



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's great to be sailing again in warmer weather. The Twilights are just over a week away and the season is in full swing already. We have quite a few new boats joining us at MYC and I would like to welcome you all and encourage you to come out for a race on a Sunday as well as the Twilights. Our Summer Series has handicap starts so you don't have to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of a big fleet on the start line. Or if that sounds appealing then the Club Championships are for you, either way it is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. The race director's details are in the handbook.

I would like to welcome Manly Sailing to MYC. Chris & Anne Stockdale were the successful tenderers for the sailing school operations at the club. They are up and running with their first junior training camp a success and more planned. Adult courses and competent crew courses are also filling up fast. They can be found in the newly refurbished downstairs office at the club.

Whitewater restaurant in Manly has offered MYC a free dinner for 40 people at MYC to test their mobile catering abilities and the facilities at the club. This will be a fundraiser for Greg Hyde who is off to the Paralympics and also for the MYC bathroom renovations. It will be \$50.00 per seat and a BYO function. As numbers are very limited first in gets the seats. By the time this is published the invitations will have been emailed and given the initial reaction it will be a sell out.

The cost of the bathroom renovations has blown out considerably since the initial quotes were received so the committee looking at the renovations are looking at new options so we can get underway as soon as possible. If anyone has contacts in this area that may be able to help out please give me a call.

The reorganisation of the downstairs boat storage area is progressing slowly. A new centreboard rack has been built....thanks Matt....in preparation for the new deck doors being installed; we are hoping this will happen in the near future. Sailability have there storage area all sorted and working well.

A new door has been installed next to the rollershutter leading from the building onto the deck. This can be opened by any Yacht Club key and now enables members to enter the building from the deck. Thanks to Barry Newel for installing this one.

There is a working bee on October 23rd. Everyone is welcome, Matt McKenzie will have plenty of jobs to do so please come along for a couple of hours. It will kick off about 9 am. We have had 3 new piers and extra bracing installed on the wharf. Thanks again to Matt for organising this, more work needs to be done but the wobbly bits have been dewobbed.

Along with our new liquor licence comes the need to get members trained up with Responsible Service of Alcohol certificates, only RSA qualified people can serve behind the bar. Stephen Teudt has organised the first course and more will follow. Please see Stephen or drop him a line to find out about the next course.

Safe Sailing
Ian Dennewald

MANLY SAILING SCHOOL OFFICIAL OPENING



Maz cut the rope with a hot knife - very sailing!!!



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

OFF TO A FLYING START

There's not too many better places to spend a perfect September Sunday afternoon than on Sydney Harbour with a tiller, wheel, sheet (or beer, if you're really lucky) in hand and a nice building nor-easter blowing in your ear.

Accordingly, there were many smiles and lots of chatter back at the clubhouse after the first race of the Club Championships which saw eight boats in div 1 and six in div 2 face the starter's gun. PRO Peter Bennell, who I'd like to just say is one of MYC's most valuable living treasures, got the two yacht fleets off to a great start on the NE course.

The Div 2 contest saw Cheap Thrills round the pink MYC Wharf mark first with Melody and a wheel-less Runaway Taxi in hot pursuit. A quick gybe at the bombie cardinals saw Melody's crew of Ivana, Vic and a big, ugly bloke with a mo slot into some nice pressure under Dobroyd Head and pull away from their fleet, which had found a hole off Kilburn Towers. Finally the nor-easter filled in and both divisions got a good ride down to Balmoral under spinnaker, with Wild Life and Copernicus leading div 1 and hauling in the div 2 stragglers.

The beat to Cannae Point YA proved rather tactical with a large run-out tide, with the boats that sailed all the way to the starboard layline doing the best. The middle bunch of the div 1 fleet saw some close racing between Two Can, Pam, Kaotic and Shear Magic before the run down to Taylors Bay YA. By then the frontrunners of that division had edged past Melody and Cheap Thrills, who were running square under spinnaker with about a boat-length between them as they passed the Sow and Pigs.

Greg Wilkins's new Archie 32, Esprit, looked sensational under its big, red assy but it was a day for running square and she couldn't catch the Radford 12, with its special guest "designer crew", or the elusive Etchells. Once again the run-out tide proved important for the final beat to the finish for div 2. Melody did one long port-tack leg over to Bottle and Glass Point, following Copernicus and Wild Life, and this seemed to be the right way to go (did anyone short tack up the Mosman shore??).

