

MYC NEWS

February 2012



WHO STOLE SUMMER???

It came briefly for the Pepper Tree Wines CC-7 which was a cracker of a day with a typical North-East course to sail, however the rescheduled Pittwater YHA Mini Regatta MR-1 was destined not to occur this season.

Fortunately the adverse Saturday conditions did not deter the competitors from turning up on Sunday to compete in the second half of the Mini Festival of Sail. Good sailing breeze, stiff competition, war stories back on the deck ... perfect! The MYC Australia Day Regatta held in Manly Cove also succumbed to the vagaries of the "summer" weather when the second race was abandoned to the rain and lack of wind. Thank you to the Race Committees who endured the weather for our pleasure.

Over the holiday period we again had club members compete in the Sydney to Hobart and Pittwater to Coffs Harbour yacht races. Well done and glad you all arrived back safely.

The usually quiet period over Christmas/New Year at the club was enhanced by the MJ Nationals, organised by the MJ Association and hosted by our neighbours, the Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club. Manly Yacht Club facilities were used for rigging boats, protest hearings and the presentation dinner. Our fledgling junior fleet, not content with Opti sailing, entered the Novice division of the MJ nationals using a couple of club boats. No doubt, a full report is elsewhere in the newsletter but by all accounts all had a great time competing. Congratulations to you all for having a go! The junior fleet is growing so rapidly that we now have 2 race days on the weekend – Saturdays for the "racers" and Sunday for the "cruisers", with some of the "racers" getting ready to compete in the MJ



State Titles on Lake Macquarie in a few weeks time. I understand there is now a waiting list to join our fleet! This growth can only be achieved by the dedication of the parents and enthusiasm of the juniors – well done!

Manly Sailing also needs to take some credit for the influx of juniors, due to their school holiday sailing camps and the teaching they provide before the kids are allowed to join the Manly Junior Program. Great work, Anne and Chris!

Congratulations the Race Management Team made up of volunteers from Manly Sailability who won the "Jackie Kay Trophy" for excellent service and sportsmanship at the recent NSW Access Class Championships held at MHYC. Team members Judy Cole, Pam Davis, Vin Gallagher, Brian Guest, David Webb, John Connor, Jill Musgrove (all from MYC Sailability), and Allan Jones (Pittwater) got great raps from MHYC, Access, and competitors for successfully getting through 24 races in 4 x 2 hour sessions! Congratulations also to Greg Hyde on his first regatta in the Access Liberty, showing that he could control the start line and find the breeze and boat speed

to dominate the regatta. Greg posted 6 straight wins to claim the trophy!

Looking forward... the last few Twilights are upon us, as are the Club Championships and Summer races; and the series scores are looking tight. So make sure you turn up and sail smart to be in line for the "pickle dish" on Presentation Night.

With March approaching fast, it's time to think about the Sydney Harbour Regatta, run by MHYC, on the 10th and 11th March. Entry is free to competitors in any MYC point score race so get your entry. This 2 day event is always great fun. There are more details in the newsletter, but if you don't have a boat or you don't want to race, consider participating as a race official and be part of the action. Pencillers, time

AUDIT EXPIRY DATES

Current audits for boats for the year 2011 - 2012 will expire on 30th June 2012. Audit inspections at MYC will then be carried out for the next season probably sometime in late August.

This should not effect yachts competing in the Winter Series as that series will have started before 30th June and so are covered. However yachts that will be racing in series that commence after 30th June, such as Hamilton Island series and similar, will need to ensure that they have an audit carried out to cover for the 2012 -2013 season.

keepers, boat drivers, flag raisers, mark layers are all required to make this event a success – with great beach parties back at MHYC afterwards. Contact me or MHYC direct if you can help.

The MYC Women's Challenge, held in March, is again sponsored by Helly Hansen. This event attracts yachts from most of the clubs on Sydney Harbour. Visit the MYC website to view any alterations to the Sailing Instructions. If you haven't got a boat to sail on yet, or if you are looking for crew, add your name to the crew link on the Manly Yacht Club website. Thank you in advance to those wonderful male owners who support this event and the female members of this club, by allowing your boats to be helmed at this regatta.

As always, thank you to everyone who has contributed to the successful running of this club, by even the smallest unseen tasks that are performed daily, for the benefit of the club.

See you on the water.

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SAILING IN SAN FRAN

It's 10pm Friday night and my flight back home from San Francisco has just taken off, but I'm not on it and instead I'm sitting at the bar of the San Francisco Yacht Club. With a few hours notice, my work had asked me to spend another week on client site, precipitating a hurried reorganisation of the weekend: Reschedule flight, ask Chris Stockdale to skipper Esprit, find a local yacht club and book a hotel near it, get myself there. As I arrive at the club, I see a large marina full of a diverse range of sailing yachts, many of which are lit up with Christmas lights! I'm thinking that there might not be much sailing going on over the weekend.

It's members night at the SFYC and the dining room is full and off limits for visitors, so I sit at the bar, worried about my compliance with the dress code and marvel at the trophy cabinet, which includes a grand perpetual silver trophy first presented by King George VI! A few members wander out of the dining room and a quick conversation confirms that there is no racing and not much sailing this weekend. But the bar keep comes up with the cryptic suggestion of "try the Berkeley Circle". A few minutes of googling on the phone reveals that the circle is a shallow low(er) current area of San Francisco Bay that is in the prevailing wind slot of the golden gate, giving consistent 12-20kn winds. The circle is surrounded by a number of yacht clubs, one of which is Berkeley Yacht Club, who are having a winter series meet this weekend. An email to the club elicited a prompt response from the club in the nature of "come over and I'll bet you can snag a ride on a race boat or come out on the RC boat".

Saturday morning finds me on Berkeley Marina, surrounded with iconic views: Golden Gate bridge, Alcatraz, the Oakland bridge, Treasure Island and Alameda airbase (iconic to Mythbusters watchers). Berkeley Yacht clubhouse is perched on the southern entrance to Berkeley Harbour and was built by the club of around 300 members themselves between 1940 and 1974. The club uses minimal professional staff, with members often serving at the bar and all have keys to the club so they can use the lounge and bar during the week and take in the great views. The atmosphere of the club is very much of a similar vibe to MYC, but a little more up scale.

The day starts with a charity breakfast organised by and for the arts program of a local school, which provides a hearty carbo

loading (pancakes for breakfast!). I chat to a few members, including Bobbi, who is on the RC, who invites me to sail on her and John's boat called Bodacious, a Farr 40 1 ton. So I jump on board and we head out into the bay on a sunny but low wind day.

