

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

With the season well underway, I'm excited to share updates on club activities, upcoming events, and key initiatives that continue to strengthen MYC.

CLUB OPERATIONS & INITIATIVES

- **VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:** We are pleased to welcome Peter & Danielle Grayson as our new volunteer coordinators. Their support will be invaluable in ensuring smooth race day operations.
- **VENUE HIRE SUCCESS:** December to January saw a massive increase in venue bookings, jumping from 6 to 27 booked days. March is projected to be a record month, with 19 days already secured.
- **UNAUTHORISED TEEN ACTIVITY ON THE WHARF:** The club will approach Northern Beaches Council and local police for assistance in addressing this issue.

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

- **30TH ANNIVERSARY HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE:** 22-23 March – Let's make this the biggest fleet yet!
- **SALTWATER VETERANS ANZAC EVENT:** 8 April – A special occasion to honour our veterans.
- **END OF SEASON EVENT:** 21 March (rescheduled to align with the last Twilight race).
- **LASER FORUM:** 20 February at 7pm
- **YACHTS FORUM:** 18 February at 7pm
- **OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:** Planning is well underway for our milestone 75th Anniversary events, including the Commemorative Race (30 April) and Gala Ball (6 or 13 September). Save the dates!


SAILING & MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

- **JUNIORS & YOUTH SAILING:** Enrolment has reached 50 young sailors, and the Manly Cup saw near-record participation.
- **NEW MEMBERS:** We are thrilled to welcome a new intake of juniors to the Thursday Green Fleet. Their enthusiasm is a testament to the growing interest in sailing at MYC.
- **SHE SAILS REPRESENTATION:** Ali Devlin has been appointed as the new SheSails representative.

FINAL NOTES

As always, thank you to our dedicated volunteers, staff, and members who keep MYC running smoothly. With exciting events ahead and continued progress on our strategic initiatives, we are set for an incredible year. I encourage everyone to get involved and make the most of our wonderful club.

See you on the water!

Lisa Callaghan - President 



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JUNIORS

Abigail McCabe
Matilda Floridi
Oliver Walker
Gabriela Alvarado
Emilia James
Kiara Bond
Caiden McCauley
Emma Busvine
Tyler Griffiths

ADULT

Sarah Richardson
Tanoj Udawattage

RETURNING MEMBER

Phillip Copeland



COMING UP
NEXT!



MYC SPRINT SERIES
RACES 4-6

AKA

COMBINED CLUBS
SUNDAY SERIES
RACES 7-9

16 FEBRUARY 2025



MYC MARATHON

23 FEBRUARY 2025

SYDNEY
HARBOUR
REGATTA

1 & 2 MARCH 2025

MANLY YACHT CLUB HELLY HANSEN
WOMEN'S CHALLENGE 2025
30th ANNIVERSARY

Open SKIFF NEW 2025
O'PEN SKIFF CHAMPS
BELMONT 16s / MARCH 15-16



~~END OF SEASON SOCIAL~~

~~12 APRIL 2025~~

No! it hasn't been cancelled, just moved to coincide with the last twilight on 21 MARCH 2025

We'll get a DJ in to make it a little special.

Submit 5 of your favourite song titles to maz@myc.org.au and they'll be passed on to our DJ.

We are not excluding members and guests who don't normal come to the twilights.

Turn up from 7:30 | enjoy a \$15 cook-your-own steak and salads or vegetarian option.

We can't guess how many steaks we'll need, so an indication that you might turn up would be appreciated.

Why the change?

Too much going on with too few of the same members, and not much engagement for organising the event. I'm happy for any member to form a social committee and organise the next one in April 2026.

Maz Radford - Membership Director



Wishing
you a
Speedy
recovery



We have a few members that we consider part of the MYC family, who need cheering up as they recovery from their various operations and procedures...

BOB DAY



webmaster, part owner *Ten Sixty*, crew on *Mondo*



SANTO SAUNDERS

Past junior, Manly Sailing instructor; son of laser sail Ian, brother of Olympic hopeful Evie, future commodore

KIM ENGLISH

Venue hire manager



Get
Well
Soon



MANLY YACHT CLUB HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE 2025 30th ANNIVERSARY

INVITING SKIPPERS AND THEIR CREWS TO ENTER THE
30th ANNIVERSARY

MYC HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE 2025

SATURDAY MARCH 22 : LASERS, HANSA303s, JUNIOR CLASSES

SUNDAY MARCH 23 : YACHTS

Exciting sailing and wonderful prizes, plus a trophy for the
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30
years

MANLY YACHT CLUB
HELLY HANSEN
WOMEN'S CHALLENGE 2025



MANLY YACHT CLUB HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE 2025 30th ANNIVERSARY

I'M LOOKING FOR BAKERS
AND CAKE DECORATORS



Manly Yacht Club Helly Hansen Women's
Challenge is celebrating its 30th Anniversary.

