

COMMODORE'S REPORT

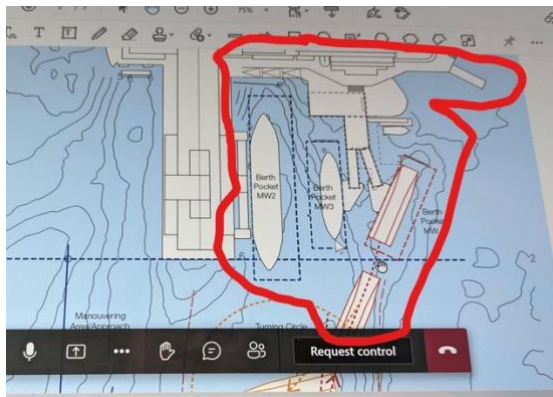
Keep positive. Keep busy.

My lockdown project has been a complete rebuild of Enigma's engine. The timing belt snapped, and the inch-thick camshaft shattered into six pieces. Quite an achievement. What has your project been? Send us a photo of your sanity project.

Necessity is the mother of invention. One of the best initiatives over the Covid period has been that the Sydney Yacht Club Commodores meet virtually once a month to discuss how each club is fairing and to come up with a collective approach. Australian Sailing also participate, and recently we invited the major Victorian and Queensland clubs to join our gathering. These meetings have been superb - it is a forum for yacht clubs to share challenges and seek advice from peers. MYC has a voice at the table; our concerns are heard, and our proposals acted upon.

At our last meeting we discussed:

- Extending Category Audits until December. MYC Sailing Committee were considering October, but we will align with other clubs.
- The new keel inspection rule relates to category 1-3 and can be done by "someone with five years relevant experience" as opposed to a surveyor.
- The proposed upgrade to Manly Wharf 3. MYC was invited to participate in the consultation. Two floating or hydraulic platforms are being considered. I have endorsed the floating one and stressed the need to cater for fibreglass boats - especially for use in emergencies.



Keep well everyone and I hope it's not too long before restrictions are lifted, and we can enjoy our sport of sailing and the camaraderie of our wonderful club.

Jason Bond - Commodore



MYC SAFETY BRIEFING

7:00pm, Tuesday, 24 August 2021
Via Zoom - details by email

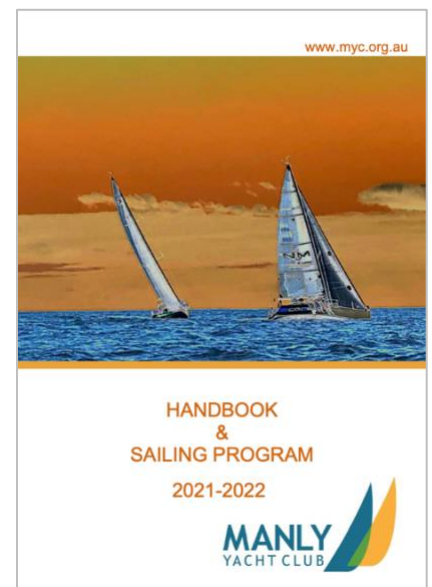
It is a requirement of race entry that skippers attend this session. It is advisable that crew also attend.

HANDBOOK ERRATUM: The Mini Regatta Notice of Race Invitation, says "...2 Sundays of racing...". Unfortunately, we couldn't fit 2 days into the calendar this season.

There is a bottle of PEPPER TREE WINES in it for the first person who finds the next error. (*Jan I'll keep your bottle safe... Ed*)



- * As notified by email on 28 July, the Sailing Committee intends to keep to the racing and training schedule as per the handbook. Racing and Training will commence once the Public Health Orders allow.
- * Since we are still in Lockdown until at least the 28th of August, expired Audit Forms will be rolled over until a new Audit day can safely be arranged.
- * The Safety Briefing will be moved online. - Look out for your Zoom invitation!
- * The first Series off the block is the new **SPRING SERIES** ... and it's **FREE** due to the uncertainty of the times.



At the printers. An electronic copy is available on the front page of www.myc.org.au and [here](#).

Dates
for your
DIARY





MYC VENUE HIRE MANAGER POSITION NOW OPEN



As announced in our last newsletter, Sorrell, after 20 years as our Venue Hire Manager is leaving this post ahead of a relocation to the South Coast. Over the last 20 years Sorrell has built our venue hire business from very little revenue to now (pre-covid) contributing to almost 50% of our Club's revenue.

This is a very important role to our Club because this revenue funds the club facilities, equipment maintenance and operational activities. Ideally, we are looking someone who can thrive in this role AND is as passionate and as committed to the Club as Sorrell has been.

