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150 Years of Excellence
A new exciting era emerges
2018 and beyond

COMMODORE

ast year has been one of celebration. We have reflected on our past and how this Club came to be the magnificent sporting facility we all enjoy today.

We completed our Sesquicentennial year with a garden party and have moved on to a new exciting era! Another busy year on the race course, evolving around a new sailing program providing more opportunity for one design and sports boats to join in on the fun.

Whilst there is much talk of falling participation in all sailing clubs, the RPAYC has very diverse sailing offerings incorporated in the sailing program to provided members with more opportunities to sail the way they want to, these include:

- More regatta style racing;
- A Blue Water race to Southport; and
- A great One Design program.

The aim is to provide affordable and time efficient ways to participate in our sport on Pittwater and beyond, while retaining our ever-popular Club racing series. The offering spans all generations:

- Centreboard kids aged from 6-15 years, sailing 100 optimists on any Sunday together with a wide range of off the beach craft competing on Pittwater, makes a spectacular view.
- Youth Development is the next step for the young adults aged 15-23 starting to match race on the club's Elliott 7's. They travel the Circuit including Sydney Harbour, Darwin, Noumea, Auckland and San Francisco. At home on Pittwater each November these international and club teams come to do fierce battle to contest the Harken Cup.
- Our traditional race around the Cairns, Estuary and Offshore series together with many feature events throughout the whole year, the YD kids often crew on members yachts around the Cairns or off to Southport.
- Cruising Division last year had a
 Coral Coast cruise which was an
 enormous success with 17 yachts
 arriving back in time to help celebrate
 the 150th Garden Party.

By now you have met our Race Director Nick Elliott, who besides his fabulous work up training the volunteers, has brought innovative and a new perspective to the management of RPAYC sailing. Nick has been working with Yacht Race and Centreboard committees to develop and deliver some new race courses, and a new race program.

Volunteering at RPAYC has a whole new life with great training program for race officers on and off the water including jury and protest, race management and many other related sailing disciplines, with our ranks now boasting over 80 race management volunteers. This area of club life has been growing rapidly, our race management teams are in high demand both in the club, state and national events, this really underlines how important volunteering and Race Management are to the success of sailing and the RPAYC is leading the charge in this area.

We are now investing in our sport more than we ever have before.

I take this opportunity to thank Suzanne Davies for 12 years of excellent service as General Manager and wish her well in her new commercial role as CEO of the D'Albora marina group.

I'm delighted to announce and welcome Craig Evans to the role of General Manager. He brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge from the Cruising Yacht club of South Australia. Craig, a design engineer from University of South Australia is a very passionate sailor and a certified Marina Manager. We look forward to Craig and his wife Julie joining us in early November.

There are also many things happening beyond Pittwater which our members are involved in.

Some highlights include:

- Members Natasha Bryant and Annie Wilmont have qualified Australia for the 49's FX in Tokyo Olympic Games 2020. We wish them luck with the selection process.
- Natasha and Annie won Australian Sailing "Female Sailors of the Year 2017". The girls received a lot of



- There are three young sailors being sponsored to sail at the "Etchells Worlds" in Brisbane this October, together with other club members we have six yachts participating in a fleet of 95.
- Our Youth Development teams travel to many events all over the world.
 Recently our "all girl team" skippered by Clare Costanzo won the Hardy Cup series at the RSYC on the harbour.
 This is the first all girl team to win this significant event, well done.

Other great achievements this year include Australian Sailing Coach of the Year Tom Spithill, RPAYC Clubman of the Year, David West, and in recognition of many years racing and volunteering, Peter Kennett was awarded a life membership of the Club.

Community Involvement for RPAYC members is another busy part of Club life. Our Club's Integrated Sailing Program (IDS) was formed some five years ago, achieving great success in the Paralympic Games with members Dan Fitzgibbons and Liesl Tesch taking gold in 2012 and 2016. Ongoing member support continues in many community programs including "Sailability" and "Soldier On".

This year IDS has sponsored four new members from "Soldier On" through the IDS support fund. Adrian, Scott, Craig and Nick (returned servicemen) are stepping up and joining Club sailing and are very active in volunteering, providing support for monthly sailing events for the "Soldier On" and "Son of God" veterans and their families.

There is plenty happening at RPAYC! It's a busy place.

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A premier Sailing event this year is the Invictus Games being held in October on Sydney Harbour. The Games feature wounded, injured or sick armed services personnel and their associated veterans from 18 countries competing. The event has the CYCA the RSYS and RPAYC teamed up to deliver this world class sailing event featuring RPAYC providing race operations including Tom Spithill as race director and providing our Elliott 7's and Rib's with our very own Ted Anderson as Race Officer on water.

I look forward to sharing this exciting season and a new era of Excellence in Sailing, as we enjoy more great times at our Club.

Michael R Lockley
Commodore

CLUB REPORTS CLUB REPORTS



Thank you and farewell As a new member, I'll see vou soon at our Club.

GENERAL MANAGER

s many members will be aware, at the end of August 2018, I concluded my role as General Manager of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club after over 12 years of employment with the Club. Over the vears I made an emotional connection with the Club and the sport, the Club history, its members and of course my staff.

I learnt a great deal in those 12 years as the role of General Manager of an operation as diverse as the RPAYC. It exposes you to so many aspects of business and management. I was very fortunate to be in a position where I was able to rely on many members who made themselves and their expertise available to me. To provide me with guidance in respect to specific issues along the way. Whether it be risk management, insurance, legal matters or just general support in getting things done, the members of the Alfred's were a tremendous support to me.

I'd like to specifically thank the Commodores, Directors and Rear Commodores who I worked with along the way for their support. The General Manager and the Commodore in particular must work very closely together and I don't think many members realise the commitment of time, energy and emotion that is required of the Commodores. I was fortunate to work with five wonderful Commodores - for all of them it was like a second job. But they all dedicated the time and commitment to the role and provided me with support and mentoring along the way. A special thanks to all the many staff I have worked with (past and present). The Club is lucky to have many

long standing staff members who have a deep understanding of the Club and its history. They too, provided me with a great deal of professional and emotional support and often a well needed laugh.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to welcome Craig Evans and wish him all the best. I have known Craig for many years in our respective Club roles and was thrilled when he was appointed to the job. We were both involved in the creation of the now very successful Yacht and Boat Club Managers' Forum which has been running down for around 10 years. This is the single most useful meeting that we as Club managers attend. Good luck Craig, I hope that you find your time at RPAYC as rewarding as I did.

Finally, while I grew professionally over the years, the most important take away from my tenure are the wonderful friendships I made along with way. I continue to remain in contact with many staff, prior staff and many members and I know that these will be enduring lifelong associations, which I continue to look forward to.

Thank you to everyone who made my time at the RPAYC so special and so rewarding. Thank you for the support and most of all thank you for the camaraderie.

As a new member of RPAYC, I'll see you soon at our Club.

Suzanne Davies

Outgoing General Manager

GENERAL MANAGER

many years and for a number of reasons. Well known for its racing and cruising, friendly people and great facilities, the Club is located on one of the best waterways in the world. I've lost count of the number of times that I have heard that it is "God's own country" around the Northern Beaches, but I am looking forward to spending time exploring the waterways and coast. Even though I am a South Australian, I have had the pleasure of sailing from RPAYC at various times over the past 20 years and I am excited to be working at the Club and assisting in driving boating

am very honoured to have been selected

as the new General Manager of the Royal

Prince Alfred Yacht Club. RPAYC is a

Club that I have held in high regard for

At the time of writing, I have not vet commenced work at the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club. I understand that the Yachtsman Publication is to report on the achievements of the Club's prior year. So while I have had nothing to do with the Club's successes in 2017/2018, I am grateful to be commencing work at a Club that is in a strong position. I thank Suzanne Davies for her dedication and commitment as the Club's General Manager over the past 12 years.

and membership participation in the future.

Since being selected as the Club's new General Manager in August, I have had to provide the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia (CYCSA) with a period of notice and close off on many tasks that I have been working on as well as handing work over to my team at the CYCSA while the Club searches for a new manager. I have been the CEO of the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia for just over 13 years, prior to that I was an elected Board Member of the Club for three years.

During my time at CYCSA we have improved sailing and training offerings, reviewed and initiated a number of changes to Membership options, improved food and beverage standards in both quality and service and also significantly improved the financial performance of the food and beverage operation. I was also involved in planning and building a new marina facility, breakwater and significant building work including major changes to the Clubhouse. I am a Certified Marina Manager after receiving the Look forward to first international scholarship to attend the Advanced Marina Management School in the UK and I have been a Board Member of RPAYC is a Club I have the Boating Industry Association (BIA) for the past three years and served 12 years as a BIA (SA) Board Member and Chairman of their many years and for a Marina and Environment Group.

An active racing member of the CYCSA for 32 years and before that 15 years racing centreboards at Largs Bay Sailing Club in Adelaide, I have a good understanding of our

Married to Julie, we have three adult children - Kate 25, Jack 22 and Sarah 19, all of who are working and will remain in Adelaide, but they may change their minds once they have visited 'God's own country'.

I look forward to meeting as many members as possible and being part of Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.

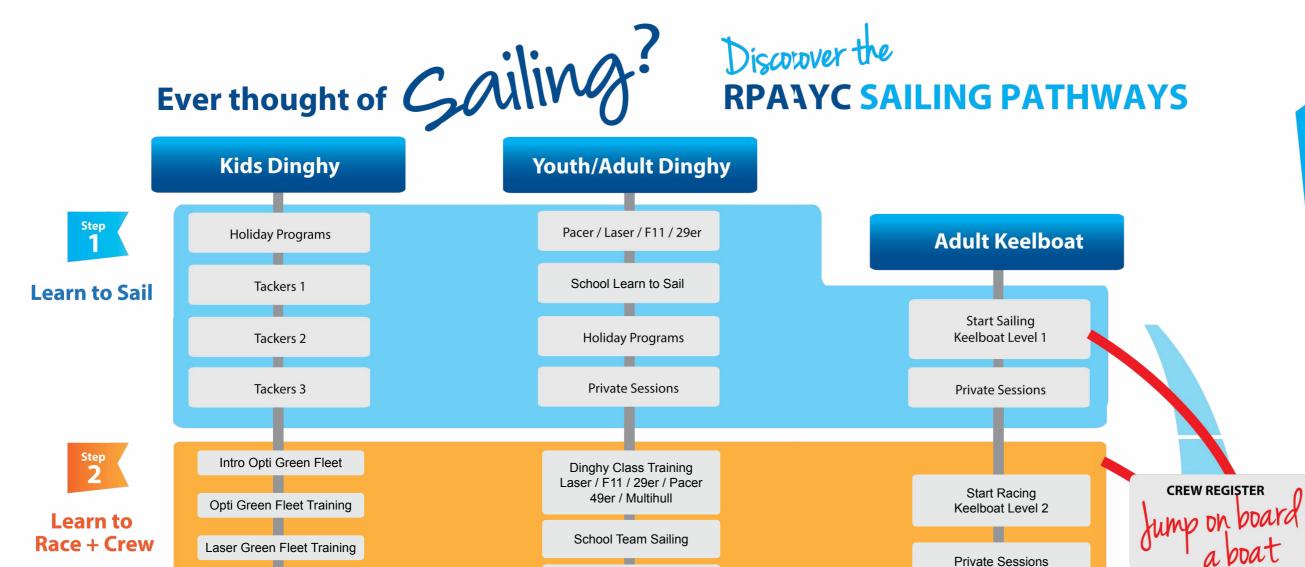
Craig Evans

Incoming General Manager



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REAR COMMODORE YACHT RACING

hat a great start to the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club sailing season with our opening day having a great turn out, plus we are already seeing Club members having success in national and international regattas as well.

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate these Club members' results:

At the World Cup event at Enoshima, the site of the 2020 Olympics, Jason Waterhouse and Lisa Darmanin won the Gold medal in the Nacra 17 class, and Natasha Byrant and Annie Wilmot made the medal race, finishing 9th overall, in the 49er FX Women's class.

Juliet Costanzo and her team of elder sister Clare, Jess Angus, Annie Scholten and Emma Rankin became Australia's newest Women's Match Racing National Champions.

The Easy Tiger team of Chris Way, Murray Gordon, Rachel Bower, Steve McConaghy and Tom Spithill took out the silver medal at the Platu 25 World Championships in Riga, Latvia in a fleet of 37 boats. Well done to all. We are very proud of you!

One of your Yacht Race Committee's (YRC) key objectives is to grow the levels of participation in yacht racing, especially in the 30-40 year old age bracket. This year the YRC has adopted a race program that allows less conflict between racing events, more One Design and Bluewater Offshore racing, a new 'Estuary' series to attract the cruising boats, and allowing spinnakers for the first time in the Thursday Twilight series.

Changes to the Commodore's Cup series will now consist of races from the Saturday Inshore Series, the Estuary/SOPS Series, Feature events, Wednesday Spring and Summer Series and Thursday Twilight Spring and Summer Series, giving everyone a chance at this new Championship.

- Two best results from the Inshore Series
- Two best results from the Estuary/ SOPS Series
- Two best results from the following Feature Races – Pittwater Dash (Opening Day), Whisper Mug, Dicko



Well done to all.

We are very proud of you!

Allen Stormon

Cup Marathon Series and Friends of David Booth Trophy Race

 Two best results from the Wednesday Spring Series, Wednesday Summer Series, Thursday Twilight Spring Series or Thursday Twilight Summer Series.

For those that do not compete in the Wednesday or Thursday Series, your third best score in the Inshore and Saturday Estuary/SOPS Series will be used. The winner in each division will be crowned the Club Keelboat Champion.

We have found a good balance of events between our racing member's current interests, attracting new members and providing new pathways for current members to return to yacht racing. Part of the reason behind the changes was to alleviate the number of resources we require each weekend to run our racing; both race officers and vessels. We need more volunteers to run yacht racing so, YRC invite those not involved in racing on weekends to offer their time and help our sport from the other side, providing assistance and race experiences to our dedicated race teams.

YRC plan to continue to run regattas to showcase our Club and our beautiful Pittwater to competitors and friends, but without denigrating member's events. In conjunction with the Australian 5.5 Metre Association, the RPAYC has been awarded the World 5.5 Metre championships to be held in January 2020. To all our members whom participated in putting together the winning Australian project proposal, your Club thanks you and looks forward to working with you to make this event a huge success.

I cannot thank enough the YRC members and the Sailing Office staff for all the efforts made to get this season up and running. It was a team effort with several last minute changes, due to outside influences, but we got there.

REAR COMMODORE ACTIVITIES

am happy and excited to be given the opportunity to take on the role of Rear Commodore Activities and would like to thank former Rear Commodore Sal Ridulfo for the excellent and generous work he did in the role.

The Activities Committee aims to create an environment of comradeship at the RPAYC through solid engagement in activities amongst its members, in achieving the outcomes identified in the Club's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

The Club's 2017 sesquicentenary was celebrated with events throughout the year, starting with the unveiling of the beautiful sculpture at the entrance to the Club. Culminating in the Sesquicentenary Gala Dinner and Garden Party, with fireworks on 15th October which was the day, 150 years ago, that the Club was formed.

2017 was capped off with the Commodore's New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball organised by Sally Lockley.

During the year the Committee was pleased to able to work with Club staff and member volunteers to offer members a variety of interesting and enjoyable activities including those from the Speaker's Corner and Lunch and Bubbles programs.

Some notable Speaker's Corner lunches included Peter Shipway giving members a very entertaining history of the Admiral's Cup; Sir James Hardy's "Tales of wine, sailing and high jinks" and John Bacon on his Melbourne to Osaka race experience.