What better way than with cake!!!

Saturday: centreboards - 3 dozen iced
cupcakes

Sunday: yachts - a very big cake

Contact me: maz@myc.org.au if you can
help.

MYC can supply the ingredients or reimburse your costs.

Alternatively, if you know of anyone who would like to
donate cupcakes and/or cake in exchange for a free
advert in the newsletter and the next handbook, please
send them to me.

I'm also looking for helpers on the day, to
hand out finger food after the racing back on
the deck. Let me know if you can help.

THANK YOU

SAIL-WORLD

have posted our story for the HHWC :

<https://www.sail-world.com/news/283047/MYC-Womens-Challenge-30th-Anniversary>

EVERY WONDERED WHAT THAT BASKET AT THE PONTOON IS?

We've just heard from

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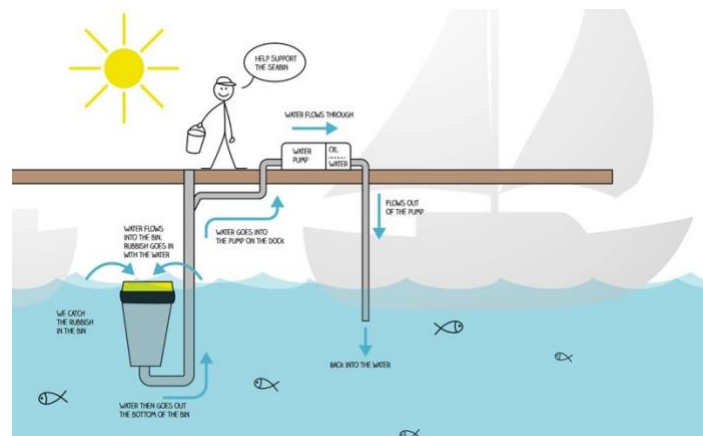
Together for Plastic **Net Zero**

STATS : stats from January 1 to November 30,
2024, showcasing the impact of the Seabin unit
hosted at Manly Yacht Club!

This Seabin has filtered 219 million litres of
seawater and successfully captured & removed an
estimated 159,907 plastic items and
77,889 microplastics from Sydney Harbour!

Thank you again for your support this year. We are
so excited to continue this incredible work together.
Bring on 2025!!

Read more here: <https://seabin.io/home>



Don't wait - enter now for 2025 Nautilus Marine Insurance Sydney Harbour Regatta

To be held over the weekend of 1st and 2nd March 2025, online entry is open, and the Notice of Race is online for the Nautilus Marine Insurance Sydney Harbour Regatta – so come and help celebrate the event's

20TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR!

All entries close at 2359hrs on Tuesday 25 February 2025. After that date and time, any additional entry shall be made in writing and may only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

For Notice of Race and to enter, please visit: <https://www.shr.mhyc.com.au>

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The graphic is split into two main sections. On the left is a dark blue/black background with white and red text. At the top is a red pennant flag. Below it, the text reads 'NAUTILUS MARINE INSURANCE 2025 SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA 1 & 2 MARCH 2025'. A red banner contains a QR code with the text 'NOTICE OF RACE & ONLINE ENTRY'. At the bottom are logos for MHYC and Nautilus Marine Boat Insurance. On the right is a photograph of a white racing yacht with crew members on deck, moving through choppy water. A red arrow points from the URL above to a red oval containing the text 'ENTER HERE'.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA



Sydney Harbour Regatta 2025 is Saturday 1st March and Sunday 2nd March.
Manly Yacht Club is a participating club in this regatta.

Can you help by volunteering for the Race Committee?

We are looking for the following roles to fill:

- Race Officer Assistant (Recorders)
- Race Officer Assistant Time Keeper
- Robbie R Driver
- Robbie R assistant



If you can help on either day or both, please contact duty.roster@myc.org.au

The Sydney Harbour Regatta is a special event - 100's of keelboats racing across multiple divisions over multiple different course areas, throughout Sydney Harbour as well as offshore near Sydney Heads. It is sure to be an exciting weekend on the water!

TWILIGHT RACE 11 / TWILIGHT FEMALE HELM RACE 3

10 JANUARY 2025



PEPPER TREE WINES



The rain from the week looked like persisting for Friday, and certainly it did... but only until lunch time. The weather gods, knowing that Stephen Teudt would be acting RD, and knowing that it NEVER rains on a "Stephen twilight", put on a spectacularly sunny Friday afternoon. Perhaps too late for some of us fair-weather sailors (pointing at *San Toy* here)!

21 boats started in the main fleet with 10 starters in the female helm division utilising Course 2 for the race.

Arabella, helming *Stock Car*, was first over the line in Twilight race 11, but Jan on *Esprit*, placed *Stock Car* 2nd on handicap in the Twilight Female Helm Race 3.