I'm wearing pretty much my work clothes, but luckily had brought a light sailing jacket. But I am soon feeling a little under dressed, as all crew (on Bodacious and all other boats) are wearing wet weather pants and PFDs. I'm a bit surprised given the mild inshore conditions, but when I'm splashed by a bit of the bay's icy water and informed that normal sailing here is 20+, I realise that the prudence is well justified. It goes as far as skipper John wearing a hard hat as protection from the moderately low boom.

After a short delay, the wind picks up enough for a start, which was great as 74 boats over 9 divisions (5 OD divs) had turned up, with about a third being BYC and the rest from other clubs. The fleet ranged from J24's through to 40 footers, and included a cat rigged boat to make me think of home! We were in Div 1 with a J-105, a J-90 (look it up!), a Sydney 32, and Farr's 36 and 38. The 8-12kn breeze was enough to power up Bodacious nicely and we hit the start near full speed at the committee boat end, but in the second row. Our late start let us tack to port early and take the right side that looked favoured. I was asked to spot the windward mark and soon realised what a large sailing area SF bay provides. We spotted an appropriate coloured mark and as we were well below it, we tacked back to port to get up to it. Several other boats tacked to follow us, which they soon regretted as we realised that we were looking at the mark of another club and that we had well over stood our own much closer mark. So it looked like we would get some spinnaker work on the windward leg!

John has his own wikipedia page that describes him as a "theoretical and experimental physicist known for contributions to the foundations of quantum mechanics". I got the feeling that he's not so keen on the theoretical bit, but unfortunately our spinnaker set turned out to be a very unsuccessful experiment in physics which took a bit of string theory to get the spinnaker topology correct. This put us at the back of the division, which I thought was most kind of John, as it let me observe the rest of the boats as we spent the rest of the day catching and passing them (only to be rightly spanked on handicap back to 9th from 10). We then moved to the pleasant setting of the club

bar and were able to watch the rest of the divisions sail back into the harbour under spinnaker.

The following day, I hopped on Paul's Merit 25 "Twilight Zone" for a second day of winter racing. The Transpac race is to SF sailors what the Hobart is to Sydney sailors and Paul had taken the Zone single handed to Hawaii in the 1986 race, which is awesome considering the boat is very similar to a j-24! Paul is a Naval Architect and has tweaked the boat significantly including a floating self tacker for the jib, so the obviously the boat was well set up for short handed sailing, which was lucky as a bicycle failure meant we were one down on the day. This also put me on the foredeck, again in work trousers - luckily Silicon valley is pretty casual. Div 3 has several J-24's in it, which gave us an almost OD race within the division and we spent the day duelling with them. The self tacker gave us a great advantage in tacking duels over the J24 overlappers and we had a good tight cover over one J-24 which we held through some fun dummy tacks. Unfortunately after the last drop a mistake with the jib sheet (self tacker still need to be trimmed) lost us our comfortable 3rd place and now we were covered by a J-24. But after the prior tacking duel, they were in no mood to engage again and let us tack back to the middle of the course and engaged in a drag race to the long finish line. In the end, the extra foot of LOA proved decisive as we clinched 3rd on the water by just a second.

Paul then introduced me to a club tradition, that it is a matter of pride to sail back into the marina under spinnaker if at all possible, and do the drop in front of the club house. This would explain the foredeckie I saw the day before with a bugle playing the last post as they did their drop in the marina! The come up, come down, come up through the rocky break waters was a little interesting, but then Paul told me that in days past, a line honours victory would require the returning yacht to perform a victory roll (gibe and tack!) within the marina before doing the drop! I must have been in telepathic communication with Esprit, because about then I received an SMS from the crew telling me how Chris Stockdale made them tack the asymmetric spinnaker!

Thanks greatly to BYC for their warm welcome, the fun sailing and the burgie. It was like I'd discovered MYC's American cousin! MYC members should definitely check out <http://www.berkeleyyc.org/> if they ever have an idle weekend in the Bay area and I invite any BYC members to contact the MYC if they are in Sydney. I'll be sending an MYC burgie to join the many others on the ceiling of their dining room.

Greg Wilkins

THE AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA

Visitors from Bateman's Bay and Middle Harbour joined the local Access 303 fleet of seven boats, to contest this year's Australia Day Regatta.

Bruce and Pam Davis were Race Officers aboard "Carlyle," and in light SE winds, set a start/finish off Fairlight with a long beat to the top mark in line with Kilburn Towers. Soon after the start, a brief squall lifted the two boats who'd chosen the port side of the course, and they rounded the top mark well clear of the rest of the fleet. In a dying wind the run was close, then the leading dinghies had a good dice to the top mark, but 50 metres short the wind dropped completely, with Tish and Mark in "Pumpkin" Bateman's Bay, drifting over the shortened course finish line, closely followed by Manly team, Jude and Tony in "Alex." The rest of the fleet did not finish within the 60 minute time limit, and racing was abandoned for the day.

Access State Titles
With the Access World Titles

happening at Middle Harbour Yacht Club over Easter, the State Titles was seen as a dress rehearsal.

Manly Sailability provided the Race Management Team, with Jude Cole and Pam Davis working with the Race committee for the last 3 months to ensure the Regatta was a success.

The Sailing Instructions called for 24 races over 2 days in 4 sessions, in the Middle Harbour Race Area, off Balmoral and Chinaman's. Jude and Pam drew on all their race management experience learnt at Manly YC to set a trapezoid course on Saturday in 10 – 15 knot NNE winds, and a Windward/Leeward in 15 plus knots from due N on Sunday.

With teams of volunteers on the start/finish and mark laying boats each day, there was no time to relax, with multiple divisions sailing together, and finishing whenever!

Somehow we got through the challenging schedule adjusting marks and tweaking courses, and the racing was deemed a great success.



One of the highlights was watching Greg Hyde, sailing in an Access Liberty, winning all six of his races against seasoned campaigners.

Another was a big surprise at the Sunday prize-giving, with Manly Sailability Race Management Team presented with the "Jackie Kay Award" for outstanding service in running a faultless series of races over the best courses set at an Access Regatta ever!