Covid has seen our bookings drop significantly but with the rollout of the vaccines, we expect demand to return in 2022.

I wanted to share the role with our members first and ask that if you know of someone who is a perfect fit for the role, to please share this with them and encourage them to apply.

APPLY - CV to president@myc.org.au

Lisa Callaghan - President



VENUE HIRE MANAGER - PART TIME RETAINER + COMMISSION

Manly Yacht Club is a community based not for profit sailing club that hires out its upstairs facilities to support the Club's operations.

The peak season for a "bare" hire of venue is Saturday afternoons and evenings over summer with Friday evenings available during winter.

The venue is popular for special occasions such as weddings, engagements, and birthday parties.

During the week, the venue is perfect for corporate events such as offsite meetings, presentations, and team bonding.

Covid-19 has seen a dramatic decrease in bookings for the next 12 months, but we expect to see a full recovery by the end of 2022.



ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Deliver growth by developing service offerings & increasing bookings
- Perform marketing engagement including via digital platforms, website maintenance, industry events and biannual showcase events.
- Manage presales activity by responding to booking enquiries, conducting viewings and follow-ups with potential hirers.
- Operational bookings management including arranging deposits, venue instructions, access and post-event inspections. Liaising with the cleaner, security guards and garbage collection prior to the event.
- Stakeholder management - the club is used by several groups in our community and their use is facilitated by a calendar managed by this role.

KEY ATTRIBUTES, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Be responsive, highly organised and work autonomously.
- Be flexible and available to do, on average, 2-4 viewings and post-event inspections per week, including weekends.
- Energetic.
- Reside within 5km of Manly Yacht Club.
- Ability to foster excellent working relationships with the Club's stakeholders and third-party suppliers.
- Demonstrate great customer service.
- Desire and passion to drive the recovery from the impacts of Covid and work in the Club's best interests.
- Sales and marketing experience from previous roles.
- Confidently use Facebook and Instagram as marketing tools.

APPLY - CV to president@myc.org.au



* Upcoming Events: *PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS PERMITTING

Obviously COVID will impact the early part of our sailing season and the frequency of this newsletter won't allow for prompt updates, however, it is the intention of the Sailing Committee to keep members informed via member emails as soon as conditions change - so keep a look out in your inbox.

Check the [handbook](#) or the [online calendar](#) for MYC Series.

AUGUST

- 21 - Equipment Audit - POSTPONED, date TBA
- 24 - Yacht Safety Briefing - Online 7:00pm
- 25 - Parent Information - Online
- 28 - Working Bee - POSTPONED, date TBA

SEPTEMBER

- 05 - Yachts SP1; Lasers 4P-1,2/SP1,2
- 12 - Yachts SP2; Lasers CC1-1,2/SP3,4
- 18 - Club Race Officer - Theory (note date change from 14th) - Online 9:30-12:30
- 19 - Yachts CC1; Lasers LM1-4
- 26 - Yachts M1; Lasers 4P-3,4/SP5,6

ADDITIONALLY:

- 04 Sep - SASC Lion Is Race
- 11 Sep - Combined Clubs Inshore Series 1
- 26 Sep - Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat 1

As well, the Sailing Committee has scheduled an **additional Pittwater Race for Saturday of the October Long Weekend.**

EVENTS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO WATCH OR PARTICIPATE IN

NOVEMBER

22-26 - Youth Match Racing Regatta

DECEMBER

- 03-07 - Australian Maxi Championships
Including the SOLAS Big Boat Challenge
- 07-13 - Sail Sydney
- 11-12 - CYCA Classic Yacht Regatta
- 15-16 - Sail GP (practice sessions)
(exclusion zones apply 1200-1400 16 Dec)
- 17-18 - Sail GP (racing)
(exclusion zones apply 1500-1800)
- 26 - Sydney to Hobart start



Do you know your Australian Sailing Number?

An Australian Sailing Number is your unique identifier in the sport of Sailing in Australia that recognises you as a member of an affiliated club. Find your Australian Sailing Number using our [member finder](#).

WHAT BURGEES IS THAT?



FIND OUT IN THIS EDITION!