Line honours in Twilight Race 11 - *Stock Car*, *Pompadi* and *Hebe* helmed by (an expecting soon) Brie, as a casual entry in the twilight female helm with a fourth on handicap.

On handicap results in the twilight female helm race 3 - *Esprit*, *Stock Car* and *Sirius*, helmed by Emma.

Fastest around the course was Jan on *Esprit*. Closest to the start - and you can't get any closer - nailing it on 0:00:00 - congratulations *Esprit*, a double win!

Thank you team *Phantom Menace* for your race committee duties AND still sailing - well done.

The leaders at this point in the series are *Pompadi* in the twilights and *Stock Car* in the female helm division, but there is still plenty of racing to contest the leader board.



Twilight Results: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3764/races/25661?handicap=5>

Twilight Female Helm Results:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3765/races/25674?handicap=5>

More images here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/yJQxtuXKc7Qa6cQn8>





PEPPER TREE WINES
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RACE 7
12 JANUARY 2025



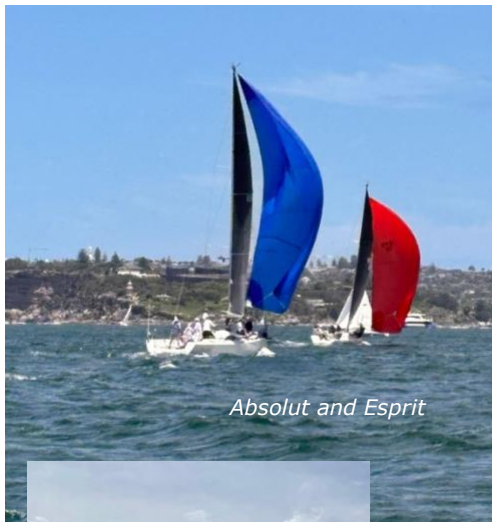
The first Sunday race of the season turned out to be a cracker! Albeit down on numbers, race 7 of the club championships turned out to be competitive in both fleets. The sun was out, the Bureau forecasting anything between 10-15knots or 15 to 20knots, depending on the model or the written forecast (which was more accurate) and coming from the ENE, with possibly a little more NE within the race window.

RO Peter Bennell selected Course 1, and, with the race committee of Peter Walker, Graeme Gaggin and Bobby Summerfield, headed down to Hunter Bay to start the race. *Absolut*, *Esprit*, *Khaleesi* and *San Toy* in Division 1 and *Ça Va*, *Kia Kaha* and *Stock Car* in division 2 were ready to race!

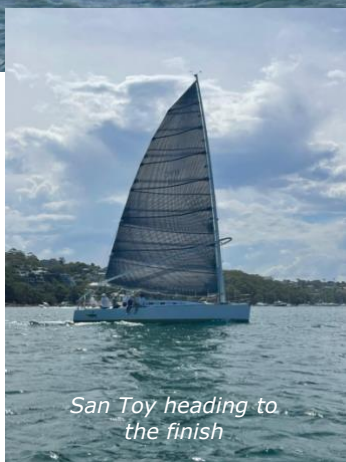


The division 1 boats were in sight of each other for most of the racing, with *San Toy* proving that you don't need a spinnaker to keep up in a downwind run. *Khaleesi* claimed fastest around the course, finishing first across the line, but her big handicap finished her off in 4th spot. *Esprit* was first on handicap followed by *San Toy* and *Absolut*.

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Absolut and Esprit



San Toy heading to the finish



Kia Kaha and Ça Va heading to the finish

Big boat *Ça Va* dominated division 2 but *Kia Kaha* held on tight, finishing only 2 minutes behind. On handicap, *Ça Va* took out the double with division 2 boats finishing on handicap in the same order as over the line.

With lasers racing in The Sound the Peter opted to finish the yacht fleet off Robbie R back in North Harbour.

Only 3 more Club Champs to go and the top 3 places in division 1 could juggle around a bit, but



Khaleesi is looking good to take out the trophy. In division 2, *Kia Kaha* is sitting pretty, but *Ça Va* is only 3 points behind. With one more drop to go ... let's see what happens.

THANK YOU

Thank you race committee; stand in race director (Commodore) Stephen, and James Cooper on bar duty. Thank you to Pepper Tree Wines for their continuing sponsorship.

Results here:

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

More images By Maz & Bobby here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/8hydCspzvxwXLwmbB6> **6**



Graham (*San Toy*), James (*Stock Car*), Greg (*Esprit*), Phil (*Ça Va*)



ILCA6 / ILCA7 FLEET

12 JAN 2025 - CC9/CC10



PEPPER TREE WINES

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

A terrific Summer day with a cracker NE Breeze 15-20kn. Phil Eadie on song with both Race Officer & Catering duties! He didn't disappoint at all...Gourmet Pizza and sides of Chicken wings and don't forget the squid!

