



M CONGRATULATIONS **M**

2765 FIREFLY HUGO TARANTO AND NOA GRASSE MJ NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2014/2015

**Five wins and a second place
Winners of the Junior Division (best under 12 crew)
Winners of the Open Championship**



1868 Ichabod, with Greg Haydon on the helm and his sister (Miss J. Haydon) as crew, won the 1969/1970 MJ National Championships.

45 years on... **2765 Firefly** returns the MJ Nationals title to a very proud Manly Yacht Club. Well done, boys!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MYC COMPETITORS MAIN FLEET

2706 Children Overboard
Hana Grasse & Sofia Thorpe

NOVICE FLEET
2683 Black Pearl
Thomas Rees & Ben Schulten

There was some tough competition out on the course – good effort by all of you for taking on the challenge

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REGATTA REPORT

After 7 years the Manly Junior National Titles returned to Middle Harbour 16 Foot Skiff Club for 2014-15 providing a Sydney-based location after the highly successful out-of-town regatta at Port Kembla last year. Mike Salter (president) and Stuart Thorpe (secretary) had their work cut out as new people to the roles of looking after both National and NSW MJ Associations and regattas. Big thanks go to previous president Genelle Aldred and State Vice President Rebecca Curry for providing great ongoing support throughout this transition period.

Despite this new set of hands, the regatta had all the hallmarks we have come to expect from the Manly Juniors – efficient organisation, fun and friendly atmosphere, lots of sponsors and prizes and a great sense of sailing community. The Middle Harbour parents and other volunteers seemed to effortlessly make sure we were well fed and watered with the BBQ going non-stop and supplies plentiful. The racing resources and organisation provided by the club was also outstanding with very few glitches along the way.

Col Chidgey (Race Officer) and Kingsley Forbes-Smith (Novice Coach) were present as ever at major MJ regattas providing their experienced, guiding hands to old and new parents alike – what would we do without them? However a new feature this year were the on-water jurors – Melissa Yeomans and Erica Kirby – bringing their years of experience playing a similar role in other classes around the country.

Being in the hub of pleasure-craft activity in Middle Harbour provided a carnival atmosphere with very large power boats and yachts a constant presence in the channel as the fleet travelled between club and race course – the MJ's were in glitz-central at the peak of the boating holiday period – between Christmas and New Year.

A fantastic response from clubs and competitors saw a registered fleet of 48 Manly Juniors – 32 Open Fleet and 16 Novice Fleet – a very decent fleet size. It's great to see the class still holding its own with promising signs of growth.

RACE ORGANISATION

All this great preparation, planning and man-power was let down by the weather on the first 2 days. Day 1 only providing enough wind for a shortened race and Day 2 so light the fleet did not hold a race. This situation presented the Race Committee and organisers with a massive challenge; squeezing the racing schedule into half the time available to race. Somehow they were able to complete a 6 race series providing for a drop and races carried out over varying conditions. So a very good result, given the circumstances.

The frustrations of Day 2 were oozing out of sailors, parents and volunteers alike with all agreeing flopping around The Sound waiting for wind for 5 hours was much more draining than holding 3 races in a 20+ knot breeze.

However Day 3 provided the goods with a classic East Coast Nor'easter building to about 20 knots in the afternoon. This delivered 3 exciting races with a 4th that went begging when the Race Committee ran out of time to start it.

Day 4 was back to the light stuff but not light enough to stop racing. An early morning start provided enough time to complete 2 races before a return to the club mid afternoon in order to get through scoring, protests and presentation.

So a good cross-section of conditions provided for a fair regatta, even though it ended up being 2 races short of the 8 scheduled.

COMPETITION AND RESULTS

In the Open division it was **2765 Firefly** skippered by Hugo Taranto and crewed by Noa Grasse that was able to show killer consistency and ability to sail superbly in all conditions. **Firefly**, being one of the lighter crews, got a close 2nd in the first race but then never looked back by winning the remaining 5 races. **Firefly** was able to handle the heavy breeze a lot better than other light crews and better than most, heavier crews. This domination ensured that **Firefly** brought the championship title back to the founding MJ club, Manly Yacht Club, for the first time since the inaugural championship year 45 years ago. A long wait but well worth it for a crew that did it in such style. I'm sure the MYC membership are very proud. Also a feat rarely achieved in the history of this title is that the **Firefly** crew also took out the Junior category with Hugo due to turn 12 a few weeks after the regatta and Noa a 9 year old. Well done **Firefly** – great, smart sailing.

Long-time favourite, experienced sailor and fierce competitor **2783 Wicked**, sailed by Jesse and Tyler Dransfield experienced some harsh misfortunes throughout day 3 when they were dominating in the strong sea-breeze. A freak capsize and a line-break meant **Wicked** did not get the results they had trained hard for and the regatta slipped through their fingers. That is sailing and hopefully the experience will make this pair stronger in regattas and classes to come.

But from misfortune on one hand emerges a great sailing story on the other – **2773 Shot Gun** (Jake Barnabas and Liam Kurunaratne) has showed massive improvement at state regattas and club racing this season to find herself with a win in Race 1 (taking home the Invitation Race trophy) and top 5 results in all other races to take out 2nd place in the national championship – great consistency paid off. This is truly a remarkable result for a boy in his first year skippering a Manly Junior.

