching Robbie R), a copy of our handbook and back issues of all our wonderful newsletters back to 2004.

So all you e-sailors, make sure you thanks Ken when you see him next for the great new web face for the club. Greg Wilkins



Iain, Sara and Robert sailing on Loch Earn (circa 1988)

TRAVELLING NORTH

Dark brooding waters and wet trickling hills are quite a challenge, but ones I can't resist, whenever I visit my native Perthshire.
Sailing on Lochs Earn, Tay and Tummel.
Climbing Ben Lawers and Schiehallion.
Pausing to take in the majestic Queen's View. Diving in the silvery Tay in search of that elusive pearl.

How can I stop my Northern thoughts? Answer: Take my boat's fire extinguiser to, (the company formerly known as Quell Northern), Betta Fire Protection 86699100, for it's yearly revalidation and preparation for equipment audits, at MYC.

It's going to be another great sailing season on Sydney Harbour.

'Why don't you give them a call. It's your money.'

Colin Cameron



On August 10, almost 20 members braved the elements to attend a humorous and very informative session about the weather from one of Australia's eminent meteorologists, Richard (Dick) Whitaker. Dick is a regular reporter on commercial radio stations and feature weatherman at The Weather Channel.

We learned that it all starts with our rotation around the sun and the tilt of the Earth and ends with those uneven turbulences we see on the surface of the water. I was particularly intrigued by the impact of hot and cold air, the different types of cloud to help us recognise what weather is coming, and those spectacular photos of the phenomenal Morning Glory.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

MYC is a volunteer yacht club and volunteers are still needed for the summer series and club championship race management team.

ROBBIE R driver & assistant CARLYSLE driver & assistant DUTY OFFICER at club needed for each race.

lunch provided

Please contact
Penny Meakins
0416 357 357
to be placed on the roster.
thanks!

AIRLIE RACE WEEK



GEARING UP FOR A BUSY SUMMER

At our recent AGM we heard that last year Manly Sailability had a record number of members, 108, and of the 50 scheduled sailing events, only 8 were cancelled due to the weather.



We had a total of 1445 people participate in the 42 sessions, with hundreds who would not normally have the chance, experiencing sailing for the first time.

Highlights of the year include: increased participation by disabled sailors from far and wide; a growing band of volunteers obtaining new skills; gold and silver at The Masters Games; better storage facilities and a well maintained fleet; valued sponsorship and donations including the Adventurer 23 "Fergo"; a great "can do" team spirit amongst ALL our members, and greater integration with MYC.

The new Committee, which looks much the same as the old, is embarking on a policy of renewal, and this starts in early September with our Orientation (4th) and Training Days (11th).

We've been delighted to have MYC members Dea and Pam on the regular team roster, and look forward to more of you trying us out this year.

If this gets to you in time, please pop in on Sat Sept 11th between 9 – 12 for a chance to sail an Access 303, and take a turn on the Safety Boat. If not, come to any of our sailing days, you'll soon learn the ropes and be enjoying the smiles of our appreciative clients.

What's more, it's fun!

Jude



GOOD

Every year, my wife Jane organizes and runs a show jumping event in Sydney, with riders competing from all over Australia. I was in the marquee with sponsors and supporters; elegant ladies with long cool necks, dipping into flutes of chilled bubbles over a long languid lunch - contrasting with the raw horsepower in front of us; sleek dark thoroughbreds cantering and soaring, all striving for a clear round. Mid afternoon I was introduced to **Matthew Short and his wife** Christine, Matthew being the brother of Andrew Short, one of the two sailors tragically killed last year when the vacht **Price Waterhouse Coopers (ex-Shockwave 5) hit Flinders Islet** south of Sydney.

I didn't want Matthew to re-tell the story of his brother, but he knew I sailed so we chatted of harbour racing in Finn's and Farr 40's. He then spoke of the recent Sydney-Hobart race, which he sailed on the TP52 Shortwave with his wife, four daughters and two of Andrew's children, to commemorate the memory of Andrew and how much that journey meant to him and the family. I asked him what the highlight of the race was, and he said off the Organ Pipes in Tasmania, when a Rolex helicopter came out and took some overhead shots. Matthew had managed to download one of the images, but it was low-res and of poor quality, a bit of a shame really...