The Lunch and Bubbles committee organised many lunch time talks including an inspiring talk from IdS member Linda Buchan, as well as one from Sarah Garnett, founder of the Footpath Library, a mobile library for homeless people. Other talks included style consultant Jane Liddelow from Style Makeover HQ, and Helen Maguire from Clarity Matters giving us tips we all need to live without clutter.

The Opening of the Sailing Season day for 2017-2018 was a gorgeous sunny day with over 300 guests who enjoyed the Opening ceremonies, the Opening Day Dash, and

lunch accompanied by live music.

On the 25 May, the annual Lighting of the Fire had an Olympic theme with MC, Nic Douglass from Adventures of a Sailor Girl. Nic chaired a Pathways Panel with special Olympic guest, Lisa Darmanin; Coaches Tom Spithill and Traks Gordon and Olympic campaigners, Tash Bryant and Annie Wilmot. The Pathways Panel helped light the fire in more ways than one by sharing their Olympic sailing journeys through a Q&A. The highly prized coaching skills of Tom Spithill were auctioned off as part of the night's fundraising for Tash and Annie.

Other activities included the Life and Senior Member's lunch, Jack Gale's memorial service, the Volunteer's Cocktail Party, Zonta International Women's Day Breakfast, the Old Timer's lunch, and a Vintage Car Rally and lunch.

The Club was privileged to have a visit from a Round the World Clipper yacht with a presentation by the skipper, and renowned sailor Colonel Richard Matthews.

The final Thursday Twilight race for 2017 saw the Flag Officers cooking up a storm for the competitors and their families.

New ventures for 2018 include a family night in Halyards on the third Friday each month, and the Moet Melbourne Cup in November. The committee will also focus on IdS, the Integrated disAbled program to promote and highlight to Club members the great work being done now and into the future.

The Activities Committee looks forward to working with all areas of the Club to continue creating an environment of comradeship as part of the experience of being a RPAYC Club member.

The committee would like to give special thanks to volunteer and former committee member Scott Dunstan who designed the beautiful posters for each Activities event.



Excited about the new role.

The Activities Committee aims to create an environment of comradeship at the RPAYC through solid engagement in activities amongst its members across all sectors.

Julia Hornsby

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To another good year ahead!

I appreciate your thoughts, input and our lively discussions

Liz de Soyres

REAR COMMODORE MEMBERSHIP

he Club was certainly in a celebratory mood as the 2017-18 season got underway last September. We were about to turn 150, no mean feat. After all, none of us will have the chance of celebrating a 150th birthday. Our garden party in October 2017 concluded our sesquicentenary celebrations where we remembered and thanked our fore members who had created and played a part in developing the Club we enjoy today.

To all our new members, may I wish you another warm welcome! Your membership is important and that's why your Membership Committee continues to conduct interviews and then touch base with you throughout the first year of your membership. Not only do we get to put a face to a name but we use this opportunity to note your particular areas of interest and expectations from Club membership.

Going forward, we will be running our new member welcome parties quarterly in the Edinburgh Bar at Happy Hour on Fridays when you and your partner, proposer and seconder will be invited. Overlooking Pittwater, the bar has a delightful setting and its ambience complete with live music played on the Club's baby grand piano. Friday Happy Hours are popular with regular Club members and we see this as a good opportunity to make some introductions.

As the sailing season got underway and at the request of the Commodore, as part of his Excellence in Sailing project, the Membership Committee took a close look at what 16 other Australian yacht clubs are doing on the membership front. These Yacht Clubs were the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Sandringham Yacht Club, Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Royal Perth Yacht Club, Royal Freshwater Yacht Club, Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Royal Geelong Yacht Club, Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia, Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Royal South Australia Yacht Squadron, Newcastle Yacht Club and closer to home: RMYC

Broken Bay, Pittwater Aquatic Club and Woody Point Yacht Club.

As outlined in the 2018 annual report, our research focussed on membership categories and structures, race entry fees/programs and benefits afforded to Club members. By assembling the data, it helped the Committee articulate our Club's member benefits and identify some other initiatives which we are working on.

Year round sailing programs:

- Keel boat racing (including one design)

 inshore and offshore on Wednesdays,

 Saturdays with twilight racing on

 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Off the beach centreboard racing.
- Club, state and national regattas for keel boat and centreboard racing.
- Extensive cruising calendar on and off the water with local and longer events.
- Youth Development programs.
- Integrated sailing activities.
- Training programmes for all age groups.
- Crew register
- Comprehensive training for race management volunteers.

Yacht club facilities:

- · Accessible parking during Club visits.
- Halyards Bar & Bistro, Edinburgh Bar, Alfred's Table and Pittwater Room.
- · Marina, hardstand and club moorings.
- Fully serviced boatyard and associated facilities, including a chandlery, rigger, shipwright, electrician, engineer, brokerage and sail makers.
- Equipment storage areas.
- Tender service.
- Recreational moorings in Pittwater and The Lower Hawkesbury River waterways.
- Disabled access for boat launching.
- · Gym.
- Shower, laundry and disabled amenities.
- · Library and Billiards Room.
- · Children's playground.
- Commercial worm farm you can now collect the Club's home-grown fertiliser for use in your garden – please contact the kitchen.

Member prices for:

- Food & beverage in Halyards Bar & Bistro, Happy Hour in the Edinburgh Bar and at Alfred's Table.
- · Race entry fees waived for all full members.
- Club functions and other social events.
- · Function bookings with free room hire.
- · Slipping and antifoul packages.
- Sail training programs run by the Yacht Club and Above & Beyond Boating.
- SailFit Fitness Centre membership.
- Fuel purchases at RMYC Broken Bay.

Other:

- · Camaraderie, friendship and club spirit.
- Complimentary Australia Sailing Membership.
- Club functions, such as Speakers Corner, Lunch & Bubbles, Melbourne Cup and New Year parties.
- Member accounts billed monthly.
- Weekly E-Newsletter, monthly Alfred's News and Annual Yachtsman magazine.
- Birthday voucher for use at Alfred's Table we have agreed to extend its validity by issuing the voucher at beginning of the month prior to your birthday month and extending it to the end of the following one.
- Reciprocal arrangements with selected yacht clubs worldwide – these are listed on the website. Please the Membership Coordinator, to arrange a letter of introduction from our General Manager.

These benefits are a privilege and I hope that you will encourage your non-member crew and guests who access our Clubhouse regularly to consider joining our Club.

This year, the Membership Committee has been in touch with resigned members currently on our hibernation list who receive selective Club email communication. The purpose of this policy is to retain contact with those who, due to their commitment to study, travel or family responsibilities have resigned, but indicate they may re-join in the future when circumstances change.

We went on to complete our Boat Usage Questionnaire initiative. This was designed to reach out to facility holders who we understood were not actively participating in the organised Club activities. Like our new member follow up calls, our communication was well received and we appreciate the candid feedback. We understand that other commitments and time constraints can preclude regular usage of your boats. Some of you simply wish to sail alone with family and friends. But we are a yacht and sporting club for members and I hope you will continue to enjoy its facilities when you can.

The Membership Committee is charged with attracting and retaining members. Listening to members plays an important part in the latter and we are here to help you make the most of our membership.

This year the Membership Committee:

- Embarked on a review of membership policies and processes. This included reviewing the nomination process to ensure that applications for membership are dealt with as smoothly as possible in accordance with the Constitution. Proposers and seconders will no longer be required to attend an interview.
- Club membership documentation review.
- Agreed that member 20th, 30th and 40th anniversaries will be recognised going forward.
- Conducted a survey of hardstand pricing across 20 yacht Clubs to review our Club pricing and affordability to members.
- Reviewed our current hardstand facilities and prepared a draft list of recommended improvements to be discussed with members via focus groups.
- Developed a list of environmental initiatives which members can get involved in.
- Approval for all race management volunteers to be afforded the same food and beverage voucher in recognition of their efforts.

It has been a busy year. If you have more ideas, please feel free to contact me liz@jdesa.com.au

Thanks to Ann Asker, Virpi Tuite (Centreboard Liaison), Bob McClung, David Bray (Activities Liaison), David Kennedy, Russell Murphy (Yacht Racing Liaison), Sandy Jacka who supported me in my first year as Rear Commodore Membership with Jim Bullough (Board Liaison.) After the AGM in July, David Kennedy and Bob McClung stepped down for a well earned break. I then welcomed Joanne Glase, Matt Crawford and Toni Fox to the Committee with Simon Grosser (Board Liaison.)

I have, and continue to enjoy working with you and I appreciate your thoughts, input and our lively discussions at committee meetings.

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REAR COMMODORE CENTREBOARD

entreboard racing in the Sesquicentenary year was a great year for our Club. We saw the Centreboard Division race on the 150th Birthday with a small marathon race around Scotland Island, before joining in with the celebrations.

Each Sunday we saw around 50 Optimists and Lasers racing out on Pittwater, and RPAYC continued to be the most represented club at regattas. Our Optimist sailors retained the Beashel Trophy at the NSW State Championships for the participation pointscore, Gosford Travellers Trophy Round, won the Club a B&G Chartplotter.

RPAYC held two Optimist Regattas/ Camps this year. First was the Opti Chicks camp and sleepover for female Optimist sailors. The girls enjoyed a day on Pittwater on the Elliot 7's, the Hobie Waves and their own Optis, before sleeping overnight in the Pittwater Room watching movies and eating popcorn. The following day quite a few of the girls stayed and raced in our normal Sunday races.

In March, we ran the Pacific Boating NSW Open and State Championships for the Optimists. We had around 160 Optimists attend the two-day event and the Club was alive with young sailors. Green Fleet was held in the Little Pond just off the club, while Intermediate and Open Fleets raced on a trapezoidal course setup in the Big Pond north of Scotland Island. It was great to see the Club work together with volunteers from Yacht Racing and Centreboard to make the event a success. The course teams managed to set and rotate the trapezoid course after all their training on the GPS units.

Next March we will be hosting the NSW Laser Association for their Metro Championships. This is a two-day event and also will be held on trapezoidal courses. We can expect 150 Lasers to attend this event.

Fletcher Walters and Daniel Links this year dominated the Optimist scene with a myriad of regatta wins at State, National and World levels. Between the two sailors some of the regattas they won were:



Well done to all.

able to happen without the numerous volunteers that help each week to get the sailors out on the water.

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers that turn up and help week after week.

We cannot run without you all

Our racing would never be

David Taylor

- · Australian National Championships
- New Zealand National Championships
- NSW State Championships
- Victorian State Championships
- Sail Melbourne and Sail Sydney

This year we had nine Optimist Sailors qualify and be selected for the Australian IODA national teams out of a possible 41 positions. To put this in perspective, the whole of Victoria had 10 sailors selected and RPAYC had nine sailors selected. Well done to those sailors selected and we wish you all luck in your international events.

The Centreboard Committee would like to congratulate the following sailors who have made national representative teams or who will have been representing the Club at international events:

Optimists

Worlds Cyprus – Fletcher Walters and Daniel Links

North Americans Mexico – Jono Tuite Asian Championships Myanmar – Olivia Williams and Angus Renton

Development Squad Pattaya Thailand – Cooper Bellingham

Australian Girls Squad Hong Kong – Eva Attwood, Sienna Brown and Bayley Taylor

LASERS

Master Worlds Split Croatia – Stuart Holdsworth

9ERS

49erFX Australian Sailing Team – Natasha Bryant and Annie Wilmot 49er Australian Sailing Team – Jim Colley and Shaun Connor

FINNS

Finn World Masters Spain – Matt Visser

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470 Australian Sailing Team - Josh Dawson



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REAR COMMODORE CRUISING

he last 12 months we have enjoyed great sailing, destinations and activities. I would like to thank the Cruising Committee members – Murray Glase, John Groves, David Williams, Megan Nixon, Mark Stephens, Doug Coombes, Nicky Walter and all those who have lead events both on water and off water.

All our cruises now have a designated start time for those that wish to sail in company to the destination. It provides interesting conversation at happy hour.

The estuary cruises have included a BBQ at Bobbin Head, bowing at Dangar Island and overnights at Jerusalem Bay, Refuge Bay, Towlers Bay. A highlight this year was an overnight stay at Pearl Beach with party pies on the beach thanks to Verve. We joined the Dicko Cup and 11 boats sailed back to the Club in a freshening breeze. Next year the cruise will combine with the Dicko Cup for all to enjoy the sail to and from Halletts with a lay day in-between.

The offshore

This year the Christmas cruise went south and New Year's Eve was spent on Sydney Harbour with dinner at the Woolwich Pier Hotel. We watched the fireworks aboard Mixed Nuts, thanks to Jim and Clem. From the Harbour we sailed to Jibbon Beach where we spent a leisurely three days. Jibbon to Jervis we enjoyed a great sail. Jervis offers crystalclear water, non crowded beaches and you get to do the Jervis Bay shuffle. Every time the wind changes you move to the other side good for charging the batteries. The sail back was lumpy in a softening 25knt southerly. Returning to Pittwater we stopped at Manly, which was great after being at sea for nine hours - I didn't notice the roll. Next morning, breakfast at Manly before sailing back to Pittwater, what a great way to finish a cruise.

At Easter we had the pleasure of four days of fantastic weather on Sydney Harbour. We anchored at Blackwattle Bay next day moved to Birkenhead Point for shopping, day three the Biennale on Cockatoo Island. The Biennale is worth visiting if only for the

discussions afterwards. Modern art is a great conversation piece and everyone has their own opinion.

Over the Queen's Birthday long weekend, we enjoyed seeing the lights and action of the annual Vivid Festival at Darling Harbour Marina for four nights. Staying in the heart of the city made for a very unique cruise, no problems with wind tide and anchoring, just where to eat and drink and what to visit. Dinner and drinks every night with a cultural trip to the Archibald thrown in. A lovely walk around Barangaroo and through The Royal Botanical Gardens plus a bit of shopping. We were not disappointed – the whole fleet put up sails in the Harbour not dropping them till inside Barrenjoey. We love a good westerly even with the 25knt gusts at Barrenjoey.

We also had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Australian National Maritime Museum for a special tour, which 22 members enjoyed. Thank you Arleen Tansey for organising the land cruise this year.