TRAINING DATES



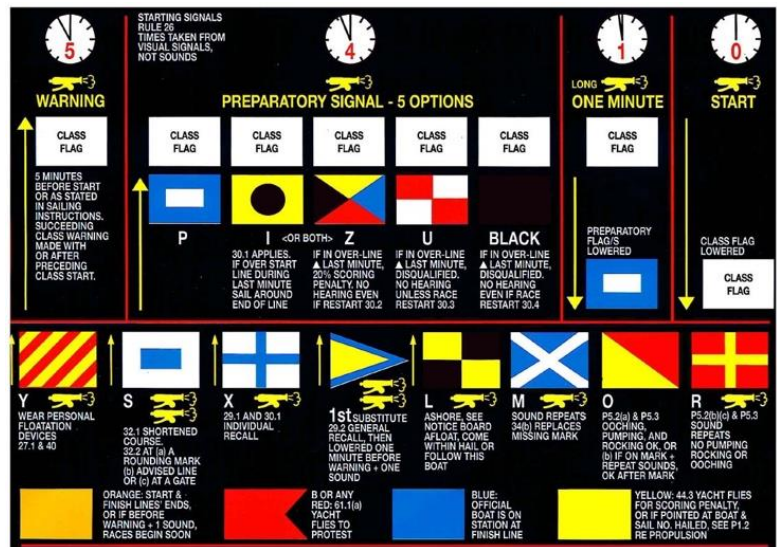
MYC CLUB RACE OFFICER COURSE THEORY

9:30am-12:30pm, Saturday, 18th September via Zoom - details by email

Run by our PRO, Stephen Teudt, you will find this session as entertaining as it is informative. The on-water part of this course can only be scheduled when we have some idea when PHO restrictions will be eased.

This session will cover:

- Responsibilities of a Race Officer
- Resource for keeping a race safe
- Decision to race
- Course selection
- How to set a start line
- Starting a race - what the flags mean
- The finish line - recording the finish times
- Abandonment and Shortening Courses
- Communications



COMING UP IN OCTOBER

RACING RULES OF SAILING
7:00pm Tuesday 12 October, probably by Zoom but hopefully face to face.

MYC CLUB RACE OFFICER - PRACTICAL
fingers crossed on a date to be determined.

IT'S GOLD, GOLD, GOLD FOR AUSTRALIA!



Matt Wearn was a promising sailor. Young, fit and tall. He had Michael Blackburn in his corner – coach of the last two Olympic Laser winners. So, it was natural he was looking forward to a good result at Tokyo 2020.

However, in the first race he crossed the line in 17th. Not a total disaster, but a worry. The next day he finished with a series-threatening 28th.

Things weren't looking good, but there was no need to panic. All he had to do, was remember everything that MYC Laser sailor Richard Lacey had taught him.

The rest, as they say, is history.

CONGRATULATIONS MATT

And thank you Richard for indirectly inspiring all of us Laser sailors to sail faster and higher this season.

Geoff Reid - Lasers 



Wearn at work off Enoshima Yacht Harbour - images thanks to



It's been another fantastic Olympics for the Australian Sailing Laser team... an inspiration to all of us ... young and not so young. Evie has been especially inspired and now you can follow Evie's progress toward her Olympic dream via her website:

<https://www.eviesaunder.com.au/>



Evie has a scholarship with the NSW Institute of Sport and was recently selected for the Australian Sailing Futures Team (ASF). In 2019 she came 2nd U16 in the Laser 4.7 Youth Worlds in Canada and also the Manly Daily Junior Sports Person of the Year.

It's a long but exciting road for any athlete campaigning toward Olympic representation. With the level of training hours, it is also difficult to self-fund. The scholarship covers the training costs but not equipment, travel or accommodation.

Please consider supporting Evie's campaign - details on her website <https://www.eviesaunder.com.au/>

BRUCE KIRBY R.I.P.



Last month we reported on the 50th Anniversary of the Laser. Some several days later Bruce Kirby, the designer of the Laser passed away, aged 92, of congestive heart failure. His obituary in the Washington Post and several articles from various outlets, including Sail World, have paid tribute to his legacy.



MEET THE BOAT AND CREW OF:

LUDICROUS MODE

A new entrant to the fleet, *Ludicrous Mode* is a Hick 31 co-owned by Bevan, Mark, Stu and Scott.

Our story starts late in the last twilight season, with all four owners racing for the first time together on *Itsawury*. Due to some navigational

misfortune, instead of rounding the mark at Chowder Bay south we rounded at Chowder Bay north and sailed straight into a dead zone, before drifting into the

rocks! As you'd expect in such a calamitous situation the engine also failed to start, and within a couple of minutes *Itsawury* was parked firmly on land. Others in the fleet kindly offered assistance but we eventually managed to sail ourselves off the rocks, with minimal damage and a few oyster cuts as souvenirs.

Our post-race analysis came to the conclusion that it was all the boat's fault, and we needed a new one. The search began for an Adams 10 or similar, and a few weeks later, we settled on the Hick 31 *Ludicrous Mode* (named after the incredible acceleration possible in a Tesla with "Ludicrous Mode" enabled ...



...which in turn originated from the spaceship setting "Ludicrous Speed" in the movie *Spaceballs*.