Now for the World Titles. If Manly Yacht Club members would like to get involved by volunteering, please tell Jude, or register on the official website: www.2012accessworlds.mhyc.com.au
Judy



Manly Sailability boat Alex at start line



Australia Day Regatta: Pumpkin (Tish and Mark) and Alex (Jude and Tony) looking for the wind

Greg Hyde Liberty Winner with David Staley



ZILZIE TWILIGHT 9 AND 10



MYC Twilight Races 2011-2012 Results Race 9 - 16/12/11							
Place	Sail No	Yacht Name	Start Time	Actual Start Time	Finish Times	Adjusted Finish Time	Elapsed Times
1	MYC37	Moonraker	18:12:00	18:12:50	19:23:05	19:23:05	1:10:15
2	1236	Local Hero	18:28:00	18:28:22	19:24:10	19:24:10	0:55:48
3	5563	Blue Rhino	18:16:00	18:16:21	19:25:22	19:25:22	1:09:01
4	6361	Czech Mate	18:15:00	18:15:08	19:26:04	19:26:04	1:10:56
5	1152	Bokarra	18:08:00	18:08:19	19:26:28	19:26:28	1:18:09
6	MYC12	San Toy	18:30:00	18:30:50	19:27:27	19:27:27	0:56:37
7	MYC32	Esprit	18:23:00	18:23:15	19:27:46	19:27:46	1:04:31
8	MYC33	Lautrec	18:11:00	18:11:13	19:27:56	19:27:56	1:16:43
9	MYC79	Pompadi	18:06:00	18:06:40	19:28:20	19:28:20	1:21:40
10	6295	Ratty Tooley	18:13:00	18:13:14	19:29:02	19:29:02	1:15:48
11	MYC100	Shear Magic	18:24:00	18:24:14	19:29:24	19:29:24	1:05:10
12	MYC10	Pensive	18:30:00	18:13:51	19:29:32	19:29:32	1:15:41
13	MYC34	Sip Ahoy	18:15:00	18:15:06	19:30:32	19:30:32	1:15:26
14	MYC50	Watershed	18:12:00	18:12:39	19:30:49	19:30:49	1:18:10
15	MYC5	Eos	18:13:00	18:13:44	19:31:25	19:31:25	1:17:41
16	557	Occam's Razor	18:19:00	18:19:32	19:31:40	19:31:40	1:12:08
17	4863	Two Can	18:20:00	18:20:35	19:31:41	19:31:41	1:11:06
18	MYC6	Aida	18:11:00	18:11:41	19:31:45	19:31:45	1:20:04
19	6421	Pohono	18:19:00	18:19:30	19:31:57	19:31:57	1:12:27
20	NH14	Hagar IV	18:12:00	18:12:35	19:32:43	19:32:43	1:20:08
21	6689	Copernicus	18:30:00	18:30:45	19:32:55	19:32:55	1:02:10
22	6776	Dances with Waves	18:32:00	18:32:38	19:33:12	19:33:12	1:00:34
23	AUS4436	Okavango Delta	18:27:00	18:27:06	19:33:19	19:33:19	1:06:13
24	1620	Kryptonite	18:16:00	18:16:37	19:33:21	19:33:21	1:16:44
25	MYC820	Good Intent	18:08:00	18:08:11	19:33:52	19:33:52	1:25:41
26	169	Palga	18:07:00	18:08:52	19:33:56	19:33:56	1:25:04
27	MYC7	Ten Sixty	18:27:00	18:26:24	19:34:59	19:34:59	1:08:35
28	MYC25	Topaz	18:14:00	18:14:43	19:35:36	19:35:36	1:20:53
29	MYC24	J-Curve	18:19:00	18:19:15	19:37:17	19:37:17	1:18:02
30	MYC27	Esra Tew	18:00:00	18:00:32	19:37:29	19:37:29	1:36:57
31	73	Top Odds	18:16:00	18:16:53	19:38:21	19:38:21	1:21:28
32	6867	Euphoria	18:16:00	18:15:54	19:34:05	19:39:11	1:18:11
33	MYC1	Aussie Rules	18:14:00	18:13:42	19:37:29	19:42:47	1:23:47
34	MYC9	Beausoleil	18:02:00	18:03:32	19:43:03	19:43:03	1:39:31
35	7888	Manhattan	18:17:00	18:17:12	19:43:40	19:43:40	1:26:28
36	MYC28	Kestrel II	18:00:00	18:02:02	19:44:22	19:44:22	1:42:20



DOES THIS DINGHY BELONG TO YOU?

For those of you who use the boat storage area of the club, I think you will agree that Matt McKenzie and his team of helpers have done a great job to reorganise the area. All dinghies and centreboards have been identified – except for the dinghy stored outside, closest to the door i.e. between the disabled toilets access and the Manly Sailing office.

If this dinghy belongs to you then please contact the MYC office 9977 4949 or info@myc.org.au so that we can update our records. If the dinghy is not claimed by the end of March 2012, then it will be sold and the proceeds will be absorbed into the club funds to offset the arrears in storage fees.



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3	MYC6	Aida	18:10:00	18:10:50	19:27:26	19:27:26	1:16:36
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5	MYC12	San Toy	18:30:00	18:30:04	19:27:52	19:27:52	0:57:48
6	557	Occam's Razor	18:18:00	18:18:22	19:28:58	19:28:58	1:10:36
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14	MYC10	Pensive	18:30:00	18:30:36	19:31:55	19:31:55	1:01:19
15	6510	Poet's Day	18:28:00	18:29:16	19:32:04	19:32:04	1:02:48
16	MYC25	Topaz	18:12:00	18:12:45	19:33:08	19:33:08	1:20:23
17	2306	Twilight Express	18:24:00	18:25:23	19:33:18	19:33:18	1:07:55
18	73	Top Odds	18:14:00	18:14:15	19:33:41	19:33:41	1:19:26
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27	MYC9	Beausoleil	18:00:00	18:00:07	19:38:34	19:38:34	1:38:27
28	NH555	Gramarye	18:09:00	18:09:45	19:40:22	19:40:22	1:30:37
29	4713	Gumeracha	18:04:00	18:04:46	19:48:27	19:48:27	1:43:41

THANK YOU TO FAIRLIGHT GOURMET MEATS FOR SPONSORING OUR FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLE.