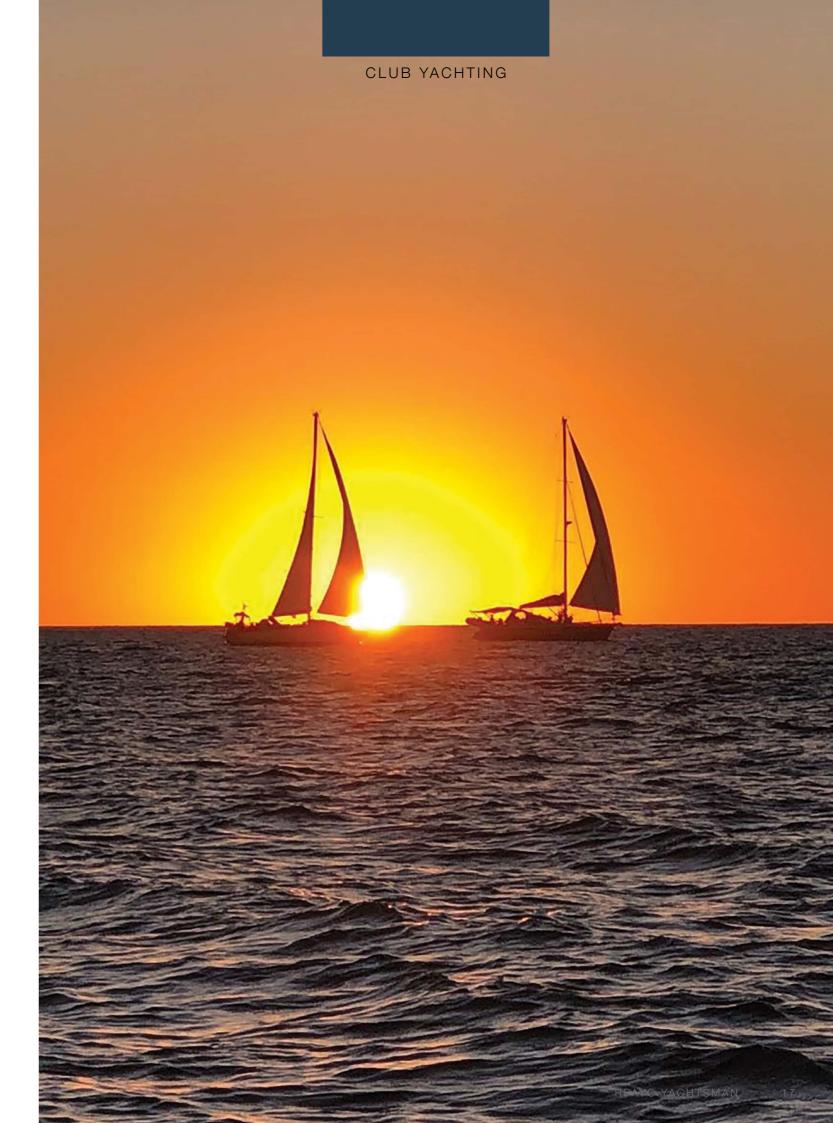
Our monthly First Friday events continue to be a great way meet new people and catch up with friends with entertaining speakers. This year we had a great variety of speakers including Ron Carr from Marine Rescue Broken Bay, Patrick Whetter from Sea Mercy and Phil Ross, Editor of the Cruising Helmsman.

The Christmas cruise this year took us to Newcastle and for New Year's Eve we be celebrated in Port Stephens. Our major event in 2019 is the Pittwater to Dunk Island Cruise between May to November. The cruise is underpinned by an extensive seminar series to prepare for the event.

We also have new destinations for our monthly estuary cruises to look forward to and our popular trip to the Vivid Festival will be in the calendar again.

To keep up to date with all the Cruising events – both on and off the water – please keep an eye on the cruising calendar on the RPAYC website and don't forget our Cruising Facebook page or the RPAYC website.

So, come and share your next adventure vith us.





FLEET 2 2017-2018 SEASON

leet 2 enjoyed another year of tight competitive and friendly sailing. It was good to see so many boats and teams get out on the water racing at RPAYC.

The fleet is quite mixed with some light weight

The fleet is quite mixed with some light weight harbour race boats, some heavier fast cruisers and some larger cruisers. The handicapper as always sorted it out and although conditions can favour different types of boats on the day, the results were well shared over the season.

Participation was strong with 15 or more boats competing in the four Wednesday Series, the Broken Bay Series, the Pittwater Inshore Series and the popular Lion Island Series.

Overall there were nine different boats taking series victories. Special congratulations to Richard Harris and the Sticky team, Allen Stormon and Gezzabelle team, and Julian Noakes and the Starlight team for notching up two series victories each.

Fleet 2 appreciates that we only get to go racing thanks to all the volunteers that made our racing possible so a special thank you to this group.

Congratulations go to the following skippers and teams for their series victories in Fleet 2.

Ian Edwards

Still Dangerous	Ivor Burgess	Club Marine Wednesday Spring Series
Summersalt	Greg O'Neil	Club Marine Wednesday Summer Series
Bullwinkle	Peter Gould	Wednesday Autumn Series
Starlight	Julian Noakes	Wednesday Waterford - Winter
Avventura	Peter Mumford	Thursday Twilight - Spring
Sticky	Richard Harris	Thursday Twilight - Summer
Inevitable	Geoff Kitchen	Commodores Cup
Sticky	Richard Harris	Broken Bay Series
Kalika 3	lan Audsley	Pittwater Inshore Series
Gezzabelle	Allen Stormon	Lion Island Series
Gezzabelle	Allen Stormon	Winter Series
Starlight	Julian Noakes	Early Bird Series

OFFSHORE FLEET

Marcus Grimes and Mark Griffith

e had some very strong growth in both offshore fleets, and were blessed with fresh sea breezes most weekends ensuring a fantastic season of very competitive offshore racing! On behalf of the fleet, I would like to pass on an emphatic thank you to the volunteers and Club officials, along with Brendan and his sailing office team that enable us to get out

It was great to welcome the skippers and crews of new boats Firefly, Jazzamatazz, Pekljus and Showtime. Some of the teams are new to offshore racing and others long-time campaigners in new boats, who all are now familiar colours on the horizon to the beach goers and residents of the beautiful Northern Beaches and Central Coast.

Racing this year was close and reflected at the prize giving. In the Short Ocean Pointscore, bragging rights and silverware went to the Conspiracy crew, rewarded with 1st place on PHS and 3rd on IRC with very consistent performances throughout the year, while Mark Griffith and the Showtime team took home first place double for both IRC and ORCi. On behalf of the fleet a big congratulations to the skippers and crews on both boats, and a special mention to Ray Hudson and his team on XS Moment who placed 2nd PHS and 3rd IRC, along with the other SOPS place getters Pretty Woman (2nd ORCi), Windy Too (2nd IRC) and my team on High Anxiety (3rd PHS).

In the Blue Water Pointscore we tried out a couple of new races formats, including going south to Port Hacking replacing Cabbage Tree Island and of course our signature Bluewater race heading to Southport instead of Coffs for the first time. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, as it was for Mandy and her F&B team leaving out sandwiches, hot food and beer for the races that finished late back at the club. I know it was much appreciated by weary crews and great opportunity for the teams to tell a few tall stories and question each other's tactics.

Results in the Blue Water Pointscore were very close and first place on PHS went to David Suttie and his team on Pekljus who got faster every race and amassed consecutive top three finishes. In IRC and ORCi Mark Waterhouse and Mark Tinworth proved youth and experience is a dynamic combination as they powered Le Billet to first on IRC and first on ORCi to go with their 2nd on PHS.

The two Mark's have been working with Rachel Bower along with participants and recent graduates of the RPAYC Youth Development Program as a pathway into offshore sailing. It's a great initiative and it is clearly working for them. Congratulations to the skippers and crews of Pekljus and Le Billet along with the other boats sharing the podium Occasional Course Language (3rd PHS, 2nd IRC and 3rd ORCi) and Sticky (3rd IRC, 2nd ORCI).

Mark and I are looking forward to building on the growth in the offshore fleet this year and encourage anyone considering the relatively simple step up to Category 4 to race SOPS, or maybe thinking about getting Cat 2 ready for the Pittwater to Southport to get in touch with us as your offshore fleet reps or the sailing office as there are a number of friendly and motivated people keen to help and see you on the starting line.



WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY RACING

he new sailing season saw more races added to the Wednesday program, with multiples Series run throughout the year comprising of Spring, Summer, Autumn and

Competition over the four divisions was as always very close and competitive with some courses adjusted following members feedback including rounding mark directions. We had an average of 40 boats competing each week in this fun, Non-Spinnaker, around the cans afternoon racing.

This season an additional method of handicapping was introduced which was ORC Club. ORC Club is a simple rating system that was integrated as an additional scoring category across club racing. ORC Club is a fixed handicap and is based on self-measurements.

The added bonus of good racing is the free sausage sandwich after the race, cooked by the rostered yacht crews throughout winter and summer. Always a good way to re-sail the race and spin yarns socially back in the bar.

All members are invited to race on Wednesdays, no excuses not to enjoy competitive and social racing almost all year round. (50 weeks of the year).

Thursday Twilight Racing Report

Supported by Wild Oats and Lejen Marine the Thursday Twilight Series runs through Spring and Summer making use of the lasting daylight for a fun and friendly round the can courses.

Great for newcomers and racers alike this series is one not to be missed - with an option to use a Spinnakers if you chose.

Not only racing for glory, competitors are racing for a bottle of Wild Oats wine as well as the participation prize, with an entry going into the barrel for each time the boat raced. The more races attended meant more chances of winning club prizes.

The winner of the Stand Up Paddle board kindly donated by Lejen Marine this season was an ecstatic Paul Norrie from 'Marola'.

Brian Ellis

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WOMEN'S TWILIGHTS 2017/2018

he Women's Twilights 2017/18 was again a very successful and enjoyable series. For the second year in a row, we were very proudly supported by Tina Ernfridsson, an independent Arbonne consultant, who so generously donated the weekly 1st prizes in each division. Tina is again supporting the series in 2018/19 – many thanks Tina, you are a star.

Consistent with last season, we had 13 boats regularly competing every second Tuesday from October to March. We had some superb weather conditions throughout the season. It was great to see so many regular skippers and crews racing again, but even better that some new entrants participated in the series, being Penny McConaghy on Kerazy and Toni Fox on Under Pressure.

Well done to all of our new entrants, it is so great to see more women taking to the helm in racing, and I hope we'll see you on the water again this coming season.

Similar to last year, we ran two pointscores. Congratulations on the following results:

PHS

Division 1

- 1. Pretty Woman, skippered by Elaine Fowler
- 2. Whisper 30, skippered by Nancy Ferguson
- 3. Kerazy, skippered by Penny McConaghy

Division 2

- 1. Venue, skippered by Sarah Ellis
- 2. Pegasus, skippered by Mary Bickley
- 3. Kanaloa II, skippered by Tammy Lindsay

ORCc_i

Division 1

- 1. Inevitable, skippered by Annie Taylor
- 2. Pretty Woman, skippered by Elaine Fowler

Division 2

1. Venue, skippered by Sarah Tallis

A special thanks to our team of volunteer race officials: David West, Ron Palmer, Trevor Hannah, Rob McClelland, Bobbie Simpson and Jim Gordon. At our presentation, there was an upstanding round of applause from the skippers for these great gentlemen who give their time every fortnight, rain or shine, wind or no wind, to ensure we have an enjoyable

and safe race. Many thanks to all of you – all of the women and token males have had such a wonderful time out on the water and we really appreciate your generous time and effort in making it all happen so smoothly.

Many thanks to the Club, the Yacht Racing Committee and the Board for supporting the Women's Twilight Series and for its support of women's sailing initiatives, including the Women's Helm Series in the Saturday Winter and Early Bird Series and the Women's Winter Sunday Series on the first Sunday of the month from May to August.

During the season, many members and participants donated lucky door prizes, which helped make the post-race dinners very popular. Many thanks to all of the donors.

The series came to an end with "Orange is the New (Little) Black Dress night", where skippers and crews donned an orange and black themed outfit. We were treated to a talk by RPAYC Club members, Clare Costanzo and Jess Angus. In February 2018, Clare and Jess were part of the all-women team that brilliantly captured the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron's, long standing, Hardy Cup Sydney International Match Racing Regatta trophy following four days of intense competition on Sydney Harbour in the Elliott 7's. Clare broke an 18 year run of gun male skippers taking out the grade three youth event. The girls entertained us with interesting snippets from their travels to sailing events around the world.

Finally, thank you to all of my fellow sailors, the skippers and crew who have made the series such fun – it's been great competitive racing in all sorts of conditions. Congratulations to the winners and I hope you will all be back for more next season.

It is time for me to hand over the Fleet Representative baton which has enthusiastically been taken up by Elaine Fowler and Liz de Soyres. I have thoroughly enjoyed representing you for the past three years. I have been overwhelmed by the support from you and have learned a lot from the experience. Thank you all so much for participating in the Women's Twilights this season, and I very much look forward to many more.

Tammy Lindsay RPAYC Women's Fleet Rep



CLUB MARINE PITTWATER TO PARADISE

he diverse fleet in this year's Club Marine Pittwater to Paradise Regatta has hailed the event "a brilliant way to start the year" and a great reason to travel north for summer on the Gold Coast, sight-seeing and some competitive sailing.

Michael Martin's TP 52, Frantic arrived first at Southport Yacht Club on Thursday 4 January at 07:24 AEDT, taking line honours after 418 nautical miles, compared to nearest rival Nine Dragons which sailed 398 nautical miles. They had the Club to themselves for a few hours and after a shower and well-earned beverage, they toasted their win over a hearty breakfast and declared the P2P "The best race we've ever sailed!".

Ahead of starting the P2P, Frantic made the return from Hobart, where they came 11th in their Division and 24th over the line.

The P2P was their first win of 2018 and something the whole crew are very proud of.

"It's a new race and is gradually making a name for itself – it's a great destination," said Mick of the P2P, hinting that they would be keen to enter again in 2019.

Overall winner, Ray Roberts' Checkmate of Hollywood, came in fifth place and was unanimously admired for her looks and her performance.

The legendary 40 year old, 50-foot, IOR Doug Peterson design Checkmate of Hollywood was competing in her first Australian race and after missing the Sydney Hobart due to damage on the delivery to the start line, all eyes were on this classic yacht and she did not disappoint.

"It was our first Australian race, after the disappointment of missing the Hobart," said Michael Spies. "We backed ourselves. The competition wasn't soft. Nine Dragons is an Australian champion. It wasn't ideal conditions for our boat, but the boat lived up to our expectations – more than!

"Having run grand prix boats for 30 years, with a world champion crew, a mix of youth and experience, Checkmate was vastly different. It's a 40 year old timber boat, not carbon fibre. She's a lot harder to steer, but



Well done to all.

2018 Club Marine Pittwater to Paradise Regatta Hailed "Friendliest Race"

more forgiving in motion, not as hard on the body. It was nice to have a hot meal and good sleep. We actually had an oven! It just proves the IRC rule is doing its job.

"Full credit to Ray Roberts and his enthusiasm for Checkmate and supporting this event," continued Spiesy. "He had a vision and supported getting this boat back to Australia. For the crew, it was different, we worked hard without breaking the boat, learning about it on the way."

Second over the line and winner of IRC Division 1, Dk46 Nine Dragons, followed Frantic a few hours later at 11.28 AEDT, but enjoyed a close battle with the TP52 in the early stages of the race.

Nine Dragons' owner, Bob Cox said his crew enjoyed "a relatively easy race, with only a few challenges when the number 4 spinnaker exploded, but the crew did a great job".

He was impressed with the fleet and the event, saying that despite the relatively small numbers, "competition was intense and you can't beat ending up on the Gold

"It's an enjoyable and worthwhile race," Bob continued. "We would seriously consider coming back next year." Team Trophy Winners: NSW - OCL1, Nine Dragons and Checkmate of Hollywood

Pretty Woman, the Farr 45 co-owned by RPAYC Commodore, Michael Lockley, Richard Hudson and Russell Murphy, shadowed Nine Dragons the whole way to the Gold Coast, where Pretty Woman missed slaying the Dragon by just 4 minutes.

The appeal of the P2P, according to Michael is the mixed bag of conditions that summer sailing delivers. "We sailed upwind, downwind, and used every sail. We enjoyed the full spectrum of sailing. We used three different spinnakers, as well as J1, JT and J2."

Gold Coast yacht, Auric's Quest arrived at 12.27 AEDT, fourth across the line.

Owner, Fred Bestall said he and his crew enjoyed this year's race and would be back again in 2019.



"RPAYC members were very friendly and helpful especially the competitors we met before the start and at the finish. We are looking forward to being part of the P2P next

Salvatore Ridulfo, owner of the First 44.7 Galileo, expressed his congratulations to all competitors, divisional winners and sailors, adding "We had an extraordinary exhilarating sail up the coast. We sailed for more than an hour with the same large pod of dolphins and we also saw a couple of large turtles off Fingal head and a spectacular twodolphin show just off Main Beach.