Bevan, Stu, Scott and Mark



Ludicrous Mode

LUDICROUS : such as to cause laughter or derision
: ridiculous
: amusingly absurd

After the fiery crucible of Chowder Bay, an esprit de corps had formed amongst the crew, and we were determined to do well in the Winter Series.

And in **Race 1** things were looking good - we arrived back at the club thinking we'd won by a mile (cheering / high fives / hugs all round), only to be told we'd sailed the wrong course.

The key takeaway was not to sail the Division Two course when you're in Division One!

Good tip ...



In **Race 2** we bounced back strongly with new Musto uniforms and freshly printed course maps... and managed to win on adjusted time. So, there's hope for us yet!



Showing off the new gear

Race 3 was tough with only 2 crew available in difficult conditions. We came in 7th - in a field of 7 - but we learnt a lot about sailing the boat in heavy weather.

There's been no racing since, but the current lockdown is being put to good use - with our existing sails in tatters, new sails are being constructed as we speak.

And they come with a warning - they're very, VERY fast !!

Thanks Scott, good to know... I'm sure the handicapper is taking note.

As you know I'm always ready to take stories. If you are new to the club, or an old hand, what better way to introduce yourself and/or your boat. Just drop me a line... newsletter@myc.org.au



Limping home in Winter Series Race 3

MYC WINTER SERIES - THE COVID VERSION



Opportunities to complete the Winter Series didn't present themselves and with this possibility in mind, the Winter Race Director, on behalf of the Sailing Committee, was forced to issue a Notice to Competitors in July. (I'm sure you all saw it on the front page or the Winter Series page of the MYC website).

With 3 races completed, and thanks to the Notice to Competitors, we have a series. [RESULTS HERE.](#)

MYC NOTICE TO COMPETITORS #7 AMENDMENT #2 TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MYC WINTER SERIES 2021

DELETE

10.1 A BBQ and presentation will be held on the MYC balcony after racing.

ADD

9.4 A series is constituted of 3 or more races. This supersedes 7.21.5 of the MYC General Conditions of Racing.

9.5 Major prizes will be drawn "from the barrel!" according to 7.24.4 of the MYC General Conditions of Racing. Competitors will not be present for the draw which will take place on the evening of the last scheduled race. This supersedes 7.24.3 of the MYC General Conditions of Racing.

11. Notices to Competitors

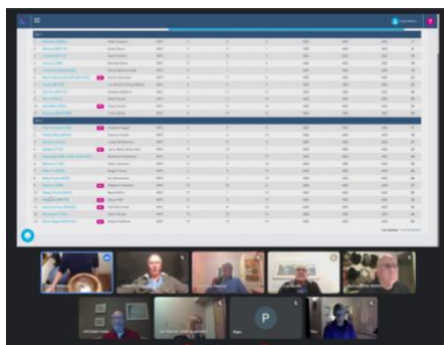
11.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the MYC website <http://myc.org.au>. This supersedes 7.4.1 of the MYC General Conditions of Racing.

11.2 Handicaps and results will be posted on the results processing website accessible via links from the MYC website <http://myc.org.au>. This supersedes 7.4.2 of the MYC General Conditions of Racing.

This Notice to Competitors to the Sailing Instructions for the MYC Winter Series is issued on Wednesday 14 July 2021 on behalf of the Sailing Committee.

GRAND PRIZE
accommodation

Don't let it be said that COVID thwarts a determined Race Director. An invitation to an e-draw, via SailSys, saw a number of competitors witness the draw. The above notice amended the requirement to be present for the draw, so there was no chance for a jackpot this time.



Greg explains the system ... 1 entry for every boat for every race they started in, plus an extra 1, 2 or 3 entries depending on the podium position. The entries are cut up in front of witnesses.

Cheap Thrills, Fast Company, Pinta II, Pensive, Bokarra, Corum, Esprit and San Toy look on...



... drumroll



MYC SAILING ADMINISTRATOR JAN BARTEL



**THANK YOU
JAN**

OK, don't all run for cover...

In the "off" season, Jan has been working pretty hard on getting a few of the anomalies the members didn't like about entering races, sorted.

Remember how we all hated uploading our documents for each and every series, or for a casual entry? Jan would like us to know about the new document management library associated with each boat in SailSys that will make compliance **SO** much easier.

There are two ways to add a file to your Boat's profile to save it in your file library and have it readily accessible if/when a club asks you to submit it. Note that it also means that you can call it up on any device at any time to show it on demand!

The two methods are:

- Upload via your Boat profile in advance, or
- Save it to your Boat's profile/library when you first submit it to a club.