Division 1 Keel TOT HC results Start : 13:00:00													
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HC Cor'd	BCH	CHC	Skipper	Class	Score	Fin Tim	ETOrd	DidNot
1	KA16	Pam	2:33:33	0.904	2:18:49	0.936	0.912	M Walker	International5.5	1	15:33:33	3	
2	MYC12	San Toy	2:26:57	0.963	2:21:31	0.978	0.958	G Radford	Radford12	2	15:26:57	2	
3	557	Occam's Razor	2:44:31	0.868	2:22:48	0.873	0.868	D.S.Garmston	DuncansonOffshore30	3	15:44:31	7	
4	AUS1161	Wild Life	2:25:35	0.987	2:23:41	0.987	0.983	B Davis	Etchells	4	15:25:35	1	
5	MYC7	Ten Sixty	2:34:01	0.941	2:24:56	0.933	0.939	P Vidler	Radford10.6	5	15:34:01	4	
6	AUS160	Kaotic	2:45:55	0.894	2:28:20	0.866	0.886	A Crothers	J24	6	15:45:55	9	
7	MYC32	Esprit	2:36:26	0.957	2:29:42	0.918	0.941	G Wilkins	Archambault32gs	7	15:36:26	6	
8	MYC100	Shear Magic	2:44:50	0.926	2:32:38	0.872	0.916	S EvansM	Adams10	8	15:44:50	8	
9	6689	Copernicus	2:35:42	1.005	2:36:29	0.923	0.988	G Zyner	Radford12	9	15:35:42	5	
Division 2 Keel TOT HC results Start : 12:50:00													
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HC Cor'd	BCH	CHC	Skipper	Class	Score	Fin Tim	ETOrd	DidNot
1	8081	Bella	2:11:11	0.756	1:39:10	0.831	0.769	S McCarthy	Js8	1	15:01:11	2	
2	1152	Bokarra	2:34:04	0.689	1:46:09	0.707	0.699	I Cameron	Santana22	2	15:24:04	8	
3	MYC6	Aida	2:31:24	0.719	1:48:51	0.72	0.714	B Spence	S80	3	15:21:24	7	
4	5830	Cheap Thrills	2:10:40	0.834	1:48:59	0.834	0.837	B Mifflin	Ross830	4	15:00:40	1	
5	6361	Czech Mate	2:23:06	0.765	1:49:28	0.762	0.757	P Dressler	Beneteau361	5	15:13:06	5	
6	1255	Melody	2:21:14	0.805	1:53:42	0.772	0.796	J Nixon	SwansonDart	6	15:11:14	3	
7	6295	Ratty Tooev	2:23:54	0.793	1:54:07	0.757	0.784	J Dennewald	Northshore34	7	15:13:54	6	
8	NH1	Old Habits Neve	2:22:19	0.813	1:55:42	0.766	0.799	B Shilland	Ritual30	8	15:12:19	4	
9	5393	Runaway Taxi	2:41:19	0.743	1:59:52	0.676	0.735	M McKenzie	JogRacer	9	15:31:19	9	
DNC	KA55	Atalanta		0.758				D Harris	J24_2	11			DNC



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNSHINE SUPERSTARS

After spending the past few months pumping out Melody every couple of days it was heartening to see the clouds clear and sun shine on Sunday 5th for the seventh race in the world renown and hotly contested MYC Club Championships.

Sydney certainly gets a sparkle after the rain and all the smiling faces out on the start line beamed accordingly as our regular starter Peter Bennell and his trusty team selected course 1 to suit the sweet nor-easter that was carrying the semi-noxious fumes of the famous "Kebab Lift" down the Corso and out onto Manly Cove.

A bumper fleet were under starter's orders, with nine yachts in each division. The only boat missing was Atalanta, which won the first race way back last year in Div 2 and never came back! The smaller boats cleared the line well with the trio of Melody, Bella and Cheap Thrills rounding the first mark in close quarters, with Ratty Tooev, Old Habits Never Die and Czech Mate in hot pursuit. I can only surmise what happened in the Div start 1 but did notice that Wild Life overtook us sooner than usual with guest steerer Ivan Fitzgerald the replacement nut on the tiller for B Davis, so they must have been going pretty good. Maybe flying the spinnaker under the boat might have affected Melody's performance on the leg from Cannae Point YA, who knows? Soon that champion of 4th places (San Toy) passed by as well, with Pam, Ten Sixty and Esprit not far off the pace. Bella, meanwhile, had streeted away in Div 2, proving a clean bum and a 33.3 per cent increase in crew weight often helps towards the end of the season.

Barry Mifflin had Cheap Thrills also going like the clappers after removing an estuarine ecosystem from the boat's underside two weeks ago. The beat from Taylors YA was a corker, with the incoming tide making it a tactical battle. Hugging the Mosman shore seemed to pay off and we were tacking only when we could see the whites of the crabs' eyes on the rocks. There seemed to be a few private tacking duels going on in both divisions, we on Melody had a great one with Brian Shilland and crew on Old Habits ND.

The mighty dinosaur Pam (pictured) was poetry in motion upwind, and I think I spied Matt Bassett on board, which might explain their result. Anyway, the nor-easter held in nicely to the finish and I think everyone had a great day in the first decent sunny day we've had for ages. Cheap Thrills took the gun from Bella by just 31 seconds with Melody a huge 10 minutes further back. Bella took the handicap win from the ever-consistent dynamic duo of Colin and Marg on Bokarra, with Aida flying under the radar to snaffle third. Wild Life took Div 1 line honours from San Toy by 1min 22sec with Pam sailing her socks off to claim third.

The 50-year-old International 5.5 Class yacht took the handicap win from San Toy and Occam's Razor. The pointscore in both divisions is tight and the next few races should be close as the handicaps start to do their thing. Let's hope the rain gives a break for a while.

Jim Nixon



From the top - Bokarra, San Toy, Pam and Runaway Taxi



RACEY DAYS, CRUISEY NIGHTS...



After great success on the fabulous 60ft Eureka II at Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island Race Weeks in 2011, Manly Sailing have locked the boat in again for the exclusive use by their customers this August.

This year we are taking the Queensland Tourism Tag Line "Racey Days, Cruisey Nights" literally and going a little further afield. Having conquered the Whitsundays we now think it's about time we make our presence felt in Magnetic Island.

This August we will be entering our Sydney 60 in Airlie Beach Race Week where we hope to improve on our 4th overall and drive the local competition Storm 2 even crazier than we did last year!

Once we have claimed the trophies at ABRW we are heading off on a relaxing cruise to Magnetic Island. The cruise will take four days/ three nights during which time we will incorporate a Whitsunday Island Sailing Adventure, visiting White Haven Beach and Manta Ray Bay, as well as an Introductory Scuba Dive at Blue Pearl Bay. We will

then continue on our Coastal Sail to Magnetic Island, stopping in stunning anchorages for snorkelling and swims and seeing some of the most breathtaking scenery that the standard charter boats just don't get to.

We will then be racing at Magnetic Island Race Week, a first for us but one that we are hugely looking forward to. Magnetic Island Race Week has been established for just 5 years but is rapidly turning into the Regatta to attend as yachties up and down the coast turn away from large corporate events and do some real racing. Most comments coming out of Magnetic Island last year were - "this is how regattas used to be" - we can't wait to check it out for our selves

After enjoying the sailing and hospitality on Magnetic Island we'll embark on another cruise which will see us back in Airlie Beach by September 9th.

The dates and prices are:
Airlie Beach Race Week 10th - 16th August 2012 \$1589

ABRW & Cruise to Magnetic 10 - 22 August 2012 \$1899
Cruise only 19- 22 August \$499
Magnetic Island Race Week 1 - 4 September \$1589
MIRW & Cruise to Airlie Beach 1- 9 September \$1899

Included in all the pricing above is Accommodation on board plus Breakfast and Lunch for the Race Weeks and Cruise Price includes accommodation on board, all meals, snorkel equipment, wet suit and introductory scuba dive.

Contact is now on info@manlysailing.com.au or 02 9977 4000 to book your place.