In 3rd place was last year's Junior Champion **2776 Thin and Crispy** (Liam Hazell and Aidan King) who showed great consistency to nose past the 4th placegetter on countback – Liam found it challenging in the light stuff but got some good results in those races to stack up against their good Day 3 results. In 4th place was the Handicap trophy winner **2780 Five Star** (Alastair Hunter and Jake Bentley) showing great improvement throughout the regatta. 5th went to **2770 Wet'n'Wild** from



Members and their guests made good use of the facilities at MYC for the annual New Year Firework Display, on the Cove, and what a marvelous evening it was!



New Year 2015 at Manly Yacht Club



2015

HAPPY NEW YEAR



I'd like to think a couple of the most colourful and spectacular rockets were in honour of our new National Manly Junior Champions, Hugo Taranto and Noa Grasse. Well done lads, and many more successes.

Colin Cameron

NEXT WORKING BEE – 17TH JANUARY

8:00am to 12:30pm

Who 's going to bee in it?



Colin

Peter

Maz with the morning tea!

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- ➔ Paint tops of piles on wharf
- ➔ Paint steel work on pontoon
- ➔ Freshen up finishing triangles paintwork
- ➔ Clean windows and blinds in the foyer
- ➔ Clean windows on the deck
- ➔ Replace corroded screws on pontoon
- ➔ Replace support rods on internal tender storage
- ➔ Weed wand the paved areas
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Barry Newell, 'Head maintenance engineer', trouble-shooter and volunteer for Sailability tackles that unenviable task of antifouling. It can sometimes be a lonely task at the end of the 'hairy stick', but as always, he commits with his usual dedication and skill.

Thanks Barry and thank you also to Manly Rowing and Sailing, for the use of your slipway.

I'm sure Sailability appreciates your charitable gesture.

Colin Cameron.



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You...



CONGRATULATIONS

2014 SYDNEY TO HOBART COMPETITORS



EUREKA II CREW:

Mal Robertson (3 Hobarts)
 Chris Stockdale (2 Hobarts)
 Anne Stockdale
 John Daly
 Shannon Hart (5 Hobarts)
 Glen Orenshaw (2 Hobarts)
 Eric Jansen
 Rebecca McKenzie
 Stephen Teudt
 Peter Bennell
 Xavier Decomp
 Steve McKeogh
 Jo Huggins
 Maria Levotva
 Tim Yendell
 Deana Henn
 Korbi Schmidhuber



LOCAL HERO MYC CREW:

Peter Mosley
 Al Sims (2 Hobarts)



QUICKPOINT AZZURO MYC CREW:

Jim Nixon (21 Hobarts)
 Felicity Nelson (20 Hobarts)
 Alex Seja (14 Hobarts)



DARE DEVIL MYC CREW:

Helen Buckland (2 Hobarts)

GOOD LUCK AND SAFE SAILING TO CREWS ON THE RETURN TRIP

(Sorry if I missed anyone ... the grape vine isn't that good ...Ed)

SYDNEY TO HOBART ON EUREKA II

as told by Deana Henn

Friday 26 December 2014 – it had been a year in the making: a week-long delivery from Airlie Beach, weekends spent tacking back and forth up Sydney Harbour, hoisting and lowering spinnakers outside Sydney Heads, a 500 NM offshore qualifying passage, and the monumental task of qualifying *Eureka II* for the safety requirements of a Category 1 offshore race.

But the day we had all trained and mentally prepared for had finally arrived. The air was thick with excitement and emotion as our families and the forbidding reputation of Hobart loomed in our thoughts. After a photo in our new red crew shirts thanks to Nationwide Travel, we released the ropes from safety of the berth at CYC, and headed into the harbour to join the fanfare of the 70th Sydney to Hobart.

Jostling for position, *Eureka II* and her 17 crew soon crossed the second starting line behind the maxis and made its way up Sydney Harbour under spinnaker.



As we navigated our way out of Sydney heads and turned south with the 117 strong fleet into the much talked about southerly buster, we encountered our first casualty – a shredded No. 3 head sail. A news chopper swooped in and an image of *Eureka II* taking on “heavy going” conditions headlined the ABC evening news.

The southerly left us with no time to get our sea legs – instead confronting the crew with winds a steady 35-40 knots and gusting up to 50 knots off Botany Bay. With the crew on the rail and Mal at the helm, it didn't take long for the swell and gusty conditions to render half the crew sea sick. The starboard door to the head snapped off its hinges and the swell took one of the life rings. *Eureka* did what she was built for – charging into the headwinds – but smacking head-on into the 3-4 metre swell made life below deck almost impossible and simple tasks like going to the toilet a challenge of epic proportions.

With adrenalin running high, all crew remained on deck – most on the rail being punished by the waves – well into the evening until bowls of pasta and chicken were passed around for dinner. By 9pm, the 3-hour shifts were underway and we were hot bunking or lying prone on the sails under the dining table.

After a tempestuous night on the rail, the forecasted sunshine and northerly on day 2 brought welcome relief – as did a momentary visit by a seal off Montague Island.

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NATIONWIDE TRAVEL

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Sailing parallel to the NSW south coast under spinnaker averaging 14 knot boat speed, it was time to take in the moment, and focus on our ranking in the fleet and strategy. Not a great deal had changed throughout day 2 and into the evening – we continued to make ground on others in our division focussing on the likes of *Celestial*, *Khaleesi* and others of a similar rating while trying to make miles on those we were giving time to, and pursued our course under spinnaker. Banter turned to who of the rotating helmsmen – Mal, Shannon, Chris and Glen – was clocking the top speed of each shift.