Either way, you will be asked to:

- give the file a name - we suggest something logical that enables you to find it quickly and know what year it relates to - i.e. Insurance 2020
- If applicable, provide an expiration date; this is not mandatory but is worth doing if your document has one.

Here's an article <https://sailsys.tawk.help/article/adding-files-or-documents-to-your-boat-profile> that tells you all about it!

I know it seems like herding cats* at times, so thank you, for getting us to the start line, * Jan!

HERDING CATS:

"A futile attempt to control that which is inherently uncontrollable."



? TWILIGHT TRAGICS TRIVIA



By the time this Newsletter reaches your inbox, in all probability, some of you will already have delighted in the Twilight Tragics Online Trivia Night.

Here's the memo, if you didn't get it ...

Hello Members,

It's the second year running we've been in lockdown over winter, and the second year we've not been able to enjoy our Twilight Tragics evenings to keep in touch and to commiserate the absence of twilight sailing.

Given our Tragic Twilight situation, we're scheduling a virtual Twilight Tragics trivia night and the great news is that you can participate from the comfort of your own home.... you may even be required to (participate from home that is)!

- Time: 6:30pm Friday the 13th (ominous).
Agenda: Have a bit of a yarn for 15 to 30 minutes and then jump into a Trivia Quiz.
Format: Zoom Meeting Hosted Quiz.
Attire: Yes please, I know we're all in lockdown, but it would be great if you could make the effort to get dressed. Pyjamas are perfectly ok.*

We look forward to seeing you!

Quizmasters Bob and Paul.



For our newer members (and those who don't know)...

MYC Twilight Racing is conducted in the twilight hours of the Daylight Savings period between the October long weekend and the Easter break - 22 Fridays!

That's a **LOT** of Fridays!

Naturally this leads to withdrawal as the winter nights approach. So, it was only natural that the **TWILIGHT TRAGICS** were formed.

This hardy group of sailors meets on non-sailing Fridays (that's 30 of them! - Fridays that is!) for a catch up at some pre-determined venue.

They are always looking for new members - so make yourself known!

SHORT-HANDED SAILING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



*"When short-handing, you win
when you achieve your goals"*



For those of you old enough to remember this burgee. For those of you who have been at MYC long enough to remember "Torquil". Inspired by a clean out that surfaced this burgee plus the club's introduction of a short-handed division in the Spring and Summer Series, I made contact with Peter McCorquodale ("Torquil") who was one of the driving forces of the Short-Handed Sailing Association of Australia. What follows is a short history of the association which in 2019, still had some 560 members. More info can be found at <http://ssaa.com.au>.

Like many other sailing and sporting organisations, the SSAA is struggling to retain interest and relevance. The numbers of members, and of participants, have greatly declined since the heydays of the 1980s and 1990s.

The challenge of single-handed sailing first caught the imagination of a group of sailors during the late 1970's – a time when shorthanded racing was not offered in Australia, and so the idea of forming an Association was born.

The first BOC around the world race in 1982-83 was an inspirational catalyst, so Don McIntyre and others founded the SSAA in 1983.

In these early years shorthanded racing was considered "cavalier" by mainstream yacht clubs and, accordingly, the SSAA created its own rules and safety regulations, which were more stringent at that time than those for fully crewed racing.

Then came the 1998 Hobart race. Club insurance became very expensive, YA made their Equipment Regulations stronger, and the SSAA membership at the time agreed to affiliate with YANSW. So, we affiliated, but other than the cost of insurance coming down, nothing much really changed.

In recent years shorthanded sailing has gained dramatically in popularity and acceptance internationally. Here in Australia, the SSAA is no longer a 'fringe' element outside the mainstream yachting community.

"When short-handing, you win when you achieve your goals"

The objectives of the SSAA are:

- To promote and develop shorthanded sailing in the wider yachting community.
- To foster friendship, partnerships and alliances within families and between like-minded individuals.
- To advance the seamanship of members and other interested parties
- To advance best practices in 'safety and survival at sea'.
- To encourage the exchange of information on seamanship, safety issues, yacht equipment and boat handling experiences and techniques.
- To provide opportunity for the wider use of sailing craft, mono or multi-hull, that can be sailed with one or two crew.
- To develop self-reliance and resourcefulness, useful in all of life's encounter
- To promote and develop the sport at a regional level throughout Australia.

Sir Robin Knox-Johnson, the first man to win a solo, non-stop around the world yacht race, is Patron of the S.S.A.A.

Other prominent members past and present include:

- David Adams - winner, class 2, BOC race 1994-95
- Alby Burgin, Kanga Birtles and Tony Mowbray - significant and extensive achievements in shorthanded sailing.
- Kay Cottee - first woman to sail solo non-stop around the world
- Vinny Lauwers - first paraplegic to complete solo non-stop circumnavigation.
- Don McIntyre - SSAA founding member, renowned sailor and adventurer.
- Jon Sanders - for his triple (eleventh!... Ed) circumnavigation, solo, non-stop

WHAT DOES SAILING LOOK LIKE FOR THIS SEASON?

