

EDITOR'S NOTE



I hope everyone had a peaceful and joyous Christmas with family and friends; a good sending off of the old year; and celebrated the incoming new year in an appropriate fashion.

There is normally no January newsletter, but there was so much to write about, that it would really be a bumper February edition if I didn't make this effort.

As you may be aware (if you've been reading the newsletter), 2025 marks the 75th Anniversary of Manly Yacht Club. This year also marks the 30th Anniversary of the MYC Women's Challenge - so a double celebration is in store for the club.



THIS MEANS WE NEED YOUR **HELP**

December saw *Mondo*, *Jupiter* and *Kanreki*, represent Manly Yacht Club in the 2024 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, with club members Felicity Nelson (28 Hobarts) and Alex Seja (21 Hobarts) on their boat *Supernova*, Helen Buckland and Jim Nixon (30 Hobarts) on *Wings* and Marike Koppenol on *Active Again*.

And for those who haven't heard, a well-deserved Northern Beaches Council Australia Day Award, was presented to past commodore; ex marina owner; waterside worker - Bruce Davis for Outstanding Service to the Community.

As part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations, I will be going through past newsletters and reprinting articles of historic interest (to me anyway!).



JUPITER

- 3rd IRC Division 5
- 3rd Double Handed IRC
- 5th Double Handed Line Honours
- 18th IRC
- 52nd Line Honours

MONDO

Unfortunately, a broken D1 put paid to Mondo's race. Very disappointing for Lisa and her crew who had weathered the worst of the conditions only to retire at St Helens to secure the rig.

All on board OK!



KANREKI

- 3rd IRC Division 3
- 9th Corinthian IRC
- 12th Corinthian PHS
- 32nd IRC
- 34th Line Honours

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ADULT

Rachel Anderson
 Danielle Ridgeway

RETURNING MEMBER

David Poole



A TASTE OF THE START OF THE 2024 ROLEX SYDNEY-HOBART YACHT RACE



After the gun...



Mondo Crew



Kanreki Crew



Ian & Lachlan on Jupiter



Kanreki



On Joss - looking at spectator fleet



Mondo start image Marg Fraser-Martin



Wings - Jim Nixon & Helen B



Tail end of the fleet



Spectators follow...



2025 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Extract from President Lisa's email to all members (17 Dec 2024)

I am thrilled to share the wonderful news that Bruce Davis, a long-standing pillar of the Manly Yacht Club and the broader Northern Beaches community, has been selected for a 2025 Australia Day Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Bruce's incredible contributions to sailing at MYC and beyond exemplify the true spirit of volunteerism and community leadership.

At MYC, Bruce was instrumental in reviving our junior sailing program, transforming it from a dormant initiative into a thriving hub for young sailors. His strategic leadership, relentless fundraising efforts, and passion for mentoring others resulted in modern facilities, new fleets of Optimists and Open Bics, and opportunities for juniors to compete at state and national levels. Graduates of this program are now making waves in offshore classics like the Sydney to Hobart.

Beyond junior sailing, Bruce's service to MYC spans decades, including 14 years as Commodore of MYC. He has tirelessly worked on club infrastructure, donated his vessel *Carlyle* as a committee boat, and led community efforts to establish programs like Sailability, which brings the joy of sailing to disabled individuals.

Bruce's impact extends to the Sydney Harbour sailing community, where he played pivotal roles in events such as the 2000 Sydney Olympics and the Volvo World Youth Sailing Championships. His contributions as the former owner/operator of Davis Marina also ensured essential services for local boaters, which are deeply missed today. Even in retirement, Bruce remains at the forefront of community initiatives, including efforts to improve access and facilities in North Harbour.

This recognition is a testament to Bruce's unwavering dedication, leadership, and community spirit. Please join me in congratulating Bruce on this well-deserved honour. His work has left an indelible legacy; we are fortunate to have him in the MYC family!



THANK YOU FROM BRUCE

When I heard that I was to receive an Outstanding Community Service award my first thoughts were there has been a terrible mistake! Then I found that I had been nominated by some lovely people who I have always regarded as even minded, objective, fair, reliable and sensible. How could so many of them make such a mistake! I didn't know what to make of the situation, after all I just do what I like doing.

During the days since I have become more comfortable with the idea and now, very much look forward to receiving the award and sticking it on the mantle shelf. It's hard to appreciate how much effort these good people put into getting this nomination together. Thanks.