Approaching Eden, it was time to discuss the infamous Bass Strait crossing and be sure all crew were in agreement to head south. The favourable conditions – northerly winds and reasonable swell – cemented our resolve but agreement by all crew to cross the Strait had become a requirement after the calamitous 1998 Sydney to Hobart. We radioed in our position and continued to point the bow south.

As the sun went down and the Victorian coast faded behind us, some of us were steeling our nerves for the crossing, knowing that conditions can change in a heartbeat, and what this corner of the world was capable of. We'd heard plenty about it from the race veterans on board – 80knot wind speeds and 20 metre vertical waves in the worst of the Hobarts. But the Strait served up a different experience – 25-30 knot north easterlies and a relative swell saw *Eureka II* sailing downwind under kite for the entire 15-hour crossing at 17.5knot top speed. The Strait proved uneventful except for numerous pods of dolphins, a sunfish and a collision between our keel and a shark.

Relatively smooth sailing past Flinders Island in daylight and a swell increasing to up to 4 metres saw us surfing towards the southeastern coast of Tasmania and had the crew in good spirits, focussed on making gains on the surrounding fleet and trimming the spinnaker. Glenno capitalised on the favourable conditions and headed up the mast to make some necessary repairs to the fraying main halyard and mainsail, which was wearing thin from the pressure of the spreaders. The decision to make the repairs proved fortuitous for what we faced on day 3.



Wind strength reached 68 knots: the crew clung to the rail while Mal, Chris, Shannon and Glen pulled together to sail *Eureka* through the hail, thunder and lightning without damage. Not long after rounding Cape Raoul and sailing with three reefs, the wind proved too strong. The Number 4 headsail started to disintegrate as the crew watched in silence. It was time for the storm jib.



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Peter Bennell, Steve McKeogh and Stephen Teudt took shifts at the helm in what proved to be a challenging swell and talk turned once again to boat speed as we reached the record of the trip – 19.5 knots by Glen, poled-out with a headsail.

Heading into the final night of the race, the northerly continued unabated but by 2am, the wind took another casualty – the heavy spinnaker, A call was made for all crew immediately on deck in wet weather gear, PFDs and tethers to pull the shredded sail down and hoist its replacement. After the commotion, cups of tea were made and we prepared for the last dawn shift towards Hobart.

By 11am on Monday, all crew were on deck to embrace the ethereal cliffs of the Organ Pipes and what was expected to be a smooth final stretch to the finish line that afternoon. Richard Bennett Photography swooped by in a fixed-wing small aircraft to take some aerial hero shots of *Eureka II*, spirits were high, a rookery of seals greeted the boat and the promise of a cold Boags started to feel real.

As Mal turned *Eureka* into the eponymous Storm Bay, the gaze of the crew remained fixated on the awe-inspiring Organ Pipes. Then Mother Nature cracked her whip.

Without warning, the crew was confronted by a coastal storm that had eluded forecasts. With the winds escalating rapidly, PFDs and tethers were quickly distributed from below deck along with full wet weather gear as we hammered across the bay, the weather unforgiving in its ferocity.

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NATIONWIDE TRAVEL

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 excellent result.





from Middle Harbour – a great result from the host club that is rebuilding their MJ fleet. 6th was **2769 Another Dark and Stormy** (Alex Hart and Nelson Brownbill) – a fantastic result from this first-time skipper.

Again this year the large and dominant club Manly 16'SSC took out the teams award having 4 boats finish in the top 6 and easily taking out the top 3 boats award. Well done, Manly Skiff Club for keeping the standard of sailing so high in this Junior class.

The first all-girl crew was Hollie St John and Bethan Karunaratne in **2768 Toffee Apple**. They sailed very well to come in 11th overall – a big improvement on last season and showing great determination and toughness.

In the Novice Fleet the handicap standings were very tightly contested with only 6 points separating 1st and 6th. But it was Middle Harbour boat **2757 Twigg** sailed by Tommi and Peggy Stanbury who won the handicap standings by improving better than any other boat from race to race. 2 other Middle Harbour boats took out 2nd and 3rd showing that the club has a bright future from an improving novice fleet of MJ's.

A special mention goes to the Novice Scratch winners **2777 BlackJack** (Zoe Dransfield and Maya Lilley) – an all-girl crew that sailed consistently well throughout. These girls are more than ready to take on the open fleet next season.

All placegetters can be viewed in the detailed results on the website. Well done to all sailors for whatever your sailing achievements were at the regatta. Be it getting round the course in time or completing a race in more than 15 knots – I'm sure I'm safe to say that all sailors went past some milestones in this regatta. That's what it's all about – a developmental learning experience for all.

PRESENTATION AND THANKS

At the end of sailing on Day 4 and what seemed like an endless sequence of protest hearings from some incidents in the last race the presentation commenced and was hosted by Mike Salter. This presentation was an extremely high-energy presentation thanks to the Mike's oratory and motivational skills – the sailors and parents alike were cheering and screaming for every single award; the jokes were flying and cameras were snapping – thank you Mike for bringing game-show energy into sailing – the kids loved it. And thanks for all your planning and co-ordinating.