P.S. We have fielded a number of enquiries about Hamilton Island Race Week 2012 and will also include that in the agenda if we have enough interest. The price for Hamilton Island Race Week will be \$1895. Contact us for further details if HIRW is your preference.

MANLY JUNIORS

MYC Juniors has been busy over the summer school break. For December we continued Saturday sailing right up to Christmas then we revved up for the Manly Junior Nationals regatta - see the regatta wrap at the end of this article.

For January we continued Saturday sessions right the way through with mixed weather and attendance. Duncan, our fantastic pommy coach did his last session with us on 28-Jan. So sad to see him leave – what an influence he has had on our little guys!! He's been a great mentor to us all but sadly all good things must come to an end. Our new coach (Jack) is on board and starting to get in the groove already.

On 25-Jan we had a Juniors AGM where several parents got together to review the season so far and plan for the rest of the season and next season. Among many other things we decided to split the Juniors group into 2 weekend sessions: Cruisers and Racers. We held our first weekend of this format on 4/5 Feb and it proved a massive success. In the Racers group we held 5 races: 3 PJ/MJ class races and 2 Optimist races. The start boat, flags, hooters etc. were all used to raging success (thanks Stephen Teudt!!). New Director of Coaching, Ian Saunders directed the kids and coached them through the course together with our new instructor coach Jack. The kids really responded and looked like 2 well-oiled fleets who have been doing it for years. The Cruisers group on Sunday added 3 new members to 3 existing members and all sailors were roughly the same level which allowed the coaches to focus on their skills and got them progressing very well.

At the AGM we voted (volunteered) the following Juniors committee:

Director of Juniors: Greg Taranto

Juniors Secretary: Paula Morel

Juniors Coaching Director: Ian Saunders

Juniors Race Officers: Stephen Teudt

and Tim Docker

Captain of Juniors Boats: David Poole

Thanks to all the committee for donating your valuable time. Thanks to all parents for all your help and enthusiasm. We are now

set up very well for the rest of the season. The kids seem to be happy and keep turning up – it's amazing how much they have progressed already this season.

Any club members interested in helping out on Juniors sailing days please contact us – there's a lot to do and any help would be appreciated.

NATIONALS REGATTA WRAP-UP

The regatta was held over 5 days from 28-Dec to 2-Jan. It was hosted by the 16s next door and MYC helped out by providing use of the deck and function room for the presentation dinner as well as support boats to help out with Novice coaching. 2 club boats and a member's boat all competed in the Novice division. In all 11 of our Junior sailors competed and had a learning experience they will never forget. Wind conditions were very challenging generally for our new juniors but we kept turning up and racing every day.

Jacob skippered well on Children Overboard and completed 6 out of 7 races. Apparently he came in 4th (out of 10) on scratch in the Novice Division for the regatta but gets no prizes – only prizes for handicap in Novices. – so he tells me. He clinched a 3rd on handicap in 1 of the races.

Romy and Ellis completed a race in Terminator (a club boat) - what a feeling and great effort!!

Nick and Sam nearly completed 2 races – well done!

Michael and Ben kept improving every race.

Ryan, Liam and Jasper completed races as crew with Jacob – great experience.

Hugo completed all races as a crew for a Skiff Club boat in the main fleet.

All kids improved incredibly throughout the regatta.

Presentation Dinner in MYC function room was well prepared and went off without a hitch.

Thankyou to all the parents who came and helped out during the regatta. Steve

and Ian driving the Robbie R, David driving the little RIB for 2 days. Tim and John helping catch boats on the Robbie R. It's a big effort for parents too this sailing thing and it can only happen with everyone's support in some way.

A really big thankyou to David Poole who toiled away with me before the regatta organising and tuning boats. We spent 4 hours on the MYC deck on Christmas eve together wondering how to set up a boom vang among other things. We learnt a lot together – most of all – don't start doing this stuff the week before Christmas.

Also, a massive thankyou to Barry – if anyone has his email address please send it on. Barry helped out with the boat tuning and even came and drove a rescue boat for us on one of the race days. Barry, you saved the day!!

A special thankyou goes to Kingsley – the Regatta Novice coach from Avalon Sailing Club. How much did the kids and parents learn from him?? He was a great and encouraging help to us and was pleased to include us in the Novices.

I'd also like to thank the MJ Association and the Skiff club for supporting us through this venture. They gave us sails, spinnaker poles, tuning tips, VHF radios, hull repair tips. They also put up with our constant crew changes which was a bit odd for them but they went out of their way to let it happen. They gladly allowed us to play a part in the official support boat team. They also kept the kids under control on the MYC deck and we all lived together harmoniously.

Let's aim to make a bigger and better showing at next year's Nationals (wherever they are).

MYC Juniors provides coaching to develop kids from beginners to racing ability and runs on Saturday afternoons of school Term 4 and Term 1. It is run by a sailing instructor and parent volunteers.

All kids from 8 to 15 years are welcome. More information: <http://myc.org.au/racing/mj/mj.shtml>

For further information and to register interest for your child/children please email manlyjuniors@myc.org.au or call 0412 426 584 and talk to Greg Taranto





SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA Call for volunteers

The 2012 Sydney Harbour Regatta hosted by Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC) is fast approaching (Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 March) and MHYC are looking for volunteers to assist across a range of Race Management, Marina, on shore and office areas. Please contact the MHYC Sailing Office at sailing-administrator@mhyc.com.au if you're interested in assisting.

Eating for Your Eye Health

First of all, we wish you a very happy new year! This month Bettina from **iconcontact Optometrist Manly** will share some delicious and healthy summer recipes with you that are good for your eye health! That's right, there is such a thing as food that is good for your eyes!

In fact, recent studies show that eating foods rich in antioxidants such as lutein, zeaxanthin, omega-3 fatty acids, beta carotene, vitamin C, vitamin E and zinc, may reduce the risk of serious eye disease, such as age-related macular degeneration.

Baked Trout Stuffed with Spinach and Pine Nuts

Serves 2

- 1 bunch English spinach, washed and roots trimmed
- 1 small bulb fennel, washed, tops removed and finely sliced
- 100g (3 1/2oz) pine nuts, dry roasted
- Grated zest of 1 lemon
- 2 plate sized trout, 400g (13oz) each, gutted and scaled
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Pre-heat oven to moderate 180C
Blanch the spinach for two minutes in boiling water. Drain and refresh in cold water. Mix together the spinach, fennel, pine nuts, lemon zest, a pinch of salt and pepper and fill the trout cavity until plump. Rub each fish with oil and a little salt. Place the trout on a baking tray lined with baking paper and cook for 15 minutes.
Serve immediately.