Up the back of the fleet, Eos was entertaining some "budding" sailors who had joined the crew for the day, with Penny Meakins later reporting: "We took a crew of two



New mother Vic Silk abandoned her bub for a day on Melody in the opening event of Club Champs. Notice how Barry Mifflin and his merry men on Cheap Thrills are overtaking to leeward like true gentlemen.

lovely ladies who were absolute newby sailors, and one stated afterwards [upon hearing the results, one presumes] : 'No!?! What was our results? Second to last? What's a spinnaker brace? Was that that rope I kept holding attached to the sail???? Sailing language equals double dutch ... but I know what tack and jig is now!.'

The race results can be found on the website, and if you look at the corrected times in div 1, the spread is pretty good for the first race of the season. It could be that Kaotic, which has been bumped up to div 1 this season, could be the boat to beat again this year. And in div 2, it seems Matt's decision to remove Runaway Taxi's wheel to give the helmsman better feel has already paid dividends.

By the way, Cary Budd, the MYC training officer, wasn't out on the course but he was thinking of the rest of us: "I haven't found a spot on a boat for the series but I was thinking of the race while I helped celebrate a friend's birthday by dining at Echo on the Marina near Roseville Bridge, drinking 10-year-old reds as the tide slowly drifted out over the course of the afternoon . . ." Poor him. If anyone can offer Cary a spot, I'm sure he'll bring his own red.

See you next race, Jim.

REPAIR WORK AT MYC

Thanks to Building and Construction director Matt MacKenzie, and the MYC Board, for arranging the much needed repair work on the MYC wharf, which was carried out by 'Harbour Constructions'.

Colin.



THE MOST FUN YOU CAN HAVE ON WATER

Sunday November 7, 10am – 4pm

OUR ANNUAL TRY SAILING DAY IS COMING UP AGAIN ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7. IT'S GREAT TO INVITE MORE PEOPLE TO GIVE SAILING A GO AND SHOW THEM IT'S THE MOST FUN YOU CAN HAVE ON WATER, SO PLEASE HELP MAKE THIS OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL OPEN DAY YET.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED? BEFORE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7:

Invite your family, friends, neighbours, colleagues to come along and try sailing

Details on <http://www.myc.org.au/tsd/tsd.shtml>

Distribute flyers – in letterboxes in your street, at your local cafe, anywhere you can think of (will be available at MYC clubhouse from mid-October)

Help organise the day



ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7:

Volunteer your boat to take people out sailing

Volunteer your time – crewing on yachts and dinghies, setting up, meeting and greeting, manning the registration desk, on the BBQ, in the shop, giving demonstrations, spruiking MYC, raving about sailing – whatever you like!

Everyone is welcome and we'll have Sailability dinghies, Manly Juniors, (hopefully) lasers and lots of yachts to take everyone out on the water.

Sailability and our sailing school Manly Sailing are getting involved, so please contact

Helen Buckland on 0410 353 296 to offer your support.

(Please note: children under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian).

After a fantastic trip up North with what seemed like the great majority of Manly Yacht Club and a long delivery home, Manly Sailing School opened for business downstairs at the Yacht Club on October 1st.

We've had a great start to the season kicking off with a Kids Sailing Camp during the October School Holidays. We had fourteen kids between the ages of 7 and 12 setting sail in the Manly Juniors and Pittwater Juniors for three days, and there were some great sailors amongst them, some showing



huge potential and signing up to come back for our 8 Week Kids Sailing Program which starts on October 23rd.

If your children would like to get into Sailing then sign them up for the program which is held on Saturday mornings. The weekend activity is an ideal way to keep your kids involved in a regular structured sporting activity. The structured certificate scheme follows the Yachting Australia Get into Small Boat Sailing Syllabus and as an accredited YA Training Centre we will be providing for beginners as well as for kids who have sailed before. All you have to do is drop your kids off – we'll take care of the rest - parents who do want to stay and help out will be welcome to do so. The course runs from 9.30 – 12 each Saturday morning until mid December.

On the Adult side we have started Beginner courses with Intermediate courses

to follow next week. We have a lot of local interest as well as some students coming from a little further afield.

On the Racing front we have some exciting opportunities for students and club members; this season we are offering crew places on an Open 60 'The Stick' for the Gosford Lord Howe Race and the Sydney to Hobart. Crewing for either race will involve training days beforehand so get in quick to reserve your place.

Manly Sailing will be running a Crew Board each Race Day and during the Twilights, we have had a lot of enquiries already so if you are looking for crew call Anne on 0414 209269 and give her your name and number and she'll try to place a crew member with you – or just check out the board outside the Manly Sailing Office on Race Days.