Then Maz alerted me to the Facebook posts. Not knowing much about Facebook, she sent me an email with all the posts, and I see the list goes on forever. Thanks to everyone for the kind words, totally unexpected.

The footnote is that everyone who has responded on Facebook is community minded, there seems to be a high concentration at Manly Yacht Club, and I can think of many worthy people who could have been nominated.

What an Honour!

Bruce



CHRISTMAS RACE

22 DECEMBER 2024



The day of the MYC Christmas race was finally here and the elves had done a wonderful job on *Ten Sixty*, *Solace* and *Mondo*, but with 13 boats registered to sail, enthusiasm began to wane so there was only a sprinkle of dress up or decoration on the rest of the fleet. *Mondo* and *Ten Sixty* were keen to water bomb any competitors within their range, while *San Toy* opted to blow peaceful bubbles at the rest of the fleet.



It seemed that *Esprit* crew had deserted the ship and could be found on *Kanreki*, but that didn't stop a favourable result for *Esprit* via a virtual race (albeit with only one competitor).

Okavango Delta was a DNC tossing up whether to sail the course with a baby seagull chick on board, or not. The motor not working was NOT a factor.

Light winds and the call from *San Toy* was: "we are heading straight for Grotto..." which resulted in some of the fleet taking *San Toy's* lead. Confusion for the new members of the club who were taking this race just a tad too seriously, deciding to go the full course to Rocky and Edwards, but later opting to forgo Manly West and East and head for the finish.

In this Rafferty's rules race, RD/RO Mark had a wonderful time deciding how to score this race. The mystery still remains!

Back at the club food and wine flowed freely and the *Mondo* carollers treated the assembly with their unique rendition of the 12 days of Christmas.



VERSE 12 of MONDO'S
12 Days of Christmas

On the twelfth day of
Christmas
my crew mates gave to me...
Twelve halyards rattling,
Eleven winches grinding,
Ten knots a blowing,
Nine yachts a tacking,
Eight sails hoisting,
Seven dolphins swimming,
Six sheets a-fraying,
Five golden rules,
Four calling "starboard!",
Three reef lines,
Two skippers protesting,
And a volunteer race
committee!



The carollers



The winners



The revellers



WHAT'S COMING UP IN 2025?

What has the Social Committee planned for
12TH APRIL 2025
END OF SUMMER SOCIAL?

Who wants to help?

JAN
2025

Twilight Races 11-14; Twilight Female Helm Race 3
Club Champs Race 7; Summer Series Race 6
MHYC Chaos Cup; Combined Clubs Inshore Series Race 7
Laser Club Champs 9 & 10; 4P 9&10
Sailability Australia Day Regatta

FEB
2025

Junior & Youth training and racing recommences; Kurnell Cup
Twilight Races 15-18; Twilight Female Helm Race 4
Club Champs Race 8; Summer Series Race 7; Sprint Series Races 4-6;
Combined Clubs Sunday Series Races 7-9; Marathon 2
Laser Club Champs 11&12; Micro Regatta 13-16; state champs and Masters

MAR
2025

Twilight Races 19-21; Twilight Female Helm Race 5
Sydney Harbour Regatta
Club Champs Race 9; Combined Clubs Sunday Series Race 10; Summer Series Race 8
Laser 4P11&14; Club Champs 13&14
30TH Helly Hansen Women's Challenge

WE NEED RACE COMMITTEES

Please help

Contact David Ashton for Summer Series
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Contact Mark Stacey for Club Champs
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Contact Lisa Callaghan for Twilights
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Contact Catherine Thornton-Rofe for HH Women's Challenge
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THE ROSTER IS HERE:

<https://www.myc.org.au/race-committee-roster/>

THANK YOU
in anticipation



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PEPPER TREE WINES

TWILIGHT RACE 10

13 DECEMBER 2024



Moonraker

Course 9 and a chance for the late start boats to catch the early start boats. A beautiful evening that saw the fleet of 26 yachts head

towards Eastern Channel AS before crossing over to Chowder South and back to Manly, under a steady 12-15kt southerly.

Waterhound, Gecko and Sirius came out on top 1, 2 and 3, with Sirius sailing exceptionally well, giving the fleet a lesson in sailing - starting near the back of the fleet Sirius recorded the fastest time around the course. Moonraker and Absolut both hit their start times exactly so it was a race to the podium as to who would keep the "sticky". Gianni, with younger legs than David, got there first so Moonraker kept the prize.