Mike also did a great job of thanking our sponsors and involving them in the presentation. Big thanks go to Westpac, Gill, Botany Access, Deck Hardware, IVF Australia, North Sails and Vacuwash. Without their help the association would not be able to deliver such a great event for the kids and families involved. Big thanks also go to the families that sponsored the races throughout the regatta.

As usual massive thanks to Col Chidgey for being an A-Class Race Officer; Kingsley Forbes-Smith and Dan Bromelow for looking after our Novices and giving them much-needed coaching; the support boat crew, Neil Pinnington for his results and handicapping; Kirsty Hunter as registrar; Stuart Thorpe for all the paper-work and Rebecca Curry for co-ordinating merchandise, awards and trophies.

A special thanks goes to Peter Tinworth and all the volunteers from Middle Harbour who contributed their time and skill for the good of the Manly Junior class.

Lastly a big thanks to the sailors and their families. The sailors behaved extraordinarily well and were, as-ever, polite and good sports on the race-course. Without these dedicated families the MJ class would not be as strong as it is.

We all can't wait till our MJ community can get back together again at Point Wollstonecroft for the conclusion of the State Titles. See you all then.

Greg Taranto



Full story, race day reports, images and results can be found on the MJ Association page at: http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-10053-0-0-0&assoc=10053&slD=339618

MYC LASER FLEET RESULTS



2014-2015 MYC Laser Results														
Date:	14/12/2014			Course:	1			Wind:	NE12-15kt			APS 3	CC 5	
Sail No	Laser	Skipper	Handicap	Start	Finish	Adj. Finish	Place	Elapsed	Scratch	VY	VY Cor.	Cor. Place	Percent	
168154	Twocando	S.O'Dwyer	0:14:00	12:36:00	13:50:35	14:04:35	1	1:14:35	4	113	1:06:00	4	4.51%	
175982	Little Miss Giggles	P.Bremner	0:13:00	12:36:00	13:52:43	14:05:43	2	1:16:43	5	113	1:07:53	5	7.50%	
202741	Sirjje	I.Saunders	0:19:00	12:36:00	13:47:22	14:06:22	3	1:11:22	1	113	1:03:09	1	0.00%	
148665	SqWall	C.Wall	0:13:00	12:36:00	13:53:25	14:06:25	4	1:17:25	6	113	1:08:31	6	8.48%	
179391	Sin Sceal Eile	P.Reid	0:19:00	12:36:00	13:47:28	14:06:28	5	1:11:28	2	113	1:03:15	2	0.14%	
169708	Deluge	T.Docker	0:11:00	12:36:00	13:55:48	14:06:48	6	1:19:48	8	113	1:10:37	8	11.82%	
184668	Tequila	E.Wray	0:19:00	12:36:00	13:48:18	14:07:18	7	1:12:18	3	113	1:03:59	3	1.31%	
156769	Grampage	G.Reid	0:20:00	12:36:00	13:55:08	14:15:08	8	1:19:08	7	113	1:10:02	7	10.88%	
168137	Cheeky	G.Riley	0:12:00	DUTY										
166818	Tom Yum	D.Holland	0:03:00											
179154	Juliana	J.Prell	0:03:00											
156731	Seanile	I.Cameron	0:20:00											
101475	Freytivant	V.Morgan-Smith	0:03:00											
103623	Kookaburra	M.Dzhura	0:00:00											
123247	Gumbaru	R.Beck	0:00:00											



Little Miss Giggles

As we approach the first **Club Championship** for the new year, we see Ed Wray (*Tequila*), hanging onto a slim lead overall from Ian Saunders (*Sirjje*) in 2nd and Phil Reid (*Sin Sceal Eile*) so close in 3rd having to carry around the ever so heavy DNC. The fleet also carries a race abandonment, which we all are not sure will ever get sailed and if we will post two drops as well.



Tequila



The rest of the fleet sees Ian Cameron (*Seanile*), followed closely by Geoff Reid (*Grampage*) & Sean O'Dwyer (*Twocando*), all in some sort of contention for a podium. The rest of the fleet in that series is still very close and anything is possible.

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169708	Deluge	T.Docker	0:11:00	14:10:00	15:25:08	15:36:08	1	1:15:08	8	113	1:06:29	8	7.85%	
148665	SqWall	C.Wall	0:13:00	14:10:00	15:24:16	15:37:16	2	1:14:16	6	113	1:05:43	6	6.60%	
184668	Tequila	E.Wray	0:18:00	14:10:00	15:19:40	15:37:40	3	1:09:40	1	113	1:01:39	1	0.00%	
168154	Twocando	S.O'Dwyer	0:17:00	14:10:00	15:21:15	15:38:15	4	1:11:15	4	113	1:03:03	4	2.27%	
179391	Sin Sceal Eile	P.Reid	0:19:00	14:10:00	15:20:00	15:39:00	5	1:10:00	2	113	1:01:57	2	0.48%	
175982	Little Miss Giggles	P.Bremner	0:15:00	14:10:00	15:24:59	15:39:59	6	1:14:59	7	113	1:06:21	7	7.63%	
202741	Sirjje	I.Saunders	0:20:00	14:10:00	15:20:01	15:40:01	7	1:10:01	3	113	1:01:58	3	0.50%	
156769	Grampage	G.Reid	0:19:00	14:10:00	15:23:23	15:42:23	8	1:13:23	5	113	1:04:56	5	5.33%	
168137	Cheeky	G.Riley	0:12:00	DUTY										
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Deluge



The **Autumn Point Score** started fast with three heats completed (also carrying an Abandonment), seeing some really close racing for placings. Newcomer and fleet photographer, Max Dzhura, also managed to navigate *Kookaburra* across the line in one race.

