

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we near the end of another busy year, I'm pleased to share updates from the November board meeting on recent achievements and ongoing initiatives across the club.



Our venue-hire bookings have seen significant growth, with 17 bookings in November alone. The increase has stemmed from a large number of bookings from members and corporate groups for multi-day events. A refreshed venue hire website was launched this month and we hope this will attract more interest in the club. This was a huge effort by Kim English, our venue hire manager, who sourced and obtained permission to use the photography from recent events. I did all the design work which together saved the club a lot of money. Check out the new site [www - venuehire.myc.org.au](http://www.venuehire.myc.org.au).

DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARD INITIATIVE

In line with our commitment to running a more sustainable club, we've successfully introduced a Digital Membership Card. This move not only reduces our reliance on physical cards but also brings us closer to our environmental goals. We appreciate your support and feedback as we make this transition and encourage you to contact me if you encounter any issues.

NEW MYC MERCHANDISING STORE LAUNCH

I'm excited to announce the launch of our new MYC online merchandising store, featuring a curated selection of quality clothing by Sail Racing. This new store offers members the convenience of ordering online with quick dispatch – orders are shipped within 48 hours directly to your address. Sail Racing is known for its exceptional quality and performance in sailing apparel, so you can wear MYC-branded gear that not only looks great but is built to last. Importantly, the club receives a good margin on all items sold, meaning that every purchase not only represents MYC but also directly supports our club's programs and events. Thank you for supporting MYC by wearing our colours with pride www.myc.org.au/shop!

ENDOWMENT FUND

We've been exploring options to create an Endowment Fund that will secure MYC's future. Initially, we'll establish a designated, interest-bearing account. Once the fund reaches \$250,000, we aim to convert it into a separate legal entity. We are working on drafting the bylaws to enable this.

75TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

In celebration of MYC's 75th anniversary, we've approved plans for a commemorative race which will be held on a Wednesday in April or May 2025 to invite all clubs in the harbour to participate. An anniversary ball will formally mark our 75th, we hope to bring together current and former members of Manly Yacht Club along with the Diggers Swimming Club, Sailability, Dragon Boaters and community leaders. We are considering a larger venue to accommodate such an extensive guest list. We intend to create a memory wall in the foyer to allow past and current members to share their best memories of Manly Yacht Club. I'll be sharing more details soon and would love support from members as volunteers to bring these celebrations to life. If you're keen to help, please email me president@myc.org.au.

1-YEAR GOALS REVIEW

We're making great progress on most of our 1-Year Goals, with notable improvements in community engagement and attracting new yacht owners to the club, evidenced by increased twilight race participation. Volunteer engagement remains a priority, and we're actively seeking members to fill these critical roles.

Vice President
Duty Roster Co-ordinator
Christmas Race Director

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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INFRASTRUCTURE & MAINTENANCE

Key projects, including repairs to our front door, rigging deck planking, and MYC mooring servicing, are underway. We're also making strides in long-term projects like the Wharf Upgrade, where we're currently awaiting grant funding. We should know by the end of November if we have been successful with our EOI submission to lease the Scout Hall. It is my understanding that the Manly 16ft Skiff Club, North Harbour Sailing Club and North Harbour Marina have also put in submissions.

Finally, I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone who contributes to MYC's thriving community. Whether as a volunteer, a supporter, or an active participant, each of you plays a vital role in the club's continued success. This month I'd like to thank Lyn Humphreys for starting a free yoga class for front-line services on Friday afternoons on the balcony; Karl Lamb who owns Ktronics and provided two different cameras for us to trial at Twilights as we aim to more efficiently record start and finish times with a larger fleet. His range of security cameras is amazing. Last but not least, Peter Grayson, who donated all the tackle for the new MYC marks, which were donated by Claire Rowlands.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all on the water soon.

Lisa Callaghan - President



Manly Baths pre-May 1974

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Manly Baths after the storm



MYC circa 1989
No rigging deck
or pontoon



MYC circa 2015
rigging deck &
pontoon in use
by Sailability

VALE JACK HAMM 1935-2024

This week we received the sad news of the passing of a past MYC President and Life member - Jack Hamm.

Jack Hamm joined Manly Yacht Club in 1975. This date is significant as the year before, Sydney experienced a severe storm which took out the Manly walkway, the Manly Olympic baths, and Manly Yacht Club as well as other facilities. Jack's daughters, Christine and Jillian raced a Manly Junior and later, Jack took over the role of Manly Juniors Race Secretary in the 1976-77 season.

He volunteered to take over as President from Mike Mellows who had been in the role from 1975-79.

Manly Council had offered use of the Manly Baths after the storm and Mike was instrumental in negotiations for the lease which had already taken place for two years between MYC, Manly Council and the Maritime Services Board (now TfNSW) before Jack took over the role.

Jack was an experienced engineer who inherited a serious problem since the Baths contract required the club to effectively restrict club sailing activities while the Baths were rebuilt, particularly the new concrete veranda, and the old club vacated. Jack saw all the necessary contracts into viability, but the club income was seriously depleted, and a cash flow problem emerged.

The first lease was signed in December 1980 and work commenced on the Baths for occupancy in 1981. The old club house demolition commenced in September 1983 and the club moved into the Baths for the 1983-84 season.

This was a turbulent time for the club, and we are all grateful that the calibre of men like Jack enabled Manly Yacht Club to continue as a sailing entity in a new facility.

R.I.P.



COMMODORE'S REPORT

A few weeks ago, there was an accident where two MYC yachts collided in a race. This got me thinking about safety and sailing in general.

This report is not going to discuss the specifics of that specific incident, but I would like to discuss safety in general.

The consequences of that incident were significant.

Damage well in excess of the reportable \$5000 and perhaps more significantly the accident involved a life altering injury requiring surgery for the skipper of one of the yachts involved.