Thank you Karrie, Danielle and Kaelan, who were kept very busy in the kitchen, managing to stretch the food to the last hungry competitor, Brea behind the bar, the tender drivers who transported you to your boats and, of course, our hardworking twilight race director (and president) Lisa.



Winners

Gianni on Moonraker



Stock Car & Esprit



Sirius



Scott - SWV



Fast Company and Manu



Saltwater Veterans on Supernova

Results here : <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3764/races>
More images here : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oDv1Uga23YTpReo6>



PEPPER TREE WINES
SUMMER SERIES RACE 5
15 DECEMBER 2024

The predicted S-ESE breeze below 10 knots turned into a lovely sailing breeze as the Summer Series fleet took off in their allocated time slots sharing the harbour with the CYCA Classic Yachts fleet. It was a lovely sight to behold with all of those beautiful craft on the water.



Waterhound

Eight competitors raced to Rose Bay under the guidance of RO Michael Rowe with assistance from the crew of *Absolut*. It was a bit crowded at Rose Bay with the many gin palaces and lily pads in close proximity to the AS mark, but the competitors all rounded without incident. Course 6 then took us up to Chowder Bay South before a return trip to Rose Bay, around Shark Island and AS mark before a run back up the harbour to the finish.

Ten Sixty, under the helm of Albert, took out 1st place again, followed by casual entry *Esprit* and *Stock Car* in 3rd spot on handicap.



Ten Sixty



Stock Car & Waterhound

Stock Car and *Waterhound* had a pretty good tussle at the finish according to the eagle-eyed RO, with only an 11 second difference in handicap results.

Casual entry *Esprit* was fastest around the course... and... closest to the start! *Ten Sixty* now sits in a pretty good spot to take out the series but... let's not count chickens yet!



Cheap Thrills



Waterhound



Greg (*Esprit*), RD David, Albert (*Ten Sixty*), James (*Stock Car*)

THANK YOU

Thank you race committee, Nick on the bar and Race Director David for getting us this far after a shaky start with the weather.



San Toy

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



ILCA6 / ILCA7 FLEET

15 DEC 2024 - CC7/CC8



PEPPER TREE WINES

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



Father and daughter ...
"Dutchy" (David Holland) and
"Dutchess" Louise

What a fantastic summer day today and with a solid SE breeze, no Nor Easter!

We had 15 starters which was a fantastic fleet thanks to Danielle and "Dutchess" Louise who joined us and sailed very well. In fact, Danielle raced my old boat and finished ahead of me!

The first race was a 12-18kn breeze and had Ian Saunders tack onto port early and take advantage of the lift off Reef Beach which paid off and saw him round the top mark as the leader. Iain Cameron who went East with Phil Reid were in the mix though. Ian held on for the gun with Phil taking the race on corrected time and Gianni winning on point score.

The second race was started in similar breeze however by the top mark had dropped back to about 10kn with hash sun. Mike Franklin copied Ian and headed to Reef Beach (I followed) and managed to cross Ian on the return tack only just. I think Mike rounded the top mark leading.

In the end the usual suspects finished top three with Phil taking the win. Phil also took the fastest on corrected time which is outstanding. Special mention to Ali, Dave, Gianni & Mike who are sailing very well this season and looking good.

Big thanks to Tim who was RO today which was quite easy when the breeze blows from the same direction all day. Gianni for the catering which was excellent. Geoff Reid made an appearance which was nice as well.

See you all mid-January have a nice break.



Gianni and Tim



Tim ... with the results



Phil and Tim

Cameron Wall

KURNELL CUP

8-9 FEBRUARY 2025



Kurnell Cup 2025
Open Skiff and Laser junior
regatta



THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF... **LUDICROUS MODE**

By Scott Breakwell



Absolutely glorious conditions this morning as Team *Ludicrous Mode* arrived for today's all-important Summer Series race. Currently sitting third on the leader board was solid enough, but the fans were restless. Could we make a charge for the title? Could we even ... win it? Social media was alive with frenzied speculation - the fans were pumped!

