

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As 2024 wraps up, here's the latest from your MYC Board. We've achieved a lot in the last few weeks, so let me fill you in!

BIG WINS THIS MONTH

- **SCOUT HALL UPDATE:** Great news! We've been shortlisted for the Scout Hall EOI. Fingers crossed for the next step – it's looking promising!
- **SALTWATER VETERANS ANZAC (EARLY) SERVICE, SAIL & BBQ - 8TH APRIL:** The Board gave this initiative a big thumbs up. It's a meaningful event, and I hope you'll all get involved in honouring our veterans. We'll be looking for some yachts to get involved in the social sail and host some veterans
- **75TH ANNIVERSARY COUNTDOWN:** We're making good progress with plans for our April commemorative race, anniversary dinner, and memory wall. In the new year, we'll share more details and all the opportunities you'll have to get involved in the celebrations.
- **JUNIOR SAILING:** The program is thriving with 38 Junior and Youth Laser Sailors. The Manly Cup planning is also in great shape with 62 entries already for this weekend.

CHRISTMAS RACE

Calling all skippers, let's celebrate the end of the year together. Remember, there are no rules for this race, so get creative with your outfits and sailing tactics.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome aboard to our new members: We've added 47 new members so far this season. It's great to see all the fresh faces joining the MYC community! The club is thriving!

VENUE HIRE HIGHLIGHTS

November was buzzing at MYC with 18 functions, including weddings, engagements, and corporate events. The deck's been working overtime, and the views never fail to impress! The new venue hire website is bringing in more enquiries, better-quality leads, and a better conversion-to-booking rate!

CHALLENGES

- **WHARF UPGRADE:** We're waiting for grant approvals, but we're optimistic that this will happen in the new year.
- **VOLUNTEER SHORTAGES:** We still feel the pinch here, especially for Sunday race committees and ROs. We'd love to hear from you if you can help, have ideas (or know relatives or someone not on your crew list who can).
- **OPERATING COSTS:** Between the yachts & laser racing, tender services, junior racing program, and learn-to-sail programs, our boats and ribs are busier than ever. Since April, we've spent over 24k in running and maintenance costs. It's imperative for the safety of all our sailors that we have every boat operational and we are in problem solving mode on this issue.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ADULT

Matt Ingersole - Tophat *Triada*
Alexander Buhlman
Stewart Cameron
Michael Suffield
Richard Lauder

LOOKING AHEAD

2025 is shaping up to be a fantastic year with exciting initiatives like our 75th Anniversary celebrations, (hopefully) the Scout Hall project, the Saltwater Veterans' ANZAC Sail and ongoing infrastructure upgrades. Thanks to everyone who's pitching in to make these happen. Recognition must be given to Bruce, Graham, Barry and Maz (*and don't forget Lisa and...Ed*)!

Let's keep the momentum going into the new year.

Wishing you all smooth sailing and happy times this Christmas!

Lisa Callaghan - President



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Our new Marks have been in use for a few weeks now and have now had new tackle added to them to make them more versatile. They can be used both in deep part of the sound and in Manly cove. The new tackle makes it a lot easier to deploy and manage.

A special thanks again to Clair Rowlands who paid for the marks and Peter Grayson for supplying the new tackle with mix and match warp lengths and new stainless-steel chain.

The training course: SAFE SAILING TACTICS: RACING FAST, SMART, AND SAFELY, Was well attended with about 40 people attending either in person or online. The course prepared by Greg Wilkins was very well received.

Whilst sailing is generally considered a safe sport, the course came about after a collision between two MYC yachts which caused significant damage and injury.

Unfortunately, there was another collision (not an MYC event) between two yachts in a twilight race down the harbour last Friday. This resulted in severe crush injuries to the chest of a man resulting in his death. I know no more than that at this time. The police are preparing a report for the coroner.

The course was recorded and the link to YouTube is <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4xzcoXSBzwcw>. I encourage everyone (Skippers and Crew) to watch it.

SAIL NUMBERS

A reminder to all that it is a requirement that if you sail with sail numbers which do not match your entry form and you do NOT tell the Race Committee (RC) you could find yourself being protested by the RC with a view to being disqualified from the race. Or, because you are not on the list, the RC may not record your Start/Finish. Tell the Race Committee.



