

MYC NEWS

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JOURNAL OF MANLY YACHT CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, it looks like a return to sailing is coming soon! Over the next few weeks as restrictions begin to ease, it's looking promising that we can return to racing soon. If that's the case, we will likely kick off with a non-spinnaker series for yachts but our Commodore will release a NOR & SI when details have been finalised. Can't wait to see our members back on the harbour and hopefully back to our full sailing program in September.



The Board has been using this time to work on a number of key governance objectives, approving MYC's Management and Governance Structure. This document outlines the responsibility of each key position on the board – President, Vice President, Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer and Secretary along with portfolios which have been assigned to Directors. This sees the removal of redundant



responsibilities - Maintenance and Events & Catering - and the addition of new portfolios for Member Experience, Communications and Risk Management. This will ensure all areas of our Club have representation and next year every portfolio will have a Director assigned. I am particularly excited about Member Experience dedicated to ensuring our members have the best experience on and off the water and attracting new members.

Governance	Sailing activities	Asset Management	Members	Partnerships & Community
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer	Commodore Vice Commodore Rear Commodore	Club Captain Boats & Equipment Grants	Membership Member Experience	Sponsorship Sailability Communications

Our Vice-President, Michael Rowe has embarked on a project that will see our 1965 Articles of Association modernised to reflect our current culture, processes and use of technology.

A sub-committee headed by Bruce Davis has been appointed to review the Junior and Sailability storage area to maximise storage of hulls, masts, sails and associated equipment.

Norm Farrell has finalised quotes for our new Solar Panel and Tesla Battery, this is now with Northern Beaches Council to approve the work. NBC provided a letter of support for the Grant so we expect this process will be approved soon.

The COVID-19 sub-committee has drafted a return to operations plan for both sailing and the use of the club's facilities. These are guidelines we will be putting in place to protect the safety of our members and guests. Finally, over the next few weeks the hall will be undergoing necessary repairs and repainting.

Lastly, I want to recognise the contribution of Maz Radford, Santo Saunders, Bob Morley and Geoff Reid, who have been working tirelessly over the last 6 weeks to bring together production of our 2019/2020 Presentation Night on-line. I'll have the popcorn ready this Saturday to celebrate the achievements of all our sailors. Well done to all winners!



Maz, in her "recording studio"

Lisa Callaghan – MYC President



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COMMODORE'S REPORT

I hope you and your families are well and remaining upbeat in these challenging times.

Your Board and Sailing Committee have been working hard, interpreting the (occasionally conflicting) notifications emanating from the various official bodies, sifting the requirements from the noise and finding the balance between reaction and overreaction. We share your enthusiasm to return to sailing, but our primary concern has to remain the safety of our members and volunteers.

Following recent official advice, we do anticipate a return to sailing shortly.

As you know, the MYC Winter Series was abandoned, and we are not able to resuscitate it. However, we are planning a new flexible series in its place. Such a series would have to have maximum flexibility built into it and a strong emphasis on safety in line with health guidelines.

We are contemplating non-spinnaker races around an AS marks course. As we are unlikely to be able to use the clubhouse for a while yet, we envisage awarding prizes on the water. Dates, NOR and SI will be issued soon so that we can return to sailing.

This series would be a good opportunity for those who normally do the twilight races to come out for a similar race during the day.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on the water soon.

Cheers
Jason Bond - MYC Commodore



IT LOOKS LIKE RACING IS BACK ON!
The "latest" from Australian Sailing here ...

<https://www.sailing.org.au/news/nsw-may-update-relaxation-of-restrictions/>

WooHoo!!

An all members email will be sent once MYC details for racing and COVIDSafe documentation have been finalised after the June Board meeting

Manly Yacht Club Equipment Audit Saturday, 15 August 2020



AUDITORS NEEDED

Australian Sailing has set up a program for club equipment auditor courses over the next few months available to Club members with no charges involved. A great opportunity to assist MYC by becoming an auditor and as well gain knowledge of racing yachts requirements. Our Club's audit day date has been set as **Saturday, August 15th**.

The course will be run by online video and will take about three hours of your time.

Courses are scheduled for:

- **17th June** and,
- **15th July**

start time is **6pm**.

You will need to register with Australia Sailing a few days before the course date.

For more information: <https://www.sailing.org.au/course-finder/82/>

Email: office@sailing.org.au

Address: Level 1, 22 Atchison Street, St Leonards 2065

Tel: 02 8424 7409

Best wishes and enjoy your sailing.