We are delighted to be the official sailing school for Manly Yacht Club and hope to support the club by providing crew both young and old to support our fleet so tell all your friends to Get Out on the Water this Summer with Manly Sailing

Anne & Chris



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



Brian Wilson test drives his next boat choice - a Volvo 60



Quote of the Month

“Once we rounded the Lion Island mark and I saw Eos I knew that we were doing really badly.”

Lion Island Race 2010.

AUDIT DAY 2010

Well, if nothing less, we are good at picking the weather for the days we carry out our audits at MYC.

Our crystal ball, when the date for the audits is selected to fit into the MYC seasonal programme, is always clear nine months ahead. Somehow something gets a bit mixed up in the handbook on the way to the publisher and the chosen date does not always come up trumps with nice fine sunny days so that the audits can be carried out under ideal conditions. Whatever happened to that long range weather forecaster, Indigo Jones? Bring him back!

None the less we managed to pass 32 boats by Saturday 4th September afternoon which wasn't too bad considering the conditions.

Thanks to all members who turned out and also congratulations for presenting boats which, in most

cases, were ready for the auditors with gear correctly laid out, in good condition and where necessary items were well within the limits of expiry dates. Some boats did overlook the fact that there are expiry dates on things such as fire extinguishers, flares and contents of the medical kits. Please make sure these types of items are checked regularly to ensure their compliance.

It must be pointed out that not all members bought their boats out for the inspection on the 4th which means some of the auditors will be required to give up their time again to attend to those boats. In some cases this absence was excusable as the owner or representative was not in Sydney and the Club was advised but some others just weren't bothered. Unfortunately these boats will be asked to pay a fee of \$20 for their neglect.

Many thanks go to all the auditors for giving of their time and assistance and ensuring that the day progressed smoothly.

Lets hope as a result we members will all enjoy a summer of racing and safe sailing at Manly Yacht Club.

Bill Spence

SUMMER SERIES

'When the Chameleon Turns Green.'

'Broken Light Over The Dark Void' was the title I gave to one of my entries in the MYC Art Show of 2003. It illustrates my fascination with the delicate balance of forces, which rule the universe, as symbolised by the humble arrow. Now this might explain my obsession with www.seabreeze.com.au. It starts a week prior to each MYC race day and at every available opportunity the wind graphs are carefully scrutinised for any metamorphosis in the sailing conditions. Race 1 of the 2010 Hempel MYC Summer Series was no exception, but the indicators were not good for wee 'Bokarra', with the pointers barely tipping yellow and mostly in the woeful red. True to the forecast it took us 12 mins to cross the start line, but Margaret and Carmel were magnificent in stoically persevering with our quest to Clark Island and back, via the dreaded Middle Harbour. Alas we encountered a sailing 'Black Hole'. (The Sound in dead air.). Our sails were lifelessly

flapping as swells nudged us nearer and nearer to the Gowland Bombora.

Powerful forces were evident, as we were inextricably drawn to the breaking waves. Time to turn the outboard motor on and head, rather ingloriously, back to our mooring.

Dispite our poor result in race 1 there's always something special about sailing on our beautiful harbour and we're still undaunted by any future challenge set by the MYC SS. Bring on the 13 mark course 4, or even the marathon, but only when 'The Chameleon Turns Green'.

Colin Cameron.



'Broken Light Over The Dark Void'.

NEW RECRUITS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING!

At the beginning of every summer, Sailability sends out a signal for new volunteers. It's very exciting to see who responds, what their skills are, and how they'll fit into the team.

This year we're delighted that some of our rookies have experience working with disabled people, and many have sailing skills.

Those who don't are willing to learn, and our Orientation and Training Days saw a good turnout of enthusiastic

volunteers who were soon rigging and taking to the water under sail and under power. They've already been back to use their new skills on regular sailing days, making a valuable contribution to our success.

With a growing emphasis on Training and Compliance, the YA and Sailability



NSW are running train the trainers courses, starting with Safety Boat Operators. Peter Singer and Jude Cole were nominated as Manly's representatives, and have spent a day at

Penrith Regatta Centre, and will spend another three days at the Narrabeen Centre, to pick up competency certificates in what is required to run a safe sailing

day. This is a good refresher and welcome practice, and reinforces our belief that at Manly we are in pretty good shape.

The Razzle Dazzle fundraiser for Greg Hyde was well supported with over \$1500 donated at the

door. It was fun to see sailing people from the peninsular kicking up their heels and joining in the entertainment. Please support on-going events for Greg as there's still a very long way to go!

This December

Denis, already comfortable in the Access 303



marks Sailability's 15th Birthday. We trust Jean Hay will be blowing out the candles on our Race Day Sat 4th. Jean has been an influential supporter since day one, and we're delighted she has accepted our request to be our patron.