The collision involved a force estimated at over 3800kg or -nearly 4 tonnes- at the point of impact.

That is a LOT of energy dissipated in a very short period of time.

CURRENT MYC SAFETY PROGRAMS

Manly Yacht Club (as have other clubs) prioritizes safe sailing and offers several dedicated safety programs:

- **ANNUAL SAFETY AUDIT PROCESS**

Our annual audit, with spot checks in between, ensures all required safety equipment is present, operational, and up to date. Auditors must also undergo training to maintain high standards.

- **COMPULSORY ANNUAL SAFETY BRIEFING**

This briefing addresses safe navigation in Sydney Harbour, emphasizing our obligations around commercial vessels and the "rules of the road" for boat interactions, whether racing or not.

- **RULES NIGHT**

A popular event among members, Rules Night covers the Racing Rules of Sailing in detail, reinforcing that these rules are written with safety in mind.

The club also does other things like:

- Ensuring there are enough support boats on the water to keep the junior sailors safe.
- We have a risk management plan (it in the handbook section 5.16 pg. 41). Please read it if you haven't and perhaps apply it to your own vessel.
- A dedicated Duty Officer in the Club on race days to help manage emergencies.
- Incident reporting process.
- Offshore plan of management (to manage any incident in one of MYC offshore races).
- Protest committees.

IS THIS ENOUGH? I BELIEVE WE CAN DO MORE.

The sailing committee has decided to develop another training course to our agenda. Initially it is going to be called **Safe Sailing Tactics**. FYI the sailing committee would welcome any and all suggestions for topics to be included.

The club needs to continue to promote an inherent safety culture amongst its members and encourage members to not only be safe but think safe.

Over the years I have come across sailors who think things like the audit process is an unnecessary imposition and a version of bureaucracy gone mad. They often try and cheat so they can avoid what they think is as an unnecessary cost.

Another incident comes to mind where two boats - one on port and the other on starboard - and the port boat refuses to keep clear with the words "Protest Me". This is not on. This behaviour can have cascading effects on the boats nearby as well as the original starboard boat. Suddenly no one knows what is going to happen and could cause an accident between boats which were not involved in the original port/starboard.

These are extreme examples and I am not suggesting that in these examples above, that these are actual members of MYC. Thankfully this sort of behaviour is extremely rare.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT *continued ...*

BEYOND CHECKLISTS: PRACTICING SAFETY

It is one thing to "tick all the boxes" type of safety and another to think safe.

A simple example is with the audit process. You have to demonstrate that you can deal with a MOB situation. Great you get the tick. But have you actually practiced the process?

This is where your assumptions get put to the test. What you think will work actually doesn't work when you try it. What do you do then?

I can give you a personal example which happened to me on one of my earlier boats.

Every year I would go through the audit process for a CAT 3 certificate. A CAT 3 audit requires you to carry a tri-sail. Lucky me the boat came with a tri-sail when we purchased it. Every year I would drag it out and show the auditor. Every year the auditor would give the boat the tick. Yes, we had a tri-sail.

After 5 years a thought occurred to me that I had never actually tried to put the tri-sail up on the mast. So, after the successful audit I tried to fit it. It didn't fit. It would have been completely useless in a situation where we would have needed it. This is a classic example of making a faulty assumption which would later could come back and bite you at the worst possible time. (PS I took it to the sailmaker who fitted the correct size lugs, so it fitted after that.)

The **Safe Sailing Tactics** course will hopefully challenge your assumptions, along with tips to make racing safer (and faster). Here are a few examples.

- **SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**
Involve ALL crew in keeping a lookout and informing the helmsperson of other boats or obstructions. Even if the helmsperson already knew about it, be grateful and thankful every time. Actively encourage this.
- **MAINSHEET MANAGEMENT**
When sailing near other boats or marks, release the mainsheet from its cleat, allowing the mainsheet hand to quickly release it if needed.
- **SAFETY BRIEFING FOR NEW CREW**
Always brief new crew and guests on safety procedures, including the location of lifejackets and MOB protocols.

Be Safe, Think Safe - Safe sailing all.

Stephen Teudt - Commodore 



SAFE SAILING TACTICS: RACING FAST, SMART, AND SAFELY

WHERE: MANLY YACHT CLUB
WHEN: 7PM, MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2024

Join us for a 2-hour training session, **Monday 7pm 25 November**, focused on essential tactics and strategies to help you race efficiently with both speed and safety in mind. This session will cover common scenarios encountered during races, offering practical tips to plan tactical engagements with other boats. Our aim is to boost both your safety and race results.

The session will be divided into two parts:

- The first hour will feature a structured presentation on key techniques.
- The second hour will open the floor for discussion and questions.

All skippers and crew who want to enhance their skills for faster, smarter, and safer racing are encouraged to attend



NOTICEBOARD



"GET INVOLVED" WHATSAPP GROUP

As you know, our club is primarily run by its members, and from time to time, the various committees could use a little extra help. Whether it's tackling a specific project or handling tasks that fall outside the skillset or availability of committee members, your assistance is always greatly appreciated.

To make it easier to connect with those of you who want to help, we're launching the **"Get Involved" WhatsApp group!** This group is designed for busy members who are willing to lend a hand when they can, on an as-needed basis. When a committee chair has a task or project that could use extra support, they'll post the details in the group. If it's something in your wheelhouse and you're keen to help, you can simply respond to let us know.

If you're interested in joining the group and contributing your skills whenever you can, please [join here](#).

Thank you in advance for your continued support in making our club the best it can be!

Lisa Callaghan - President 

AUTHORISED USERS OF THE DAVITS AND CRANE

- Bruce Davis
- Nicola Handley
- Finn Irvine
- Daniel Philps
- Tim Docker
- Greg Wilkins
- David Ashton
- Mark Stacey
- Stephen Teudt
- Chris Dudfield
- Owen Arnall
- Johanna Bergqvist
- Isabell Dooley
- Lisa Callaghan



Latest graduate

MYC TENDER GETTING A SCRUB



REMINDER

22 DECEMBER 2024

MYC XMAS RACE

[Enter here](#)

Followed by a party back on deck.