At the end of the day Phil Reid won both in spectacular form! The more important Point Score was won by Tim Docker and me (Cameron) somehow.



Tim and Phil



Cameron and Phil

Dave Walton who is sailing really quick this season forgot his battens which is very embarrassing and may have ruined any chance of Season Point Score. Bit long way to go yet.

Gordon Lacy has his Point Score algorithm in deep trouble with some seriously bad sailing today.

Sam was AWAL so he gets nothing!

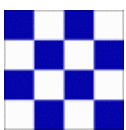
At the end of the Sunday it was a great day. Well done Phil on arriving on his 80th year, and still racing dinghies!



Not this ^^ Phil; this ^^Phil

More images here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/hAyDUySrB9hHxMyDA>



TWILIGHT RACE 12

17 JANUARY 2025



Gale Warning for Friday
Sydney Enclosed Waters



TWILIGHT RACE 13

24 JANUARY 2025



So desperate was race director Lisa to get a race in, she resorted to AI and a plea to the Wind Gods. Alas, to no avail.

A PLEA TO THE WIND GODS

Oh, mighty rulers of the sky,
Who weave the breeze, who let it fly,
We come with hope, a humble plea,
Grant us fair winds upon the sea.

Last week your tempests howled and roared,
Our sails were furled, our plans ignored,
But now we ask with hearts so light,
Let twilight shine and bring us flight.

Hold back your gusts, your mighty squalls,
Let gentler whispers grace our calls,
Let tides run true and waves stay kind,
So, joy in racing we may find.

We honour you in every gust,
In shifting breeze, in sails we trust,
But hear us now, with hearts sincere,
Allow us calm, the course made clear.

So, wind gods, smile upon our fleet,
With steady hands and breeze so sweet,
We'll race in grace and drink to thee,
In gratitude upon the sea.



Stock Car surfs home - images from Cary on the race committee

SUMMER SERIES RACE 6

19 JANUARY 2025

The forecast for today's race wasn't looking too pretty. Still, 3 boats made the effort to come to the course, seeing as the race committee was going to be there anyway.

Course 6 to Rose Bay, Chowder South, back to Rose Bay, Shark Island and home on a mostly empty harbour was the playground of *Stock Car*, *Absolut* and *Ten Sixty*.

RO Peter commented "Only 3 brave yachts participated, with strong S winds (15 to 22 knots) that backed often to ESE, varied with windspeed at times, rough swells through the Heads & threatening to rain.

Stock Car sailed well and was the only yacht to risk/fly a spinnaker for the long return run to Manly from Shark Island.

There were only 8 lasers in their 4P races. Very challenging conditions also for them."

Fastest around the course was *Absolut*, with *Stock Car* next and then *Ten Sixty*, but it's the handicap that counts in this series and *Stock Car* was positioned in first on corrected time, followed by *Absolut* and *Ten Sixty*. Well done to everyone who ventured out.

Thank you race committee - RO Peter with John and Garth on *Ready Get Set*, Barry and Cary on *Robbie R* and Neil in the office. And thanks Cary, for the pics from your vantage point on *Robbie R*.

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

19/04:00pm	21.2	S	35	46	19	25	-
19/03:30pm	21.4	S	32	41	17	22	-
19/03:00pm	21.1	S	24	35	13	19	-
19/02:30pm	20.8	S	37	48	20	26	-
19/02:00pm	21.4	S	33	41	18	22	-
19/01:30pm	21.5	S	33	43	18	23	-
19/01:00pm	21.0	S	32	44	17	24	-
19/12:30pm	21.6	S	32	41	17	22	-
19/12:00pm	21.5	S	30	39	16	21	-



FOUR SALTY SEA DOGS MET UP IN HOBART FOR THE WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL



LEGENDS of MYC

Image on the left, from left to right...
 "Mad Dog" MacDonald
 "Plum Crazy" Jim Nixon
 Escapee to Tassie Brian Wilson
 Captain Ratty Ian Dennewald



Can you identify these 2 young men?

TWILIGHT RACE 14

31 JANUARY 2025



PEPPER TREE WINES



Image Lynnette Gould

After 2 abandoned twilights, the competitors were anxious about the weather, but last week's prayer to the weather gods did the trick. 25 boats tackled course 6 set by the *Fast Company* race committee - well 24 did, one boat must have been standing on its head to get the 6 mixed up with a 9. Jet lag was to blame and, sensing that the fleet was heading for a different direction, soon worked out that they'd better follow the fleet.

San Toy spoiled her impeccable starting record - OCS by 2 seconds. The spoils for the starters prize went, instead to *Shear Magic*- well Done and welcome back Robert Steffens.