SAIL NUMBER INFORMATION LINK

Or contact [Club Manager Barry](#) for an MYC sail number



OUR XMAS RACE IS COMING UP ON THE 22ND DECEMBER

Now here is a tip or two on how to win this race...

- Coming first won't work
- Depending on your handicap won't work
- Being Commodore won't help
- Lots of decoration on your boat helps
- Crew dressing up helps
- Cheating is NOT frowned upon
- BIG water pistols/cannon helps

Use your imagination, have fun!

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Bill and Gabby - Aida 2015

The Cabbage Tree Is race has just been completed this is one of the qualifier races for the Sydney to Hobart. Three MYC boats competed in this race and all will be doing Hobart. I am pleased that all did reasonably well in the race. There were 31 entries in the divisions.

- *Mondo* (currently 1st in the Bluewater point score PHS, 3rd in Div 2 PHS, 6th in IRC Div 2)
- *Kanreki* (5th in IRC div 2, 7th in PHS Div 2)
- *Jupiter* (2nd in PHS double handed, 3rd in IRC double handed)

Congratulation to all!

I wish everyone a happy and Safe festive season. I am sure we will all be glued to the tracker during the Sydney to Hobart cheering on the MYC boats.

Stephen Teudt - Commodore





The weekend we've all been waiting for started out in liquid sunshine. First race and a significant wind shift after the start still managed a race result. With the wind not co-operating, adventure racing was the call after lunch. Day 2 and the sun came out and a steady sou'easter made for good competition. The Green fleet had the benefit of some serious coaching on both days, with a few of the Green fleet racing with the Silver fleet on the last few races of day 2.

The sailors had a great time and hopefully thanked all parents and volunteers for making this event a success. Congratulations MYC sailors: Danielle 1st in the ILCA4 fleet; Jamie 1st in the ILCA6 fleet; Toby 1st in O'pen Skiff Gold fleet; and Morgan from Noosa 1st in the Silver fleet. Full results [here](#).

Thank you to Marg Fraser-Martin for her fabulous images, making everyone look good. **MORE IMAGES [HERE](#)**.





SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2024

Today, was the annual Battle of the Sound (BOTS) Regatta in its 4th year now and did disappoint.

We had around 10 boats on the deck as contenders, with 4 taking full rigs. The briefing was stern, and the Manly fleet encouraged to sail hard and take no prisoners.

With an early start at 13:00 we headed out about noon; the trick was where were we headed. Once we got past the morning it was quite obvious it was going to be a hell of an arvo. The Aussie Olympic squad decided they would join the regatta which excited Phil Reid who was keen to display his tactical endeavours.

We spent around 45min sailing around The Sound looking for a start boat. With 60+ boats all milling around three areas of The Sound we eventually reached consensus and gathered off Reef Beach where, not only was there a start boat AND a pin marker! We had a start line.

On my way from Old Man's Hat to Reef I was out of control at times and at one point, thought, I can't go any faster. Downwind, a huge gust hit, and the hull bounced out of the water in a free fall to leeward, ending badly!

It's fair to say that the BOTS never happened today. We were all unrigged and sipping on beers by 15:30 and sharing stories. Dutchy, making sure we all had a great Sunday, providing pizza & seafood.

A BIG THANK you to Colin Cameron who volunteered his services last minute on the support boat today. Also, Steve Isles (RO) and the start boat crew, who had to deal with some difficult conditions, thanks for a good / exciting day out on the water everyone!

From Facebook - thanks Cameron

THANK YOU

Colin Cameron commented:

The BOTS weather forecast was a wee bit windy from the South!
"To be or not to be, that is the question?"

I was given a shout at the last moment, before the race, by Richard, to assist him on the *Robbie R*.

The MYC yachts SS was abandoned, due to the conditions, but with a host of lasers on The Sound, the Northbridge start crew gave them every chance for a race. Unfortunately, conditions were looking even tougher and racing for the day was cancelled.

It was too rough to take photos but let me draw a mental picture. Whilst rigging up the start marks, a particularly lumpy swell hoisted me in the air and I landed on the back of my head, on the gunnel. Just as well I have a thick skull. Don't worry *Robbie R* wasn't damaged. (I checked with Colin, neither was he! ...Ed)

Congratulations to all the sailors, for their efforts.

Colin Cameron



TWILIGHT RACE 6

15 NOVEMBER 2024



PEPPER TREE WINES



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

What was shaping up to be a miserable wet day to go racing turned into a sprint from Manly Cove, around the pigs and back home. After last week's slow race with only 2 finishers, the race committee was a bit nervous about course selection.