"I am impressed by the genuine hospitality and friendship extended to all of us competitors by the SYC from Commodore Kerry and all staff members who were all happy to assist in any way. This was a return to Southport for me after a few years and I was glad to find that the core values and spirit of this club have not changed. I know that many Sydney and Pittwater sailors would seriously consider adding this event and the subsequent Bartercard Sail Paradise to their schedule."

From James Crowley, skipper of Javelin, an enthusiastic commitment to next year's event.

"We really enjoyed the P2P and are already considering doing it again next year, providing we can round up more crew - six just aren't enough when you have 30 knots and a

"Highlights for us were the few days before the race on Pittwater and the RPAYC hospitality, getting a new boat speed record, finishing the race with less crew than ideal and the SYC hospitality on arrival with the tender to guide us to our berth (at 10.30pm) and a cold case of beer!"

Occasional Coarse Language One owner, Robert Alder and crew said they enjoyed the run north this year and will definitely be back next year to defend her two years of first yacht under 45 feet. "We would like to attempt the triumvirate," said Robert.

"We would like to thank the weather gods granting us a downwind race from Port Stephens as we love to surf at 175 true in 20 knots plus, sailing above our Polars most of the

"Thanks to all crew and particularly Navigator Frank Walker as we sailed the shortest distance of all yachts, and found the best breeze and minimum adverse currents all the

We broke racing rule one and let the owners steer all race, so thanks to co-owner Bill Bailey who steered half the race and whose shoulders are no doubt as sore as mine as a 40 foot yacht with a tiller at 175 degrees in 25 knots with the S2 or 3 can be a handful at times.

"I think we only laid her over four times during

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the race, and unlike last year where we blew up both kites, we had no breakages this year, so well-done crew - Frank, Bob, Beth, Bridget, Max and Woz, Michael."

The inaugural State of Origin Trophy, awarded based on the lowest aggregate score of the best three boats from NSW and the best three boats from Queensland in the IRC Overall results. NSW was victorious, fielding the majority of boats in the fleet, and took the trophy with pride, challenging more Queensland yachts to come onboard in 2019.

Commodore of SYC, Kerry Noyes said the 2018 Club Marine Pittwater to Paradise Regatta was "a fantastic event with lots of positive feedback".

"Everybody had a great race up the Coast. Crews absolutely loved it. Feedback had been that they were glad to have sparring partners to race against. Like a race within a race. It made for interesting conversations in the bar afterwards! At the presentation, all competitors said they would come back next year.

"Once they go back and start talking in their Clubs, they will encourage more yachts to join them in 2019, and the race will only grow and grow."

RPAYC Commodore, Michael Lockley agreed, saying

"we had a quality fleet, small, but quality, which invokes the best racing possible".

"For example, Pretty Woman and Nine Dragons were never more than two miles apart and that made for tight and thrilling racing, which is what people go out to do - race boat on boat out on the ocean.

"Full moon racing makes night time racing very scintillating - that's very special," Michael continued. "Arriving at the beautiful Southport Yacht Club was wonderful, and our hosts Kerry and Ray and the team at SYC made us feel welcome. It was sensational!

"I invite all those Club racing boats, both cruiser racers and Grand Prix boats to enter next year's Pittwater to Paradise. This is an event for you, especially boats from 35 to 55ft. There is great competition in this boat size bracket and rating certificates reflect this.

"Our aim is to attract a quality fleet of skippers and continue to be a nurturing ground for up and coming sailors and those in our Youth Development program.

"All in all, the Pittwater to Paradise ticks all the boxes and it will grow because people want to do that type of racing at that time of year. Pretty Woman will be back for sure!"

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OLD TIMER'S RACE

ittwater welcomed the fleet of 21 boats for the 2018 Old Timers Race. The 1100hrs start didn't faze any of the crew who were up and ready to hit the water and enjoy the stunning conditions on Pittwater. With a steady north westerly set in for the white sail race and possibly white knuckled boat owners crew docked off and headed to the start line.

As the starters gun came closer the fleet bunched up along the extra-long start line, with 5.5m amongst 50 footers edging their way closer and closer to the line. For some they were a little to eager and those three letters where promptly announced over the radio "O.C.S" by the Race Committee.

Whilst the big boats took a quick lead, it was the middle of the pack that thoroughly enjoyed the battle to the finish line, not giving an inch to each other till they crossed. A new course was added this year, course 4 to factor in the wind direction which saw every inch of Pittwater used, which was great for the competitors as they had he whole of Pittwater to themselves with not another user in sight!

Pretty Woman with Bruce Kemp on the

helm took Line Honours with Bonnie Lassie bringing up the rear of the fleet.

Now for the real fun, the annual luncheon with over a 120 hungry sailors ready to sit down and enjoy the afternoon at the Club. Commodore Lockley welcomed all the Old Timers and crews and hit play on the newly published Sesquicentennial History video which ended in a room of applauds.

The famous Tom Spithill Quiz was next, the Coach of the Year was clearly absent, now a team member on Wild Oats X and taking on the big boats in Port Stephens, neither-theless the show went on with more phones seen on or under tables as 'phone a friend called Google' was used.

The Old Timer's race and luncheon though, is about the members and their stories, camaraderie and mateship. It sees 3, Volante members who may not be sailing anymore back on the water enjoying their life sport and their club always with a laugh and cheer.

Race winner was Nirvana's Kitchen, skippered by Jim Cormack. Quiz Winner was: Second Time Around on count back to Pretty Woman.



The Old Timer's Race crowns a new winner

Race Results

- 1. Nirvanas Kitchen II
- 2. Pegasus



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DICKO CUP

he Dicko Cup originated in early 1950s by S.R. Dickinson whose role was the organiser, handicapper, judge and sailing committee for the "Dicko" Cup. Originally being held on New Year's Eve and continuing onto New Year's Day the event started as a fun-loving event with no prerequisites to enter only a "carnival spirit." Boats from all over Sydney would migrate to Pittwater to enjoy the company of Dicko and his wife as they were renowned for their hospitality.

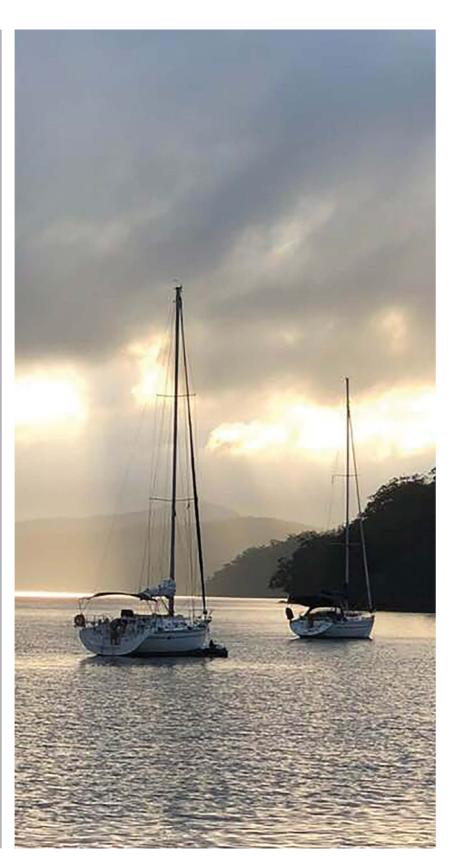
More than 60 years from when the Dicko Cup started the RPAYC still celebrates this event based around the roots of the "carnival spirit." The event has transformed into the Dicko Cup Marathon and Hallets Beach Cruise for the Australia Day weekend.

Glamour conditions welcomed the participants to the RPAYC Annual Dicko Cup and Hallets Beach Cruise which started on 27 January and finishing on Sunday 28 January with 15 boats participating in the activities and festivities.

2018 Dicko Cup Winner

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Scott Robinson



ONE DESIGN REGATTA

winter westerly greeted the fleet of 18 boats on Saturday for Day 1 of the Mick Hole One Design and Sports Boat Winter Regatta. Showing dominance in the Etchells Class was Flirtation, helmed by Matt Crawford who after a 3rd place in the first race sealed the rest of the day with bullets.

The mixed sports boat fleet saw plenty of action on the start line with 10 boats jostling for pole position under the watchful eye of Race Officer Stephen Merrington.

The RPAYC Elliott 7's which were crewed by the Senior and Intermediate Youth Development Squad as well as the Australian Invictus Sailing Team kept up with their faster rivals such at the Melges 24 and Viper.

Joining with an original Elliott 7 was Rod Tanks who had a secret weapon on board in Kerrie Shimeld (Mick Holes widow). Rod had the element of surprise on the start line with some unorthodox starting techniques. Four races were completed on the Saturday.

In the Etchells fleet, Club stalwart Jason Antill came out swinging on Sunday to show the younger crew on Flirtation that they mean business as they use this regatta to prepare for the upcoming Etchells Worlds in QLD. Jason's 2107 Racing finished on 14 points which tied them with Flirtation however the tie was broken in favour of Flirtation who had three wins. An excited Matt Crawford commented 'We were adding up the score card on the way and Sports Boat Winter in and knew it was going to be close, a big thanks to my team and all the competitors and volunteers for a fantastic regatta'.

In the mixed sport boats fleet, Grant 'We were adding up the Crowle stepped in to helm for Rod Tanks on the Green Elliott 7 on the final day with Simon Grosser who hopped on to follow instructions and knew it was going from Kerrie. The new combination



Mick Hole One Design Regatta 2018

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showed strength particularly with Kerrie and Mick's son Henri calling strategy. With the green Elliott 7 taking out boat of the day.

The Mick Hole Memorial Trophy was presented by Kerrie to an ecstatic Matt Crawford and his Flirtation team.

Taking out the golden snorkel award was Intermediate Youth Development sailor Isabella Holdsworth who took an unexpected dip when she missed the hiking straps. "The water was cold" said a chilled Holdsworth.

Kerrie commented, "Thank you to the RPAYC for honouring Mick this way. He would have loved to have been sailing, we met and fell in love 30 years ago at the downstairs bar, and then farewelled him at the same place 7 years ago. Enormous thanks to the Race Committee and also Jason Antill and Simon Grosser for initiating and following through. Also to Rod, Kathryn, Grant, Henri and Grosser (the green boat), and all the competitors, young and old".

We sailed this weekend in honour of a very special bloke, whose memory is a reminder to all present and future members of what RPAYC is really all about. The world would be a much better place with a few more Micks!

ABOUT MICK

Mick was the epitome of RPAYC spirit, until he sadly passed away too soon at the age of 48, on May 19th 2011.

Mick was a feisty character, but known for the biggest of smiles and a happy outlook on life. He bravely fought a tough battle right to the end, without complaint

Growing up on Pittwater, Mick was a keen surfer, and windsurfer before getting into sailing like so many other local kids through the "Kalori" sailing program at Pittwater High School, and the efforts of teachers and RPAYC members Wal Wardle, Alan Jones and Stan Walters. He raced the Yachting World Diamond "Kalori" with good mate (and former RPAYC member) Grant Crowle, and then campaigned with Grant and Cameron Miles in "the Sting" at the 1984 Soling

Olympic trials in Adelaide.

Mick met "the love of his life" Kerrie Shimeld at RPAYC in 1988, sailing in Bruce Dowse's aptly named "Hot Tub" and with Gavin Ward on "Abracadabra".

Mick continued racing in Etchells as a long-time crew member with Commodore John Berry on "Risky Business", and then with Bruce Wookie and Mark Richards narrowly missing a podium finish at the Melbourne Nationals in "Steam Packet" in 1998.

Together Mick and Kerry formed a formidable team on and off the water, and with Mali and Henri joining the crew, the young "Shim-Holes" raced and cruised their Sydney 36 "King Tide", always punching above their weight (with Mick letting his competitors know all about it, with that grin!).

Possibly the worst King Neptune ever at the RPAYC Christmas Party for several years, he thought he was gorgeous and was the life of the party.

Mick was a loyal member of Bob Oatley's "Another Duchess" crew, long before red shirts became so popular... these days, everyone's got one! Mick sailed in the crew of Wild Oats 10, in the winning RPAYC Admirals Cup team in 2003.

A real highlight of Mick's sailing career and Club life was the 2008 Laser Master Worlds, sailed off Terrigal.

An intrepid group of RPAYC members built a very close bond, training through the winter in the lead-up to the Worlds, always competitive but always in good spirit

Typical of Mick, he was in it for the fun and the camaraderie, and no matter where he was placed in the fleet (often upside down) remained as competitive as ever, and always came up smiling.

If you look in the trophy cabinet, you'll find the "Golden Snorkel" award, which only a few specially talented members have had the privilege of winning, initially awarded to Mick Hole.







FRIENDS OF DAVID BOOTH

he 2018 Friends of David Booth Race saw 51 yachts and over 400 competitors enjoy a fantastic pursuit race from Bayview to Lion Island and a finish off Taylors Point. Racing commenced at 1330hrs for the first boats with the Commodores Farr 45 the final boat to start 50 minutes later.

The north easterly and 15-24 knots of wind had crews working up to west head and popping kites for a fast ride home once navigating their way around Lion Island. It was a great show of the RPAYC spirit on Pittwater enjoying sailing, camaraderie and clubman ship.

David Booth (Boothy) was a RPAYC Member for nearly 30 years. He was a great friend to many, and his tragic passing in a yacht racing incident have left many Members of RPAYC, as well as the greater sailing community, shocked and saddened.

The 'Friends of David Booth Trophy' was established which encapsulates the communal spirit of the Members of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club and will be displayed at the Club for many years.

Chutney Mary, skippered by Trevor Bailey took the lead this year and once rounding Lion Island fought of the fast approaching fleet to cross the line first and become the 2018 Friends of David Booth Perpetual Trophy Winner.

Race Results

- CHUTNEY MARY Trevor Bailey
- 2. YOUNGER GENERATION Sarah Ellis
- 3. ISOLDE Peter Helm

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DAVID LUKINS MEMORIAL REGATTA

he David Lukins regatta was run over the weekend of the 16th and 17th of September 2017. This was the eight running of the event since its inception in 2009 to commemorate the memory of David Lukins, a much-valued member, volunteer and mate. David was awarded one of the Clubs most prestigious awards, Volunteer of the Year award for 1998-1999.

This event has attracted some of RPAYC's best sailors, battling to get their name on the beautiful David Lukins Memorial Trophy (the largest Trophy in the club) designed by prestigious artist John Woulf.

Just looking at the names on the trophy of previous winning skippers and crew, you get an appreciation of the calibre of the event as you identify Olympic and World Champions. At a quick glance there are:

- 4 x Silver Medallists
- 2 x Women's Match Racing World Champions
- 2 x Youth Match Racing World Champions
- 1 x Moth World Champion

There are many further accolades and achievements for past winning skippers and crew, so much so, it would require several more pages to try and detail!

This regatta has a strong connection with the clubs Youth Development program, as David Volunteered countless hours helping shape the lives of some of those champions mentioned above.

This year saw 10 teams compete for the coveted title. Three skippers out of the 10 teams were past graduates of the Youth Development Squad, some ranging back to the early 90's, including dual America's Cup winning skipper, James Spithill. Teams competing included the current Youth Development Squad and one team skippered by Tyler Ratcliff representing the clubs Intermediate Youth Development Program. What was evident in the list of entries were the number of families represented in this year's Regatta, from Skippers, crews and race management team members showing

the strong family connection that the Alfreds has. Commodore Lockley said it was a "great demonstration of how sailing is a sport for every generation".

Racing got underway on Saturday in a wild 20-25 knot south westerly, that had all crews working continuously to control their boats and read the challenging wind shifts that Pittwater is notorious for.

This provided some exciting racing, particularly on the downwind with the asymmetrical spinnakers propelling the Elliott 7's down the course at white knuckle speeds.