Waterhound continues her winning streak - first across the line for the 4th time in the series and working her way to the top of the series ladder. The *Manly Sailing Equinox Force 24* competing as the MYC youth team crossed second over the line with *Gecko* crossing third. The other 2 Force 24 boats, *Aqualuna* and *Supernova* were within podium reach, placing 5th and 6th behind *Absolut* in 4th place.



Waterhound



Manly Sailing - Equinox

The race committee had their work cut out for them tonight - the first 4 places within 30 seconds; the first 13 places within 3 minutes.

Bruce's new boat, the casual entry *Joss*, was 15 seconds slower around the course that *Mondo* who was again quickest, in just under 57 seconds.

Thank you race committee and RD Lisa, tender drivers Dianna and Stephen, Karrie, Zara and Danielle in the galley and Bella at the bar.



Mondo and Joss behind San Toy



Results here : <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3764/races>
More images here <https://photos.app.goo.gl/w5h4TOF32USxQgkJ9>

MYC JUNIORS AND YOUTHS ROUND UP



KURNELL CUP 8-9 FEBRUARY 2025

Images from <https://www.facebook.com/openskiffaus>

Kurnell Cup 2025
Open Skiff and Laser junior
regatta

REGISTER

The 14th Kurnell Cup hosted by Kurnell Catamaran Club was held under sunny skies on the 8th and 9th Feb. 61 sailors across 3 fleets competed in this annual event.

A lot of fun was had, including a drawing competition, in amongst the serious business of racing.

Manly Yacht Club was represented by 14 junior and youth sailors in the Gold, Silver and Laser fleets coming home with a bag full of medals!



In the Gold Fleet - The top 3 were consistently in the same placings throughout the series, with the final placings 1st Maja Hodzic, 2nd Toby McKavanagh, 3rd Emma Tallis; with Fred Voorderhake not far behind in 7th place.



In the Laser Fleet - Jamie Gill took most of the bullets with Henry Reed; a consistent 2nd place. Danielle Chapman battled it out with Riley Cooley from YB16'SC but ultimately has to settle for 4th spot.



The Silver Fleet sported 33 entries and MYC was not disgraced. Best placed was Lincoln Geale in 4th spot, followed by Zac McKavanagh in 7th and Harry Devlin in 8th place. Benji, Clifford, Zach all placed in the top 20 with Tahlia, missing the first 3 races, in 26th spot.

Well done everyone!



Emma wins the drawing comp



A gaggle of MYC winners on the podium



Some proud parents



2025 O'PEN SKIFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
8-11 JAN 2025



Hosted by Mordialloc Sailing Club VIC fielded 24 Gold fleet O'pen Skiffs and 19 competitors in the Silver fleet.

Manly Yacht Club was represented by Maya, 3rd in the Gold fleet; Emma T, and Toby McK coming 9th and 10th. Toby's brother Zac, in the Silver fleet, came in with a creditable 6th spot.

Well done!

The Combined High Schools Sailing Championship is on again this year!

This is an awesome event for high school students. Enter any class of boat and compete against other schools. Online entry opens in Early Feb. Hosted by :



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AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2025

(from the <https://www.manlysailability.com.au/> website)



Bright sunshine and moderate north-easterly winds provided perfect sailing conditions and a fleet of all 7 boats started the 2025 Australia Day Regatta, the 189th Australia Day Regatta, the oldest continual sailing regatta in the world, having been conducted since 1837. (www.australiadayregatta.com).

Bruce and Pam Davis very kindly acted as sailing committee and starters onboard *Ready, Get Set!!!*... and Warwick, John, and Kerry supported them, laying the marks, taking photographs and providing safety on *Charlies Chariot*. Cory once again provided his professional radio coverage and onshore management.



The first race saw Clare and Jeremy in *Black Swan* slip away, ahead of Denis and Nola in *Woody* and Sophie and Magdalena sailing *Eli D*. They were followed closely by Michael and Joe in *Ralph Newman*, David and Ken in *Vin*, Rob and Jay sailing *Dolly Wallis* and Skye and Joel in *Alex Martin*. This is the order in which they finished, with only 30 seconds between first and second.

Following the first race Jay swapped places with Ros as crew in *Dolly Wallis*. The second race was very close, with *Black Swan* once again taking first place, *Eli D* second and *Woody* third, only 15 seconds behind. Then came *Dolly Wallis* and *Ralph Newman*, followed by *Vin* and *Alex Martin*.

So, going into the last race *Black Swan* was leading the point score and could only be beaten for first place overall if they came 5th or worse and if either *Woody* or *Eli D* won the race. With *Woody* and *Eli D* on equal points, the best placed would take second place overall. *Dolly Wallis* had another change of crew and Jim took over from Rob as skipper.