NOT RACING?

Doesn't matter! BYO food and drinks from 1230 onward. Save the date!

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WANT TO HOST THE EVENT?

Christmas Race Director wanted. One race per year; start and finish from the deck; everybody BYO; no bar open; training provided... (you don't even have to attend the sailing committee meetings!).

Apply Stephen commodore@myc.org.au

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

ADULT

- Phil Eadie - Lasers
- Marcus Lorentz - Young 88 "Young Generation"
- Rolf Stockburger

JUNIOR & YOUTH

- Leon-Wei Petit
- Louis Farrell
- Rocket Dent
- Finn Curic

RETURNING

- Anna-Lei Petit

HONORARY

- Olivia Chadwick
- Aiden Hodzic



PEPPER TREE WINES

There is a Pepper Tree Wines order format the end of this newsletter? 20% discount for MYC members!

ERRATUM: page 10 of the October Newsletter stated that Solace was in Division 2 for the Marathon race. Solace is in Division 1 and the results reflect this - apologies Xav.



PEPPER TREE WINES TWILIGHT RACE 2

18 OCTOBER 2024

Fast Company



With a record fleet entry of 35 entries, 25 boats came to the start line for the second twilight of the season. Course 1 was set again on a NNE 15-20knt prediction but with the cloud cover there looked to be a threat of rain.

Manly Sailing presented the 3 Force 24s for use by the Saltwater Veterans, the Youth Team and the First Tack team. (Read President Lisa's report in the October newsletter for more info about these teams).

New member James collected the starters prize for *Stock Car* at 2 seconds.

Madama Butterfly crossed the line first, followed by *Pompadour* and the *Manly Sailing - Equinox* with the Youth Team on board. *Ratty Tooley* came next followed by the First Tack and Saltwater Veteran teams on the Manly Sailing *Aqualuna* and *Supernova* boats.

Garth, on *Sirius*, starting at 18:21, was fastest around the course placing 7th over the line.

All boats we back on their moorings or back on deck at the club, when the southerly blew through bringing with it, torrential rain. Initial thoughts were that this wind blew out the BBQ, but, by coincidence, the gas ran out! A special thanks to Garth for switching over the gas bottles downstairs and getting drenched in the process.

We were treated to a wine tasting back at the club where members enjoyed some new releases.



The Youth Team on Equinox



Tomas and David - thanks for flying the sponsors flag Moonraker

David Hewit managed to get a sail in on Moonraker before presenting us with a wonderful selection of wines - some of them limited release. We hope that the members will take advantage of the 20% discount on PTW listed in the order form at the end of the newsletter. Peppertree Wine has been a great sponsor to the club for many years and we hope to keep it that way by members supporting the sponsor.



PEPPER TREE WINES

Thank you Race Committee - Graham, Ken, Maz and Jim; looking after the kitchen - Karrie, Zara and Henry and Brie in the bar.

A special thanks to "ratsters" (crew who sail on *Ratty Tooley*) Eils and Suzanne for helping with the dish washing.

And, another special thanks to Commodore Stephen for standing in for Twilight Race Director Lisa while she "bashed" her way south, and for doubling up as tender driver for the Manly Cove area.

Results here:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3764/races>



Thank you Muir and Tomas for taking David for a sail and helping



James (*Stock Car*), Ian (jackpot *Ratty*), Cath, Mike (*Madama Butterfly*), Toby (*Manly Sailing Equinox*), Stand in RD Stephen

THANK YOU



TWILIGHT RACE 2

18 OCTOBER 2024

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MANLY SAILING

In October's newsletter, president Lisa flagged an initiative by Manly Sailing which involved donating their fleet of Force 24 boats for use by Saltwater Veterans, MYC youth and potential new members (designated MYC First Tack). Here are some first impressions after Twilight Race 2.

On board Supernova with the Saltwater Veterans

TEAMS THIS WEEK

Aqualuna - First Tack - Toby skipper + crew.

Supernova - Saltwater Veterans - Scott skipper + crew.

Equinox - Youth Team - Finn was on with Hannah, Jamie, Fred and Tom.

Finn said... "We had a shocking start but got ourselves in the groove and stayed in it to take 3rd. DJ Hannah kept the vibe and team morale up."

Scott said... We were really excited to sail together, particularly Craig and I as it takes us back to the origins of "4 men in a boat" or Saltwater Veterans start. We were originally called four men in a boat because we're literally four men in a boat, and to sail with a bunch of veteran mates and not necessary to be in the role of an instructor because everyone has a good understanding of sailing, was highly enjoyable.

And then to get upstairs into the MYC barbecue environment is great being on shared tables with other yachts and the crossover community. The fact that we had the crew from *ratatouille* (sic) there who sailed with us earlier in the day for the Veterans Sailing, Finn, Nicola, etc we found it a really welcoming community and we're excited to be racing for the rest of the series representing both SWV and Manly Sailing.

MEANWHILE...

CYCA TOLLGATE ISLANDS RACE

18 OCTOBER 2024

The fleet of 26 yachts headed down south as the MYC fleet was finishing on Friday night. Back on the deck, as the heavy rain squall and strong winds blew out the gas from the BBQ we were all thinking about *Mondo*, *Jupiter* and *Supernova* as well as the rest of the fleet and were glad we were undercover.

Six boats retired from the race, but *Mondo*, *Jupiter* and *Supernova* hung in there with some great results. Congratulations Lisa and the crew from *Mondo*, Ian and his co-pilot double handing *Jupiter*, and club members Alex and Felicity and crew, on their boat *Supernova*.