We assembled a team of crack sailors for the occasion, including the next generation of Ludicrous Mode elite. House arrived with sons Sam and Charlie, plus his cousin Ollie visiting from NZ. I brought my son Tom, and Digger was flying solo - a record total of seven crew!

The breeze was supposed to be 9 knots from the south east but once again the weather forecaster had a Barry Crocker. I think he might be forecasting for a different city - we should look into that. Anyway, it was blowing around 15 knots with the odd gust up to 20, so we put in a reef to make things a bit more comfortable for the junior crew.

We crossed the line at pace for the first upwind leg to Rose Bay. The opening line-up saw House on the tiller and Sam working some magic on the mainsheet. This father-son combination worked seamlessly as we hiked our way up the harbour. Meanwhile Tom and Ollie negotiated the jib sheets, and Digger, Charlie and I slid around on the bow.

With arms and legs everywhere, each tack was its own adventure! Seven crew made the spaces a bit tight, but everyone managed very well. It was a long haul to Rose Bay but eventually we made it and bore away for Chowder Bay. Talk of spinnakers was quietly shelved - we simply didn't need the stress on such a short leg. We shook out the reef, goosewinged the genoa and headed straight for the mark, with *Lost Horizon* and *San Toy* in hot pursuit.

Some dazzling sailing from the team saw us edge away and round the mark looking very sharp. We had of course forgotten to put the reef back in, but the wind had eased a touch, so we were lucky. We tore back towards Rose Bay with the crowds at Nielsen Park in absolute pandemonium as we sailed past. Tom worked the mainsheet like a pro, and we rounded at Rose Bay, then careered towards Shark Island. It was here that the fans saw us up close and personal, and they went absolutely crazy! What an exciting day on Sydney Harbour - and things were soon about to get even more exciting!



Lost Horizon

The fateful decision was made to hoist the kite and as usual it was a little messy!

Our bowman had some technical issues as the tack went out to the bowsprit before the sheets were attached. The kite was soon swimming so we hauled it in; then when we finally hoisted, the sheet slipped free and the kite was flapping wildly... oh no!

The kids were wide eyed and wondering if they would make it back alive. The adults were too. But eventually we recovered the situation and put the afterburners on!

San Toy was off our hip to the west and planning something sneaky. We thought we made it past Sow n Pigs cleanly but found ourselves literally caught by a fisherman as we sailed past. When I suggested perhaps they could have reeled their line in, they flipped me the one finger salute - then the line snapped, and we sailed on with their hook still attached!

Racing for home now with our ears pinned back, but we still had one final moment of torment to come. The yellow buoy on the finish line was on the port side of the start boat, but for some reason we were heading to a different yellow buoy on the starboard side! When this dawned on us we had to crash gybe to cross the line, hammering the foredeck and junior crew. The spinnaker was still coming down, so we were immediately trawling again, plus the genoa had a wrap and we nearly took out a moored boat. It was an ugly finish to say the least.



This was almost too much for the fans to take, and it was a lot for the crew as well! Dazed and confused we limped back to the mooring, with *San Toy* gleefully taking photos and pointing out the state of our sails. Oh dear. We couldn't escape fast enough...

Sadly, we couldn't stay for the presentation but I'm fairly confident we didn't win. In fact, I don't think we saw the leaders all day. But I'm pretty sure we beat *San Toy* which restored some pride after our humiliating finish!

All in all, a great sail with some moments of exhilaration and high stress. There were no injuries, lots of smiles and we're still in the hunt for Summer Series glory!

Happy days. Let's do it again! Until next time 👍





CHRISTMAS REGATTA

Saturday, 21st December 2024



For the Christmas Regatta our sailors enjoyed a sunny day with light north easterly winds – perfect sailing conditions.

After a briefing from Bruce Davis five boats took to the water and lined up for the start of the first race, as other commitments at this time of year meant we did not have enough sailors for all boats.

In the first race Denis and Nola in *Woody* gained a slight lead over Michael and Ros in *Ralph Newman*, closely followed by Skye and Petra in *Black Swan*. They were followed by Helene and Clare in *Eli D* and David and Ole, Petra's son, in *Alex Martin*.

The second race saw *Alex Martin* get a good start followed by *Ralph Newman* and *Woody*. The crew of *Eli D*, deep in discussion, lost focus and were late to the start. The wind was a little variable and some opted to go out into the main harbour, while the others to sail closer to the Fairlight shoreline. A wind shift gave *Ralph Newman* a lift, and they rounded the top mark just ahead of *Woody*. With more consistent wind on the second up-wind leg *Woody* was able to edge ahead and the finishing order was the same as race one, other than *Eli D* swapping with *Alex Martin* for last place.