*In the last edition of the newsletter the club was hopeful of a reasonable start, with series dates laid out so crews could be assembled. Since that time, further lockdowns have been introduced and contingency plans have been made. What can go on-line, will go on-line; what can be postponed, will, but **when** we sail is not in our hands. All we can do now is dream of what series we'd like to race and imagine how well we will do. For the lasers... aspirations after the Olympics, for juniors too, but for the yachts ... choices, choices, choices. So, let's start with brief descriptions of what could be...*

SPRING AND SUMMER SERIES

This season kicks off with the Spring Series giving skippers and crews the experience to transition from casual twilight sailing to staggered daylight starts from the committee boat, on a longer course.

For the more experienced or adventurous boats, nominate your intention to fly a spinnaker. For those with limited friends - try the short-handed division.

After Christmas the Summer Series follows the same format.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is the premiere series at Manly Yacht Club. Scratch starts from the committee boat make for exciting action. See if you can sail to you handicap and become the Club Champion. Or race for the coveted Bob Greene Trophy or the Davis Cup by being fastest around the course in your division.

Nominate a spinnaker, or not - your handicap will be adjusted accordingly.

Nominate the helm. No swapping without informing the Handicapper. This is serious stuff!

MINI REGATTA

5 short/sharp races on the same day in North Harbour for yachts under 11m. Great fun and a great way to hone your skills.

TWILIGHT SERIES

We wait till after the October Long Weekend, when daylight savings starts, before we can participate in this fun series; easily one of the best ways to relax at the end of the week. This series incorporates the Twilight Female Helm Series - a series of 5 races at the beginning of each month of the twilights.

After-racing meal, drinks and presentation add to the conviviality of the evening.

MARATHON SERIES

This series of three races allows the fleet to explore the western reaches of Sydney Harbour. Depending on tide, weather and division, all 7, or just some of the islands will be raced around. This is a timed start, handicap race and if you feel comfortable doing the Spring and Summer Series, you'll be ok with this series too - slightly longer, but fun.

OFFSHORE SERIES

This series is for those wanting to test their skills "outside". Three races are offered in the series; two of these going to our favourite destination - Pittwater. Always scheduled on a long weekend so that you can spend time exploring Pittwater and the Hawkesbury afterwards. Berthing and dining facilities are arranged at the destination club.



Night at Sea

Some months ago, May in fact, I reported on fellow sailor Lynnette Budd and her unfortunate fall. Some of you may also know that she is also the accomplished artist, [Lynnette Gould](#).

Lynnette recently sent me an email which she has allowed me to share with you in the hope that it will lift people's spirits by helping people "travel in their minds". Hopefully it will do good.



"As a fellow sailor I thought I would take you on a journey. The lock down goes on (and my leg heals ever so slowly even after 3 months) so I thought I would take us on a journey.

I have been travelling in my mind by painting from memory.

Many years ago, Cary and I helped bring a friend's yacht down from Hamilton Island to Southport. I spent most nights rugged up on deck. The experience of being out at sea at night was magic. The deep velvety sky and the moonlight on the waves were ethereal. Those nights at sea (plus a black and white photograph taken by our friend Sebastian), inspired my latest painting. I hope 'Night at Sea' helps you travel in your mind. Stay well, stay safe. love Lynnette"



MEET NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD (Dr.) ROBERT E. MORLEY, Jr.

Director of Social Activities at MYC



Maz: Hey Bob, we call you "Yankee Bob" around the club. Tell us a bit about yourself.

Bob: Well, I was born and raised in St Louis MO; I have 4 sisters and no brothers, so I always had my own room. They nicknamed me the "crown prince" ha, ha. I'm proudly married to professional harpist Eva Murphy (<https://www.sydneyharpist.com.au>).

Maz: You're retired now, what did you do in your past life?

Bob: I was a Professor - what you folks call Lecturer - of Electrical Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis and Serial Entrepreneur ... some of my work - Co-Founder of Micro-Term, Inc. 1976 - started in my basement and grew to 110 employees and \$US10 million in sales by 1981 when I left for Uni; ProXR (<https://proxr.com>); Square, Inc. 2009 latest market cap over \$US 100 billion...

Maz: You ARE a Serial Entrepreneur! What are you best known for?

Bob: Co-Inventor of Digital Hearing Aid 1985; Inventor of Square mag stripe reader 2009; bad jokes.