Jude

Mal & Peter: Malcolm Cameron (Sailability Callala) and Peter Singer at Penrith



Maddie Sue and Tina, new recruits on Orientation Day



whitewater restaurants fresh, imaginative style showcases Manly at its very best, with its mouth watering modern Australian menu, elegant, relaxed ambience and superb beach front location, on Manly's foreshore. This award-winning restaurant is the perfect place to enjoy an intimate dinner for two, a corporate lunch or fine dining experience with friends.

Whitewater would like to invite all Manly Yacht Club Members in to enjoy our new Spring Menu, you and your guests will receive 25% off the total bill up to \$50 value. conditions apply

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MANLY'S FRESH DINING EXPERIENCE

www.whitewaterrestaurant.com.au For Reservations call 02 9977 0322

WHITEWATER RESTAURANT SPONSORS MYC AND SAILABILITY

Manly's award winning whitewater restaurant is our latest sponsor of MYC.

On Wednesday 27 October Whitewater are catering for a 3 course dinner at Manly Yacht Club.

All money raised from ticket sales will be donated equally to Greg Hyde to assist with his Paralympic Campaign and to the MYC restroom renovation.

Contact Sorrell on 0432 901 125 for details.

UNEXPECTED SIGHTINGS...

Jenny and I decided to go to Lake Eyre and look at it full of water, a sight rarely seen by human beings I have been told. We flew in a small, slow plane with propellers to a place called Marree, the nearest community to the lake. There to my surprise I saw an old timber building with a large sign proclaiming LAKE EYRE YACHT CLUB. I could not believe it. There was not a drop of water in sight and the lake was miles away.

At the first opportunity I went in and introduced myself as the chairman of the Decor Committee at Manly Yacht Club. "Ah" said the man in charge "what colour would you paint the walls?" indicating the bare fibro of the interior. Before I could answer he said "It doesn't matter anyway. We go out at the Council Clear Out and collect all the old paint tins with some left in.



Lake Eyre Yacht Club, Marree

The colour is left to chance. (now there is a idea for MYC). By the way we had someone else from Manly Yacht club in here a few minutes ago".

"Not a tall good looking red head?" I asked.

"Yes"

Well I knew Maz was going to Lake Eyre and as soon as I saw LEYC (which I did not know existed) I knew

she would head straight for it, but I thought I might have beaten her to it. Wrong. Maz had already established cordial relations and secured one of their club burgees.

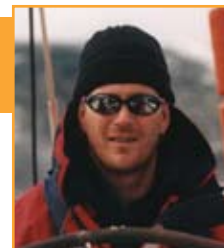
Marree consists of a Church converted to the Yacht Club, a service station with 'restaurant/shop', a caravan park (we stayed there), a few houses,

the sad remnants of a long forgotten railway and the PUB. We went to the pub and there we met Maz and Graham esconced in outback luxury. The fact that we met was a pure fluke since we were traveling on different routes with different companies.

Jenny made contact with a lot of flies and mozzies at Marree and does not wish to return.

Brian Wilson

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



Maz is away for a few months, so as Vice Commodore I'll be standing in her boat shoes for a while. One of my first actions as standing commodore was to correct the record with regard to Julie Hodder's appointment as commodore of MHYC, which had been reported as Australia's first female Yacht Club commodore. We all congratulate Julie on her appointment, which is an excellent one, but let's not forget that for some years MYC has had a female commodore that regardless of her gender, is doing a great job. So thanks Maz, you've earned your holiday - have fun and hurry back!

This week I also attended the SASC flag officers dinner, in their marvellous club house (there is obviously an advantage come working bee day to have your clubhouse of the same construction as your boats - but for better or worse we don't have a fleet of brick boats or a fibreglass clubhouse). At the dinner, I chatted to Julie Hodder about the proposed Bear Cottage cup, which is intended to be a friendly annual competition between MHYC and MYC to raise funds for the Bear Cottage children's hospice. Plans for the first cup in March are due to be discussed in the coming weeks and I'd like to call for some volunteers that can help with both the on-water and fund raising organization.

Our racing season is now under way, and we had an excellent turn out for the first club championship, which was rewarded with beautiful weather and a great day's sailing in two full and competitive divisions. The numbers for twilights are looking good, but the entries for the summer series and offshore is a little down, so if any skippers feel the need for a touch more sailing, please contact the race directors for casual or late series entry. If it's crew you're lacking, then please contact Dave

Fairclough, who has taken on the crew coordinator role and the updated website is generating a steady flow of crew enquiries.