As it turns out, *Black Swan* won this race also, making it a clean sweep of the regatta. *Eli D* finished second overall, followed by *Woody*, *Ralph Newman*, *Dolly Wallis*, *Vin* and a gallant *Alex Martin* came in last place.

After the race we enjoyed BBQ sausage sandwiches, fruit and juice while the presentations were made. Second and third place getters were awarded a 2024 Australia Day Regatta medal, and the winners, Clare and Jeremy, will be invited to Sydney Town Hall in the near future to be presented with a trophy by a senior politician, possibly the mayor herself! Skye and Joel were not forgotten either and presented with the wooden (tea) spoon.

A number of interesting consistency facts to emerge from the results – Clare achieved three first places, Skye achieved three seventh places, and Sophie’s elapsed times for the three races were 19.17, 19.15 and 19.10 minutes respectively – very consistent indeed!

Our thanks again go to Bruce and Pam and all the volunteers involved in making this a wonderful Australia Day Regatta.



NEXT REGATTA:
30TH MYC
HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE
22 MARCH 2025

Then very quickly the boats will be transported to Pittwater to be chartered for the 2025 Hansa Worlds

HOW EXCITING!!!



COUNTDOWN

HANSA WORLDS
2025

RPAYC | AUSTRALIA

23-30 MARCH 2025



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

Being one of a few fleets racing on the harbour today after a couple of very windy days, we had 14-20kn SE breeze. Garth Riley on RO duties who set a great course working up to Quarantine with the wing mark tucked in at Reef Beach and bottom mark near Fairlight Beach.

The first race which was started in handicap order saw Hoppo and Phil Eadie get away well and eventually overtaken by Ian Saunders who took the win and handicap for a double. The second leg was a constant 20kn and some great rides for everyone.

The second race was interrupted some brief rain which slowed the breeze and the fleet.



Phil Reid managed to take fastest time from Ian Saunders, Hoppo in 3rd. Hoppo also won the handicap and donned the cap for the afternoon.

Ian Sanders is now leading the 4P Series from Phil Reid by 4 points with Gordon sitting in 3rd spot. Phil Reid moves to 1st overall after 4 heats in the point score followed by Hoppo and Ian Saunders.

After the presentation some of the sailors had a crack on the hiking apparatus with Phil displaying how to sail with vino. No catering was presented, and we have a few weeks off now till 9th of Feb when all the quick guys return for the Club Championship heats.



Excellent Summer day of racing today with heats 11 & 12 of the elusive Club Championship. Nice nor'easter 12-18kn but blowing from the SE. We had 11 starters including two new girls who went very well considering the conditions. Both races were scratch starts and divided the fleet between heading to Kilburn Towers or going for lift off Reef Beach. Sam Jackson pulled off an amazing work (Reef), to round the top mark in 2nd! Philip Reid took the bullet in the end with Iain Cameron winning the race.

The second race had the breeze kick in with gusts up to close to 18kn which sorted the fleet out.

Well done to Shaun taking the win on handicap and Phil for taking two heats, excellent sportsmanship by Phil awarding a bottle of the good stuff to Sam who sailed very well.



Garth was on duty and catered as well with BBW Chicken and Coleslaw with bread rolls. Only one case of beer though which will reflect on the season point score for the Catering Cup.

Next week is short course series hosted by MHASC so we just need to turn up really and make some threats. We have the Battle of the Sound in a few weeks and we need to deliver!

MYC JUNIORS AND YOUTHS ROUND UP

The sailing continues... even in the school holidays

The Cameron Clan joined Manly Yacht Club in 1986 with Colin and Sarah and their 2 boys, Iain and Robert. The boys came through the MYC MJ program while Colin and Sarah sailed on keel boats. Older club members will remember sail 1152 Bokarra which periodically still sails with the fleet, sometimes with all three generations on board. Colin was on the MYC board, was the Club Captain, looked after our wharves and was awarded Life membership in 2013.

Son Iain has been club champion in the laser fleet a number of times and now his children, Hamish and Felicity are setting records as well.

56TH MANLY JUNIOR NATIONALS BAYVIEW YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION 28-30 DECEMBER 2024



Thank you to Janette for mentioning her early MJ sailing experiences, in the History article of the January issue.

The MJ was designed by Ralph Tobias and first launched at Manly 14-foot Sailing Club in 1959.

As part of a group of families who were introduced to the joys of sailing by the Graeme Cotton-led-revival of the MJ, at MYC, in the 80s. I'm pleased to report that, yet another generation of junior sailors are carrying on the tradition.