Ten light bulbs went off in my head at once, illuminating one name writ large. Daniel Forster. I have known Daniel for years, worked alongside him, swapping and drying his lenses, then grabbing a fistful of his jacket as he leaned out of the pounding RIB off Sydney heads. I knew he had taken those images of Shortwave, as we had chatted two days before the race speculating if the fleet would pass the Organ Pipes in daylight - in good light and when Daniel was above in the Rolex chopper.

I swallowed a large draught of the fizzy stuff, took a deep breath, told Matthew all this and that there was a good chance I could get the image;

certainly I would try my hardest. it was important. Of course Daniel

As you can imagine his whole world stopped. His eyes widened as I spoke, and though we were at an Equestrian event on a warm Sydney afternoon, surrounded by long legged fillies, mares and millionaires, he wasn't there. He was back helming Shortwave; bone-tired but relieved, staring up at a bloody noisy helicopter parked overhead with a photographer hanging out of one side - just glad to finish what he started, and get his family and crew to the end of this raw and emotional journey.

I had to get back to my table and by this time his wife Christine sensed something was up and was at his side. I said I would get his contact details before I left and when I did, he shook my hand and didn't want to let go.

As I said goodbye to friends on various tables, I could feel both their eyes on me, so I turned and gave them one last wave.

I emailed Daniel that night, told him the facts - that this was a one off and

realised this immediately – but I had to say it. He was covering the Farr 40 Worlds for Rolex in the Dominican Republic and said he would search for the image when he got home. He landed, spent a day at home and then flew to Europe to cover the Match Racing Tour and other commitments. He got home two days ago, emailed Rolex and KPMS, (the agency Rolex use) and last night three fantastic highres images of Shortwave at the Organ Pipes dropped into my inbox, taken by Daniel and colleague Kurt Arrigo.

Matthew got them this morning and as you can imagine, words can barely cover the thanks they would like to convey to Daniel, Kurt, KPMS and

Memories are wonderful things. Memories with a great photograph? Absolutely fair dinkum priceless...

Blue Robinson. Courtesy Seahorse International sailing Magazine. Images courtesy Rolex/KPMS.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

This time last year my report was very brief as I was in Austria.

This time it looks like it will still be brief.

Not much sailing has happened since the 1st of August – at least not at MYC, but sounds like a lot of fun was had at Airlie and Hamilton Is Race Weeks. Congratulations to Peter Mosely and the imported crew of Local Hero – second overall in the IRC cruising division at Airlie and first on IRC division 2 at Hammo. Rumour has it that they are pretty good drivers too ... they made off with a brand new Audi as well!! I wonder whether Audi would sponsor MYC ... hmmm!

Creditable efforts also go to David Bates and Vice Commodore Greg Wilkins on Supernova and Chris and Anne on their chartered yacht Kat. I heard from our President that he counted about 40 MYC members lurking about in the waters up north. Is it any wonder we don't have any racing in August!

So now the season has begun. By the time we go to press, inspections will be over and perhaps the first race will have been sailed. Hopefully our Aquatic Licence will also have been approved by Maritime NSW.

Remember to look in your handbook for upcoming training sessions. The recently held session on weather, presented by Dick Whittaker from the Weather Channel was very informative. The next training session is on 14 September. The calendar says Sail Trim with Julian Plante from North Sails but due to prior commitments this

has been reshuffled and I think Cary is planning another equally interesting topic which is somewhere else in this newsletter.

And now for the sailing ... your boat is prepared; you are prepared; crews are ready to go - why aren't the entry forms flooding in?

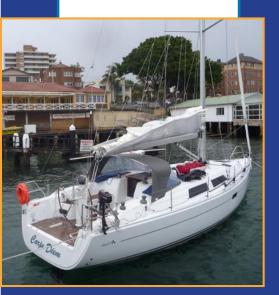
You won't be seeing San Toy on the water for a bit as the handicapper and I are running away again this year for a well earned break – but never fear, the handicaps will get done before we go.

Safe sailing! Maz



Spotted at MYC was Greg and Tania Ebeling's new yacht 'Carpe Diem', which I'm sure you Latin scholars will remember from Horace's poem 'Source'. Translated as 'Sieze the day'.

Colin Cameron



GRUMPY OLD MEN...

The last sunday in August was glorious, so I took my Finn dinghy out between the heads, hiking over the swells in the 12-15 knot easterly.

Sensational stuff. When I got back to the club I hauled it up the steep concrete slipway, and started to de-rig near the front roller door. Taking my mast into the club storage area I came back to see the Manly Dive shop guys had moved my boat. I said "Sorry guys - if you need the dinghy moved, let me do it..." The senior bearded dive guy just went off...