Also with regards to crew finding, our new sailing school Manly Sailing has undertaken to put up a white board outside their office with the names/contacts of crew and boats that need to find each other. The sailing school is now open for business and it was great to see this past week a flotilla of MJ's filled with happy kids.

Training is an important aspect of our sport and vital to keep it safe, fun and fast.

As the summer sailing starts, we will see the usual influx of keen beginners of all ages looking to partake in twilights and weekend races. While on the rail learning is good, it's

even better when combined with some proper training, so please refer your new (and existing) crew to the sailing school. The intent with the new school is to have much closer integration with the club, so they can provide a steady stream of trained crew and we can provide candidates and a destination for their students. We also have try sailing day coming up on November 7, so that should also give us an influx of crew and volunteers get the first pick!

The twilights will be starting just as this report is published, and we will have a few new boats and perhaps a few boats that are in need of some training themselves - or at least some reminders of some important rules and regulations: synchronize your watch with 1194; don't enter the start zone until 5 minutes before your start; stay

well clear of the ferries and don't try to cross them; when finishing in the dark, shine a torch on your sail number; record your finish time. MOST IMPORTANTLY, we have a new rule to cope with the congestion when our start/finish area fills with anchored cruisers: If a "C" flag is displayed on the club's flagstaff, then a pink buoy will be laid and the start and finish line will be between the top triangle and the buoy. This does apply to the finish line as well, even though



there is a typo in 12.2 of the sailing instruction (see Maz needed a holiday), which says "start" instead of "finish".

Finally, since San Toy won't be sailing for some months and I'm sure you'll all want to see a commodore on the water (and because I want to get her picture in the newsletter (editor please)), Jan and I will be sailing our new boat Esprit, an Archambault 32 Grand Surprise Saga. This poor old boat, encumbered with her long name and fancy French styling, has an umbrella for a keel, rags for sails and a barnacle covered bottom, so despite a crack crew, any continuing poor results will not at all be the fault of the skipper.

Greg Wilkins

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

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| 12 | TU | Training - Racing Rules of Sailing (Mark Pryke) |
| 13 | WE | Sailability - RFW, CAPS Pymble, Achieve |
| 16 | SA | Sailability - General Sailing |
| 17 | SU | Yachts - CC-2/Centreboards - SPS-4/CC-2 |
| 22 | FR | Yachts - TWL-1 |
| 23 | SA | Working Bee/Juniors - Training |
| 24 | SU | Yachts - SS-3/Centreboards - SPS-5 |
| 25 | MO | Sailing Committee Meeting |
| 27 | WE | Sailability - Fisher Rd, MAPS Turramurra, Sunnyfields |
| 29 | FR | Yachts - TWL-2 |
| 30 | SA | Sailability - Hornsby Lifestyles, General |
| 31 | SU | Yachts - CC-3/Centreboards - SPS-6/CC-3 |

NOVEMBER

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| 2 | TU | Board Meeting |
| 5 | FR | Yachts - TWL-3 |
| 6 | SA | Juniors - Training |
| 7 | SU | Try Sailing Day |
| 9 | TU | Training - At One with the Wind (YNSW) |
| 10 | WE | Sailability - RFW, CAPS Forestville, Dee Why PSC |
| 12 | FR | Yachts - TWL-4 |
| 13 | SA | Sailability - BIRDS, General |
| 14 | SU | Yachts - CC-4/Centreboards - SPS-7/CC-4 |

Please check the 2010-2011 Handbook
Duty roster crew contact: Penny Meakins 0416 357 357
dutyroster@myc.org.au

The late Bruce Hitchman's wife, Nanette, wishes to dispose of some of his tools and equipment and the following items are for sale

FOR SALE

ALL ITEMS MUST GO. MAKE ANY REASONABLE OFFER.

3hp Yamaha outboard on trolley. Turns over. Has compression. Looks OK. Spinnaker pole complete with beak to fit mast track suitable for 38ft yacht.

Boxed screw driver set 13 pieces.

Matika 1/3 sheet sander in box, as new.

Ozito heat gun, as new.

Bosch all purpose saw in case, as new.

Matika 125mm angle grinder in case, good nick.

Bombard inflatable dinghy with paddles in valise, check it out.

Outboard fuel tank 23 litre with fuel line, good condition.

Contact Brian Wilson 9949 1073 or email gbrianwilson@optusnet.com.au

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

LOCAL HEROES!!!!!!

MYC member Peter Mosely (top) and his crew of Canberra sailors are all smiles after winning the Audi A5 at Hamilton Island Race Week in August aboard Local Hero, a regular entrant in MYC events.



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