The Wray, Thomas, Smith, Houlihan and Cameron families had their talented children competing at BYRA, with great results:

Novice ET 1st 2774 *Itwillkeel* RPAYC - Olivia Dorling/Frankie Wray
Open ET 1st 2784 *Slipstream* M16s - Baden Thomas/Hunter Thomas
Open ET 2nd 2775 *Cover Girls* Miss - Alana Jenson/Quinn Smith
Open ET 3rd 2750 *The Bandit* M16s - Felicity Cameron/Lachlan Bekis
Open ET 2552 *Demon Duck* MH16s - Susannah Houlihan/Alexander Houlihan

They may not be billionaires' Maxis, but beautiful things come in small packages.

Grandpa Colin



2024/25 F11 NATIONALS ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB

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Very windy conditions couldn't stop the F11 Nationals, and an Invitation race and a 7-race series was sailed.

Fantastic skills were shown by all the crews, with Felicity crewing for her brother, Hamish, in 1363. They came 10th on scratch and 2nd in the under 13 categories.

That's Proud Grandpa Colin again!



Felicity & Hamish Cameron at the F11 Nationals

Meanwhile, next door at the 16ft skiff club, our youth sailors, Charlie, Macie and Ollie are improving their skills on 13ft skiffs.

WHAT FUN SAILING HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?

Happy to add any proud parent or grandparent stories anytime!



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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RACE 8

2 FEB 2025



PEPPER TREE WINES



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

ARE YOU READY? ARE YOU READY? ARE YOU:



The unconventional start of Club Champs Race 8 showed the importance of reading the sailing instructions - both from the viewpoint of the race committee and of the competitors.

Our race sequence is governed by flags (even if they are the incorrect ones), not sound signals or watches!

Kanreki was fastest around the course and 3rd on handicap, with *Mondo* taking first spot on handicap, followed by *Absolut* in third on the podium in Division 1.

Ten Sixty was fastest in Division 2 and took out the double by placing first on handicap - well done Barry! *Stock Car* and *Ça Va* came in second and third on handicap

We're at the pointy end of the season with 2 races and 1 drop to go. In division 1, *Absolut* should have no trouble holding second spot from *San Toy*, but *Khaleesi* might have something to worry about from *Absolut* ... watch this space! It's a lot closer in division 2 between *Kia Kaha*, *Ça Va* and *Kaotic*!

Thank you *Moonraker* crew for Race Committee duties.

More images here : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/aR6zD3N6CgdyvUtf8>



TWILIGHT RACE 15

7 FEB 2025



Image David Staley MHYC start boat

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

Friday Night's nor'easter had the pressure in the 18-22 range. It was the first time this season that the fleet was sent on course 8.

At some point *Stock Car* thought it appropriate to get rid of one of the 2 barristers on board. After a quick swim and great retrieval, all crew were accounted for. Next time it might be better to practice MOB when NOT racing!

We had 19 starters and 22 finishers - huh? The ferries had obscured the vision of the *Micron* race committee, so *Esprit de Four*, *Escape* and *Fast Company*, if you had a fantastic start, many apologies that the times were not recorded.

Contention for the starter's prize was fierce with 4 boats in the under 4-second spot. *Arosa* was closest at 1 second after her start time -

Joss, working her way through the fleet

and completing the double - the wooden spoon at the finish.

On the podium ... *Moonraker*, *Shear Magic* and *Gecko*. Third prize "jackpotted" to 5th placed *Solace*.

Some great on water pics by Karl Lamb, and David Staley from MHYC on the start boat for the MHYC twilights.



Shear Magic and Arosa

Thank you race committee Team *Micron*; Kaelan, Riley and Jane in the galley, Brea in the bar and stand-in race director Stephen, for the enjoyable banter.



Joss



Tim (Arosa), Tomas (Moonraker), John (Shear Magic), Xav (Solace), RD Stephen



Moonraker

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SUMMER SERIES RACE 7

9 FEB 2025



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



What a great day on the water! Our courses were restricted because of the SailGP exclusion zones further down the harbour so only courses 5, 8 and 9 were our options. RO Garth selected an excellent course 9 with a couple of Cannae/ Lady Bay loops, a duck down to Rocky and Edwards before rounding Grotto and heading for home.

It was quite a tussle between the fleet with opportunities everywhere to improve one's position. With newly cleaned bottom *San Toy* steamed through the fleet - but not quite to the leader - *Cheap Thrills*. However, *San Toy's* nemesis was always going to be *Absolut*. Starting 2 minutes in front of *Absolut* and finishing 24 seconds ahead meant that on corrected time it was a close 7 seconds for *San Toy* in 2nd and *Absolut* in third.

But who came first, you ask? It was a Happy Birthday - first across the line and first on handicap for club manager, Barry, on *Cheap Thrills*. Barry attributed his win to a clean bottom (*Cheap Thrills*) and "I always do well on my birthday".

The J24, *Stock Car* was snapping at the heels of the main contenders and scored the starters prize at 2 seconds, a second less that *San Toy* on 3 seconds.

The other J24, *Waterhound* may have been suffering from the effects of Anthony's wife birthday party at the club, the evening before.