In the final race *Ralph Newman* got a great start and covered the fleet initially, which once again split to their preferred sides of the course. This time however the favoured side was the middle of the harbour and *Woody* rounded the first mark, just ahead of *Ralph Newman*, *Alex Martin*, *Black Swan* and *Eli D*. This is how they finished this race and is also their finishing positions over the three races.

Despite the light breezes, a great day was enjoyed by all who participated and a key part of the success of the day was the professional management of the races by Bruce, and Pam Davis with the assistance of Vince.



Support was provided by John, Kerry and Joe on *Charlie's Chariot* and thanks to Warwick and Dany for cooking the sausages and preparing the lunch. After packing away the boats and equipment we announced the winners and shared a very pleasant lunch together.

Manly Sailability wishes a Merry Christmas to all our valued volunteers and their families, and we look forward to seeing you again all in the new year.



COUNTDOWN

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JUPITER'S JOURNEY

By Ian Smith

Many thanks everyone at MYC for your full support, enthusiasm & excitement in following *Jupiter's* Journey. And what a Journey it's been! When *Jupiter* was launched 3 years ago I had no inkling (in fact denied 3 times) *Jupiter* would be competing for a podium in one of the toughest Sydney to Hobart Yacht races (30% of fleet retired & 2 souls were sadly lost to the ferocity of the sea). I must say, I do like a good "suffer fest" to get down & gritty with!!

Starting from an unknown beginning but with a dream to sail/race double handed, bit by bit as *Jupiter* kept winning in local club & coastal races, I had to keep adjusting *Jupiter's* goals. They simply were not big enough!! So 18 months ago I decided to take *Jupiter* to a higher orbit, at a professional level

(noting historically the podiums are lined with professional sailors) with a big goal of "bridging the gap" between the front of the amateurs & the elites of double handed offshore yacht racing (in Australia). But after *Jupiter* being crowned Overall Winner of the RPYC Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Race (considered by offshore royalty as a major race, think analogy of tennis grand slam event) the big goal had to be adjusted up another couple of notches. To "finishing significantly ahead of our defined Double Handed elites". Alas, no amount of positive thinking can beat a wealth of offshore experience. And the pecking order on the podium was established well before the start. With Rupert Henry's *Mistral* 1st to Jules Hall's *Disko Trooper* 2nd & the mighty *Jupiter* 3rd against a very strong fleet including Division 5 (being a mixture of DH & full crewed yachts). Comment from a mentor: "Congrats Ian on a fine race. A podium in the toughest race in the world is something to be proud of."



The benefits of taking *Jupiter* higher in the stratosphere far outweighed the "show me the money" aspect of competing at an elite level (at which point I have to acknowledge my wife's Julia's full support). *Jupiter* was turned into a fully professional approach to match the elites. From a professional trainer (Billy Sykes of Norths Sails- a bluntly subtle & extraordinarily talented sailor & part of the best sailmakers globally) to professional co-skipper (Lincoln Dews- the full package of youth - his birthday celebration was over the finish line, boat handling skills, electronics & navigation skills, speed & agility, & overall good guy).

First step was building *Jupiter* into an offshore racing machine complete with water ballast, engaging the best trades skills in the sailing industry through Billy's contacts, which took a good 12 months to fine tune & tweak. Next was physical fitness. One look at the elites and its clear physical fitness is a first priority (think again tennis elites are all at peak physical strength and endurance). It took me two years to be fitter, muscular with strength. (As an aside, I more recently started rock climbing with my daughter Chloe for the strength aspect which was a fabulous way to bond more closely in a common interest).

Next, I knew I had to change my mental habits & mental chatter. I needed to form a deep belief *Jupiter* can win with the best, to not "self-sabotage" myself off the podium. To develop mental toughness & resilience. So, I engaged sports psychologist (think Ash Barty changing up her mental approach to win the Australian Open). Best benefit of the psych. side of the *Jupiter* program was I established core values that took me, *Jupiter* & those around me into a much better & happier orbit. The core values being, Honesty (you can't take the boy out of Balmain), Humour, Humility, Fitness, Gratitude & Kindness.