22 boats started the race and 22 boats finished - basically in the order that they started due to the steady 13-15knt ENE breeze which wasn't there when the course was picked!

Phantom Menace crossed the line first, with *Arosa* and *Stock Car* fighting it out for second spot - *Arosa* 2nd, *Stock Car* 3rd. *Sirius* was fastest around the course at just over 44 minutes.

The starts are improving across the fleet with *Esprit De Four* and *Fast Company* nailing it on zero, with the first 13 boats under 10 seconds from their start times. Peter Wilkins would be proud of you!

There is still some confusion about when you can be "in the zone"; multiple starts and where the start line is. As Maz often says "Read the handbook (clue : section 7)". It makes it more difficult for the race committee than it should if you are in the start area too soon.

Thanks Jan, Helen and Greg on the race committee and Greg for doubling up as Manly Cove tender driver so that race director Lisa could sail on *Stock Car*. Thank you also Dianna on the North Harbour tender. Riley and Zara, you did a terrific job in the galley, and thank you Brie at the bar.

Finally, a big **THANK YOU** to our wonderful sponsor



PEPPER TREE WINES



Phantom Menace, Arosa and Stock Car

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE 5 & CCSS RACE 6

17 NOVEMBER 2024



PEPPER TREE WINES



Sunday 17 November

Strong Wind Warning for Sunday for Sydney Enclosed Waters

Winds North to northeasterly 15 to 25 knots becoming northeasterly 20 to 30 knots in the early afternoon then tending northerly 15 to 25 knots in the evening.

Seas Below 0.5 metres.

Weather Mostly sunny. 80% chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening.

Absolut, *Ça Va* and *Ten Sixty* were the only boats to venture out for Club Champs race 5, with *Ten Sixty* deciding to race another day, leaving *Absolut* the winner of Div 1 and *Ça Va* the winner of div 2.

The Combined Clubs Sunday Series race 6 faired only slightly better in competitor numbers with *Absolut*, *Farr N Away* and *Georgia Express* taking out 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Division 1 and *Ça Va* and *Ace*, first and second in division 2.

Thank you MHYC race committee for officiating today.

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>

THANK YOU



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE 5 & CCSS RACE 6

17 NOVEMBER 2024

Race Report from *Absolut* R350

by Phil Vidler



Weather overcast with a strong but shifty ENE wind of 15-25knts, transient peaks to 35knts, varying about 60 degrees with a low turn out to the start just *Absolut* (MYC), *Georgia Express* (MHYC), *Farr N Away* (MHYC).

I suppose most "wannabe" starters were using the excuses like "my dog has laryngitis" and "I'm busy washing my hair". None announced they were actually scared of the wind and really hid the afternoon under a borrowed doona.

Course 1 NE: starting Hunters Bay, Manly West, Manly East, Rocky Point, Edwards Beach, Cannae Point, Taylors Bay, Cannae Point, Obelisk, Finish North Harbour.

All three (3) contenders had shortened sail, with reefed main and number 4 head sails.

A clear start, *Georgia Express* and *Farr N Away* elected a starboard boat start, *Absolut* a port pin start (pin looked like the go but it wasn't to be), with *Absolut* starting just behind the others *Farr N Away* leading out, so a tack to port away from the bad air, *Absolut* found clear air. The strong NE wind had whipped up a short and lumpy chop in The Sound, so using ancient skiffy knowledge Revy tacked again to starboard to get less chop around Grotto Point mark. *Absolut* reaching Cannae Point 100 metres behind *Farr N Away* but 200 metres ahead of *Georgia Express*, (yes we had to suppress the notions of "legends in our own lunch box" just yet).

On the run to Taylors Bay *Farr N Away* showed a scorching burst of velocity with just poled out headsail but they went to Obelisk mark in error, oh dear, what a shame. *Absolut* also nearly followed but confessed the error of their ways early and with a repentant and correct course to Taylors Bay, *Absolut* became the lead boat. There were various courageous but ultimately futile attempts by the other contenders to rest the lead from *Absolut*.

Scratch finish, 1st *Absolut*, 2nd *Georgia Express*, 3rd *Farr N Away*.

Now irrepressible "legends in our own lunch box" *Absolut* sailed back to Davis marina, with a warm winning glow in our hearts.