We've had 2 ABNs in this series, so it looks like no drops which leaves *Ten Sixty* still in front of the pack on the series. That doesn't mean you should stop racing. It was a great day to be out on the water.

Thank you Garth and *Sirius* crew for race committee duties and Garth for doubling up as Laser rep.

More images here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Vriwet4usVbF6apm7>



A "NOD" TO 75 YEARS

Reprint of history articles published in 2013

MANLY YACHT CLUB HISTORY



The following article is intended to become part Club History.

Note 1: Stuart's Boatshed was located at the northern end of the existing boating clubs on the eastern shore of Manly Cove. It was bought in 1955 by the Manly 14 Foot Sailing Club (which Became Manly Yacht Club in 1965).

Note 2: If anyone has any additional information which is relevant to this article, or indeed, if anyone has an interesting anecdote or any other facts relevant to the history of the club let me know. Keep it brief to start with in case I have it covered already.

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PREMISES

The acquisition of Stuart's Boatshed as the headquarters for the Manly 14 Foot Sailing Club has been dealt with in the chapter named Genesis and, once it had been enlarged by club members, it provided very adequate accommodation.

The main Clubroom, for example, was bigger than the one in the old Baths building but it was old and ramshackle.



During the 1974 storm the clubhouse (Stuart's Boatshed) was badly damaged and in July 1974 at the AGM a call was made to all members, both junior and senior, for a \$10 donation to pay for repairs. Members could pay by monthly instalments of \$2.

At the same meeting a Working Bee was announced with participants being urged to BRING A HAMMER.

Bon Ogilvie, club secretary, requested financial help from the Premier and Treasurer of NSW, Sir Robert Askin. In a letter dated 2 January 1975 his department replied that the clubs request would not be considered under

the Commonwealth's natural disaster assistance arrangements; however the club could apply to the Minister for Tourism and Recreation, the Hon. F.E. Stewart, for assistance. The letter, he received, dated 14 December 1974, was from the Prime minister, Mr Whitlam, stating that "it (the government) might look at the possibility of assisting with clubhouse reconstruction". No more was heard about this.

Notwithstanding the unrest at the club occasioned at the prospect of moving to the baths building a letter from the club dated 21 August 1975 and signed by President Mellows, was sent to Council. It suggested the following: –

1. The Club be granted a lease on the old Manly Baths.
2. The Club will be prepared, using volunteer labour from amongst its members, to undertake a considerable portion of the alterations to the old Manly Baths building, which will include the following
 - a) restoration of the exterior façade of the building to its original design as far as possible.
 - b) the conversion of the interior of the building to provide clubrooms, boat storage area ,etc.
 - c) the demolition of some of the structures damaged by the storm in 1974.

Manly Council responded by suggesting a meeting as soon as possible.

In fact several meetings took place and matters reached the point where President Mellows undertook a detailed background report complete with costings. He said he had not appreciated the enormity of the task he had undertaken. His report spelt out the two alternatives, either stay in the old Stuart's boatshed or transfer to the Manly Baths building. It concluded with the following words –

"THE CHOICE IS YOURS

The work of investigating the jobs to be carried out under each alternative has been done by MYC members who are skilled in structural design, project management, architecture and building.

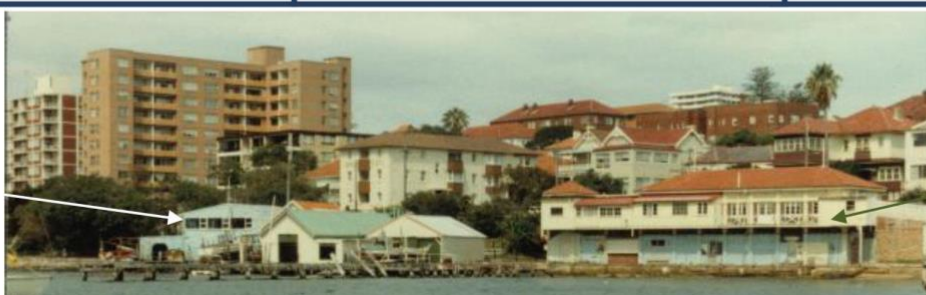
However, as has so often been said about education, this decision is too important to be left to the professionals alone. Your labour and funds will go into either venture.

Only you, the members, can choose which of the alternatives you will support."

The decision was made in favour of the Baths Building and the old Stuart's boatshed was demolished by club members in accordance with the wishes of Council.

It is worth noting, however, that if Stuart's boatshed was still standing today it would be cherished as an important part of Manly's waterfront heritage.

old club house



Aftermath of the 1974 storm ...

Manly Baths

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MYC before the 74 storm



The remains of the Manly Baths swimming enclosure

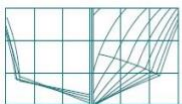


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