Baby Spinach Salad with Pearl Barley, Spanish Onion, Currants and Mint

Serves 4 as a side dish

- 250g (8oz) pearl barley
- 100g (3 1/2oz) baby spinach, washed and dried
- 100g (3 1/2oz) currants
- 1 small Spanish onion, halved and sliced
- 1 punnet of cherry tomatoes, washed and halved
- 1 bunch mint, washed and leaves picked
- 1 bunch continental parsley, washed and leaves picked
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

Boil the barley in 2 litres of water for 30 minutes, drain and refresh in cold water.
Toss the barley with the spinach,

currants, onion, cherry tomatoes, mint and parsley.
Place in a serving bowl, drizzle with the extra virgin olive oil and serve.

Whole Strawberries with Balsamic Syrup

Serves 4

- 1/2 cup (125ml/4fl oz) balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 400g (13oz) strawberries

Place the vinegar and sugar in a small saucepan and stir.
Simmer, stirring continuously for 5 minutes or until a syrupy consistency is reached.
Arrange the strawberries on a cake stand or platter and drizzle with the balsamic syrup.

Happy eating!

For more great recipes to eat your way to eye health please see our website www.iconcontactoptometrist.com.au

By Bettina from iconcontact Optometrist Manly



'Divine Intervention' in the YHA Pittwater, MYC Mini Regatta 2012 AD

What is the secret of 'Bokarra's' success? Skill, generous handicap, good preparation, all of the previous, or perhaps something else?

Let's go back to 823 AD and a combined army of Picts and Scots were making ready to fight the pursuing Angles.

On the eve of the battle Angus, the Scots king, prayed to the apostle and martyr St Andrew, for assistance, and promised to make him their Patron Saint, if they won the battle, overcoming the overwhelming (Top) odds.

On the morning of the conflict Angus looked to the sky and saw a white X shaped cloud against the azure. Buoyed by the significance of the

phenomenon, which represented the same Saltire Cross on which St Andrew was crucified, the Picts and Scots were victorious and subsequently St Andrew was made the Patron Saint of Scotland, with the white Saltire cross on the azure background adopted as the National Flag.

Where is this going? Well we fast forward to the 21st and 22nd of January 2012 AD and the YHA Pittwater, MYC Mini Regatta, on Manly Cove. There are certain parallels. Saturday morning brings torrential rain and the afternoon dead calm. Competing yachts will have to wait till Sunday to decide the outcome and we seek wise council from Commodore Maz, who has been keeping a lonely vigil on the MYC deck. "You'll have to pray for better



Iain, Margaret, Colin and Commodore for the Day, Chris



conditions, tomorrow." Due reverence is paid to the weather sites and there is a glimmer of hope, with fresh south easterly breezes predicted.

Meticulous preparation is completed on board 'Bokarra', on Sunday morning, and my celestial gaze is transfixed upon the criss-crossing vapour trails of two passing jets. The very sign which King Angus saw, minus the jets.

'Divine Intervention', the winning fourth factor. We are uplifted with our prospects. The Saints have spoken and the ensuing regatta proves our success.

The spoils of war are distributed, back on the MYC deck, where good St Christopher (Commodore for the Day) presents the Orders of the Golden Teabag and Horse's Arse to Pam Davis and Greg Wilkins respectively. Winning crews are generously rewarded, with new cars and 'Bokarra' is assigned a pilgrimage to YHA Pittwater, our benevolent sponsor.

To cap it all Commodore Maz is beatified and gains her 'Halo', for devotion to duty.

Thank you to sponsor YHA Pittwater, Iain and Margaret, all competitors, race officers and assistants. I'm sure I'm not alone in saying it was a memorable and enjoyable weekend Saturday 21st and Sunday the 22nd of January 2012 AD.

PS: I'm not sure where crucifixion fits into my present day story. I couldn't quite 'nail' it on anyone!

Colin Cameron.

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St Andrew's Cross in the sky

SUMMER SERIES MARATHON 2 AND RACE 6



MANLY YACHT CLUB Summer Series Marathon 2									
Results 09/01/12									
Division 1 - Spinnaker					Division 1 - Spinnaker				
Sail No	Boat Name	Class	Helm	Handicap	Start Time	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Score
6776	Dances with Waves	40.7	Jim Thomas	1.0050	11:45:00	14:54:42	3:09:42	3:10:39	1
AUS4436	Okavenga Delta	J24		0.8900	11:45:00	15:28:15	3:43:15	3:18:42	2
AUS1161	Wildlife	Etchells	Bruce Davis	0.9820	11:45:00	15:08:11	3:23:11	3:19:32	cas
MYC100	Shear Magic	Adams 10	Steffens/Evans/Sullivan	0.9260	11:45:00	15:22:11	3:37:11	3:21:07	3
MYC32	Esprit	Archambault GS32	Greg Wilkins	0.9570	11:45:00	15:15:36	3:30:36	3:21:33	cas
7888	Manhattan	Oceanis 37	Stephen Coleman	0.8150	11:45:00	15:55:35	4:10:35	3:24:14	4
MYC12	San Toy	Radford 12	Ken Terrens/Dave Dillon	0.9800	11:45:00	15:16:57	3:31:57	3:27:43	5
2306	Twilight Express	Radford 10.6	Xavier Decomps	0.9000	11:45:00	15:37:51	3:52:51	3:29:34	6
6689	Copernicus	Radford 12	Leanne Zyner	0.9900	11:45:00	DNC			10
6421	Pohono	Bavaria 41	M McCormick/A Williams	0.8150	11:45:00	DNC			10
MYC7	Ten Sixty	Radford 10	Ian Green	0.9350		DNC			10
Division 2 - Non Spinnaker									
Sail No	Boat Name	Class	Helm	Handicap	Start Time	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Score
5747	Sip Ahoy	Northshore 340	Murray Bailes/Martin Nix	0.7750	11:35:00	14:41:56	3:06:56	2:24:52	1
6295	Ratty Tooe	Northshore 340	Ian Dennewald	0.7910	11:35:00	14:43:02	3:08:02	2:28:44	2
1152	Bokarra	Santana 22	Colin Cameron	0.7060	11:35:00	15:05:56	3:30:56	2:28:55	3
6361	Check Mate	Beneteau 36	Phil Dressler	0.7790	11:35:00	14:49:53	3:14:53	2:31:49	4
MYC28	Kestrel II	Herreshoff 28	Jeffrey Lea	0.6210	11:35:00	15:47:55	4:12:55	2:37:04	5
MYC5	EOS	Britany Sloop	Brian Wilson	0.7720	11:35:00	14:59:22	3:24:22	2:37:46	6
5830	Cheap Thrills	Ross830	Barry Miflin	0.8200	11:35:00	14:54:13	3:19:13	2:43:21	cas