Looks like the weather cleared up for the fleet



Results [here](#)



One happy skipper and crew



ILCA6 / ILCA7 FLEET
20 OCT 2024 - CC3/CC4



PEPPER TREE WINES

Sunday 20 October

Strong Wind Warning for Sunday for Sydney Enclosed Waters

Winds Southerly 15 to 25 knots increasing to 20 to 30 knots in the early afternoon then decreasing to 15 to 25 knots in the late evening.

Seas Below 0.5 metres.

Weather Partly cloudy.

Today heats 3 & 4 of the Club Championships, and heats 7 & 8 of the Spring point score were run, with Ali on Race Duty.

The day started out with a light, and building, Sou 'Easter with sun, then cloud, and sun again. By the time we headed out it was sunny and about 15kn.

It was the first time in the club's illustrious history that we had more radial rigs than full rigs, with 12 boats in all.

The first race kicked off with a tight start and the wind gusting to 18kn with three laps. The finish was close with Phil winning on scratch from Iain Cameron and Mike Franklin in 3rd (his 4th straight 3rd so far). Mike also took the handicap win and sailed well.

The second race started in what was around 20kn and gusting much higher. By the time the fleet had rounded the top mark most were in the tide, except for Phil who pushed his unnamed boat to another victory, and, by not having a swim, took the handicap as well!

Iain Cameron was on catering duty with BBQ snags, chips and cold beer. There were a few boats that limped home today with snapped spars.

A special visit today also by Phil & Geoff's mum Jacqueline who witnessed Phil's vino haul. Maybe she was awarded one.

Next week is 4P5 & 6 with Shaun on Race Duty and Ali on Catering Cup.

(extracted from Facebook - author unknown ... Ed)

Results: <https://sites.google.com/myc.org.au/lasers/results/2024-2025?authuser=0>



SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2024



PEPPER TREE WINES

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE 3 & CCSS RACE 5 20 OCTOBER 2024



Division 1 - image by Greg Wilkins

The forecast wasn't looking great and may have influenced to fleet sizes for both MYC Club Champs race 3 and Combine Clubs Sunday Series race 5.

For Manly Yacht Club it was the day for boats starting with "K" ... *Khaleesi* and *Kanreki* in division 1 with *Kia Kaha* and *Kaotic* in division 2; the only 4 boats to appear on the course, *Kanreki* being a casual entry.

The CCSS fleet included the MYC Club Champ boats plus *Ace* from MHYC - breaking the rhythm of boats starting with "K".

In division 1, with boats reefed, *Kanreki* was fastest around the course with *Khaleesi* take first spot on handicap.

In division 2, *Kia Kaha* was fastest around the course ahead of the 2 J24s *Ace* and *Kaotic* and the boats finished in that order on handicap.

THANK YOU

Thanks Stephen, Peter, Mark, Ali, Chris, Barry and Macie on the race committee.

images by Sammy



Division 1 2nd Kanreki



Division 1 1st Khaleesi



Division 2 2nd Kaotic



Division 1 1st Kia Kaha

Club Champs results:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3768/races>

Combined Clubs Sunday Series results:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/27/results/series/3777/races>



TWILIGHT RACE 3

25 OCTOBER 2024



Image by Jane Nixon (from one of those pesky ferries)

In MYC’s Twilight Series Race 3, challenging conditions were marked by a steady 22-knot southeast wind, setting the stage for a thrilling course. With Course 2 selected, boats navigated a mix of upwind and downwind legs, demanding strategic handling and tight sail control.



Detailed Race Highlights:

Top Performer: *Madama Butterfly*, with skipper Mike Share, secured 1st place across the line demonstrated a well-calculated race strategy, particularly impressive in gusty conditions.

Phantom Menace and *Ratty Tooley* took 2nd and 3rd positions respectively, both maintaining solid pacing throughout and finishing only minutes behind the leader. The time spread highlights competitive sailing within the fleet despite the handicap differences.

Best Start: *Waterhound* by Anthony Poole made a near-perfect start, crossing the line a mere second after their allocated start time.

Noteworthy Performances: *Magician V* and *Sirius* showed strong mid-fleet finishes, illustrating efficient handling in heavier winds. *Sirius*, finished with an elapsed time of 48 minutes 56 seconds—the fastest unadjusted time in the division, proving its speed capabilities in such conditions.

DNC and Retirements: Multiple boats did not finish or start influenced by the high wind speeds. This attrition underscores the demanding conditions, where some boats wisely opted to prioritised safety over completion.

This race displayed the tactical finesse required in blustery conditions, rewarding those who managed early, clean starts and efficient manoeuvres around the course.

THANK YOU

Race committee team *Absolut*: David, Phil, Revvie and Maeve; Kinvara, Kaelan and Karrie in the galley and Brie on the bar.



Winners are grinners!

Results here:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3764/races>



PEPPER TREE WINES

SUMMER SERIES RACE 2

27 OCT 2024

Realistically, this was the first race of the summer series - race 1 being abandoned due to gale warnings on the harbour. A beautiful day with NE 10-15knt breeze predicted, did not disappoint. Dolphins near the start line and accompanying boats home, made for a special day.



Lost Horizon



Waterhound

The small fleet of 7 boats were sent on a course across The Sound and into Rose Bay; from there to Chowder Bay South, back to Rose Bay, around Shark Island and home.

The first 3 boats off the blocks were *Stock Car*, *Waterhound* and *Cheap Thrills* at 12:30 with *San Toy*, the last boat to start at 12:54.



Stock car



Cheap Thrills

There were some interesting spinnaker hoists and drops coming from *Ludicrous Mode* with a particularly "interesting" spinnaker rounding at Rose Bay mark, which was described to this reporter as the "Kiwi Drop". Unfortunately, there was no opportunity to record this manoeuvre.

First time helming *Ten Sixty*, part owner Albert James was first across the line and first on handicap - way to go, Albert! Afterwards he did say that the crew work was great! In second place over the line and on handicap was *Stock Car*, with *Cheap Thrills* in third spot.