Bill Spence - Chief Equipment Auditor



SAFETY IN FOCUS

From the Special Regulations Committee at Australian Sailing

- Public Comment invited on Proposed Amendments by 15 June 2020 read more <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/news/public-comment-invited-on-proposed-amendments/>
- Special Regulations no longer on a Four-Year Cycle... Will be published as a dynamic document with open ended validity date. Read more <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/news/special-regulations-no-longer-a-four-year-cycle/>
- Online Safety Code Induction course for all committee members and safety officials at clubs. Read more <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/news/australian-sailing-online-safety-code-induction/>
- How to report on Critical Incidents <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/news/how-to-report-on-critical-incidents/>.
- Handling Expired Equipment Audit Forms <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/news/handling-expired-equipment-audit-forms/>
- Equipment Auditors Club course now online. Read more <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/news/equipment-auditors-club-course-now-online/>
- Lessons to be Learnt from an incident that occurred in the 2015 Association Cup <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/news/association-cup-incident-lessons-to-be-learnt/>

NOTICE OF MANLY YACHT CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2020-2021

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Manly Yacht Club and election of Office Bearers for 2020-2021 will be held via Zoom at...

**7:00pm on
Monday, 29th June 2020**

All positions on the Board of Directors are open for nominations. The Club is required to have a Board consisting of the office bearers and up to eight (8) other directors. The office bearers comprise the President, Deputy President, Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Club Captain and Treasurer. The Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and at least five other Board Members must be boat owners.

Voting at the Annual General Meeting is open to all members. All members and their guests are invited to attend the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Notice convening the meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM held 30th June 2019
4. Receive and consider the Annual Report
5. Hold elections if necessary and announce Board of Directors for 2020-2021
6. Appoint auditors for 2020-2021
7. Other business

Nominations for the MYC Board of Directors

Nominations for positions on the Board of Manly Yacht Club are now open.

Any member who would like to assist with the management of the Club or would like to nominate someone for a position on the Board, please complete and return the following slip to the Club Manager by **Monday, 1st June 2020.**

I would like to nominate myself

Name: _____

Phone: H: _____

W: _____

M: _____

for a position on the
Manly Yacht Club Board of Directors.

and/or

I would like to nominate

Name: _____

Phone: H: _____

W: _____

M: _____

for a position on the
Manly Yacht Club Board of Directors.

For further information please contact any of the current MYC Board members whose details can be found on page 6 in the MYC Handbook.



Here's an idea to keep in touch and support each other during the shutdown associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.



Visual signalling is a maritime and sailing tradition.

In the spirit of competition and a nice bottle of Red as the prize (if you're over 18 ... we'll find an appropriate substitute if you're not)...

email maz@myc.org.au if you know what I'm signalling.

(Hint: it's NOT in the 1974 Revised Edition of Brown's Signalling...Ed)



FIRST IN ... BEST DRESSED

Commodore Bruce Davis holding the original navigators prize

NOT A VIRTUAL COMMODORE'S PICNIC MORE LIKE A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Stephen Teudt, chatting with Doug & Lee Ebeling



Bill Spence cheering for the President's side

2004

The kids take a turn

Ella, please don't kill me!



Bruce Hitchman & Greig Ebeling

Rear Commodore Bob Buchanan leading the tug-a-war for the Commodore's side



2011 Aida crew



Margo Lucas (Madam Shop) & Colin Cameron (Club Captain)

2006

Patrick Lynch mans the BBQ

2011 Arthur Crothers BBQ King



2012

Jim Nixon wins the coveted navigators award V2



2011



2011 Commodore Maz Theaker sets the line



2012 Commodore Maz Theaker ... but can't keep her feet



2013 Commodore Greg Wilkins with future President Lisa



2013 Pensive on Robbie R duty



2013 Commodore Greg Wilkins hands out the prizes

2013 President Cary Budd, ready with the rope



2013 waiting for the pirate pinata



2013



2015 Bantry Bay, Bruce on an Opti

2015

FROM VIRTUAL PICNICS TO VIRTUAL REGATTAS



Manly Yacht Club ran their first Virtual Regatta over the weekend with race committee Stephen Teudt and Catherine Rofe perched over computers to run the eSailing event.