Jupiter also established a winning aspiration which included winning the CYCA's Bluewater Series Point Score "BWPS". (Although 2nd in IRC, we did win the BWPS in the PHS handicap system).

You might be getting the gist, "that which gets documented gets done". *Jupiter* had a fully documented Strategic Plan. I employed all the skills of my financial corporate world into the *Jupiter* Sailing Program. So, it's no accident that *Jupiter* finds itself on the podium with the elites.

Once again, thank you for your positive vibes & enjoying this space oddity with the *Jupiter* Team. It's been a maturing and humbling experience to say the least. Now on the other side of the Journey, I'll see you soon in 2025. Remember to document your New Year's goals for the year ahead!!

Best always, Your Humble Space Commander & Vicarious Hero, Ian

Jupiter S-H Highlights:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykKekRRWnGc>



A "NOD" TO 75 YEARS

Reprint of history articles published in 2013

HISTORY

This chapter in the Manly Yacht Club History was written by the late Doug Ebeling. Helen Ebeling, his wife, edited it and more recently Brian Wilson has added more information.



GENESIS ...

In the beginning was the "Manly Sailing Club". This club was the antecedent of the "Manly 16 ft. Skiff Sailing Club", "The 14 foot Sailing Club" and the "Manly Yacht Club". The history of these clubs forms part of the fabric of the history of European settlement of Manly and in particular Manly Cove.

1922-1928

The "Manly Sailing Club" was born around September 1922 when a number of young Manly sailors were gathered together by Lach Simms in Verrall's Boatshed (now the Manly Boatshed, owned by the Treharne family). They planned to build a clubhouse and organise sailing races amongst a very mixed bag of skiffs. The first president was Arthur Stevens, and by 1924 there were 16 assorted boats sailing and varying in length from 22' down to 7'6". There were four 16 Footers which, at this number, predominated. In August 1926, the 16 Footer was adopted as the club's preferred class. Finance was a problem but the first clubhouse was built in 1928 on the current site of the 16 ft Skiff Club and the Club was on its way. It was then still called the "Manly Sailing Club".

1936-1952

By 1936 there were a dozen or so 16 footers, a half dozen VJ's and about 10 mixed craft and Manly boats were doing well in National 16 Foot competitions. The club had its ups and downs but was quite vigorous in 1939 when war broke out. About half of the healthy young sailors went into the forces but the depleted club carried on. At the conclusion of the war the numbers again built up and the fleet grew back to its original strength. At this time the club was clearly favouring the developing 16 foot skiff (the "A Group"), and new competitive ply construction was being tried. By 1952, it was clear that this was the club boat and the name was officially made "The Manly 16 Foot Skiff Sailing Club". The other boats, ("the B Group") were considered as training boats for junior sailors. In those days, the 16 Footer required a crew of five and for some years there was pressure on the B group to provide crew for the aristocrats.

The detailed history of the Manly Sailing Club and the Skiff Club between 1922 and 1997 has been written by David Hooley and published by the club under the title, "The Sailors, the History of the Manly 16ft Sailing Club".

But no mention was made of the small breakaway group who wanted to sail 14 footers and started their sailing from Farrell's Boatshed in Little Manly.

In 1947 Harry Pollard chose Farrell's Boatshed to store his newly built boat "Gropo" since the 16 Footers had rules against anyone over 18 years old sailing skiffs smaller than 16ft and "Gropo" would have been most unwelcome. So in 1949 a number of the senior members, who had become dissatisfied with the bias toward 16 footers, led by Harry Pollard, and including Keith Haynes and David Sleeman, decided that they would prefer to sail a smaller boat with fewer crew, to make the personnel logistics simpler. As this was not favoured by the club a breakaway movement was conceived. Other members joined the new club and included Alan Rann, Peter Newell, Keith Smith, Geoff Hudson, Clem Hogarth, Jack Webb, Warrick Sherwood, Bert Crocker and Clarence Sellars.



Busy Rigging:
The Vinny crew about 1928 preparing their boat on the ramp at the Manly Rowing and Sailing Club.
From left to right: Roger Fitzharding, unidentified, Ken Breakspear (rear), Lindsay Beer (front), Don Payne, Clarrie Sellar and Nester Elliott.