Maz: I'll get back to bad jokes in a minute... I've seen you crewing on quite a few boats since you joined the club. What boats do you regularly sail on?

Bob: I guess that's Jim Nixon's fault. At SASC I sail on *Mr. Christian*. Here at MYC, I sail on *Mondo*, *Melody* and *Pensive* and over at MHYC it's on *Exile*.

Maz: You do get around. I was going to call you something but it's not PC anymore. If you had a boat, what would you call her?

Bob: SerenIT.

Maz: I see what you did there. So, what's the most useless and or strangest talent you have?

Bob: Well, I can name music from the 60s and 70s from the first few bars at trivia nights. And, I have a vast "content addressable", i.e. triggered by topic, collection of bad/dad jokes. For instance, say someone mentions an animal, say an elephant, I can launch into several elephant jokes.

Maz: I can see you'd be a laugh at any party. Have you got a funny yachting story to tell?

Bob: To do this I'd have to jeopardize my friendships with Stephen Teudt or Jim Nixon, so I'll decline. Hopefully just the mention of them and yachting will suffice to get MYC members giggling.

Maz: OK, so tell us your best joke.

Bob: A man was walking along a California beach and stumbled across an old lamp. He picked it up and rubbed it, and out popped a genie.

The genie said, "OK, you released me from the lamp, you get one wish!"

The man sat, and thought about it for a while and said, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I'm afraid to fly, and I get very seasick. Could you build me a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over there to visit?"

The genie laughed and said, "That's impossible!!!"

Think of the logistics of that! How would the supports ever reach the bottom of the Pacific? Think of how much concrete - how much steel!!! No, think of another wish."

The man said, "OK, I've been told by women that they find me insensitive. So, I wish that I could understand women, know how they feel inside, and what they're thinking when they give me the silent treatment. Know why they're crying, know what they really want when they say "nothing,"; know how to make them truly happy."

The genie said, "Do you want that bridge to be two lanes or four?"

Maz: After that joke, what would you put on your gravestone?

Bob: "He helped bring laughter out of us".

Maz: That's lovely, Bob. Now we've sorted out your headstone, do you have any other goals in life.

Bob: Die with the biggest smile on my face that I can muster, and not get it at anyone else's expense.

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Maz: You're always smiling, Bob. What do you think is your proudest achievement?

Bob: Being a dad to three great kids. Jonathan is 42, a movie industry computer engineer in Las Vegas, grandson Jack 3, wife Lindsay; Merinda is a 26year old landscape artist, and, Skiffies bartender in Manly; and Kerstin is 24 and manages Ruth's Chris steak house St. Louis MO.

Maz: You're a yank, you must be into sport?

Bob: Yeah! Baseball, ice hockey, tennis, golf, biking, soccer, table tennis, pool. Anything to WIN at - I'm just basically a competitive bloke.

Maz: What about music? Any fav songs?

Bob: My favourite groups Pat Metheny, Van Morrison, Moody Blues, Tchaikovsky, Morcheeba, George Winston, Cat Stevens. And songs would be James, The First Circle by Pat Metheny, Caravan by Van Morrison, Days of Future Passed by Moody Blues, Foreigner Suite by Cat Stevens, Claire de Lune by Debussy, Symphony #6 Pathetique by Tchaikovsky, Typewriter by Leroy Anderson.

Maz: That's quite an eclectic mix! Do you play any instruments?

Bob: Drums and piano - a bit of a "wanna be" at both.

Maz: Before we wrap it up, are there any hobbies we should know about?

Bob: I like doing crossword puzzles, walking North Head, photography and engineering consulting.

Maz: Now, you've left me with an odd trivia question. Is this what we will be expecting in your new social activities' role.

Bob: You'll have to wait and see!

Maz: Thanks, Bob. I can't wait to see what you have in store for MYC.

A REPORT FROM BRUCE DAVIS

In his dual role of Boats & Equipment and Juniors Director



DAVITS

For many years *Robbie R* has been stored on the club's davits but recently Worksafe NSW asked us to upgrade them. We engaged the services of a local engineering firm and a company who inspect cranes to help redesign the winches, cables, and spreader bar.

Well known club members Graham Radford and Bruce Davis joined forces with new member Michael Cooney to build new mounting brackets and assemble various components. Michael, who is the younger of the three was sent up the ladder to do the more challenging work. Shortly before Sydney was locked down, we had our work inspected and approved.



However, Worksafe have imposed a few new restrictions on the use of the davit and crane.

One restriction is that every user must undergo a training course and by implication we will only have a handful of trained operators.

Further the controls will need to be locked away when not in use.

The good news is that *Robbie R* is again stored securely out of the water, a must, given that it is made from aluminum.