The stakes were high with the winner of the six-race series nominated as the MYC Representative for the Australian Sailing eSailing State Championships. Nine boats entered the series racing the J70 Keelboat with spinnakers to challenge for the prize. Racing was completed on a variety of waterways across the globe including Aarhus, Auckland, Cagliari and Fecamp in winds up to 30 knots.

Gianni Watson started strong with a bullet in the **first race** followed by Rear Commodore Muir Watson one second ahead of Cameron Wall in third place. **Race 2** saw the reverse with Muir getting the gun ahead of Gianni and Mark Stacey in third place. After being plagued with connection issues Ollie Ross joined the series in **Race 3** claiming first place, only to get locked out again in **Race 5** but showed promise with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the 3 races he was able to compete in. Cameron Wall picked up his game by Race 5 claiming a first place but with only one race to go it was neck and neck between father and son with Gianni 1 point in the lead.



In **Race 6** Muir managed to pull a head of the pack early for a comfortable win, 14 seconds ahead of Ollie Ross in second place and Laef Hosking third, pushing Gianni out of contention for the series in fourth place.

Full Results with one drop:

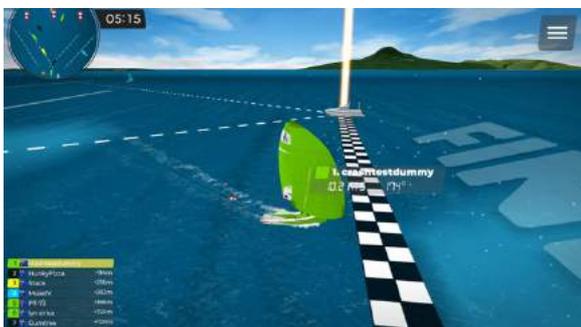
Skipper	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total
Muir Watson	Crashtestdummy	2	1	(3)	2	2	1	8
Gianni Watson	Hunky Pizza	1	2	2	1	3	(4)	9
Bob Day	Pt-73	4	4	4	4	4	(5)	20
Cameron Wall	SqWall	3	(DNS)	6	6	1	6	22
Ollie Ross	Muse IV	(DNS)	DNS	1	3	DNF	2	28
Mark Stacey	Stace	5	3	8	7	6	(DNF)	29
Ken Terrens	Gumtree	6	(DNF)	7	5	5	7	30
Lyn Humphreys	LynSirius	7	5	(9)	8	7	8	36
Laef Hosking	Flakey Mojo	DNS	DNS	5	DNS	(DNS)	3	41

DNS & DNF– 11pts

Congratulations to all participants.

Muir Watson's aptly named *Crashtestdummy* will represent MYC at the eSailing State Championships across the weekend of 22-24 May.

We wish him the best of luck.



eSailing State Championship Results

BREAKING NEWS

I finished 9th out of 17. So not too bad. It was good fun and I tried to represent MYC well by racing fairly. Can't complain about the result either - some of the other racers were unbelievably good! Certainly, much better at this than me.

I was doing really well in race one but, in my excitement, accidentally pressed the "hoist spinnaker" button whilst still going upwind! Doh! That slowed me down enough to get swallowed by the chasing pack. Who knew that e-racing was so realistic that one spin stuff up can cost you the race!?

Results here. I was in the red fleet.

<https://www.sailwave.com/results/AUSEAILINGNSW-RR-RESULTS.htm>



MYC VIRTUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT VIA YOUTUBE



COVID-19 presented many challenges to the club this year, including Presentation Night, which is a highlight of the sailing season, when sailors are acknowledged for their achievements in the season just past. Presentation Night was postponed for a week to the 23rd May, while task force team members upskilled and battled the upload and download speeds of the internet, competing with all who were in isolation. But we got there, and from reports received, the reviews weren't bad.

Our many thanks are extended to the contributors of the YouTube clip which brought the presentation to you, with extra special mention and thanks to Santo Saunders for setting up such a good base for the rest of the team to work from. Unfortunately, the task ended up taking too much of Santo's time away from his schoolwork, so Bob Morley stepped in to take up the challenge to complete the job. Thank you also to Maz Radford for cracking the whip and to Geoff Reid for his technical and artistic advice into the project.