MYC Race Season 2011-2012 SS Start Sheet Race 6

Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Boat Type	Helm	Start Time	Start	Late	Finish	Elapsed	D1 Place
1	MYC100	Shear Magic	Adams 10	Steffens/Evans/Sullivan	12:49:00		0:00:46	15:14:40	2:24:54	1 X
1	6776	Dances with Waves	Beneteau 40.7	Jim Thomas	13:14:00	13:14:14	0:00:14	15:23:32	2:09:18	2 X
1	6689	Copernicus	Radford 12	Greg&Leanne Zyner	13:00:00	13:00:17	0:00:17	15:24:08	2:23:51	3 X
1	2306	Twilight Express	Adams 10	Xavier Decomps	12:49:00	12:49:05	0:00:05	15:24:21	2:23:16	4 X
1	MYC7	Ten Sixty	Radford 10.6	Ian Green	13:02:00	13:02:13	0:00:13	15:24:22	2:22:09	5 X
1	MYC12	San Toy	Radford 12	Graham Radford	13:00:00	13:00:34	0:00:34	15:24:29	2:23:55	6 X
1	6421	Pohono	Bavaria 41	M McCormick/A Williams	12:34:00	DNC				X
1	7888	Manhattan	Oceanis 37	Stephen Coleman	12:42:00	DNC				X

Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Boat Type	Helm	Start Time	Start	Finish	D2 Place	
2	6361	Czech Mate	Beneteau 36	Phil Dressler	12:52:00	12:52:12	0:00:12	15:00:43	2:08:31
2	79	Pompadi	Catalina 309	Steve Frith/John O'Brien	12:38:00	12:38:17	0:00:17	15:10:13	2:31:56
2	6295	Ratty Tooe	Northshore 340	Ian Dennewald	12:55:00	12:55:29	0:00:29	15:12:40	2:17:11
2	1255	Melody	Swanson Dart	Ivana Gattagno	13:01:00	13:01:03	0:00:03	15:13:01	2:11:58
2C	1152	Bokarra	Santana 22	Colin Cameron	12:40:00	12:40:20	0:00:20	15:13:07	2:32:47
2	MYC34	Sip Ahoy	Northshore 340	Murray Bailes/Martin Nix	12:54:00	12:55:04	0:01:04	15:13:14	2:18:10
2	MYC6	Aida	S80	Bill Spence	12:48:00	12:48:08	0:00:08	15:17:52	2:29:44
2	MYC28	Kestrel II	H28	Jeff Lea	12:30:00	12:30:08	0:00:08	15:33:14	3:03:06
2	MYC27	Esra Tew	Northshore 27	Jackie Morgan	12:36:00	DNC			
2	2035	Blue-E	Endavour 24	Grant Iverson	12:38:00	DNC			
2	MYC820	Good Intent	Clansman 30	Peter Bennell	12:42:00	DNC			
2	MYC5	Eos	Brittany Sloop	Brian Wilson	12:51:00	DNC			
2	MYC33	Lautrec	Passage 33	Lee Ebeling	12:52:00	DNC			
2	NH1	Old Habits Never Die	Ritual 30	Brian Shilland	13:00:00	DNC			

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 6

Pepper Tree Wines CC 6													
Division 1 Keel TOT HC results Start : 13:35:00													
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HC Cor'd	TBCH	CHC	Skipper	Class	Score	Fin Tim	ETOrd	DidNot
1	MYC32	Esprit	1:43:22	0.957	1:38:55	0.964	0.957	G Wilkins	Archambault32gs	1	15:18:22	2	
2	AUS1161	Wild Life	1:41:30	0.982	1:39:40	0.982	0.987	B Davis	Etchells	2	15:16:30	1	
3	KA16	Pam	1:53:21	0.917	1:43:56	0.879	0.904	M Walker	International5.5	3	15:28:21	4	
4	MYC12	San Toy	1:46:12	0.979	1:43:58	0.938	0.963	G Radford	Radford12	4	15:21:12	3	
5	AUS160	Kaotic	2:01:31	0.9	1:49:22	0.82	0.894	A Crothers	J24	5	15:36:31	5	
DNC	557	Occam's Razor		0.868				D S Garmston	DuncansonOffshore30	10			DNC
DNC	6689	Copernicus		1.005				G Zyner	Radford12	10			DNC
DNC	MYC7	Ten Sixty		0.941				P Vidler	Radford10.6	10			DNC
DNF	MYC100	Shear Magic		0.926				S EvansM	Adams10	7			DNF
Division 2 Keel TOT HC results Start : 13:22:00													
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	HC Cor'd	TBCH	CHC	Skipper	Class	Score	Fin Tim	ETOrd	DidNot
1	5830	Cheap Thrills	1:46:29	0.82	1:27:19	0.887	0.834	B Miflin	Ross830	1	15:08:29	1	
2	1255	Melody	1:51:36	0.794	1:28:37	0.846	0.805	J Nixon	SwansonDart	2	15:13:36	2	
3	6295	Ratty Tooe	1:53:28	0.791	1:29:45	0.832	0.793	I Dennewald	Northshore34	3	15:15:28	3	
4	1152	Bokarra	2:17:36	0.686	1:34:24	0.686	0.689	I Cameron	Santana22	4	15:39:36	8	
5	5393	Runaway Taxi	2:07:41	0.742	1:34:44	0.739	0.743	M McKenzie	JogRacer	5	15:29:41	5	
6	NH1	Old Habits Neve	1:57:05	0.822	1:36:14	0.806	0.813	B Shilland	Ritual30	6	15:19:05	4	
7	8081	Bella	2:08:51	0.765	1:38:34	0.733	0.756	S McCarthy	JS8	7	15:30:51	6	
8	6361	Czech Mate	2:09:22	0.779	1:40:47	0.73	0.765	P Dressler	Beneteau361	8	15:31:22	7	
9	MYC6	Aida	2:21:51	0.731	1:43:42	0.665	0.719	B Spence	S80	9	15:43:51	9	
DNC	KAS5	Atalanta		0.758				D Harris	J24 2	11			DNC



AMS at MYC

We have finally got some results from our much delayed trial of the AMS rating rule. Six club boats have now received ratings, with some more to come: (Melody 0.716, Taxi 0.756 Aida 0.770, Two can 0.832, Esprit 0.889, JAMES ARTHUR 1.006). The AMS rating takes into account the measures of the hull and the largest sails available for use, to produce a single number handicap that reflects the potential of the boat rather than the past performance of the boat and crew.