"WHAT IS IT WITH THIS CLUB! EVERONE HAS AN ATTITUDE! EVERYTIME WE COME HERE WE GET MOANED AT! IS THERE SOMETHING IN THE BUILDING THAT DOES THIS..."

Whoa woah - hold it a second mate. I admit I may be a little over protective of my Finn dinghy, but anyone who sails a Finn develops a pretty spacial relationship with the boat (am I right Bob?) You have to put a massive amount in to get anything out, so yeah I am over protective - but I don't touch anyones dive gear as I don't want to damage it. MYC is an extraordinary club, with remarkable people - and wI am not going to accept that garbage about the club from anyone.

So we had a stand up row. Somewhat to the embarrassment of his junior colleagues, I told him perhaps HE brought the wrong attitude to this club, and many, many times I had helped the dive guys - only that day I offered them assistance with their bulky liferaft. The senior dive guy didn't get it and snapped back at me all the way to the dive truck.

Ten minutes later, I was packing up the Finn when a guy with a fishing rod and tackle box wandered on to the wharf. "Sorry mate - rules of the club, no fishing. We have no-fishing signs all over the end of the wharf..."

So he said, "Can I fish at this end then - close to the clubhouse?" He left grumpy too...

Blue Robinson

DIARY DATES

SEPT 4 SA	Yachts -Equipment Compliance Inspections Juniors - Training Sailability - Orientation Day
SEPT 7 TU	Yachts -Board Meeting
SEPT 8 WE	Sailabilty - RFW, MAPS Forestville, Achieve
SEPT 11 SA	Yachts -SASC Lion Island Race
	Yachts -0S-1
	Sailabiity - Volunteer Training
SEPT 12 SU	Centreboards - "Off The Beaches" Inspections
	Centreboards - Training
SEPT 14 TU	Training - Sail Trim (Julian Plante, North Sails)
SEPT 18 SA	Sailabiity - Hornsby Lifestyles, General
SEPT 19 SU	Yachts -SS-1
	Centreboards - SPS-1
SEPT 22 WE	Sailabiity - CAPS Forestville,
	Dee Why PSC, Sunnyfields
SEPT 25 SA	Training
SEPT 26 SU	Yachts -CC-1
	Centreboards - SPS-2/CC-1
SEPT 27 MO	Yachts -Sailing Committee Meeting
SEPT 28 TU	Training - Race Management
OCT 2 SA	Training - Safety Boat Induction
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OCT 3 SU	Daylight Savings starts
OCT 4 MO	Labour Day
OCT 5 TU	Board Meeting
OCT 9 SA	Training
OCT 10 SU	Yachts -SS-2 Centreboards - SPS-3
OCT 12 TU	Training - Racing Rules of Sailing (Mark Pryke)
OCT 12 TO	Sailabiity - RFW, CAPS Pymble, Achieve
OCT 16 SA	Sailability - General Sailing
OCT 17 SU	Yachts -CC-2
331 17 33	Centreboards - SPS-4/CC-2
Please check the 2010-11 Handbook	
Duty roster crew contact: Penny Meakins 0416 357 357	
dutyroster@myc.org.au	

2011 AUDI SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA – CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Just an early reminder that the Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta will again be held in March 2011. It seems a long way away, but time seems to sneak up on us all. If you are not intending to race, how about considering volunteering to be part of the race committee on either or both days and be part of this exciting event.

If you are interested, please email maz@radford-yacht.com.
The NOR will be available shortly - see www.audisydneyharbour-regatta.com.

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 at info@myc.org.au

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING MYC TRAINING

Stage 3 Intro to navigation/Compass 14-Sep-10 2 hrs Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 Free 2 hrs **Race Management** 28-Sep-10 Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 Free Race Management boat induction 2-Oct-10 2 hrs Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 Free Racing Rules (Mark Pryke) 12-Oct-10 2 hrs Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 \$15 Sail Trim (Julian Plante - Northsail) 9-Nov-10 2 hrs Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 Free

First Aid training? We need 20 to hold a session at the club. Please let me know if you are interested Regards Cary Budd MYC Training Coordinator

all RSVPs for MYC training to either training@myc.org.au or SMS to 0419 600108

DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE IS 10TH OCTOBER

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Looking forward to receiving all your news and pictures nice and early - please don't leave it to the last minute and please stuff or archive all pics before you send them to me. **Carole**