We hope you enjoyed it and if you didn't see it, or would like to relive your glory again please use this link <https://youtu.be/FSilG6FgwE8> for the Presentation Night video

Apologies to the Mini Regatta winners. We inadvertently only showed the results of MR1 instead of the combined MR1 and MR2 winners... 1st *Melody*, 2nd *Kaotic*, 3rd *Sirius*. The details are correct in the Results booklet <https://myc.org.au/forms/1920/2019-2020%20Presentation%20Results%20booklet.pdf> and will be correct on the trophies and skite plates.

Our Club Champions



Harry G - Open Skiff



Ian Saunders - Lasers



Michael Rowe
Yachts Division 1



Roger Freney
Yachts Division 2



L: Arthur Crothers - Fletcher Christian Cannon of Reason and Resilience
R: Bruce Davis - Captain Bligh Cat O'Nine Tails



Evie Saunders
Nigel Holman Trophy



Fastest around the CC course in their divisions
Corum
Bob Greene Trophy



Junior
Davis Cup



Iain Cameron
Graeme Cotton Good Citizen Award **6**

SAILABILITY

Pensive
Peter Wilkins Starters Prize



Michael Burnett
Sailor of the Year



Fiona Bridger
Most improved Sailor



Helen Hendry
Volunteer of the Year



ERRATUM

OOPS! Apologies Colin, Greg and Grant.

Your editor incorrectly labelled (and misread) Colin's article on page 5 of the April edition.



Gene on helm, Greg amidships, Colin as foredeckie

Greg Windsham is Grant Windsham's father. Grant is Commodore of the skiffies. Greg was Vice President at MYC. Gene Scott was President. Colin was Club Captain.

Further info from Colin:

Hi Maz,

Thanks for putting my article in the Newsletter, but there is a case of mistaken identity. Greg is actually Grant's father. The Windshams sailed with us at MYC, when our children were in MJs. Greg a former Vice President sailed with Gene and I in the Solings, at one stage. Perhaps a snap of President, Vice President and Club Captain does deserve a space on the wall. Only a few would know the difference.

Congratulations again for another great Newsletter and great choice for my signature photo!

Regards,
Colin.



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\$50 non-refundable booking fee with a \$30 refund on arrival. A \$20 contribution for a weekend of great company, food and activities!

A Pittwater YHA activity in partnership with PNHA, NP&WS, Northern Beaches Council & supported by the Greater Sydney Local Land Service with funding from the Australian Government and The NSW Government Programs.



Michael and Sarah invite MYC members and friends to join in on one of the 2020 bush regen weekends to be run this May and August. Please make contact directly with the hostel using the details on the flyer above.

PH: 9999 5748

E: pittwater@yha.com.au



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COVID-19 ... ASK THE SKIPPERS

MYC Skippers' Forum discussed

1. Current Public Health Orders in relation to the operations to MYC
2. Plan A - starting the 20/21 sailing season as normal
3. Plan B - Short-handed Series
4. Operational Risk Minimisation options we are considering
5. Open floor



CLUB MANAGER BARRY IS KEPT BUSY!



DATELINE SATURDAY 2ND MAY ... strong Westerlies attack Manly Yacht Club



It's good to know that our members are keeping a keen eye on our club house. Reports of BBQ covers being blown off/away, saw President Lisa on the job of retrieval and securement.

The same day and we almost lost the awning in front of the kitchen. Club Manager Barry was alerted that 40knot gusts were lifting the plastic roof, and the supporting beams, half a metre in the air off the roof beams.

"There is a broken roof truss and the roof truss on the harbour side has lifted off the beam. You can see in the attached image that I have tied down the roof in front of the kitchen window" Barry reported.

On Monday morning our resident carpenter David was seen on the job rebuilding the damaged area.



At the 6 monthly Beta Fire inspection last month we had two non-compliances ... the downstairs hose reel and the hose reel on the jetty.

Items purchased on-line and installed by our plumber Marcus.



New downstairs roll a door install completed today (22 May).

(perhaps we can hold our after-racing presentations in front of this fire hose reel, Maz?)

I will need to attach a strop on it for folk who may not be able to reach the door when it is in the up position.

GOODBYE ULI

When she's not climbing trees or counting native rodents, club member Uli can be found crewing on *Esprit* or *San Toy* or any boat that's short of crew, or, you may remember her from the sailing committee as the training officer, or you may have seen her "hard at work" on the race committee ... Robbie R and on the deck for twilights.

Well, an opportunity she couldn't turn down, means she is leaving Australia for at least 18 months (and perhaps longer). We'll miss you Uli, wish you good fortune in the future and look forward to your return someday.