Showing a near dominant performance on the first day of racing was RPAYC, Club Coach Tom Spithill who was the defending title holder from 2016.

For the second and final day of racing on Sunday, the conditions were vastly different, with a shifting easterly putting the mark boat team and umpires to work all day.

The last two races of the round robin were completed, and the top four were on equal points forcing a complicated tie-break. Club Coach Tom Spithill was declared the round robin winner with his brother James, Clare Costanzo and Malcolm Parker the next ranked skippers. Unclear if a tactical decision or one demonstrative of competitive sibling habits, Tom decided to re-match his brother James. In their previous matches racing had been close, throwing back to the pair's days of Youth Development training,

This left Malcolm and Clare to compete against each other, with the winners of each match set to battle for the trophy.

It didn't take long for the Umpires to raise the penalty flags when Spithill vs Spithill entered the start. Close racing saw Tom Spithill take victory and progress into the finals. Similarly, Costanzo and her team were able to take the win and would face Coach Tom in the finals.

For the finals it was a case of Coach vs Student, with both Spithill and Costanzo of the Youth Development program recently returning from representing RPAYC at the Gov Cup and World Sailing Youth World Match Racing Championship. In the

first race Spithill took first blood after plenty of lead changes right up till the finish line.

In the second race, Spithill got the early advantage off the start line with the desired right-hand side of the track. By the top mark, Clare had caught up, however, Spithill was able to take the win again.

In the fight for third and fourth place saw America's Cup Skipper James Spithill Verse recently graduated Youth Development Skipper Malcolm Parker take on each other and from the first flag you could tell these guys meant business with the intensity on water tripling!

The teams all assembled back at the Alfred's for prize giving, where David's Parents Warwick and Marg, as well sons, daughters and grand-kids all attending.

A clearly elated Tom Spithill was quick to praise his crew in his winning speech and get one last jab at his brother James for beating him. "This has been some of the most enjoyable sailing I have done. This win personally means a great to me. Dave was a huge influence on our lives both on and off the water, and to now we have our names on David's Trophy again, is one of the greatest honours."

This regatta has a way of bringing mates back together, and I am not just talking competitors, all the volunteers, such as the race committee, mark boat and umpires, all roles that David loved doing...you guys are responsible for this win as well!" said a moved Spithill.





Coach vs Student in the

final of the David Lukins

Memorial Regatta

1. Tom Spithill, Mark

Murray Gordon

Dorling, Ollie Gordon &

2. Clare Costanzo & Team

3. James Spithill & Team

4. Malcolm Parker & Team

5. Chuck (Alex) Anderson

6. Sarah Parker & Team

8. Harley Walters & Team

9. James Farguharson &

10. Tyler Ratcliff & Team

7. Chris Way & Team

& Team

Team

Race Results

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Sailing is a family involved sport based on fun with winning not being the major objective.

Race Results

- Flirtation
 Lucy Shephard
- 2. Northern Havoc Alex Murray
- 3. 2107 Racing Annie Taylor
- 4. Whisper Evelyn Foster
- 5. PAM
 Sarah Parker

GWEN SLADE LADIES' ETCHELLS REGATTA

he Gwen Slade Ladies' Etchells
Regatta was created by Life
Member and world-class sailor,
William Russell Slade in honour
of his late wife, Gwen Slade.

Russell Slade was a prominent face of sailing in the 1960s, having competed in the Olympics and being a strong competitor in 16ft Skiffs and 5.5m class boats he was also the first person to build a Fibreglass yacht in Australia, Janzoon II.

Russell, as described by his son, Paul Slade, was a very passionate man and envision that sailing is a family involved sport based on fun with winning not being the major objective. Russell's love for One design racing lead to the choice of boat and development of the Gwen Slade Regatta. The Etchells was chosen as it was a growing class and the simplicity factor would help promote the inclusion of

advanced and beginner sailors. With a little media help from the Packers, Russell was able to launch the first Gwen Slade Ladies Regatta in 1981.

Today, the regatta is still going strong with the RPAYC hosting it every year in conjunction with the Pittwater Etchells association.

This year's Gwen Slade title was awarded to Flirtation skippered by Lucy Shephard who took the win with an impressive score card of 1 3,1,1. Hot on her heels and itching to take the crown was Alex Murray who skippered Northern Havoc and ended up only one point behind with a scorecard of 1,3,2 to take 2nd. In third place was Annie Taylor and team racing 2107 Racing.

Thank you to all of the Etchells owners for assisting with providing their boats for this great event.





CLUB YACHTING CLUB YACHTING



Close win for Skagerak at 2018 Int. 5.5m Australian Championship

Race Results

- AUS32 Skagerak (Bob Stoddard) 16.0
- AUS026 Baragoola (Antill Macey Spithill) 16.0
- 3. AUS29 Antares (Martin / Anna Cross) 20.0
- 4. AUS55 Tangalooma (Pete McNamara) 23.0
- 5. 5 KA16 Pam (Peter McDonald) 40.0
- 6. AUS60 Plan B Redux (Robert Fielding) 53.0
- 7. AUS59 Marotte (Robert Hart) 63.0

5.5M AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

kagerak, a Luders designed 5.5 Metre built by Lars Halvorsen in Sydney in 1974, took out the 2018 Int. 5.5m Class Australian Championship, which was hosted by the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC) in Pittwater from 25-27 February. Skippered by Bob Stoddard, Skagerak ended up tied on equal point with Baragoola, a Briton Chance design, built by Hall and Johansen in 1968.

Concerns about wind and rain at the beginning of the regatta were forgotten when racing started on Sunday 25. Antares had a great first day in 15-20 knots of wind with two seconds and a win to take the early lead, though there were many boats heading home with breakages. A Fay/Luders design, and built by Ian Perdrieau in 1973, Antares has a distinctive 'canoe' bow and is a previous winner of the Australian Championship.

Baragoola ended the first day in second place. She was one of the first 5.5 Metres to have the modern raised floor and separate rudder and was one of two Classic 5.5s racing the championship.

An inconsistent start for Skagerak was rectified on the second day with an excellent 1-1-2 to take the overall lead, after all the crews spent the morning doing repairs. The day started with 17-20 knots but eased through to 12 knots for the third race. Baragoola was never far away and ended the day just one point back, with Antares dropping to third. In the fresh southerly winds Plan B and Marotte both sustained some damage and called it a day.

On the final day, in a more subdued 7-10 knots, Baragoola was the best boat of the day with a 1-2-3 clawing back one point to finish on equal points with Skagerak. But, having won the last race, it was enough for Skagerak to win the title on count back. Antares took third, four points adrift.

Club Coach at the RPAYC, Thomas Spithill, was sailing on Baragoola, the 2017 defending Australian Champion and the boat he part owns. "The boats are very enjoyable to sail and good to admire racing on Pittwater. Each boat has its own unique story

and history. The boats ages range from 1960 - 2010, yet are still very competitive against each other. The Class has a huge following in Europe and we are hoping to see the Worlds hosted at RPAYC in 2020, fingers crossed."

Stoddard commented, "The racing was nerve-racking and any of the top four boats could have won on the final day. [Each of the top four had won at least one race by the end of day two.] Despite the design differences between the boats, they are very similar in speed so the starts and mark roundings were very important to get right. It was great to have Pam and crew come up from the harbour and join what would have otherwise an RPAYC fleet. The race committee did a fantastic job as the rain squalls and normal Pittwater wind fluctuations tried to put them off."

"It was a great three days of racing and I am very grateful to the competitors, the volunteers and the club for making it happen. I am very grateful to have Phil Smidmore and Mark Griffiths on my team. Thank you also to North Sails for their contribution to the prizes."

"We are hoping to host the 2020 5.5 Metre World Championships here and that this event has generated more local and international interest in the class."



WHISPER MUG

he Whisper Mug has been a tradition in Pittwater since 1972 when the first race was organised by Sue and Neville Fielding in their yacht Whisper. Since then the race has prospered with fleets of up to 20 and a reputation for a highly enjoyable day out on the water and a social party afterwards.

The breeze at this time of year is normally excellent, and the race has only ever been shortened once in its 40 year history. In a similar vein to twilight racing and the popular Portuguese Picnic, this is a fun race with most crews consisting of family and friends. The major difference is that the course is long enough for a decent sail and spinnakers are permitted.

There are two divisions:

- a division for those owners who wish to sail the traditional rounding of Dangar Island and home; and
- a division for members to enjoy a more leisurely sail to Juno Point and return.

Congratulations to our winners for 2017 where all competitors who enjoyed the 20nm course to Dangar Island and back in brilliant E/NE 15knt conditions.



Race Results The Whisper Mug

Pick Pocket,

Chris and Julia Hornsby

The Zebulon Plate

Easy Tiger VI,

Tom Spithill

The Josie Trophy

Rojak,

Andrew Glower

The Starter's Cup

Galileo,

Sal Ridulfo





AIRCALIN MATCH RACING REGATTA

AIRCALIN Match Racing Regatta in Noumea Hosted by Cercle Nautique Caledonien (the CNC yacht club)

he RPAYC team of Juliet Costanzo (Skipper),
Alistair Read (Mainsheet), India Howard (Trim)
and Antony Hawke (Bow), accompanied by
Angus Gordon as stand-in coach for Tommy
Spithill (overseas at a different regatta) arrived in
Noumea on Monday the 13th August, after the usual delayed
flight, and settled into their billets on yachts at the marina.
While all four of the team are accomplished sailors, they are
a young group representing the future potential for RPAYC
Youth Development. This is their first overseas match racing
regatta and it was also the first time they had all sailed together.
The other competitors range from about the same age as the
RPAYC crew up to seasoned veterans of 40 years plus. It is
an open regatta, with a youth component, but all ages are in
together, so there are some very tough competitors.

Tuesday was practice day and the team was fortunate to get both a morning and an afternoon session, which allowed them to practice in both of the potential course areas. There were some "interesting" tacks and gybes, not to mention quite a bit of discussion, but their skills developed at warp speed during the day. Kite launching and recovery technique was "exciting" with coach Angus wondering just exactly what was going to happen next. The Elliot 6s are more tender than the Club's 7s and the kite work is very different making it hard for crews not used to the 6s, particularly in stronger winds.

DAY 1

Wednesday was the first day of the regatta with the 12 teams sailing in two sessions using the six Elliot 6s owned by CNC. The breeze was 8 knots early on, building to 12 knots by the end of the day with a progressively building choppy seaway (racing was on the open ocean course). The team ended the day with a credible three wins and four losses, however, the result could have been very different.

In the first race they dominated the pre-start and looked like getting a brilliant start, but unfortunately, they crossed the line a mere two seconds ahead of the gun only to have to return and re-start while their competition smoked off into the distance. They recovered to sail an excellent race finishing a boat length behind their competition having progressively hauled them back.

In the second race their start was much better and they were clearly in the lead when their traveller control rope broke and they were not able to maintain height upwind. Excellent downwind control meant they caught up and finished overlapped but unfortunately behind.

The third race was well put together and they had their first win.

The fourth race was again close but, having led to the first mark the spinnaker launching and gybing downwind, on the first downwind leg, let them down, and they finished on the heels of their competitor.

The fifth race was the real disaster. Having established a lead, well ahead of their competitor they wrapped the kite so badly that it took all of the downwind leg, to sort out. Not only the kite was wrapped but also the kite sheets had tied up the bundle! This was their biggest loss, and disappointment, having had the race "in the bag".

But, being the excellent competitors, they are they were not phased so put together two very controlled, and convincing wins in races 6 and 7.

While they finished with three wins out of seven races, it was very close to being a very different story. The team really showed their potential and their maturity by recovering from some very demoralizing situations. They ended the day in great spirits fully realizing just how close they had come to a very different outcome, and how much they had learned.

DAY 2

The day started out relatively light at 6 to 8 knots but built to 15+ during the day with a steep chop in the late afternoon. Again, racing was on the open ocean course.

The RPAYC team was in the first flight of the day and then had a rest till afternoon.

In the first race of the day the team had an excellent pre-start and ended up forcing their competitor over early at the start so developed an early break while their competitor returned to the start. First work was well controlled and they rounded clear ahead by 10 boat lengths...then it happened! Their nemesis (the kite set) took over and they wrapped up the forestay like a Christmas gift. Needless to say, the competition sailed past with their kite drawing beautifully. The second work was good and they picked up well only to round the top mark and "wine glass" the kite. By the time they had that sorted the competition was well ahead and crossed the line about 12 boat lengths ahead. A bit of a chat ensued when the crew handed over the boat and returned to the changeover boat to await their next race several hours later, and to "enjoy" a debrief with the coach.

By their second race the wind was already a gusty 12 to 15 knots with a nasty chop. They were up against a good competitor who trapped them at the pin end and put a penalty on the RPAYC boat. However, they recovered to actually start well (good pre-start technique and calm heads) so rounded the top mark in clear first place. They surprised everyone, including themselves with a good kite launch •



and set (having worked things through during the break on the changeover boat). Unfortunately, they sailed high angles down the run and allowed the competitor to just break through. Having rounded the bottom mark, they quickly hauled in the competitor who had to tack away... and then broke their boom. So, the RPAYC steamed off into the distance, exonerated their penalty and recorded a win.

Their third race saw a penalty scored against them in the pre-start by an aggressive competitor. It was really just a short loss of concentration by the RPAYC team. Generally, their pre-start was good and the penalty was a very close call. For the first time they were slow upwind, mainly due to how they were driving through the chop (this was sorted out in the debriefing by the coach and team after racing was finished for the day). They rounded the top mark about eight boat lengths behind but had an excellent kite set (previous problems fixed by the crew trying new techniques). A good fast run saw them close the gap. Although covered upwind by their competitor they actually closed up further and had a brilliant kite set, and downwind run, to steam right up to the competitor on the finish line but unfortunately they still had the penalty turn to do and they were not quite overlapped so couldn't force the competitor off enough to exonerate themselves before the competitor crossed the line.

The third race for the RPAYC crew was the last for the day. They came into their own to show what they were capable of against a good competitor. RPAYC gained a penalty against the other competitor in the pre-start and won the start. Conditions were "testing", however, they covered well upwind, although a bit slow again due to difficulties handling the short chop. Still they rounded the top mark first and produced their best kite set of the series and "romped" downwind till near the bottom mark when their last gybe nearly resulted in a full lay down. But they recovered in time to round ahead and again showed their skill on the next work to round well ahead. Again, an excellent kite set and several well managed gybes saw them cross the finish line clear ahead

of their competitor, to "notch-up" their best win of the series so far.

So, at the end of the round-robin RPAYC had five wins (and several near wins!). All very happy, learning a lot, very relaxed, and experienced a number of very complementary comments from the teams of seasoned match racing competitors.

DAY 3

The regatta organizers had scheduled two "round robins" but it became obvious that the conditions meant there was only time for one so the next races were to be the quarter finals, and RPAYC had made their way through and qualified for the "quarters".

Day three started out with no wind so the postponement was notified ashore as there was no point going out. By 1100 hrs there was considered to be sufficient wind to start racing but the 3 to 4 knots was very shifty and the first two races had to be abandoned as the yachts could make the first mark on one tack. The RPAYC team had been in the second race so lined up shortly after the abandonment for a re-run of the race. With very light and fluky conditions RPAYC controlled the pre-start well but was just overtaken on the start line, by their competitor. Unfortunately, the RPAYC boat was very slow upwind however their downwind kite sets and gybes were excellent, but not enough to make up for the lack of speed upwind, so that was one race down in the quarter finals.