Another new arrival this season Tim Docker on board *Deluge* currently hold the "Winners Cap" and sits on top of the Autumn Point Score on 8 points. He is closely followed by Sean O'Dwyer (*Twocando*), who is lurking in 2nd spot attempting to defend his silverware from last season.

The whole fleet seems to be noticeably improving each race, which is great to see. There have been a few training sessions also which seems to allow everyone to try things they wouldn't do in a race and generally tune different configs. Even the cruising division with Pete Bremner (*Little Miss Giggles*), Garth Riley (*Cheeky*) and yours truly (*Sqwall*) are battling out for the "Keg Cup" quite solidly at times.

Special mention must go to Sean O'Dwyer for his catering effort and Laser Christmas bash with excellent Tiger prawns all round.

Also massive thanks to Richard James for helping officiate our Point Score races.

Cameron Wall



SYDNEY TO HOBART ON EUREKA II ... continued from page 5

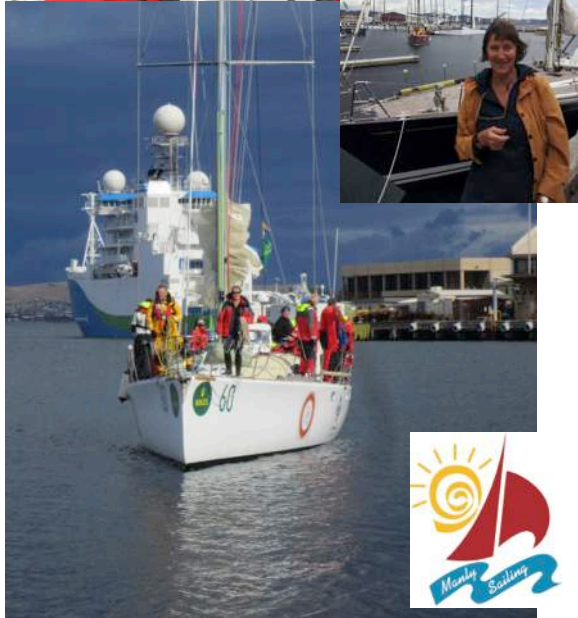


Eureka edged towards the Iron Pot, the Tasmanian lighthouse that marks the final stretch of the race, with the crew still on the rail – all but Mal, Shannon, Chris and Glen who worked seamlessly together to keep *Eureka* on track towards the Derwent River.

Another light aircraft appeared and swooped in at mast level to snap photos of *Eureka* emerging from the storm. We were waving madly at the photographer from the stern hoping for some memorable shots to collect in Hobart, unaware of the tragedy that was about to unfold. The Cessna 172 circled us twice, seemed to struggle in his climb into the wind and then headed off to photograph *Hartbreaker* behind us. On arrival in Hobart it was revealed this was the plane that just hours later plunged into the waters off Cape Raoul killing both the pilot and photographer...

Acutely aware of *Hartbreaker* biting at our heels, we were suddenly faced with a new challenge – making it to the finish ahead of the Reichel Pugh 46. Though feeling battered by the storm, there was no losing sight of the fact that we were still racing and had another 12 NM up the Derwent to the finish line.

The Derwent was punishing and it was an upwind 30-40knot battle the whole way. We tacked once across the river but, focussed on *Hartbreaker's* manoeuvres, changed our course and tackled the river upwind to the finish line. Boats started to appear to photograph *Eureka* and welcome us towards the line. With about three tacks to go, *Hartbreaker* managed to sneak ahead and pipped us to the line by a matter of seconds.



With emotions raw and about to spill over, the finish was the focus. Hugs and handshakes ensued ahead of a victory lap along Constitution Dock. Now thousands of Tasmanians cheered and clapped as we edged past. It was a moment to be savoured by all and one that will be forever etched in our minds. Tears flowed.

As we pulled into our allocated berth at the marina, the realisation – that we had successfully completed the 628 NM Sydney to Hobart – without significant damage to the boat or crew – was yet to fully sink in. The customary case of Cascade was thrust onto the deck as we tied up and yelled three cheers for Manly Sailing, Mal and the crew. We posed for the end-of-race crew photo and then, delirious with fatigue, disappeared into Customs House with our salt-encrusted faces to share stories with other crew and relive our momentous experience.

Deana Henn



Crew:

Skipper: Mal Robertson

Skipper 2: Chris Stockdale

Navigator: Anne Hogan Stockdale

Helmsmen: Mal Robertson, Chris Stockdale, Shannon Hart, Glen Orenshaw

Foredeck: Glen Orenshaw, Eric Jansen, John Daly, Tim Yendell, Steve McKeogh

Strings: Rebecca MacKenzie and Stephen Teudt

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Good Bye Xavier,

You have been an asset to MYC since you joined in 2002, firstly crewing on Shear Magic and then taking the boat owner plunge with Twilight Express. Your efforts in the juniors program have not gone unnoticed and your once young babies, Lucas and Vincent, have grown into fine young sailors.

Manly Yacht Club wishes you and Jan, and the boys a wonderful adventure in France but we hope you will be drawn back to Manly and sailing back on Sydney Harbour, in a couple of years time. You will be missed.