MYC SROS Juniors Development Program

What is a SROS?

Short Rig Open Skiff

Manly Yacht Club is building its Junior Sailing fleet with 9 additional **SROSs**. This is an excellent, fun class of boat giving kids the thrill of sailing at an entry point to our juniors' development sailing program.

Introducing 9 new **SROSs** means some 70 juniors can experience the enjoyment of sailing with other like-minded children, progressing together through our juniors' development sailing program.

The total project cost for the new **SROS** boats is **\$26,500**.

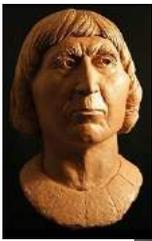
We seek your support to give our next generation of sailors the opportunity to participate in a fun outdoors family orientated sport in the beautiful sailing waters surrounding Manly.

Your donations are tax deductible.

Donate

<https://asf.org.au/projects/manly-yacht-club/>

Please give generously when making your donations to this worthy project directed at developing our future generation of sailors.



KING ROBERT THE BRUCE, A SPIDER AND A SPINNAKER HALYARD

In December, last year, "Villanelle", our ruthless editor, (Colin, you've been watching too much "Killing Eve"...Ed) wielded her razor-sharp knife and consigned a King to the cutting room floor. Yes, she thought her evil work was done, but in these uncertain times he's come back to haunt her.

Sometimes it happens on the Harbour, or perhaps on the High Seas, but testing challenges can even happen on your mooring.

Firstly, let me take you back over 700 years. King Robert the Bruce is a little dispirited and sheltering in a cave, considering his future. He's on the run from the English oppressors, during the Scottish War of Independence, when he observes a Spider, swinging back and forth, endeavouring to attach its silk, in the construction of his web. Its indomitable spirit drives it to succeed.

Inspired, by the tiny creature's actions, he renews, with extra vigour, his fight for "Freedom"! A major victory ensues, at the Battle of Bannockburn, in 1314.

Fast forward now to November 2019. I'm onboard "Bokarra", at our mooring, near MYC. The Spinnaker Halyard is at the top of the mast, as a result of the snap shackle breaking.



Is that a fishing rod in your hand Roibert?

No assistance is at hand and so I attempt to retrieve the halyard, using a s/s hook attached to the tip of a Telescopic fishing rod. It's blowing up to 20 knots, from the West, and the Fast Ferry wakes are creating havoc. It could be Bass Strait.

No way can I reach high enough and the rod is performing like a "Stockman's whip".

Do I give up?

No, I'll tape on a boat hook to the bottom of the rod, for extra length, and "try again".

Still no joy.

Do I give up?

No, I'll tape on a second boat hook to the bottom of my giant device and "try again".

generous portion of luck, but somehow, I managed to snag the s/s ring on the swivel and recover the halyard.

It did take considerable time, persistence and a generous portion of luck, but somehow,

PROVERB OF THE MONTH

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again

(Thank you Roibert a Briuis and the Spider)

Colin Cameron



PS: Sailing Committee please don't wipe out Spinnaker racing, next season, if there are restrictions. It's too much fun.

BACKSTORY

Thank you to Maz, and your team, for the excellent MYC Presentation Results. Well done.

Among the many highlights, Bokarra's success in the Marathon Series, Division 2, was Confirmed. This reminded me of the backstory to my yarn, 'King Robert the Bruce, a Spider and a Spinnaker Halyard'.

I've found crewing to be difficult this season and my son Robert kindly agreed to come out of sailing retirement and assist me, with the Marathon Series.

RACE 1 was sailed in fresh conditions and we were pushing our big spinnaker, on the tight reach from Clarke Island to Fort Denison (Muddawahnyuh), when the snap shackle, at the head of the kite, broke! We recovered the sail and I contemplated withdrawing from the race, but Robert was keen to carry on, and we completed the course.

RACE 2 went smoother for us and we scored a 1st place.

RACE 3 loomed and the conditions looked great for Bokarra, but they were short on the race committee and I volunteered thinking our series had gone. I was amazed that average points were enough to clinch a 'Skite plate; a Lunch and a Bottle of Wine'!

Thank you, 'King' Robert.

SAILABILITY NEWS



Sailability is coping well with the COVID-19 virus changes to our lives.

During the lock-down, shut down, isolation period we have been able to do some useful planning for the future, including altering the layout of our section of the Boat Room.