The second race again saw some very good pre-start work with this time the RPAYC team crossing the start line on time and in a controlling position. Unfortunately, the slow upwind issue prevailed and the competitor closed in on them. While trying to duck near the top mark a slight miscalculation resulted in a near collision and the RPAYC team penalised. The kite set and run, with good gybes (earlier problems all solved) were executed well and the gap closed but again on the next work the RPAYC boat was slow and so fell back. In the final run to the finish they again closed \blacktriangleright

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

the gap well but it was too much. With two losses they were out of the semi-finals. And so, the next series of races for them were to determine the positions 5 to 9.

With the break between series they came over to the spectator boat where the coach was located and had a brief discussion on what needed to be altered to improve the windward performance. The jib cars were moved further forward to give more power in the light conditions, the traveller was moved up to centre the boom and the crew were encouraged to sit forward and close together, and to not try to sail too high because they were stalling and slipping sideways in the light conditions, speed, not height. The Elliot 6s have very small keels and need speed to create lift.

In the first race of the sail-off the pre-start was excellent and they clearly outmanoeuvred their competitor, forcing a penalty on them. After a good start they unfortunately continued to pinch a bit and, while not as slow as before, were still slower than their competitor upwind. Again, the downwind performance was impressive but the upwind issue cost them the race.

In the second sail-off the pre-start was again excellent and they won the start. This time they sailed fast, not high, upwind and rounded the top mark first having sorted out what they needed to do to make the boat fast upwind. The kite set was excellent but they allowed their competitor to "sit on their wind" and so the competitor slowly ran them down to be a boat length ahead at the bottom mark (this was their worst run of the day). Rounding the bottom mark on the transom of their competitor they pointed high, and stopped. While the upwind performance was much improved, they couldn't recover the loss at the bottom mark and on the run to the finish, while they closed up to being overlapped, their competitor just crossed the line in front. A disappointing result but a good lesson regarding being covered downwind and rounding the bottom mark without speed. It was a race they could have easily won in an event with a lesser standard of competitor, but here, one mistake and you pay heavily, still, some very good lessons learnt.

The third race was the last in the sail-off and, believe it or not, all the learning over the past three days came together. Great pre-start tactics saw the RPAYC cross the start line right on time and in a controlling position. With the upwind issue now fully sorted they romped away from their competitor. Even a slight mix-up with the first kite set (which made the coach's heart stop for a short while) was well recovered, although they had given the competitor the opportunity to catch up their lesson from the previous race about keeping clear wind downwind paid off. On the next upwind the RPAYC team again steamed away with an impressive display of upwind sailing. Downwind to the finish they played conservatively, but well, to at last finish where they deserved, in first place.

So, while they left it to the last race to "put everything together" it was clear they had learned a great deal over the regatta and had been eventually able to translate that learning into a well-deserved, and controlled, success. It was

no "fluke", they were impressive throughout the race, and looked competent, a force for the future.

DAY 4

The RPAYC crew (and coach) along with all but the four finalists spent the day on the changeover boat watching the finals and swimming in the crystal-clear water. Waiting for wind, any wind! It took all day to get sufficient periods of up to 3kts of wind to complete a shortened finals series. And very painful for the finalists and for the Race Director Ted. In the end, the last race of the series was commenced at one minute before the official cut-off time! Well done Ted. We enjoyed a very friendly prize giving at the junior Club house. All teams mixed together and enjoyed each others company, despite some language challenges!

So, in the "wash-up" the RPAYC were in a triple tie for 6th place in the open and the same for 4th place in the "juniors" (most junior teams were somewhat older than the RPAYC crew). The tie-break relied on performances during the "round robin" so they slipped back to 7th place in the open and 5th in the juniors, splitting the two KIWI teams who had tied with them for the 6th and 4th. The result was a very credible result with the very experienced crews form Nouméa taking out the major positions, with some brilliant racing, particularly in the very difficult light winds on the last day.

In all, as coach, I must say it was a pleasure to work with these four young people, "they did the Club proud". Everyone at the regatta knew the RPAYC crew was the least experienced as a match racing crew and the general comment on how well they improved during the event was a well-deserved reward for their efforts. They were always eager to learn and discuss issues and you could see the improvement as they listened to advice and applied themselves to overcoming issues. They discussed matters between themselves and, although of very different personalities, worked well as a team. Each brought special skills to the team and I wouldn't like to single any one out as they all put in equally. Except, and I suspect none of the crew will mind me making special mention of our team interpreter, India, who ensured we understood what was on the menu at the restaurants and that our orders were delivered with no surprises. There is a lot to be said for having someone who studied extension French at school, as part of the team.

I for one, was very proud of their efforts, performance and behaviour, as should Club members be. With these young people "on board" things look bright for the future of both sailing at RPAYC and for the Club's culture, and reputation.

The CNC yacht Club was very friendly and helpful as were the Umpires and the Race Director (Ted Anderson) and the whole event was very professionally run. Throughout the series the winds varied from gusts approaching 20 knots to nothing "glass out"! Very testing and excellent racing in challenging conditions against very good match racers.

Angus Gordon

WOMEN'S MATCH RACING

n a powerful Westerly breeze on Sydney Harbour, Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC) member, Juliet Costanzo and her team of elder sister Clare, Jess Angus, Ann Scholten and Emma Rankin became Australia's newest Women's Match Racing National Champion, defeating New Zealand's Celia Willison 3-0 in the finals.

Epic conditions were in order for the final day of the Australian Women's Match Racing Championship, hosted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA), with winds averaging 20 knots for the day, the biggest gust on record topping 35 knots.

The Race Committee got the teams out on time and in a light northerly wind to start the day, with the semi-finals getting underway with Round Robin winner, Costanzo matched up against the CYCA's India Howard. The girls from the RPAYC only needed two matches to dispatch Howard on a difficult race track as the breeze fought its way round to the west.

In the other semi-final, Celia Willison gave it their all against Charlotte Griffin from the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Both teams have traded blows throughout the competition and today's semi-final dust up was exactly the same and went to a third and deciding race. Celia, only sailing through to the Finals on

the last run of the race after Griffin overlaid into the finish and broached.

With the winds building in the last flight of the semi-finals, the Race Committee advised the teams to take refuge behind Clark Island, dropping their mains and remaining under tow till it was safe for racing to continue again. Holding the teams under postponement for a 20-minute break seemed key for the Race Committee as the breeze dropped down to 14-22 knots, enabling the Finals to commence.

In the petit-finals, after a disastrous first race, hooking the top mark, India Howard and her team of Elyse Guervara-Rattray, Dana Tavener, Katherine Shannon and Jaime Swavley outsailed the RSYS's Charlotte Griffin to take a come-from-behind victory and steal third overall for the week.

In the Finals, both teams fought for every inch around the race track but superior boat handling enabling fast tacks, sets and drops saw Juliet Costanzo take out the series in commanding styling. Costanzo led at nearly every turning mark and took out her first Women's National title as helm with an unbelievable scorecard of 19-2 over the three-day event. This is Juliet's second National title, having last won the event as crew for her sister, Clare, back in 2016.



RPAYC's Juliet
Costanzo and Team

Report and images

courtesv of CYCA

crowned Champions



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GOVERNOR'S CUP

Governor's Cup Story

alifornia Governor (later US President) Ronald Reagan granted the Deed of Gift for the Governor's Cup to Balboa Yacht Club in 1967 "for the purpose of encouraging Youth Racing in the State of California and the recognition of the skill and high performance of those men and women under twenty years of age..." As an invitation only match racing regatta, the Governor's Cup was established by the late Chet and Glee Purcell. Mr. and Mrs. Purcell had a vision that a national match racing competition should be created for younger sailors, similar in format to the internationally recognized Congressional Cup Regatta.

As the years progressed, the Governor's Cup grew in popularity with its first international team participating in 1989. Since then teams from the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, Finland and Spain have participated and become regular entrants and often multiple winners. The Cup has served as a gateway for future champions in collegiate competition, the Olympics, Congressional Cup, Swedish Match Tour and numerous America's Cups.

Teams are invited to participate based on their World Sailing rankings. The RPAYC has been represented for a number of years at the Gov Cup from squads in the Clubs Youth Development Program.

RPAYC Youth Development Sailors finish 7th at Governor's Cup, USA

eam Fusion continued their strong form to finish off today with two wins to retain their 7th place, winning their sail off against Matt Whitfield (GBR). Even though the results show a clean sweep for the Alfred's Girls, there were plenty of lead changes. Ultimately the teams downwind speed saw them able to be able to stretch away from Whitfield and take a convincing win.

"Obviously our competitive nature means we still aren't content with our results, however, we are pleased with how our team performed, particularly in the second half of the regatta where we were able to climb our way up in the second round robin against this competitive fleet", commented an inspired Costanzo.

Fellow Aussie Harry Price took the Championship win, beating Leonard Takahashi 3-2 in what was a dramatic finals, which included a dis-masting, with the boats experiencing "fresh" conditions with the wind reaching up to 17 knots. This may not seem windy, but 99% of the time the boats are sailing in 0-10 knots of breeze, and hence they are designed for that wind speed.

The team would like to thank the members, sponsors and supporters who have helped support them along the way.

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club would like to thank the Balboa Yacht Club for running another terrific event.



▲ A big thank you to the Don and Doris Stoughton, who have hosted RPAYC teams for over 20 years.

Left - L to R (Club Coach Tom Spithill, Hannah Lanz, Jess Angus, Doris Stoughton (Host Mum), Ruby Scholten, Clare Costanzo, Don Stoughton (Host Dad)

NSW YOUTH MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ine teams, representing five yacht Clubs and two States were competing for the title of NSW Youth Match Racing Champion over the two-day event held at the CYCA on the weekend.

This was the first event for the Australasian Youth Match Racing Circuit for 2018/19 and an opportunity for our RPAYC Youth Development Sailors to send two teams. With a fresh influx of first time participants in the Club's world renowned Youth Development Program, this regatta provided a perfect opportunity to introduce some of these sailors to their first match racing regatta.

Niall Powers hopped on the helm for his first go as skipper, after having a tough first day with no wins on the board, Powers and his team came out the next day and showed great improvement winning three out of their four races.

James Farquharson skippering the second RPAYC team had a tough and bloody day on the water. During the RPAYC V RPAYC match, Farguharson had amassed a handy lead against sparring partner Powers. Farquharson was gybing into the bottom mark when crew member Zoe Whitlock got her pinky finger caught between the spinnaker pole and the mast. At first Zoe thought it was a slight pinch, however, on closer inspection it was quite a serious cut with blood spilling over the foredeck. Farquharson immediately showed good seamanship, calling over the umpire and safely transporting Zoe off the Youth Match Racing boat to receive medical treatment.

Whilst Farguharson is more accustomed to finishing further up the scoreboard, he showed great patience and team spirit, helping his team of newcomers learn the ins and outs of Match Racing.

"This was a great opportunity to introduce some new faces into the mix, and "Bleed" them into the sport of match racing (No pun intended!), I was really impressed with some of our senior squad members who showed great maturity helping their new squad members getting up to speed."

"Going forward now we have the luxury of developing some intense in house training as we prepare for the upcoming regattas", commented a insouciant Tom Spithill (Head Coach).

Thank you to the CYCA for once again hosting the NSW Youth Match Racing Championships. Congratulations to the winners Tom Grimes and Team.

Club Marine NSW Championships

The next event for the RPAYC Youth Development Program will be the David Lukins Memorial Regatta 15-16 September hosted at the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Anniversary Harken
International
Championship
to Japanese
representative team

ANNIVERSARY HARKEN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

n a first for a Japanese representative team, rising match racing talent Leonard Takahashi and his crew claimed the 25th anniversary 2017 Harken International Youth Match Racing Championship convincingly and in unique style on finals day, Sunday November 26, 2017.

North-easterly sea breezes 14 gusting to 18 knots on Pittwater paired with bright spring sunshine capped off four days of similarly ideal conditions for the 12 competing teams, eight of them international.

Over the four-day knockout round robin format Takahashi's Pacific Racing Team and their training partners, James Wilson's Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron team, proved round after round they had the pace, flair and match racing nous to deserve a finals berth.

The finals were definitely a balancing act for RNZYS coach Reuben Corbett who trains both teams, thereby requiring him to carefully divide his loyalty when two sets of protégés ended up squaring off.

Overseen by race officer Ted Anderson and his highly polished race management and umpire teams, Pacific Racing Team wrapped up the series 3:1, then added their own unique and ummeditated post-match celebration.

At the finish Takahashi was wrestled off the helm by Josh Wijohn and into the water. Then, in the excitement of their victory bowman Taylor Balogh repeated the celebration on Tim Snedden, leaving the Elliott 7 sailing downwind crew-less until the boat was recovered without incident.

"It's my first time helming at the Harken and my first big international win," Takahashi said back at The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club. "James is also in the Royal New Zealand youth program and today felt like we were training back in Auckland, except there were a lot more spectators and umpires. All of us are mates."

Similar to New Zealand's Peter Burling and Blair Tuke, who went from Rio 2016 gold medal performances to helping secure the 2017 America's Cup for Emirates Team New Zealand to the Volvo Ocean Race, the next tier of Kiwi youth match racers are shoring

up the country's sailing future, if the talent on display at the 25th anniversary Harken International is anything to go by.

"We definitely all look up to Pete and Blair as sailors and great guys," Takahashi added. "They are a big inspiration and we want to be like them one day."

Second place at the 2017 Harken International Youth Match Racing Championship went to James Wilson, Sam Barnett, Zac Merton and Bradley McLaughlin (RNZYS) and third was Finn Tapper's Cruising Yacht Club of Australia team of Tom and Jess Grimes, Harry West and Eric Sparkes.

First, second and third place take home match racing points plus a bundle of cash each, thanks to the event's naming rights sponsor of 20 years, Harken Australia.

"You guys have been written into the event's history books and Harken is proud to be a part of it," Harken Australia managing director Grant Pellew said at the trophy presentation. "There are a lot of top teams who came from this event but it's also about those youth teams who aren't ranked, but who get the chance to learn from the others, and maybe make it to the top one day."

The Harken's striking perpetual Rockin' Robin trophy was originally donated to the RPAYC by Robyn Wiltshire-Newman. It is named after a boatload of young Australian men, including her husband and son plus other club members, who along with their boat Rockin' Robin were tragically lost at sea back in 1990 en route to Fiji.

Takahashi joins a long list of past Harken winners engraved on the trophy, some of whom have gone on to represent their countries and sailing at the highest levels.

Lisa Ratcliff

Harken International media/OCC



AUSTRALIAN MAID YOUTH MATCH RACING REGATTA

RPA Sailors take 3rd place in Fannie Bay, NT **Team RPAYC:**

James Farguharson, Niall Powers, Cam Whiteside. Juliet Costanzo, and Annie Scholten.

eam Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Maid Youth Match Racing Regatta in 3rd place.

Day four was very long and trying, but we kept pushing until the end.

We were up against RNZYS (New Zealand) in the semi-final. Race one saw a fair bit of confusion when our opposition hoisted an asymmetric spinnaker rather than a symmetrical. We took the win but a protest from RNZYS somehow led to the decision for a re-race. Unfortunately, we ended up losing the semi-final with a win and two losses, thus losing the place in the final.

In the petit final, we lost the 1st race Club wraps up the Australian to the hometown Darwin Heroes, but an audacious Farquharson put multiple penalties on the opposition in the following two races to complete the comeback and claim 3rd place overall.

> We would like to thank Darwin Sailing Club for hosting this regatta, our hosts Steve and Bronwyn, Coach Tom Spithill (even though he couldn't join us for this regatta), and the support from the RPAYC Youth Development Program.