Closest to the start went to *Lost Horizon*, with *Waterhound* and *San Toy* next closest. Fastest around the

course on the day was *San Toy*.

Back on the deck, the crews enjoyed leftovers and snags. Thank you David, Phil, Andy, Rob and Maeve from *Absolut* as our race committee, and Greg P on the bar after the race.

Results here :

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3762/races>



CONGRATULATIONS

CATHERINE THORNTON-ROFE

Awarded the "Woman on Water" trophy at the

J24 STATE TITLES

"Catherine and her team were excellent across the 2 days; racing in tough conditions."

Anthony Poole



File footage - in case you don't recognise the spinnaker

LUDICROUS MODE

RACE REPORT - SUMMER SERIES RACE 2

Scott Breakwell

What an absolutely glorious day for the second (but first) race of the series. There was to be no weather cancellation this time, as blue skies and a 12-15 knot nor'easter greeted the fleet of seven eager boats.

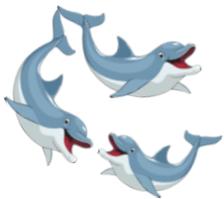
And the fans were very excited to hear Course 6 had been chosen, as it takes the fleet down the harbour to Rose Bay and around Shark Island. This is very much like SailGP where fans



congregate to watch the action up close. With picnic hampers packed, thousands converged on the island and settled in for the day's racing.

Today's crew was Stu, me, Rich, Phil and debutant Chris. Plenty of excitement from the crew as we crossed the start line with 6 seconds to spare. Friday's Twilight humiliation for starting seven seconds early was still very raw and wasn't going to be repeated!

It was an interesting start, which had us almost reaching as we hit the line, then we quickly bore away towards Rose Bay. This meant a kite hoist almost immediately! Unfortunately, this was executed rather sloppily as we struggled to get the halyard up fast enough. Plenty of excitement for anyone sitting on Reef Beach though, as we sailed horizontally allowing the crew to get their hair wet.



A pod of bemused dolphins gave us plenty of room, which was wise, and eventually we had it fully hoisted - boom!

We shot ahead like a cannonball and set the harbour ablaze. Some outstanding crew work saw us gybing the kite before Sow n Pigs, then another gybe near Chowder Bay for a long run into Rose Bay.

Plenty of debate at this point about where the mark was, and how best to drop the kite. Our newest and coolest manoeuvre is the Kiwi drop; however, we haven't practised it much and we left the preparations a bit late. Before we knew it we were rounding the mark, then the kite gybed itself instead of falling into the headsail. This sent the fans on Shark Island into a frenzy as they watched us scramble to recover the kite, which was now under load on the wrong side of the boat!

Eventually we recovered it and hiked towards Chowder Bay, then turned back towards Rose Bay on another kite leg. But because we'd dropped it on the port side, re-hoisting it needed to happen on the same side... sadly, we forgot that rather important detail.

So, with kite half hoisted, twisted and in disarray, we dropped it. It was not to be seen again for the rest of the day. It was a lot like putting the driver away after hitting every shot over the boundary fence. Sometimes it just has to be done.

So, we reached into Rose Bay and then sailed around Shark Island before heading for home. *San Toy* was in our sights and we tried valiantly to catch them, but they evaded capture and crossed the finish line a few minutes ahead.

As for the rest of the fleet, we barely saw them! Our official placing was sixth - not too bad in a larger fleet but not so good in a fleet of seven!

Our best performance was back at the club, where we demolished a leftover cheese platter from a 60th birthday last night (thanks Greg!) and a large number of medicinal beverages.

Maz kindly donated her starters prize to the cause, a lovely bottle of Pepper Tree sticky (*it was actually Brown Brothers Explorer Series sticky - thanks Peter Wilkins Starters Prize legacy... Ed*) - which we also demolished. Thanks, Maz!

As the sun faded in the sky and every other table had been folded up, we called it a day. And what a day it had been! Despite the result it was an awesome day's sailing and another reminder of how lucky we are to live in Manly!

We'll be back! 👍





Results: <https://sites.google.com/myc.org.au/lasers/results/2024-2025?authuser=0>

We were blessed with a Nor'easter today, remember them? Heats 5&6 of the 4P Series and 9&10 of the Spring Point Score with Shaun on Duty and a nice course set in the Sound blowing a consistent 12kn.

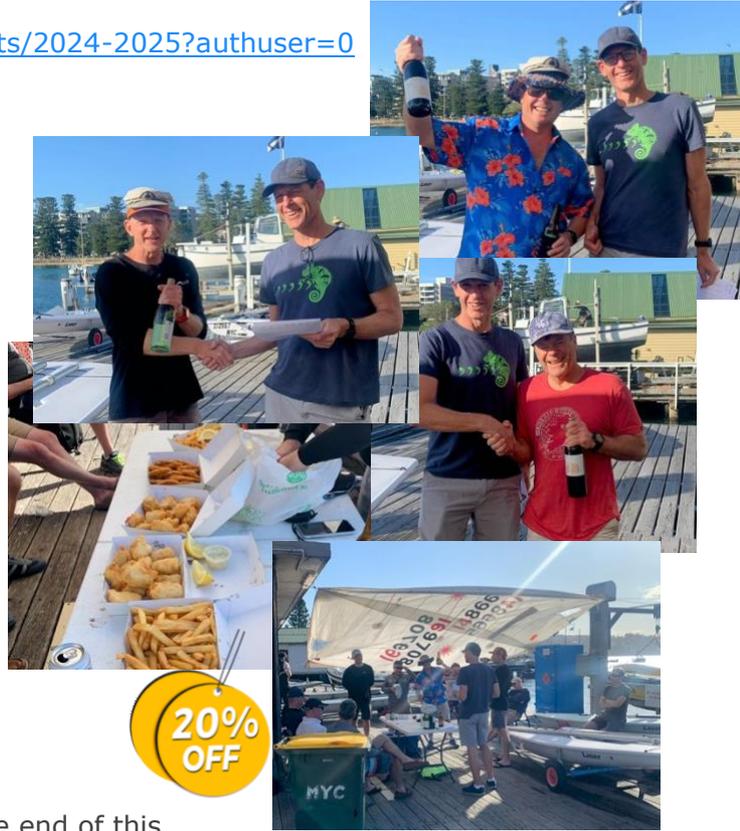
With 13 contenders and again 7 Radials dominating, including Iain Cameron who has to head back to the deck before the first race and change down a rig due to damage.