And yes, Twilight Express is still for sale – see the October 2014 Newsletter for details.



Vincent & Lucas...
And a much younger Vincent with Xavier



"Former Manly Sailing students & newly crowned MJ National Champions Noa Grasse and Hugo Taranto... Well done boys we are very proud of you!" **Manly Sailing**



"Well done Team Firefly!! Great reward, thoroughly deserved for all the hard work. Hopefully an inspiration for other MYC Juniors to follow." **David Holland**



"Hugo & Noah, it has been fantastic watching from a far and seeing your results come in: bullet after bullet! Congratulations!!!!" **Greg Wilkins**

"My son Chris, sailing on 2663 Slipstream with crew Scott Weibe, won the 25th Annual MJ National Titles held at our Manly Yacht Club at Manly in December 1994.

Chris won 6 out of 7 heats and dropped a 2nd for a perfect score. Both my sons Chris and Ryan learned to sail at Manly Yacht Club and competed for a number of seasons from 1990 with the Club but ended up moving to MHYC in 1993 to compete with larger fleets. The Thomas family have been members of MYC since those days.

Chris went on to a 2nd in the Flying 11 Nationals in Perth in 1997 and is currently competing with Ryan in the 16ft Nationals at Belmont.

Congratulations to Hugo and Noa on Firefly and the MYC."
Jim Thomas





PEPPER TREE WINES

PEPPER TREE WINES TWILIGHT SERIES



Pam to Copernicus and Azlan "Catch me if you can!..."



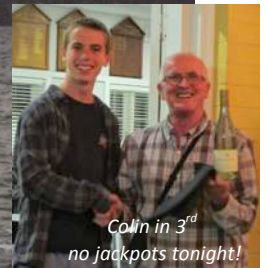
A "dramatic" Twilight Race 10



Jo (Taxi) collects 1st prize



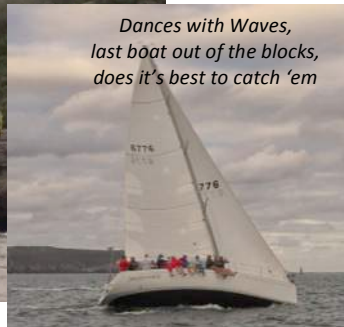
Just Jazz takes 2nd place



Colin in 3rd
no jackpots tonight!



Dances with Waves,
last boat out of the blocks,
does it's best to catch 'em



"Barrel Boy" Jack, hands the
starter prize to school friend
Tom sailing on Melody



Sandy from Sip Ahoy takes home
the Xmas ham

THANK YOU RACE COMMITTEES

TWL9

Barry Miflin
Greg Zyner
Maz Radford

TWL10

Barry Miflin
Maz Radford
Lynette Innes
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PEPPER TREE WINES TWILIGHT RESULTS

2014-2015 Twilight Series Race 9 - Twilight Race 9 - 12 December 2014

PLACE	BOAT	SAIL	DESIGN	SKIPPER	START	STARTED	FINISH	CODE	LATE	ELAPSED	POINTS
1	MANHATTAN	7888	Beneteau Oceanis 37	Stephen Coleman	18:21:00	18:21:03	19:16:56		0:03	0:55:56	-4.0
2	PAM	KA16	5.5 Metre Class	Peter McDonald	18:25:00	18:25:00	19:18:12		0:00	0:53:12	-2.0
3	SIP AHOY	MYC34	Northshore 340	Murray Bailes	18:20:00	18:20:20	19:20:21		0:20	1:00:21	0.0
4	LAUTREC	MYC33	Passage 33	Janette Syme	18:18:00	18:18:34	19:20:55		0:34	1:02:55	2.0
5	RATTY TOOHEY	6295	Northshore 340	Ian Dennewald	18:19:00	18:19:16	19:21:08		0:16	1:02:08	4.0
6	HAGAR IV	NH14	Endeavour 30	Chris Cope	18:17:00	18:17:39	19:21:13		0:39	1:04:13	6.0
7	J-CURVE	MYC24	J24	J Morrison/ A Mckay	18:16:00	18:16:31	19:22:06		0:31	1:06:06	7.0
8	RUNAWAY TAXI	5393	Custom Jog 23	Matthew McKenzie	18:12:00	18:14:01	19:22:24		2:01	1:10:24	8.0
9	PENSIVE	MYC10	Nsx38	Bruce Davis	18:31:00	18:31:03	19:23:25		0:03	0:52:25	9.0
10	TENSIXTY	MYC7	Radford 10.6	Ian Green	18:30:00	18:30:17	19:23:43		0:17	0:53:43	10.0
11	EOS	MYC5	Brittany Sloop	Brian Wilson	18:18:00	18:19:36	19:23:44		1:36	1:05:44	11.0
12	OCCAMS RAZOR	557	Duncanson Offshore 30	Stephen Garmston	18:12:00	18:12:50	19:24:00		0:50	1:12:00	12.0
13	POMPADI	MYC79	Catalina 309	Steve Frith	18:14:00	18:15:13	19:25:44		1:13	1:11:44	13.0
14	AIDA	MYC6	S80	B Spence A Thomson	18:18:00	18:18:31	19:25:57		0:31	1:07:57	14.0
15	GRAMARYE	NH555	Tophat Mkiii	Andrew Morrison	18:08:00	18:08:27	19:26:41		0:27	1:18:41	15.0
	COPERNICUS	6689	Radford12	Leanne & Greg Zyner	18:33:00			AVG			AVG