Brought to you by:-

Skipper Revy Green:

Phil Vidler:

Rob Willmot:

Andy Taylor:

Peter Chapman:

Veronique Morgan-Smith:

Maeve May:

Rob Bunton:

Phil King:

Andy McGowan:

and ... a "Packer-Wacker"

famous for saying "we can make it"

alias "Cap't T Bone",

some say he is the best main sheet trimmer in the universe,"

"retired commander RN Submariner"; heady trimmer and gets us out of the deepest s—t"

hands down best heady trimmer

2nd best muffin lady and trimmer

1st best muffin lady and pit controller

fore deckle and allrounder; ably supported by a specialist medical resuscitation team to keep the needed miracles of modern science rolling on

neuroscientist head shrink doctor, (we are NOT crazy)

anaesthetist brings the sedatives (usually 4 pines lager)

for the ailing septuagenarians. Don't say we bring our own ICU ward wherever we sail!



NOTE: No spinnakers were harmed in the making of this race, they didn't see the light of day and were tucked safety away in their cosy sail bags below.

Damage parade: frayed kicker line, and a frazzled vang block, they were old anyway.

TWILIGHT RACE 7

22 NOVEMBER 2024



PEPPER TREE WINES



What a lovely night for a race. Course 5 was on the menu tonight, taking the fleet of 23 boats to Cannae, S&P, Obelisk and Grotto before working their way back to the finish in a 15-20knt nor'easter. It was a pretty quick race with the first boat starting at 6pm and the last boat finishing just after 7:16 pm.



Moonraker, Solace and Madama Butterfly secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively, with San Toy fastest around the course, beating Mondo by only 10 seconds. San Toy nailed the start, but Mondo was 40 seconds late ... Hmmm! how the tables might have turned. Honourable mentions to the 20 boats who started within 15

seconds of their start time - great work!

The night concluded with a great crowd back on the deck. Thank you Ludicrous Mode crew for your exceptional race committee duties. Thank you also to Kaelan, Tom and Kerrie in the galley, Brie in the bar with early help from Paul, and of course, tender drivers Diana and Lisa.



Thank you to our fantastic sponsors Pepper Tree Wines

More images here :

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Yn3brYVmYfXHHJDF8>

Results here :

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





ILCA6 / ILCA7 FLEET

17 NOV 2024 - CC5/CC6



PEPPER TREE WINES



With wind strengths predicted well within the abandonment guidelines for the lasers, the RO for the day called it early, but that didn't deter 6 brave sailors who went out training at 2pm managed three training races in Manly Cove. Breeze was a variable 15 to 20 knots with a few capsizes amongst the fleet.



THE RESULTS FROM THE TRAINING SESSION:

Ian Saunders 1, 1, and 1 - first overall
Tim Docker 3, 2 and 2 - second overall
John Hopkins 2, 4 and 3 - third overall
Ali Devlin 4, 5 and 4 - equal fourth
David (Dutchy) Holland 5, 3 and 5 - equal fourth
Sam Byron DNF, DNS and DNS - sixth but braver than most!



ILCA6 / ILCA7 FLEET

24 NOV 2024 - MICRO REGATTA RACES 9-12

hosted by



No Report

(extracted from Facebook - Cameron Wall ... Ed)

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

You are invited to

Christmas Race

Sunday 22nd December

BYO Drinks and food post race on MYC's Balcony

The Christmas race is a fun non-spinnaker race at 11 am where rules are optional. Hop on a boat or just come back for the party at 1pm.

MYC CHRISTMAS SPECIAL: 25% OFF MERCHANDISE + NEW LONG SLEEVE

What's New?

We've just added **long sleeve shirts** for the **Junior** and **Laser Fleets** to our collection. Perfect for showing your fleet pride while staying sun-safe on the water!

How to Redeem:

1. Explore our merchandise here: [Manly Yacht Club Merchandise](#).
2. At checkout, use the code **MYC25** to enjoy your discount.



Wishing you a festive holiday season and smooth sailing into the new year!



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

image by jane Nixon

Today's forecast of a 15-20 knot nor'easter didn't disappoint. Six boats came to the start line *San Toy* started with a reef and *Ludicrous Mode* opted for no spinnaker. Although this was race 4, in reality only 2 races have been run due to strong wind abandonments

Today's racing started and finished on the club triangles. Course 3 took the fleet to Cannae, then Rockie and Edwards; back out of Middle Harbour the fleet checked out Lady Bay before heading down the harbour to Chowder South and North, before heading to Shark and then Clark Islands and a work back home to Manly.