The first race was a pursuit race and Sam Jackson with a dream handicap held on to take the gun and a nice bottle of red. Followed by Ian Saunders and myself in 3rd.

The second race was a scratch start, and everyone got away well. It was very close at the top mark with Phil, Iain & Ian all rounding in the top three. In the end Phil pulled away for the gun and picked up a fine bottle of [Pepper Tree Wines](#). Tim Docker won a bottle of his own taking out the handicap victory.

John "Hoppo" Hopkins handed the catering in style with Fish & Chips and a good selection of ice-cold beers!

(extracted from Facebook - author unknown ... Ed)



There is a Pepper Tree Wines order format the end of this newsletter? 20% discount for MYC members!

THE 2024 MANLY CUP

All levels of **Open Skiff** sailors are welcome including Gold, Silver and Green fleets.

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SHWKS 2024-2025

Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series

SHWKS RACE 2 - 27 OCT 2024 - HOSTED BY CYCA



The CYCA hosted the second race of the 2024-25 Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series in October on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Racing got underway off Point Piper in a 9-11 knots NNE/NE breeze, shortly after low tide at 1158hrs.

The fleet was divided into two divisions with seven competitors in each of which eight were All Female Teams across the fleet.

It was a perfect day for sailing on Sydney Harbour.

Congratulations to all competitors for competing and especially to Kate Leeson steering *Sirius* to the win in Division 1.



The honours were shared across six competing clubs in the female helm category:
DIVISION 1

- 1st – *Sirius* (Kate Leeson). Adams 10 (MYC)
- 2nd – *It Happens* (Bridget Canham). Payne 38 (CYCA)
- 3rd – *Artemis* (Eve Saucier). Adams 10 (MHYC)

DIVISION 2

- 1st – *Melody* (Marike Koppenol). Swanson Dart (RANSA)
- 2nd – *Yvonne* (Kylie Twible). Northshore 27 (SASC)
- 3rd – *Jabiru* (Natasha Miller). J/70 (RSYS)

In the All-Female category winners were Eve Saucier on *Artemis* and Marike Koppenol on *Melody*.



MHYC
29th SEPTEMBER
2024

RESULTS



CYCA
27th OCTOBER
2024

RESULTS



RSYS
24th NOVEMBER
2024

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2025



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Hosted by Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club

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8 MYC juniors headed up to Lake Macquarie to compete in the 2024 Lake Mac Open Skiff Regatta on 26-27 October - seven sailors in the gold fleet and 1 in the silver fleet.

Congratulations Maya, Toby and EmmaT who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the gold fleet.



J24 NSW STATE YOUTH CHALLENGE 2024 hosted by RANSA
1 NOVEMBER 2024



Images by [Marg Fraser-Martin](#)

Proud mum... "very special photo, as behind the 'window' we have our 2 children Anna-Lei and Leon-Wei!

How cool is that! 🥰"

TWILIGHT RACE 4 TWILIGHT FEMALE HELM RACE 1 1 NOVEMBER 2024



PEPPER TREE WINES



TWL4 results : <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3764/races>
TWF1 results : <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3765/races>

Wow! What a turn out! 31 of our 37 entries came out to play, among them 18 female helm - double WOW! Twilight race director Lisa has certainly been a busy bee!

A little overcast but a great breeze, albeit a short course (course 2) made for some fun sailing but a little hard for the later starters to catch up. Never mind. The shoe will be on the other foot, once the longer courses are in play.

In twilight race 4, the Saltwater Veterans, sailing *Manly Sailing-Supernova*, showed what they were made of, crossing the line first, followed by *Phantom Menace*, helmed by Tanya Jones from BPSC, with *Esprit de Four* taking third spot in this pursuit race.



The later starters playing catch up



Lisa on Waterhound



Eils on Ratty Tooey



Jasmine on Ten Sixty

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The enormous task of starting and finishing the boats was left to the crew of Kryptonite - thank you. It was a difficult night with lots of boats finishing around the same time; not helped by finished boats not exiting the area correctly.

But, it was great to see so many new boats and members both on the water and back at the club.

Back at the club the deck was heaving. Running out of glasses and cutlery, while not a good look, gave an indication of how many came back for a cook your own steak or vegetarian option. Thanks Karrie, Danielle and Kinvara in the galley and Brie at the bar - it was pretty manic and you guys all coped really well.



Belinda (Mondo) with both starter's prizes; Tanya (Phantom Menace), Lisa, Eils (Ratty Tooey "jackpot") Arabella (Stock Car)

THANK YOU



PEPPER TREE WINES

More images here :

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RACE 4

PEPPER TREE WINES 3 Nov 2024



Image by Sammy Byron

Image by Sammy Byron

With a forecast of a nice 10-15 nor'easter, the fleet was looking for a fine day of racing. Course 1 was selected which meant a start in Hunter Bay. Fortunately, the combined laser micro regatta was also located in the vicinity.

By start time the wind had picked up considerably and most boats, that could, put in a reef. A strong outgoing tide and a big chop caused by the many power boats traversing the starting area, made for an interesting start. Winds stayed at 16knts gusting to 23knts for much of the race with some reefs shaken out on the second last leg from Cannae to Obelisk before a work home to North Harbour, finishing on the tender - thanks Jason, Sammy and Josh.