While we have been in lockdown, using careful social distancing, and no more than 2 people at a time, have planned and have either carried out or talked about a cleaning regime, replacing sail numbers to make them more visible, and in line with regulations, as well as new regulations which will continue well into the future... hand sanitiser on the table for everyone to use, sanitising the boats between uses, as well as social distancing on the deck and in the boats.



Altering the layout of the boat room will mean that there are fewer visits to the boat room to set up our activities as most of our gear will be stored in racks that can be wheeled out, left on the deck while we are in operation, then wheeled back after sanitising at the end of the day.

Keeping an eye on roll outs for the new world after lockdown, we will probably be able to go back to some of our sailing activities in mid-June, on a limited basis. For a start, we will only be able to have one sailor in each boat. This means that if you are unable to sail solo, you will need to wait until late in the year. However, the sailors among us will be able to get back out there for exercise, leisure, and fun on the selected dates.

Today, only 2 boats out at a time, and 2 people on the deck or pontoon. Next week, maybe up to 10 people will be able to take advantage of this.

Finally, we will be able to invite our more vulnerable people back so that we have full involvement. In the meantime, work will be continuing in the boat-room to facilitate movement.

And, to ensure a good roll up of our old members, and new members for the future, there will not be any Membership fees for 2020-2021 season. However, it does not look as if our Saturday Barbecues will be able to continue at this stage because of the distancing we need to make it work.

All looking good for the future,

Cheers,
Eli Demeny



MANLY SAILING



Congratulations

AND WELCOME

Poppy James O'Leary Irvine

The newest member of the Manly Sailing Team
Already signed up for Level 1
and honoured to be in the MYC newsletter

(So her proud Dad tells this editor)



MYC eRegatta – a Competitor’s Perspective

Well, if you can’t go sailing, go e-sailing! You can download the app to your smartphone or play online on your computer here: <https://www.virtualregatta.com/en/inshore-game/>. In an added bonus that warms the heart of this old Scotsman, the game is free to play.

Using this Virtual Regatta Inshore app, MYC ran a six-race online regatta as a qualifier for the Zhik Australian eSailing National Challenge. And what a hoot it was! Hiding under a suitable pseudonym, “*Crashtestdummy*” (*never was there a more richly deserved name – Ed*), your Rear Commodore signed up, fully committed to causing chaos on the race start line.

It is obviously not quite the same without the wind in your hair, the beautiful Sydney Harbour vista in front of you and the teasing banter from your crew. Nevertheless, you can still get something resembling an adrenaline rush from trying to time your start perfectly, manoeuvring carefully to duck a starboard tacker or trying to wriggle out from underneath a fellow competitor aiming to steal your wind in the final run for the finish.

Plus, there are some things that are actually better online. Did I mention that the game is free? And oh, for a “gybe” button in real life to give you have a perfect spinnaker gybe every single time!

From a personal perspective, I also had the added pleasure and pressure of racing against my teenage son, Gianni, who took great delight in trash talking in real life as he went hunting virtually, taking every opportunity to luff me going upwind or position his boat to try to steal my wind going downwind. So, there was some added needle when we went into the last race of the regatta, ranked one and two, with this old sea dog needing to win the last race to put down the young pup and claim the MYC championship. Experience told, as Gianni’s youthful excess of confidence led him to try the high-risk strategy of port tacking the fleet.

Dear reader, it is with no small amount of parental shame that I must admit: your Rear Commodore greedily grasped the opportunity with both hands by totally nailing his own son in a port-starboard on the start line, also pushing him over the start line early. However, despite my son’s accusations, until my dying day I will deny that I added insult to injury by exclaiming “*Sayonara son! Race over, regatta won, state championships here I come!*”.

All this over e-sailing! I think I may need some real sailing soon before I go quietly insane (*too late – Ed*).

Fair wind and following seas,

Muir Watson -Rear Commodore



Generic pics from web



Upcoming Events:



27 August to 2 September



3rd October start for rescheduled Noakes Sydney Gold Coast



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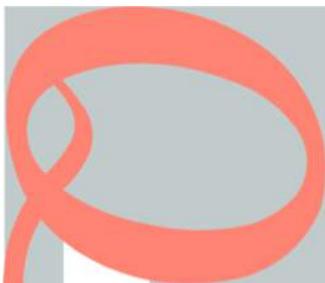
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