Harry Pollard was from WA, had sailed 14 Footers there, and had access to the 14 foot design plans for planked boats. Syd Lehner, a boat builder at Tom Ugly's Point was contracted to build four hulls.

These were delivered and subsequently rigged in Farrell's boatshed in Little Manly.

They were "Frolic" (Keith Haynes), "Cathay" (George Hudson), "St. Barbara" (Royal Australian Artillery Sailing Club) and the fourth was put in the charge of Geoff Hudson who was requested to rig it from bits of gear from Harry Pollard's garage and was called "Bitza". This became the initial base for a little club which they decided to call the "Manly 14 Foot Sailing Club". Harry Pollard was elected Commodore and Laurie Farrell was (naturally) the Patron. The inaugural meeting of the Manly 14-foot Sailing Club was held at the Sporting Union Rooms in Manly on Thursday, September 28, 1950.

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Following on from last month's article about the Manly Opera House Regatta... a report from someone who was there!!

I was one of those club members 41 years ago who sailed in MJ 'KAOS' with Paul Bergamini in the Opera House Regatta.

I was crewing and I think we won or got a place at least. I don't remember the day very clearly but I remember being enticed to sail for the prizes!

Paul came away with a trophy the size of my living room and I got a medal. He was a real Captain Bligh but taught me a lot. We went on to get a 3rd in the NSW champs and 5th in the Nationals (would have placed but broke a mast!) He encouraged me to become a helmswoman which only gave me a thirst for more.

And here I am today still trying to win races!

Janette Syme (Thomson)



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Incidentally the ABC program on the Opera House screened recently featured Eos at the opening ceremony with the Opera House in the background. The sail number was MH71 but Bruce Walker (Davis Marina) says he would recognize that transom anywhere. Actually Eos appeared quite small on the screen but she was there when history was being made.

Brian Wilson



# A "NOD" TO 75 YEARS

Reprint of history articles published in 2013 ...continued

## HISTORY ... continued from page 7

Apparently, sailing out of Little Manly was not satisfactory and the club was moved to Stuart's Boatshed at the end of Woods St and beside the Rowing and Boating Club. The shed was full of old dinghy hulls (mostly leaking) and earned its way making oars for surf boats. Harry Pollard heard a whisper that the shed may be up for sale and told Dave Sleeman in a pub with a couple of members present. It was decided that it was too late to call a committee meeting, and there was some fear that someone else may buy it, so Dave Sleeman (Treasurer) went around and made an offer and paid the deposit.

The Club Balance Sheet dated June 1955 has an item 'Deposit on Purchase of Boatshed 25 pounds'. This offer was backed by guarantees by some of the early stalwarts. He subsequently sold the old dinghies to a hire boat company at Roseville for 100 pounds and pegged the boats out in the Cove to allow them to swell and stop leaking. They were towed around by a willing fisherman for 10 pounds who had his lad bailing them out as they went along. Since no complaints were made they apparently arrived. Stuart's Boatshed thus became the official home of the Manly 14 Foot Sailing Club.

David Williams in his recollections of the Manly 14ft Sailing Club described Stuarts boatshed thus- "Commodore Herb Webb had the task of marshalling the forces to complete the transformation of this shed into a comfortable and apt location for sailing boats, for the members and for visitors.

On one Saturday when we arrived to race, Herb announced the race was cancelled and we would be provided with tools to carry on the work. This decision was well received and much was achieved that afternoon."

"The upstairs was transformed into a club area for meetings, dances etc and inevitably, a bar was installed. We held periodic dances to raise funds for alterations and additions plus raffles and whatever else to make the place livable."

"Downstairs was for boat storage and Alan, Clem and David all secured 14ft moulded hulls from Melbourne, which they proceeded to complete in this area. During one dance Bob Richo as President invited everyone downstairs and to David Sleeman's amazement he christened David's not quite completed craft 'PUFF' by smashing a bottle of lemonade over the bow."

"The Club did its part in promoting the population – at one stage three of the wives were in Manly Hospital together having new babies – Coincidentally, just nine months after the last prize giving night."

A Club Newsletter from the early 1950s has the following PS – 'The Xmas raffle is our only source of revenue at the moment, so "push" those tickets whenever possible – at 3d. each, they are almost a gift.'

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| Single Vineyard   'Venus Block' Chardonnay | Orange                                                                                                             | 2022    | \$50.00      | \$42.50          |                  | \$510.00       |                |       |
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