Six boats started in division 1 and 4 in division 2, but headsail issues meant that *Ten Sixty* retired from the race, and *Kaotic* was duty boat scoring average points.

In first place division 1 *Mondo* took line honours and handicap winner, followed by *San Toy* and *Absolut* in 2nd and 3rd place on handicap. Although the results indicate that Stephen was at the helm of *Mondo*, co-owner Lisa actually sailed *Mondo* to victory - Stephen being very busy running 12 laser races off *Ready, Get Set!!!* in The Sound - thank you Stephen and race committee.

In division 2 *Kia Kaha* was fastest around the course and handicap winner, followed by *Ça Va* and *Pam*.

More images here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/BGPK4mKcXMpuYd296>

Results here:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3768/races>

THANK YOU

Race committee - Stephen, Arthur, Juan Carlos, Ian, Colin, Vlad, Cary.

ULTERIOR MOTIVE

Answering the call of Commodore Stephen, I volunteered to be the *Robbie R* driver on 3 November 2024, and Vlad was my very amiable and able assistant.

Yachts were sailing CC, with the start set just inside Middle Head. Lasers were hosting Middle Harbour Amateurs in a joint mini regatta on the Sound near the Bombora.

Fresh NNE winds, up to 20 knots, made for a very testing day.

Let me admit it was a great opportunity to watch, up close, our son Iain in the lasers, and our grandchildren Hamish and Felicity in their Flying Eleven.

It was poetry in lots of motion, on the water.

Colin Cameron



J24

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2ND & 3RD NOVEMBER 2024



J24 NSW Championship 2024 was hosted by RANSA over the first weekend in November with a small but competitive fleet of eight boats. There were three visiting teams from Cronulla and the all-female crew on *Kaotic* from MYC, skippered by Catherine Thornton-Rofe with Kate Rowe, Lyn Humphreys, Sara and Tomoko.

Day one was delayed due to a lack of wind with racing finally getting started two hours after the scheduled start time and Race Officer John Allen did well to get the three races in for the day. Conditions were dramatically different for day two with a northerly breeze well over forecast and outgoing tide creating a big chop seeing all boats drop down to a jib for the day.



Competition was tight across the one design fleet with plenty of hustle at the start line, typical of the J24 fleet, but visiting boat *Tinto*, from Cronulla, steered by Steve Wright put in a stellar performance taking out five wins out of the six races scheduled for a clear first place.



John Crawford and his team on *Innamincka* came in second with David McKay coming in third on *Stamped Urgent*.

Catherine Thornton-Rofe was awarded the Women of Water Trophy sponsored by Pacific

Sailing School for contribution to promoting women to sailing in the J24 class.



Results: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/4/results/series/3965/races>



3 NOV 2024 - MICRO REGATTA RACES 5-8



Results: <https://sites.google.com/myc.org.au/lasers/results/2024-2025?authuser=0>

What a day it was today. Short course series with the Middle Harbour Amateurs with one of our gun sailors running the show, Ian Saunders.

Nine boats left Manly and headed to Middle Head for six short 2 lap races. There was ~23 Radials & 6 Full Rigs.

The wind was true North which was serial as it blew 12-20kn. It was great racing having the extra boats especially at the top and bottom marks where traffic was abundant.

Six races with two fleets, so 12 starts, was on the cards. In the end we had 5/10.



Phil and Iain, contemplating which wine to choose?



Too many choices...

Iain Cameron picked up heaps of 2nd placings in his campaign; couldn't quite crack the win but well sailed to take that result.



Cameron and Ian



Iain and Ian

In the Radial Fleet Phil managed to win a race. It was frowned upon that he didn't win more races. Maybe next week at the BOTS?

Shaun had a spectacular stack in race two and t-boned a MHASC boat. I saw it and think that the MHASC boat should have kept clear of racing boats.

At the end of the day it was a great day! Sammy was on catering and didn't disappoint. Also, Sammy sailed 4 of the races (1 more than me), improved in each race and backed up to produce a great catering effort.

Next week it's the annual BOTS Regatta which everyone should enter in. We need to make a mark as Manly and turn up! Try and be a part of it! It's a blast.

(extracted from Facebook - author unknown ... Ed)



SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2024



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RPEYC
26th OCT 2024



Congratulations : *Sirius* - 2nd in division 2
Congratulations : *Ça Va* - 1st in division 3

Results: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/27/results/series/3942/races>

TWILIGHT RACE DIRECTORS REPORT

MANLY YACHT CLUB TWILIGHT SERIES UPDATE: RACES 1-4



Image Gav Reed - twilight race 1

PEPPER TREE WINES

The 2024-2025 Twilight Series is off to a fantastic start, with a record number of 36 entries joining this season! It's been great to see such enthusiasm across the fleet as we dive into our first four races.

We've had a range of conditions, from ideal racing weather to high winds that saw a more cautious turnout for Race 3, as many boats wisely chose to stay ashore. Despite the wind challenges, we've been running shorter courses over the past four weeks, which has kept the racing tight and the finishes thrilling.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STANDINGS

Pompadi (skipped by Steve Frith and John O'Brien) has emerged as the frontrunner with consistent finishes, securing 1st place overall with 16 points after four races. Close behind, *Ratty Tooey* (Ian Dennewald) and *Madama Butterfly* (Mike Share) are holding 2nd and 3rd places with 31 and 36 points, respectively.

Notably, *Phantom Menace* (Matt McLellan) achieved an impressive 1st place finish in Race 4 after a cautious start in previous races. *Mondo* (Stephen Teudt) also remains competitive, with strong placements early on but falling back slightly in Race 4.

We're excited to see how the standings evolve as we move into longer courses with the extended daylight. Congratulations to all the skippers and crews who have joined us so far - your commitment to high-quality racing and sportsmanship is what makes our Twilight Series so special!