Using our measured boats, together with some average ratings for J24s and A10s, I was able to apply AMS to the recent mini regatta:

Mini Regatta - AMS Results														
Boat	AMS	Race 1			Race 2			Race 3			Race 4			TOTAL
		Time	Corrected	Place	Time	Corrected	Place	Time	Corrected	Place	Time	Corrected	Place	
Melody	0.716	0:35:32	0:25:27	1	0:35:35	0:25:29	2	0:35:09	0:25:10	1	0:37:49	0:27:05	1	5
Ocavango delta	0.763	0:34:52	0:26:37	2	0:36:15	0:27:41	4	0:35:14	0:26:54	2	0:35:45	0:27:18	2	10
Kaotic	0.763	0:35:37	0:27:12	4	0:33:18	0:25:25	1	0:35:41	0:27:15	4	0:36:08	0:27:35	3	12
Sailpac	0.763	0:35:10	0:26:51	3	0:35:02	0:26:45	3	0:36:02	0:27:31	5	0:36:35	0:27:56	4	15
Esprit	0.889	0:30:50	0:27:25	5	0:31:35	0:28:05	5	0:30:27	0:27:04	3	0:33:12	0:29:31	5	18
Shear Magic	0.863	0:37:13	0:32:07	7	0:34:02	0:29:22	6	0:32:28	0:28:01	6	0:34:53	0:30:06	6	25
Bull Bull	0.763	0:39:00	0:29:47	6	0:39:48	0:30:23	7	0:40:12	0:30:42	7	0:41:21	0:31:34	7	27
Aida	0.770	0:43:18	0:33:20	8	0:40:39	0:31:18	8	0:45:45	0:35:14	8	0:41:34	0:32:00	8	32

I think most that were there on the day would conclude that these are probably pretty fair results. As expected, Melody is proving to be a bit of an AMS weapon, but she is not unbeatable (well done Kaotic) and escaped another beat by only 13 seconds (well done Delta!). Shear Magic is almost certainly suffering from having an average A10 rating applied, so she will need to get her own rating if she wants to compete under AMS.

At only \$55 per year, I think AMS is an interesting addition to our racing results and I'm keen to measure more boats. It only takes a few hours, so if you are interested, please contact me on 0417786631 and you can join the fun.

Greg Wilkins

2012 Sydney Harbour Regatta: ENTRIES OPEN & AWESOME ACTION ANTICIPATED

With entries currently open, Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC) is looking forward to a revitalised format for the 2012 Sydney Harbour Regatta.

To be held across two days on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 March 2012, the Sydney Harbour Regatta is Sydney's premier yacht racing event with over 300 yachts and 2,500 crew members competing inshore and offshore, on as many as ten course areas and up to twenty-five divisions with the majority of classes racing on both days.

The new look, concise event format will include live entertainment and the traditional post race beach party back at MHYC each night – featuring Atomic on Saturday evening and sailing favourite, the Wolverines, plus prize presentation on Sunday night.

MHYC are also excited to announce a major prize from Mariner Boating Holidays www.marinerboating.com.au - a trip for two people to participate in the 2013 'Italian Job Yacht Rally' valued at \$15,000 (including international airfares and domestic transfers). The lucky winner and a guest will be able to take part in the 14 day rally along the Amalfi Coast in Italy. Entry is open to everyone competing in this years Sydney Harbour Regatta (owners, skippers and crew) – simply register online at the Sydney Harbour Regatta

website www.shr.mhyc.com.au before close of entries and be on site at MHYC on Sunday evening 11 March, 2012 during prize presentation to be eligible to win.

To download the Notice of Race and to enter online visit the event website www.shr.mhyc.com.au

For further assistance or additional information please contact the MHYC Sailing Office on 02 9969 1244 or email sailing.manager@mhyc.com.au Electronic entries close 2400 hrs Friday 24 February, 2012.

The iconic Sydney event, which was conceived by MHYC and is run with the valuable assistance of a network of Sydney Yacht Clubs - CYCA, MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPAYC, RPEYC, RSYS, SASC and SFS, without whom the event would not be possible.



DIARY DATES

PLEASE CHECK THE DIARY ON OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS WWW.MYC.ORG.AU

Request: Crew looking for boat

Name: Jason Krupa

Email: jason.krupa@gmail.com

Phone: 0450181316

Experience: Sailed since I was 4, raced since I was 19, ... now I'm 39. Raced anything someone would give me from semi professional crews aboard a mum 36 to j24, lasers, tasers and many yachts in between. Have done every position on a boat but mostly mainsail and port/starboard trimmer. Its been more than a few years since i've been on the fordeck, so not the best idea, that and I weigh 80kilos, so a little too heavy. I'm visiting from Vancouver for a couple of weeks and would love to get out on the harbour, so even if i'm just rail meat or popping a runner I'm happy. and most importantly, I will bring BEER:)

Request: Crew looking for boat

Name: Paul Blake

Email: paulblako@gmail.com

Phone: 0488 042241

Experience: Regular crew on a Sigma 33 - one design racing with an active class of about 15 boats in all crewing areas (except rarely at foredeck).Have also crewed on cruisers 2 and 3 and a Shipman 28 (one design racing class) for regular racing series. Learned to sail ad raced as a junior in a Mirror then a Laser.

Request: Crew looking for boat

Name: John Weaver

Email: john@weavers.com.au

Phone: 0413 507 596

Experience: New member of Manly Yacht Club, wanting to be involved in the Club. Very experienced, sailed offshore & inshore for 30 years, currently crewing Wednesdays at MHYC

Request: Crew looking for boat

Name: Andrew Coe

Email: barkley85@gmail.com

Phone: 0452 395 503

Experience: I owned a 20 ft redwitch, monohull. Approx 250 hours. 50 hours 12ft catamarans.

Request: Crew looking for boat

Name: Rick de los Reyes

Email: Rndelosreyes@verizon.net

Phone: 0403-343-101

Experience: Experienced cruiser in the US and Caribbean. Limited racing experience, but I'm eager to learn and good at taking orders. 36 years old. I've just arrived in Manly with my wife and 2 young sons, and we'll be living here until mid-April. I would appreciate the chance to crew for anyone who has extra room. Thanks!

Request: Crew looking for boat

Name: Malcolm Phillips

Email: Mal_phillips@hotmail.com

Phone: 0487892375

Experience: I have very little but keen to learn! I went out on my friend's MacGregor 26' under power. Rented 2 man catamaran

If you need crew, or can fit on an extra body or two, then please give our Crew Coordinator (Lyn) a call on the new crewlink number: 0400269148

Please call this number in the days/hours before a race if you are looking for crew.

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STOP PRESS: "Pohono" will be out of action for the next 3 months as Megan and Andrew have gone to South America. We will be back in mid March in time to clean her bottom and get stuck into the Winter Series.

MYC has purchased 100 new chairs for the club. This upgrade will benefit members and will also make the club more attractive to potential hirers. All the old chairs are up for sale and will be listed on eBay shortly. If you are interested in purchasing any of these chairs please contact Sorrell asap. Mobile 0432 901 125. Kind regards Sorrell Lambie Venue Hire | Manly Yacht Club | East Esplanade Manly Phone 0432-901-125 | venuehire@myc.org.au | www.myc.org.au

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