2014-2015 Twilight Series Race 10 - Twilight Race 10 - 19 December 2014

PLACE	BOAT	SAIL	DESIGN	SKIPPER	START	STARTED	FINISH	CODE	LATE	ELAPSED	POINTS
1	RUNAWAY TAXI	5393	Custom Jog 23	Matthew McKenzie	18:10:00	18:11:12	19:26:11		1:12	1:16:11	-4.0
2	JUST JAZZ	7777	Triton 24	Ian Macfarlane	18:01:00	18:01:35	19:27:15		0:35	1:26:15	-2.0
3	BOKARRA	1152	Santana 22	Colin Cameron	18:07:00	18:16:03	19:27:56		9:03	1:20:56	
4	TENSIXTY	MYC7	Radford 10.6	Ian Green	18:28:00	18:28:13	19:28:52		0:13	1:00:52	0.0
5	SHEAR MAGIC	MYC100	Adams 10	Robert Steffens	18:24:00	18:24:18	19:29:03		0:18	1:05:03	2.0
6	MIM	AUS855	Etchells	Robert Allan	18:22:00	18:22:25	19:29:50		0:25	1:07:50	4.0
7	J-CURVE	MYC24	J24	J Morrison/ A Mckay	18:14:00	18:14:32	19:30:00		0:32	1:16:00	6.0
8	LAUTREC	MYC33	Passage 33	Janette Syme	18:20:00	18:20:27	19:30:21		0:27	1:10:21	7.0
9	MISKY	6479	Northshore 340	Peter Bennell	18:18:00	18:18:16	19:30:28		0:16	1:12:28	8.0
10	RATTY TOOHEY	6295	Northshore 340	Ian Dennewald	18:20:00	18:20:35	19:31:04		0:35	1:11:04	9.0
11	COPERNICUS	6689	Radford12	Leanne & Greg Zyner	18:33:00	18:33:07	19:31:25		0:07	0:58:25	10.0
12	PENSIVE	MYC10	Nsx38	Bruce Davis	18:29:00	18:29:13	19:31:36		0:13	1:02:36	11.0
13	SIP AHOY	MYC34	Northshore 340	Murray Bailes	18:23:00	18:23:25	19:32:10		0:25	1:09:10	12.0
14	AIDA	MYC6	S80	B Spence A Thomson	18:16:00	18:16:03	19:32:25		0:03	1:16:25	13.0
15	PAM	KA16	5.5 Metre Class	Peter McDonald	18:29:00	18:29:00	19:32:45		0:00	1:03:45	14.0
16	WATERSHED	MYC50	Hanse 320	Michael Troy	18:16:00	18:17:22	19:32:46		1:22	1:16:46	15.0
17	DANCES WITH WAVES	6776	Beneteau 40.7	Jim Thomas	18:34:00	18:34:18	19:33:03		0:18	0:59:03	16.0
18	MANHATTAN	7888	Beneteau Oceanis 37	Stephen Coleman	18:26:00	18:26:07	19:33:24		0:07	1:07:24	17.0
19	AUSSIE RULES	MYC1	Cavalier 975	Gene Scott	18:17:00	18:17:01	19:33:54		0:01	1:16:54	18.0
20	TWOCAN	4863	Masrm 920	Stephen Teudt	18:24:00	18:24:10	19:34:01		0:10	1:10:01	19.0
21	AZLAN	MH330	Azuree 33	Nicole Butcher	18:26:00	18:26:08	19:34:37		0:08	1:08:37	20.0
22	OCCAMS RAZOR	557	Duncanson Offshore 30	Stephen Garmston	18:10:00	18:10:03	19:36:03		0:03	1:26:03	21.0
23	POMPADI	MYC79	Catalina 309	Steve Frith	18:13:00	18:13:17	19:49:05		0:17	1:36:05	22.0
	KRYPTONITE	1620	Catalina 34	David Wright	18:09:00	18:09:13		RET	0:13		24.0



Left: The last sail for Gene on MYC1 Aussie Rules.

Aussie Rules leaves the club but Gene and Helen don't!

Gene will be looking for the occasional sail and his crew will be looking for boats to sail



Above: Christabel in Christmas Spirit
Left: Webmaster Ken finds a new drink holder on Pensive