JUNIORS

Like everything else in Sydney, Covid 19 has put a stop to the junior's winter sailing and threatens our summer program. Let's hope the vaccinations kick in before early October when the juniors are due to start their sailing season.

As well as our normal sailing program we will be conducting the Manly Cup and again it will probably include the NSW state championships.



Our fledgling Laser 4.7 will hit the water for more action with five boats sailing.

It's not all hard work out on the water for our kids, there is a social side too. The kids plan to hold a disco, and this is scheduled for as soon as the covid restriction are lifted.

President Lisa is very excited and although she may be the oldest kid going, she plans to be the first to buy a ticket. Money raised will go towards the Juniors program.



THANK YOU TEAM

Bruce Davis - Director



SAILABILITY MANLY



Every year, at this time of the year, we hold a Special Meeting when we elect Members to hold positions on our Committee.

As I am sure you realise, an active group such as Sailability Manly cannot exist without a very active committee, which manages Timetables, Rosters, Maintenance, Signals, Social Activities, Liaison with our Groups and Schools, Safety issues, Regattas, Training, Insurance, Finances, etc.

If you have some spare time in your busy life, please consider becoming a member of our Committee. The tasks are not onerous because we have a large and active Committee in which each person holds a position of responsibility for at least one of these functions.

Due to current lockdown restrictions there is no Signals in July and August and, the Special Meeting is postponed until Monday, 13th September, 6:30pm.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact eli@manlysailability.com.au

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS



MUSEUM

MYC JUNIORS MARITIME CORNER*

OK, so maybe you can't go sailing...

Here are some options from the [National Maritime Museum](http://www.sea.museum) that might test your skills, or at least keep you amused.

**not just for MYC Juniors*

WRECK SEEKER

Players use their historical skills and the tools of modern archaeologists to uncover some of the most prized wrecks from Australian History.

<https://www.sea.museum/learn/apps-and-games/wreck-seeker>



MUSEUM

COOK'S VOYAGES

Explores the many achievements and actions undertaken by Cook and his crews across three incredible voyages exploring the Pacific. Importantly, this game adds a perspective 'from the shore', from Larila, a proud Pakana woman from Tasmania's north-east.

<https://www.sea.museum/learn/apps-and-games/cooks-voynages-game>



THE VOYAGE

Focused on convict transportation, players make decisions, solve problems and deal with conflicts on a perilous journey across the globe.

This year is 1830. You're the Surgeon Superintendent aboard a convict vessel transporting its human cargo from Britain to the far reaches of the known world – Van Diemen's Land. You're charged with delivering several hundred convicts to the colony in the shortest time with minimum loss of life. This is the way to make money and further your reputation and position.

Are you up to the task?

<https://www.sea.museum/learn/apps-and-games/voyage-game>

THANK YOU

MUSEUM

To the National Maritime Museum for making your resources available and to Emma Humphries and Craig Ferris from Australian Sailing for the suggestions.





IT LOOKS LIKE I'M STILL THE EDITOR



COVID GOT YOU STIR CRAZY TOO?

Here are a couple of brain puzzles to keep you sane/amused.

RUN YOUR BRAIN AROUND THIS ONE!

A good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this OUT LOUD you have a strong mind. And better than that: Alzheimer's is a long long, way down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you!

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THIS ONE IS STRANGE BUT INTERESTING!

If you can read this, you have a strange mind, too. Can you read this?

Only 55 people out of 100 can!

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TRANSLATION IN THE SEPTEMBER EDITION (IF I REMEMBER)

MYC SROS Juniors Development Program

What is a SROS?
Small Rig Open Skiff

In 2019 a small group of members formed a consortium to help our Junior Program grow by purchasing 9 Small Rig Open Skiffs (SROS) - formerly known as BICs - which they loaned to the club.

These SROS have been an integral part of our junior program giving hundreds of kids each year the ability to improve their sailing ability and have been critical to solving the gap between our beginner Optis and the Full Rig Open Skiff.

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

Our plan was to apply for grants to be able to purchase these boats from the consortium 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.

But in the last two years we have been unsuccessful. So, we have set up a fundraising campaign via the Australian Sports Foundation so that all donations are tax deductible.

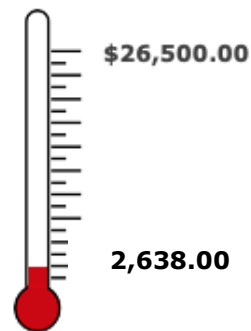
Please give generously when making your donations to this worthy project directed at developing our future generation of sailors.

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

P.S The nine top donations will be given the opportunity to name one of the boats. Imagine your name on one of the sails below.

Please Donate

The level hasn't moved in some months



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