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- NS14 - Pacer - 29er - Flying 11
- 420



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Singlehanded

Optimist

- Doublehanded - Feva XL
 - Nacra 15 - RS200
- Pacer
- NS14 - 29er

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- Laser 4.7 Radial



- Spring and Summer
- Optimist



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- Ozi Opti
- 7 14 Year olds



Tackers 2

- Ozi Opti
- 7 14 Year olds



Learn to Sail

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- 7 14 Year olds
- **Holiday Program**

Four Days

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- Hobie Waves - 7 - 14 Year olds

- Laser Classes
- - Many Junior

 - Flying 11
- Spring and Summer Period
- Optimist



- Junior Development Squad Green Fleet

- Laser 4.7

Tackers 3

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OPTI CHICKS

n Saturday the 11th November, 35 excited girls arrived at the RPAYC ready for a great weekend. The perfect weather ensured this was the case and all planned activities went ahead. These including Elliott sailing, Hobie sailing, Optimist sailing, BBQ dinner, Guest Speakers and movie night.

On Saturday morning Clare Costanzo and her match racing team took the girls out sailing on the Club Elliotts before they flew off to South Korea. You can follow their progress www.wimseries.com. The sailing on Club Elliott 7's was a first and a unique experience for the girls, especially the younger ones as it was their first time on a keelboat.

A huge thank you also goes to Sylvie, Alana, Mina and Bella who volunteered their

time to help on the weekend. They did an amazing job helping the girls on and off the water. They are such great role models for the vounger girls and it's fantastic to see them still getting involved with Opti Chicks.

After all the sailing, Nic Douglass (aka Adventures of a Sailor Girl) came and delivered an inspiring talk and presentation. She was joined by Annie Wilmot and Tash Bryant who recently won the Australian Sailing Female Sailor of the Year Award. They spent a lot of time with girls talking about their experiences and future goals in

A huge thanks goes to Andrew at Boat Crew Gear boatcrewgear.com.au who was the generous sponsor for the Opti Chicks weekend.



A Great Weekend for the Opti Chicks at **RPAYC**

By Karen Williams

OPTIMIST VICTORIAN STATES

ix junior sailors from RPAYC went to Blairgowrie in Victoria to compete in the 2018 Optimist Victorian State Championship.

Competition was hot with 116 boats including four of the top five boats from the Australian championship.

Day one was a struggle with very little breeze and the race committee only managing to get one late race away.

Day two and three were a very different story with breezes up around 20 knots with good tide and waves.

Daniel Links handled the conditions well winning five out of the nine races enabling him to place 1st to win the regatta with two races to spare. Fletcher Walters fought out a hard regatta to win the last race and take 2nd place overall. Jonathan Tuite relished the conditions finishing 5th.

Angus Renton and Cooper Bellingham also sailed well in the tough conditions finishing 13th and 16th. A special mention to Walter Tuite who has just recently joined the open fleet and battled hard. The experience he gained will be invaluable. In the Optimist fleet RPAYC now holds

the Australian Championship with Fletcher and the VIC, NSW, and ACT championship with Daniel. A big thankyou to Rob and Tom Brewer for coaching support throughout the year and also to Andy and Virpi Tuite for handling the logistics for a lot of the kids for this trip.



Optimist Victorian States sees RPA **Daniel Links awarded** 1st Place

CENTREBOARD CENTREBOARD



Latest National Champion, Fletcher Walters, Optimist Open **Gold Class**

1st and 2nd to RPAYC Youth Opti Sailors!

Open Fleet Overall Winners and Australian Championship

- 1. Fletcher Walters (NSW)
- 2. Daniel Links (NSW)
- 3. Quinn Auricht (SA)

Report and photo credit from Opti Australia.

OPTIMIST OPEN GOLD CLASS

ongratulations to RPAYC's Open Fleet Optimist Sailors - 2018 Australian Optimist Champion - Fletcher Walters and in 2nd place, Daniel Links. The 2018 Gill OptiAUS Championships hosted at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron have concluded with 261 sailors competing over three fleets and five days of racing.

There were plenty of smiling faces and friendships being made across the boat park and close racing on the water.

Intermediate Fleet

The Intermediate Fleet had 75 entries with close racing across the five days. With all sailors in one start the start line congestion looked at times like coordinated chaos but with a minute to go all sailors would find their spot and the close racing would commence. The standout leader in the Intermediate Fleet was Reece Hartnett from NSW with all other positions involving tight competition.

Congratulations to our Intermediate Fleet Podium: 1st Reece Hartnett (NSW), 2nd William Troop (NSW), Cameron Scade (NSW). 1st Female: Anneke Meyer (NSW).

Open Fleet

The Open Fleet had 135 competitors resulting in the fleet being divided into two divisions for both the qualifying and finals. The quality of the Open Fleet racing was outstanding throughout the five days of the regatta with close and exciting racing at the front of the fleet. A great display of consistency for Fletcher Walters, Daniel Links and Quinn Auricht to stay in the top three positions for the entire regatta. The final podium positions came down to the last race and last couple of meters with Daniel Links winning both races on final day, Fletcher Walters was able to secure second place in the final race of the regatta allowing him to win the 2018 Gill OptiAUS Championships by one point.

ACT OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIPS

he Canberra Optimist Regatta is one of the most popular regatta's of the year for both the sailors and the parents. Racing is held from the Canberra Yacht Club in the Nation's Capital on the waters of Lake Burley Griffin. Team RPAYC had nine Open Optis and nine Intermediate Optis attend the regatta, which again made RPAYC the most attended Club. The majority of the RPA families all stayed together in Kingston at some serviced apartments and enjoyed plenty of social activity after racing on the Saturday evening.

Saturday was clear and sunny and the afternoon had a NNW wind forecast of 10 - 12 knots predicted. The forecast proved to be correct and racing got underway on time and four races were run in the afternoon. The top mark proved very tricky for some with the mark being laid close to an island and very large wind shifts occurring near the mark. In the first Intermediate race of the day, Markus Sampson from RPA had a huge lead at the first bottom mark and rounded the bottom mark to starboard instead of port. Just about every Intermediate boat followed the same way until the first Open boat had started lapping and went the right way. To avoid the confusion and congestion at the bottom mark,

the next day the race committee added a gate as the bottom rounding marks.

Whilst the racing is on, this regatta does not require ribs to be taken to the event as racing is held right in front of the Club. Parents are able to enjoy the afternoon sitting in a camping chair, watching the racing through binoculars, eating fresh fish and chips, and sipping on the odd beer or wine.

Sunday the forecast was for stronger winds and the wind had shifted more to the west and was much stronger with gusts to 20 knots and the lulls well under 10 knots. Again racing got underway on time and another four races were held in gusty conditions, however this was the most consistent any of us had seen the wind in Canberra for the last 3-4 years we have all been attending this regatta. Racing was completed around 3:30pm allowing time to pack up, attend the presentation and leave Canberra around 4:30pm for the easy drive home.

For any new Green Fleet sailors looking to take on their first regatta, the Canberra regatta is definitely one to consider, easy going and the racing very close to shore. It is also a very social regatta with other team members from RPAYC and always great fun. The regatta is held late October each year.

2017 ACT Optimist Championships and **Travellers Trophy 3**

The results for RPAYC

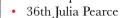
Open Fleet (41 entrants)

- 1st Daniel Links
- 6th Jono Tuite
- 11th Olivia Williams (2nd Girl Overall)
- 14th Cooper Bellingham
- 15th Eva Attwood (3rd Girl Overall)
- 18th Bayley Taylor
- 21st Ellis Merrett
- 27th Sienna Brown
- 30th Oscar Verity

Intermediate Fleet

(38 entrants)

- 3rd Albie Brown
- 4th Markus Sampson
- 7th Will Troop
- 12th Orlando Springer
- 15th Wally Tuite 17th Kye Williams
- 23rd Nathan Pearce
- 32nd Piper Attwood





CENTREBOARD

CENTREBOARD ANNUAL RESULTS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Optimist Intermediate

- 1. Kye Williams (Commando)
- 2. Nathan Pearce (The Beast)
- 3. Markus Sampson (Speed Machine)

Optimist Open

- 1. Fletcher Walters (Sketchy)
- 2. Jonathan Tuite (Better Knot)
- 3. Cooper Bellingham (Whooshka)

Laser 4.7

- 1. Morgan Wells (Dream)
- 2. Oliver Gordon (TBA)
- 3. Azura Gacoin (Poseidon)

Laser Radial

- 1. Stephen Bryant (Speedy)
- 2. Lindsay Whitton (Pure Blonde)
- 3. Jarrah Sheppard (Ruckby)

Laser Full

- 1. Stuart Holdsworth (Silky)
- 2. Liam Bennett (Rey)
- 3. Dave Taylor (Rapid Fire)

POINTSCORE

Optimist Intermediate

- 1. Kye Williams (Commando)
- 2. Nathan Pearce (The Beast)
- 3. Piper Attwood (Captain Zoom)

Optimist Open

- 1. Eva Attwood (Ba Boom)
- 2. Cooper Bellingham (Whooshka)
- 3. Olivia Williams (Blossom)

Laser 4.7

- 1. Oliver Gordon (TBA)
- 2. Morgan Wells (Dream)
- 3. Thomas Skinner (Hakuna Matata)

Laser Radial

- 1. Antony Hawke (Nemesis)
- 2. Paul Hawke (Freshwater Pirate)
- 3. Lindsay Whitton (Pure Blonde)

Laser Full

- 1. Dave Taylor (Rapid Fire)
- 2. Chris Dawson (Seedy)
- 3. Liam Bennett (Rey)

SPECIAL AWARDS

Laurie Norton Trophy

Toby Horton

Hornblower Trophy

Charlie Byford

Cricket Newling Trophy

Isabella Holdsworth

New Parent to Start Sailing

Mark Sheppard

Volunteer of the year

Maxine Troop

James Bond

Fletcher Walters (sketchy)

Jack Gale Participation

Morgan Wells (Dream)

Driftwood Trophy

Philip Troop

Jack Pritchett Trophy

Morgan Wells (Dream)

Laser Radial Class Club

Championship Trophy

Stephen Bryant (Speedy)

Laser Class Club Championship Trophy

Stuart Holdsworth (Silky)

Graham Body Pointscore Trophy

Oliver Gordon

Laser Radial Season Pointscore

Trophy

Antony Hawke (Nemesis)



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Meet our 'Saltwater

Veterans'

If you see them around the club please make them welcome.

(L to R: Club Coach Tom Spithill, Craig McGrath, Nick Johnson, Scott Reynolds, Adrian Whitby)

SALTWATER VETERANS

eet the aptly self-named Saltwater Veterans'. This group of inspirational sailors are all part of our Soldier On program run here at the RPAYC. The team of four Craig McGrath, Nick Johnson, Scott Reynolds, Adrian Whitby have all gone through the steps to become members of the RPAYC and are now regular racers on both Wednesday and Saturday here at the Club. Scott Reynolds and Craig McGrath are team members of the Invictus Sailing Team who are training to represent Australia at the upcoming Invictus Games in October. Adrian Whitby is also an active volunteer on our Race Management Team and is part of the Invictus 2018 Sailing Race Management Team.

Scott Reynolds, or "Scotty" as he is better known to his mates around the Club came to the RPAYC through the Soldier On sailing program and went through the Club's Keelboat Sailing program as well. Although Scotty grew up in Manly, he now lives in Queenstown NZ and when not enjoying the mountains is seen around the Club racing on Wednesdays and Saturdays and volunteering his time to encourage more veterans to get involved in our wonderful sport. To read more about Scotty's story, check out his profile on

the Australian Defence Force Invictus Team website www.defence.gov.au

Craig came to the RPAYC through the Invictus Australian Sailing Team selection process and has never looked back. Craig lives at the foot of the Blue Mountains, making the commute out to the Club on a regular basis to race regularly with the lads on the Elliott 7's and members boats of a Wednesday and Saturday. Along with Scotty, Craig also volunteers on Veterans Sailing Day and is also profiled on the Australian Defence Force Invictus Team website.

Adrian Whitby, or "Smiley" as he is better known to his mates has just recently become an ambassador for Soldier On, leading the charge encouraging more veterans to come along to the Veteran Sailing days run here at the RPAYC. "There is nothing that puts a smile on my face quite like seeing my fellow veterans enjoying their day and setting a new direction in their life", said an emotional Smiley. On the last Veterans Sailing Day, we had a record number of participants, totalling more than 40, a first for our program and very much the result of the concerted efforts Smiley and the team at Soldier On put into the sailing days.

Last but not least, Nick Johnson came to us in the early Soldier On days and has progressed quickly through the Keelboat program here at the RPAYC. Nick loves the great outdoors and uses his time sailing to relax and to encourage other veterans to join in the fun. He races regularly on Wednesdays and Saturdays with the boys on both the Elliott 7's and Club members boats.

The team raced on Sunday as part of the Dustbuster Series and as per the games specifications were not using spinnakers, however they still managed a top three result beating competitors who had the advantage of using a spinnaker.

THE INVICTUS GAMES

ver 500 competitors from 18 nations contested 11 medal sports and two feature events over eight days of fierce but friendly competition across Greater Sydney including Sydney Olympic Park and on and around Sydney Harbour.

The Invictus Games is more than a sporting event – it captures hearts, challenges perceptions and changes lives. In October 2018, spectators enjoyed free entry to watch the sailing on Sydney Harbour either by boat or from Farm Cove and celebrated the unconquerable spirit of our wounded warriors.

Tom Spithill, our Head Coach at RPAYC, was the Sports Competition Manager for Invictus Sailing. Tom was responsible for the overall delivery of the sailing events and has been instrumental in assisting with adaptive sailing opportunities at RPAYC. Without the long term Club volunteers that have assisted Tom over the years, the event would not have be possible.

The RPAYC have provided unprecedented support through the provision of the Elliott 7's for training, access to coaching staff on and off the water, many hours from



Invictus Games - Be Inspired! Be

Entertained! Be There!

The Invictus Games is more than a sporting event

- it captures hearts,

volunteers and active participation with their Youth Squad training and One Design racing program.

The Sailing Regatta took place on Sunday 21 October 2018 on Sydney Harbour with 12 teams from eight nations competing in the Elliott Class and eight teams from six nations competing in the Hansa 303.

Alfred's Cruising provided spectator boats to allow Club members to observe the racing close to the action. The plan for the day was to sail down to Sydney Harbour on the Saturday or earlier depending on weather, take Club members out on the harbour to watch the action on the Sunday and then sail back to Pittwater on the Monday. It was be a great day on the Harbour with lunch provided on the boats for the spectators.

The centre image is of sail training for the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 sailing team which was held at the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club in Newport, New South Wales, between 4-6 May 2018. Photographer - LSIS Jayson Tufrey.[©] Commonwealth of Australia, Department of Defence





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Invictus Games Helping Guide Our Finest To A Better Place

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INVICTUS GAMES GUIDES OUR FINEST

ailing had long played a starring role in Rob Saunders' life. He was introduced to it as a five-year-old by his father, took up racing dinghies, progressed to yachts and eventually competed in eight Sydney to Hobart races.

However, since his latest deployment to Afghanistan a couple of years ago, the Royal Australian Air Force Squadron Leader has directed his energy elsewhere.

"I've had to focus on my family and myself, just sort out a few things," Saunders says. "There's been some mental health issues from various factors, but certainly deployment in a war zone didn't help."

The 53-year-old's rehabilitation is "a bit of a tough road", he admits. But a positive part of the journey has been getting back into a boat, drawing vitality from the sun, sea and air, and spirit from his mates.

In October, Saunders represented

Australia in a different theatre to his work with the RAAF, sailing on Sydney Harbour at the Invictus Games. Rob Saunders has benefited from the mateship sailing provides.