TWILIGHT RACE 5

8 NOVEMBER 2024



PEPPER TREE WINES



The parking lot at Obelisk mark - image Gav Reed

Results : <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3764/races>



The predicted southerly that turned into an east nor'east and then an easterly zephyr made for difficult conditions for the fleet of 25 boats on the chosen Course 5. Difficulty at the parking lot that was Obelisk meant that radio calls for a shortened course were not heard due to line-of-sight issues.

It was a beautiful night and the sunset was great but as the time ticked away to 20:15 it was clear that not too many boats were going to cross the finish line before the time limit expired. Boats started to call in to retire from the race - running out of beer, seemed to also be factored into this call; the call of steak and snags on the deck, was another.

25 boats committed to the start line at their allotted times with still a couple of boats in "the box" before their 5-minute warning. 2 boats managed to finish - *Absolut* at 20:08:19 and *Esprit* at 20:12:36 - the next boat being too far away before the lights were turned off.

Phantom Menace was closest to the start at 2 seconds, unfortunately they left the deck before presentation so the starters prize "jackpotted" to 4th closest to the start at 5 seconds



which was *Sirius*.

Thank you to the crew of *Esprit de Four* who would have done a fantastic job - had there been more finishers. While waiting for the boats to finish some of the race committee were otherwise engaged in fixing the flagpole halyard - a task that required the pole to be lifted and then replaced. Lisa was awfully glad that there were so many strong men available



Coming out of Obelisk mark



For the task. Thank you Steve McKeogh for volunteering to drive the tender while Fianna was away. Thank you to everyone who came back despite the results - you kept Danielle and Henry busy in the galley and Brie busy in the bar.

Phil (1st Absolut), Lisa, Jan (2nd Esprit), David (jackpot starter Sirius)

Thanks to everyone who supplied images - too many for the newsletter but all on the link here : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/BHizvP48zzAQ9DvEA>

SUMMER SERIES RACE 3
10 NOV 2024



PEPPER TREE WINES

Results here : <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3762/races>

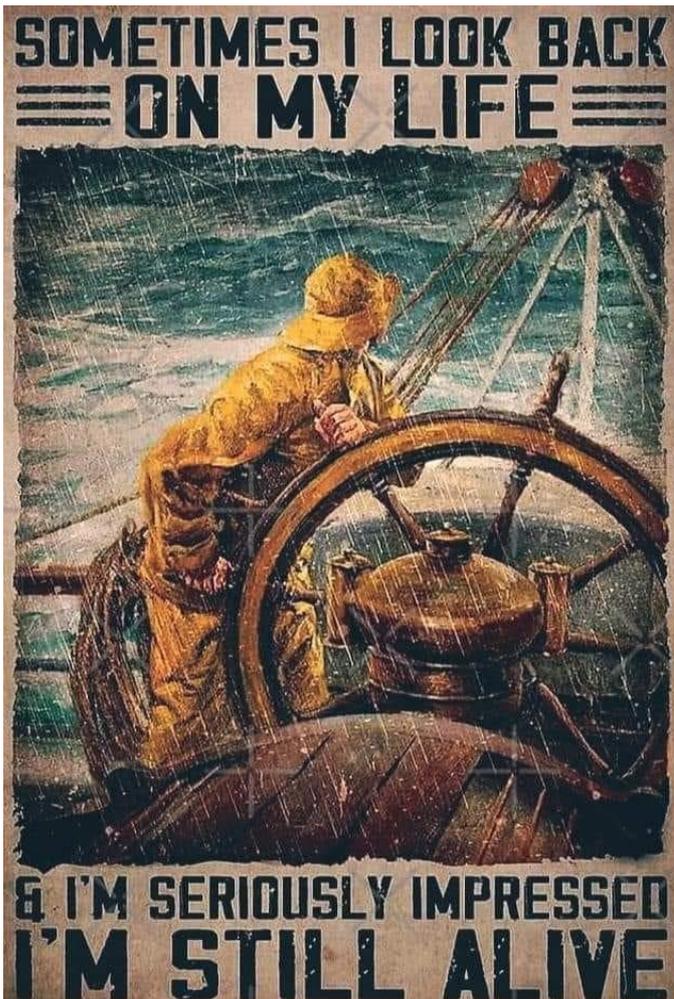


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10/01:41pm	21.1	-	-	-	-	S	44	63	24	34
10/01:30pm	21.0	-	-	-	-	S	44	59	24	32
10/01:00pm	21.1	-	-	-	-	S	43	57	23	31
10/12:30pm	21.8	-	-	-	-	S	35	46	19	25
10/12:00pm	22.5	-	-	-	-	S	33	43	18	23
10/11:30am	22.8	-	-	-	-	SSE	32	39	17	21



MANLY SAILING

FORCE 24
SPEED RECORD?



Seamus took a keelboat out with some friends today for a birthday sail.

The wind - 27 knots gusting 34, was much stronger than forecast.

Instructor Alex was deployed to help Seamus bring the boat home from a mooring at Balmoral.

Nicola went out to make sure they were ok, and... "here they come flying around the corner with reefed main and head sail!!"

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Quote of day "I might put a reef in" from Seamus.

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One of the dragon boat paddlers is recycling containers and making them into furniture for student accommodation. See the attached photos of examples of the output. She would like to recycle as much locally sourced HDPE plastic to make 224 tables by next February and a further 1750 over the next two years.



That's some 20 tonnes of plastic but every little bit helps.

HDPE plastic ... that's the number 2 inside the recycling logo - e.g. milk containers, detergent etc.



Bring clean containers without lids and preferably without labels and leave them in the bag hanging in the Dragon boat/Sailability alcove on the front deck at the club. They will be picked up at least weekly, and you will know that the packaging you recycle is being responsibly repurposed.



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