Albert, helming *Ten Sixty*, continued on his winning streak - first across the line and first on handicap - well done! Second across the line and handicap, fastest around the course and closest to the start - *San Toy* - did shake out that reef on the leg to Chowder South. That nor'easter sure took some funny turns! Without her spinnaker, *Ludicrous Mode* took third place across the line and on handicap - great work!

Thank you *Esprit* race committee, Jenny at the bar, stand-in race director Mark and tender driver Mezza.



Mark RD, Carole (*Ten Sixty*), Maz (*San Toy*), Scott (*Ludicrous Mode*)



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Laser

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LAKE MACQUARIE O'PEN SKIFF & ICLA DOLPHIN CHASER REGATTA MANNERING PARK AMATEUR SAILING CLUB



Check out MYC Juniors sponsors - thank you!

Manly Yacht Club was well represented in both the Gold and Silver O'pen Skiff divisions and in the ICLA4 (4.7 laser) and ICLA6 (Radial laser) fleets.

MYC sailors took the first 4 spots in the O'pen Skiff Gold division - well done Toby, Emma, Maya and Leon-Wei - and 2nd and 3rd place in the ICLA4 class - congratulations Henry and Danielle.

I've taken the liberty of quoting from the [Manning Park Sailing Club](#) Facebook page and sharing some of their images.

"Another big year at the annual Dolphin Chaser Regatta and a big thank you, to all the 57 young sailing legends that made our 9th regatta a great success !

Thank you to our volunteers both on and off water, with a special mention to our R.O. Mick Forbes and an even bigger special mention to our favourite club member, Janet and her canteen lovelies, who knocked out over a hundred dinners on Saturday night.

Congratulations to Toby McKavanagh on finally getting a win in the Gold fleet and one of the only ones to attend every regatta since we Started. Next year promises to be even bigger as we celebrate NUMBER 10, and there will be some surprises, so don't miss out !!!

See you all next year, check out the pics ..."



THANK YOU

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New Sails!



TWILIGHT RACE 8

29 NOVEMBER 2024



PEPPER TREE WINES

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

Image Stuart Snell

Wet! Wet! Wet! (... and I don't mean the Scottish band).

The wind promised a S-SSE of 8-12 knots - almost the "goldilocks zone"; the prediction was for a 90% chance of between 5 to 35mm of rain may have been somewhat conservative.

I tip my hat to the 18 competitors who went for a sail.

Race Director Lisa noted ...

"Torrential Rain Doesn't Dampen Spirits at MYC Twilight Race!"

Last night's Twilight Race brought challenging conditions with heavy rain, but that didn't stop our fleet from giving it their all on Course 3!

Top 3 Winners:

Waterhound (Anthony Poole) – Mastering the rain and waves, Waterhound claimed 1st place with a stellar performance and smart use of handicap.

Stock Car (James Merrick) – Consistent as always, Stock Car powered through to secure a strong 2nd place finish.

Gecko (Glenn Paterson) – Setting the fastest elapsed time, Gecko sailed brilliantly to round out the top

Rookie Highlight: Rookie skipper Tim Bradford on Arosa nailed a perfect start, winning the Starter's Prize in style! An amazing effort in tough conditions!



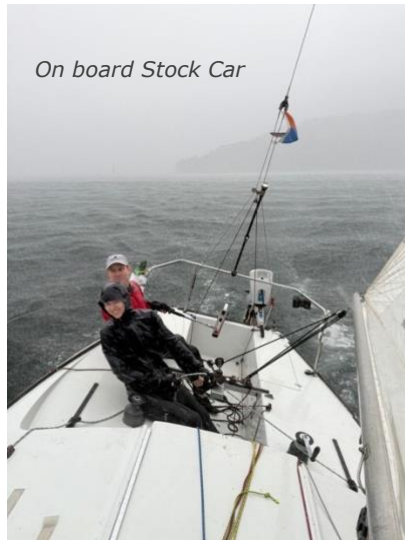
On board Micron



On board Solace



Supernova



On board Stock Car

Big congratulations to everyone who braved the weather. With Course 3 shaking things up, it was a race to remember. See you next week on the water! "

Thank you race committee *Kia Kaha*, Andrew Watt, Andrew Stephenson, Julian McPherson; Kaelen, Riley and Karrie in the galley; Brea in the bar and of course, our soggy tender drivers for the night - Dianna and Lisa.