2014-2015 Twilight Series Race 11 - Twilight race 11 - 09 January 2015

PLACE	BOAT	SAIL	DESIGN	SKIPPER	START	STARTED	FINISH	CODE	LATE	ELAPSED	POINTS
1	KRYPTONITE	1620	Catalina 34	David Wright	18:09:00	18:09:10	19:26:41		0:10	1:17:41	-4.0
2	HAGAR IV	NH14	Endeavour 30	Chris Cope	18:15:00	18:15:58	19:28:26		0:58	1:13:26	-2.0
3	EOS	MYC5	Brittany Sloop	Brian Wilson	18:16:00	18:16:08	19:29:31		0:08	1:13:31	0.0
4	GRAMARYE	NH555	Tophat Mkiii	Andrew Morrison	18:06:00	18:06:05	19:30:17		0:05	1:24:17	2.0
5	TWOCAN	4863	Masrm 920	Stephen Teudt	18:22:00	18:22:38	19:30:22		0:38	1:08:22	4.0
6	ESRA TEW	MYC27	Northshore 27	Jackie Morgan	18:04:00	18:04:00	19:30:51		0:00	1:26:51	6.0
7	POMPADI	MYC79	Catalina 309	Steve Frith	18:11:00	18:11:46	19:31:48		0:46	1:20:48	7.0
8	PAM	KA16	5.5 Metre Class	Peter McDonald	18:28:00	18:28:01	19:32:45		0:01	1:04:45	8.0
9	DISTRACTION	MH304	Adams 10	Garth Riley	18:28:00	18:28:25	19:32:47		0:25	1:04:47	9.0
10	PENSIVE	MYC10	Nsx38	Bruce Davis	18:30:00	18:30:14	19:32:51		0:14	1:02:51	10.0
11	SHEAR MAGIC	MYC100	Adams 10	Robert Steffens	18:26:00	18:26:05	19:33:29		0:05	1:07:29	11.0
12	RATTY TOOHEY	6295	Northshore 340	Ian Dennewald	18:20:00	18:20:17	19:33:47		0:17	1:13:47	12.0
13	COPERNICUS	6689	Radford12	Leanne & Greg Zyner	18:34:00	18:34:03	19:33:54		0:03	59:54:00	13.0
14	OKAVANGO DELTA	4436	J24	Andrew/Julian Watt/Mcpherson	18:25:00	18:25:11	19:34:29		0:11	1:09:29	14.0
15	MANHATTAN	7888	Beneteau Oceanis 37	Stephen Coleman	18:24:00	18:24:10	19:34:31		0:10	1:10:31	15.0
16	TOP ODDS	A73	Northshore 27	Chris Stockdale	18:06:00	18:05:36	19:29:40	OCS	-00:24	1:23:40	16.0
17	CZECH MATE	6361	Beneteau 361	Phil Dressler	18:20:00	18:20:50	19:35:21		0:50	1:15:21	
18	JUST JAZZ	7777	Triton 24	Ian Macfarlane	18:05:00	18:05:45	19:35:24		0:45	1:30:24	17.0
19	MOONRAKER	MYC37	Beneteau Oceanis 37	T & M Kliman & Watson	18:24:00	18:24:06	19:35:43		0:06	1:11:43	18.0
20	SIP AHOY	MYC34	Northshore 340	Murray Bailes	18:24:00	18:24:03	19:36:08		0:03	1:12:08	19.0
21	TENSIXTY	MYC7	Radford 10.6	Ian Green	18:31:00	18:31:15	19:36:54		0:15	1:05:54	20.0
22	GUMERACHA	4713	S&S Defiance	Duncan Stirling	18:00:00	18:01:09	19:36:56		1:09	1:36:56	21.0
23	AIDA	MYC6	S80	B Spence A Thomson	18:17:00	18:17:09	19:37:17		0:09	1:20:17	22.0
24	MIM	AUS855	Etchells	Robert Allan	18:23:00	18:22:59	19:33:06	OCS	-00:01	1:10:06	23.0
25	J-CURVE	MYC24	J24	J Morrison/ A Mckay	18:15:00	18:15:56	19:39:25		0:56	1:24:25	24.0
26	FERGO	MYC138	Adventurer	Greg Taranto	18:02:00	18:02:57	19:47:15		0:57	1:45:15	

HOBART TO SYDNEY

And then there is the trip back ...
Once our intrepid Sydney to Hobart Racers arrive in Hobart, and all the festivities are taken care of ... it's time to take the boat back to home ports – sometimes with the same crews and sometimes not.

Nicole, who usually sails on Azlan tells of her "quiet" cruise back...

I was down in Hobart, but only for the return journey - bringing home *Anger Management*, a Corby 43 from Newcastle CYC. She came 40th on line honours, 14th in Div 2 IRC.

We had a pretty wild and varied ride back, hitting 6+ metre seas and big wild winds in Storm Bay as we left Hobart on the 2nd. After quite an uphill battle, and my scariest but most exciting time on helm, we headed up to Triabunna for a couple of days to await the promised sou' westerly. We poked our nose back out to sea 4th Jan to meet the forecast following winds, but spent hours bashing into rough noreasters waiting in vain.

Half a day later around 25nm past St Helens the engine started smoking and the instrument panel lit up. We had 8% battery left for nav and radio. Back to land we went for repairs, finally having the downwind run we were wanting, but heading south instead of north!

We were lucky to have a couple of mechanics in the crew, so whilst waiting in Binnalong Bay for St Helens Marine Rescue to tow us over the treacherous bar entry to their little harbour, the damaged impellers were replaced and we managed to head off again without requiring further repair.

What then followed was the most beautiful two days of sailing I've ever had. The wind shifted slightly east and dropped to a nice 15 knots or so, letting us cruise along at a solid 9kn boat speed. We sailed under a full moon in calm seas with an escort of dolphins. Who would have thought that Bass Strait would be the calmest part of the trip!

We pulled into Eden around 5am Tuesday morning and have left her there for some more thorough engine repairs before a replacement crew takes her the rest of the way home. When I stepped off onto the dock, I was so wobbly! I actually got land sick, not being able to hold down my much-anticipated eggs benedict that morning. Having never been sea sick, it was a bit of weird experience!

I've just about got my body clock and brain back in order now. Looking forward to getting out on the water Friday!

Nicole Butcher



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