Image Muir Watson



Tim (Arosa), James (Stock car), Lisa, Anthony (Waterhound), Xav (jackpot Solace)

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RACE 6

1 DEC 2024



PEPPER TREE WINES

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

Image Colin Cameron



10 boats went out to race - 3 boats finished!

The day started out with a promising 10-15 knot nor'easter and it was going to be a busy day up our end of the harbour with day 2 of the 16ft skiff state champs. Course 9 was selected so that we could stay out of their way as much as possible.

The start line was set just off Cobbler's Beach. Within a minute of the start of division 1 a lone 13ft skiff capsized right on the start line causing an immediate AP. Regathering after the start line was cleared, the division 1 boats took off - first stop Manly West & East. Lady Bay for both divisions, then a split; division 1 - Taylors; division 2 - Chowder South.



The clouds were building as both fleets headed towards Cannae, but things were looking grim down the southern end of the harbour. Thunderclaps and lightning put a halt to the racing for some of the fleet. San Toy dropped sail and motored home - 40+ knots wasn't going to ruin our sails.

Kudos to *Khaleesi* (1st Div 1), *Ça Va* and *Kia Kaha* (1st and 2nd Div 2) for making it around the course. Although everyone was pretty soggy, there was no reported damage from the fleet back snugly on their moorings.

Thank you to RO Stephen and the intrepid race committee (who were also managing the laser fleet), for waiting for the finishers. Special thanks to the Robbie R crew who would have been a bit damp by the end of the day.



Quote from Peter Mac on Pam "We were 2 up and very busy but having a lot of fun coming last. We came out of Taylor's, the first time and looked back up at the sky and knew we were heading straight home.

It was nice to hear that numerous boats kept an eye on us, that's what makes our little club so special".



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

On Sunday we had heats 7&8 of the 4P Series scheduled along with heats 13&14 of the Spring Point Score with only a few heats left.

The weather looked OK when we headed out with Gordon on RO duties deciding to start off Reef Beach in a light nor'easter as the Manly 16's had two heats of the States in The Sound.

Sammy was off first and made good ground rounding the first mark in front, followed by Shaun O'Reilly, Cameron, Ian Cameron and Dave Walton.

It was a three lapper, so a longer race and Sammy managed to fend off everyone to take the gun followed by Ian Cameron and Dave Walton. Lloyd Harrison entered the fleet and sailed quite well, I think he has been practicing!

It was then that things changed with the weather and the day was done. A southerly change and "SqWalls" (nice one Cameron ... Ed) arriving in North Harbour clearing the harbour in 30 minutes as lighting started to happen.

Shaun managed to put on a great catering effort with cold beers and snake sausages with an array of sauces. Thanks to Gordon for officiating in his take no prisoners way with starting procedure.

No racing next week (Manly Cup), and Tim Docker on RO with Gianni Watson on catering for the Club Championships on 15th.



Sammy gets the hat - nice 'tach Gordon



Gordon and Phil



Gordon and Iain

SHWKS 2024-2025

Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series

SHWKS RACE 3 - 24 NOV 2024 - HOSTED BY RSYS



We still call Melody our own - owned and helmed by Marike

Race 3 of the Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat series was conducted by RSYS on a brilliant blue-sky day with a nice 15-20knot nor'easter.

Congratulations division 1 handicap winners - Dinah on *Wilde Rush*, 1st, Melissa on *Blink*, 2nd and casual entry Jill on *Kookaburra* in 3rd spot, with *Blink* being fastest around the course.

The division 2 fleet saw 8 boats compete with Sophie on *Lively* in first spot, followed by Ruth on *Alcamy* and Natasha on *Jabiru* in second and third places. Well done *Jabiru*, fastest around the course.

More images from our favourite photographer [Marg Fraser-Martin](#) can be found on Facebook.



Alcamy, Melody, Jabiru and Andiamo! - Division 2



Vice commodore Cath helming Kaotic



All female crew on Kaotic - taking it easy after the finish



All female crew on Melody including President Lisa



MHYC
29th SEPTEMBER
2024

RESULTS



CYCA
27th OCTOBER
2024

RESULTS



RSYS
24th NOVEMBER
2024

RESULTS



RANSA
23rd FEBRUARY
2025

NEXT RACE



MYC
23rd MARCH
2025



VALE

BILL SPENCE

1936-2024



This month we lost one of nature's gentlemen.

Born and brought up in Newcastle, Bill lived 25 years in London before coming back to Sydney and working as a dentist, kiwi fruit farmer and weekend restaurateur (with his father on pot washing and mother on Front of house!).

Bill joined Manly Yacht Club in 1991, quickly becoming an active member. Bruce, the commodore at the time, quickly saw Bill's potential and co-opted him to become an auditor for the yachts. "One of the best we have ever had" was a recent quote from that same, now past commodore.

Who remembers *Yevana*, a pretty yellow Cav 26, sitting out the front of the club that Bill bought in 1996 and sold in 2006? Several members of the club subsequently purchased her and had many years of support from Bill in sailing her.

From 2002 Michael Troy and Bill ran Penguin Sail and many a new member will remember Bill shouting instructions from the helm while his regular foredeckie Dennis shouted the opposite instructions from the front, with neither able to hear the other, and totally confusing new members learning to sail in the middle of the boat!



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The 3 free sails YA rule always saw "Aida" and "Madama Butterfly", both Penguin Sail training boats, on the twilight races with newbies on board. For a while Bill also acted as crew co-ordinator to ensure no sailor was left behind on a Friday twilight.

When Penguin Sail was sold Bill bought a Cav 28 - *Beausoleil* - winning several race series including being the only boat to win Division 1 and Division 2 of the Winter Series in consecutive years. An unlikely high spot was a call from Commodore Maz one Saturday evening to say *Beausoleil* was leading the Cav 28 Division in the Sydney Harbour Regatta! On a windy day Bill had taken the easier option and poled out on the downwind legs leaving the strong wind to cause chaos among the spinnaker boats behind us! Unfortunately, Sunday saw us return to *Beausoleil's* rightful place...

One of Bill's favourite races was the Christmas race, working with the crew to create fancy water borne Christmas creations from a forest of decorated Christmas trees to Angels on the water!



Bill's other trusty stead was his 2-person dingy ferrying skipper and crew from boat to the club. Usually carrying 5 or more crew, the trip was precarious, with crowds at the skiff club cheering as we went passed - waiting for us to capsize and sink!

BILL SPENCE 1936-2024

Bill stepped up to the role of Chief Equipment Auditor early on, liaising with YA (Yachting Australia) and then AS (Australian Sailing) to ensure that members had the correct information for their annual audits. Many of you have been on the other end of the audit either at MYC or Davis Marina, under his guidance.



Bill was a great friend to so many people over the years keeping contact with everyone from school friends; to London compatriots; to *Aida* crew and many others. Always travelling and exploring the world Bill, lived life to the full and will be sadly missed.



Bill passed away on his birthday after 88 years on this earth.

Sail on!



PEPPER TREE WINES

TWILIGHT RACE 9 TWILIGHT FEMALE HELM RACE 2 6 DECEMBER 2024

The wind wasn't as predicted ... and then it was... Course 1 was selected despite the promise of a longer course, but the fickle breeze around 6pm caused a change of heart for the race committee.

With RD Lisa and the *Mondo* crew competing in the Cabbage Tree Island race, it was Commodore Stephen who took on the mantle of race director with Bruce, Pam and Jenny from *Pensive/Joss* doing race committee duties.

The tussle at the front of the fleet between the first boats to finish resulted in *Waterhound*, *Stock Car* and *Fast Company* 1, 2 and 3. Twilight race 9 was a "first across the post" race, but twilight female helm results were by handicap, with *Waterhound*, *Phantom Menace* and *Stock Car* in first, second and third.

Now, you might be confused with the result ... How can *Waterhound* be first in twilight 9 with Anthony at the helm and first in twilight female helm

with Lisa (who was clearly down the harbour for the Cabbage Tree Island race) at the helm... similarly, *Stock Car*, *Hebe*, *Ludicrous Mode* and others. It would be helpful if the skipper of a twilight female helm race matched the corresponding twilight race - easy enough to do on SailSys.

It's great to see so many of you contributing to the WhatsApp Community photo link.

More images here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mD5vFCSmJ8oWEg29A>



TWL9 results : <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3764/races>

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