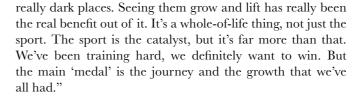
The Sydney Invictus Games will be the fourth edition of the sporting competition for wounded soldiers. It will feature about 500 competitors from 18 nations, competing in 11 sports. Sailing takes place on October 21 at Farm Cove with races to be held in the Hansa 303 and Elliott 7.

"It's really the camaraderie and mateship that I'll get out of it," Saunders says of why he wished to take part.

"The teamwork is very enjoyable. For me, it's about getting back out in the social world again and not isolating myself."

"Some of the guys in the team have got some horrific injuries and it's good to see how they deal with it, with a very positive attitude. It's very uplifting."

"Some people have come from some



Six Australian Defence Force personnel will compete in sailing, two in the Hansa 303 (both of whom are amputees) and four in the Elliott 7. "Some of the guys have little or no sailing experience," Saunders says. "The Hansa guys have no experience, but they're getting fantastic coaching through Sailability up at Newport and they've grown rapidly. The others, sailing the Elliott, have various levels of experience."

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club has provided the Australian Team with great support.

The support Saunders has received from his family and the ADF throughout his recovery has been "phenomenal"

and, in preparing for the Invictus competition, "We've had fantastic coaching and support through the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club and Tom Spithill", the brother of dual America's Cup-winning skipper, James Spithill.

"They've opened their doors up, made everything available to us," he says. "Tommy's been providing coaching. He's got a fantastic heart."

"I'm recovering well," the aeronautical engineer says. "It's been a bit of tough road, but things are coming good. Hopefully by this time next year I'll be fully back to normal and deployable."

"Sailing is part of it. The whole journey has taught me to appreciate the simple things in life, my family, people. We've been doing a lot of camping with my children, mountain biking with my son - it's those little things that I'm getting a lot more pleasure from. It's just about changing my focus and looking out for the important things in life."





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INVICTUS GAMES GOLD MEDAL IN SAILING

eam Australia and RPAYC Members: Squadron Leader Rob Saunders, Paul Langley, Craig McGrath and Marcus Wilson dominated their heat, and then went on to win the Medal Race in the Elliott 7 sailing event taking out the first gold medal for Australia.

Meanwhile, fellow Australian sailors Davin Bretherton won silver and Peter Arbuckle won bronze in the Hansa Dinghy class.

Thousands of fans, including the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, witnessed history being made at the inaugural Invictus Games Sydney 2018 presented by Jaguar Land



Gold medal for

Rover sailing with the stunning Sydney Harbour as the backdrop.

Onlooking spectators admired amazing acts of camaraderie, sportsmanship, strong competition and plenty of emotion. Congrats to our incredible sailing team and well done to Sailing Sports Competition Manager (and RPAYC Head Coach) Tom Spithill for all of his efforts and thank you to the team of volunteers, members and staff that supported this initiative. Also thank you to both the CYCA and RSYS who provided many resources and personnel to support the inclusion of sailing at the Invictus Games.



SAILING SEASON OPEN DAY 2017/2018

th the firing of the cannon, Commodore Lockley declared the new sailing season open for 2017/2018, crews saluted dignitaries in the Sail Past with the Pittwater Dash start providing a visual spectacular.

Commodore Lockley welcomed RPAYC Patron, The Honourable Bronwyn Bishop, Federal Member for Mackellar, Mr Jason Falinski, NSW Member for Pittwater and Minister for Education, Mr Rob Stokes, Commodores and representatives from our fellow sailing clubs and sailing governing bodies and most importantly, all RPAYC

members and the staff of RPAYC.

"Last year we opened the 150th season, making this the 151st so this really marks the start of a new era", "this year has been one of celebration as we have reflected on our past and how this Club came to be the magnificent sporting Club that we all enjoy today. As part of those celebrations we have had many and varied events providing us with opportunities to reflect, learn and celebrate", said Commodore Lockley.

The Pittwater Dash Race was heavily contested in what was a glamorous day on Day 2017/2018 Pittwater for crews.



Sailing Season Open

Division 1

- 1. Windy Too Carl Russett
- 2. Revolver Bruce & Mike Ritchie
- 3. Galileo Salvatore Ridulfo

Division 2

- Pacesetter Andrew McPhail
- Firefly Ian Edwards
- Pegasus Roger Prior

Division 3

- 1. RPAYC Youth Harry Parker
- Volante Roger Pratt
- 3. Club Marine Ollie Gordon



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SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

he conclusion of the Clubs Sesquicentennial Year was celebrated on October 15 with the Clubs 150th Birthday Garden Party.

The week prior saw a sell-out Gala Dinner with MC Liesl Tesch and guest speaker Col. Richard Mallett giving an inspiring speech.

"Knowing your Club history makes you more resilient, especially when we understand our connection to the people who went before us. In the military we train and educate our people to be mentally tough for good reason. Part of knowing more about where we've come from, who we are, our military history, the history of our units, helps build resilience. It's hugely important to know who your Club champions are! To know something really challenging that happened in your Club's history! To know the story of how it all began! The more of these stories we know - the more we would feel our own lives as part of a story that spans generations. And it makes us happier and emotionally stronger.

Everything I see and hear about your Club leads me to believe you are resilient because you have a strong sense of the past. It is why we are all here tonight and it means we are better able to deal with the challenges of the present. Why? Because when we're part of a story, we're not alone. Because we know that others have done what we now have to do or are doing. Others have worked hard for your community and survived the journey; others have triumphed, some have not, yet ultimately, your Club has thrived. Because we're part of something bigger than ourselves."

The last 12 months has seen the Club celebrate its achievements, developments over the last 150 years and acknowledged our Olympic Honorary Members.



The Sesquicentennial Gala Dinner, Garden Party & Dash Sesquicentennial Dash

- Yacht Racing ResultsDivision 1
- Gezzabelle
 Allen Stormon
- BushrangerGerry Hatton
- Club MarineBrent McKinnon

Division 2

- Isolde
 P Helm & L Proctor
- StarlightJulien Noakes
- Haupia
 David Kennedy





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The marketplace atmosphere of the Sail Expo made for a great day for the whole family

SAIL EXPO

he 2018 Club Marine Pittwater Sail Expo was held over the weekend of Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April 2018.

The pristine sunny autumn weather welcomed hundreds of visitors through the doors to see all the exhibitors and vessels on show. With live music playing and the smells of the chef cooked barbecue wafting through the air, the marketplace atmosphere made for a great day for the whole family.

B and C arms of the marina were colourfully decorated with yachts and catamarans open for tours including the interactive tours of the famous Wild Oats X.

The Clubhouse and the Club lawn was filled with marquees with plenty of marine products on display. Many exhibitors brought their own unique products to the Expo and found it a great opportunity to meet directly with their customers.

The Club was also open for visitors to experience, with a wealth of history on display in and around the Club, visitors were welcome to explore the archives on display and see, first hand, the Club's rich sailing history.

The Expo, now going into its 8th year still has a strong presence in the sailing world and local community as Sydney's premier Sail Expo.



GOLF CHALLENGE

beautiful spring day and 15 Alfred's Teams participated in 4 Ball Ambrose Tournament at Bayview Golf Club.

The outright winner was team "Wild Oats X" captained by Bob Johnson and their name will be inscribed on the magnificent Trophy provided by the Archives Volunteers and Rob Cole.

Second place went to the team "Alibi" captained by Jim Gail and third place went to the "Pacesetter" team captained by Tony Doyle.

It was a close handicap finish with "Second Time Around" captained by John McConnaghy with the winning bunch.

"Wild Oats Ladies" captained by Val Oatley took out the Best Ladies team prize and "First Picasso" captained by Virginia Our thanks go to the BVGC McClelland won the Best Dressed Team prize. for an excellently prepared

Nearest the Pin went to Marlene McKewan from the "Wild Oats Ladies' team and Straightest Drive went to Gavin Ward Photo credit: Rob Cole from the "Second Time Around" team.

Peter Antill and the "Mirage" team were the winners of the prestigious Bradman prize.

RPAYC Golf Challenge

course and an enjoyable luncheon.





RPAYC ACTIVITIES RPAYC ACTIVITIES

BURGEE EXCHANGE

NVR Yacht Club, 150 Year Anniversary, Burgee Exchange

hile racing at Travemunde week I took a trip to Hamburg to join the 150 Year Anniversary of the NVR Yacht Club. They are one of our many reciprocal Clubs worldwide.

I had the pleasure of joining the party for the Cross Atlantic Race they held as part of the celebrations and visiting the Clubhouse on the small but beautiful lake in the centre of Hamburg that they frequently sail on.

I wished them congratulations on behalf of the RPAYC and our members for their 150 year given that we had just had our sesquicentennial celebration last year.

Andreas Christiansen. Chairman of NRV and I exchanged burgees as part of the celebrations.

Big thanks to Kaspar Stubenrauch the President of the German 5.5m Association who invited me to the celebrations.

Written by Martin Cross



FUSION RACING TEAM

lare Costanzo and her team of Sarah Parker, Ruby Scholten, Jess Angus, Hannah Lanz teamed up together as 'Fusion Racing Team' a match racing team of 5 girls, all Youth Development RPAYC sailors. They are doing amazing things for woman in sailing, already in 2018 we have seen them take out the boys at the RSYS Hardy Cup International Match Racing Regatta where they made history being the first all-female team as well as the first female helm to win the regatta. The Hardy Cup win set the ball rolling for Fusion Racing to compete in top international events.

The Fusion Racing Team was selected as one of only 5 teams to compete in the GKSS Women's Trophy held in Sweden. This regatta was held alongside the Swedish Match Cup which is an official event of the World Match Racing tour. This was an amazing opportunity for the team as they sailed the exciting M32 catamarans against the very best female sailors in the world.

And that's a wrap for the GKSS Women's Trophy in Marstrand Sweden.

The last day off racing was tough and we narrowly missed out on 3rd place. In a first to get two wins, we won the first race and then we were leading coming into the finish of the second race and a misjudgement error cost us the race and our damage deposit.

Although an unfortunate way to end the regatta we sailed well beyond our own expectations and learnt so much to take into the next regatta.

As the youngest team to be racing against some of the worlds best sailors was unreal, some of these including world champions and Olympic gold and silver medallists.

Massive thanks to everyone for your support in the lead up to the event and all the messages of support and encouragement during the event!

Next for us is to head straight over to the USA to join Club Coach Tom Spithill and represent the RPAYC at the Governors Cup at Balboa Yacht Club.



Fusion Racing Team in Marstrand, Sweden

Massive thanks to everyone for your support in the lead up to the event

NSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

he 2018 NSW Youth
Championship presented by
Lake Macquarie City Council
was the biggest NSW Youth
Championship ever with over
325 boats and over 420 competitors involved.
Many RPAYC sailors competed and full results
can be seen below. A special congratulations
to the following podium places. Optimist
Open Fleet 1st Daniel Links, 3rd Cooper
Bellingham. Nacra 15 - 2nd Nathan Bryant
The 2018 NSW Youth Championship
presented by Lake Macquarie City Council
finished day three with some of the "closest
racing this event has ever seen."

NSW Youth

Championships

presented by Lake

Macquarie City Council

Tight racing and big smiles

NSW Youth Championship

conclude a mammoth

After a slow start to the morning waiting for the breeze to fill in racing got underway in a building north to north-east sea breeze peaking at around 15 knots. Laser Radial winner, Zac West commented on the quality

of racing at the event in particular on the last day of racing.

"The racing was so close and coming into the last day I think there was only four or five points between us, I had to step up my game because this is like a nationals for us since everyone's here." Said West

The racing couldn't have been closer for the tight-knit crew of Nacra 15 sailors. The foiling catamarans came into the event with their national fleet and the competitiveness fuelled by the ongoing banter made for a "good" event according to Ashleigh Swadling and Nathan Bryant.

"There's definitely a lot of banter and it's good, this is our nationals fleet so it's good to know what everyone's going to bring. We're all at the same level and the difference between coming first or fifth can be one or two bad tacks." Said Swadling.

The camaraderie within The Nacra 15 sailors seems to be so close that traditional rival States have teamed up. The mix of Swadling, a Queenslander and Bryant, a New South Welshman worked since they finished a close second and as Ashleigh jokingly explains it just "happened to work out well".

"Nathan messaged me and asked if I wanted to sail with him, so I picked up the phone and took the opportunity and worked out well." Said Swadling.

The Nacra 15s to their credit took time off racing to take out all the younger sailors out on the water experience what Nacra sailing is all about.

"We took a whole bunch of opti (optimist) kids out yesterday and they all loved it and with Nacras being new coupled with good competition I think the fleet with only get better." Said Bryant.

Optimist Open fleet winner, Daniel Links had an extraordinary regatta clocking up five wins from seven races. Links also missed racing on day one as he had a school trumpet exam.

"I sailed pretty good, I didn't sail the first day because I had a trumpet exam so I because those were my two drops I needed to sail well today." Said Links.

Coming off a great Optimist World Championship in Cyprus three weeks earlier Links used his experience from the event to his advantage to beat 81 other boats to claim the top spot.

Mornington twins, Matilda and

Lily Richardson racing in their 420 It's a Twin Thing came back from time off the water to travel up to Lake Macquarie to work on their sailing in the "challenging" conditions.

"We've had some time out of the boat due to injury, so we wanted to come here and work on some processes, so it was pretty challenging conditions to stay consistent against the boys." Said Richardson

Growing up sailing on their home waters of Port Philip Bay the team were well prepared to take on the range of conditions over the event with only one point separating them from a podium finish.

Overall, the event produced variable but exciting conditions to the 430 competitors. The NSW Youth







Championships drew competitors from all across the country and for many it was the big event to kick off their domestic national and state championship campaigns.

At the presentation competitors were treated by a visit from local sailor and Australian Sailing Squad member, Halyee Outteridge who kindly took time out her busy schedule to present medals to class winners.

Special mention to all the volunteers on water and off water who worked quickly to ensure that all the sailors made it safely to shore when a 30knot southerly squall hit the lake on the first day of racing. On top of that over 130 volunteers assisted with the logistics, planning and the race management of the event. They were nothing short of a well-oiled machine getting the

Thanks to Lake Macquarie City Council for being a major support of the event.

With the NSW Youth Championships finishing for 2018 we now look towards the Australian Youth Championships being held at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania from 10 January to the 14 January 2019.

Results are as follows:

Optimist Open

- 1. Daniel Links RPAYC
- 2. Austin Cross
- 3. Cooper Bellingham RPAYC

Photography by Beau Outterage Australian Sailing

49ER CAMPAIGN WORLDS

enowned for being cold, wet and windy, Kiel didn't disappoint. The problem was that our boats were still stuck in customs in Barcelona. After a few days waiting for the call to say they would be on their way, we bit the bullet and decided to charter for the event. We got a solid three days of training in after setting up the boat, before rolling straight into the event. This being our first event together, the goal was to perfect rolls and comms within the boat and begin to develop a regatta routine.

The first two days of qualifying were sailed in strong, shifty breeze. We got off the line well and sailed fast, and were more than happy to qualify for gold fleet in 31'st and second Australian boat. The next two days of finals were even more windy, and our lack of time in the boat together was apparent as a few too many capsizes slipped us down the leader board. However, we remained confident that if we cold rectify these errors we would be in good shape for the next event - the Europeans in Poland.

The interlude between regattas was a drive up from Barcelona, now that our boats and all our gear had finally been released from customs. It took several days to perfect our equipment for a much lighter forecast. We started well with plenty of top 10 results in qualifying, however the last day of qualifying proved very difficult where unfortunately we let some good positions slip. Combined with a black flag in the last race meant we fell short of gold fleet. We started the finals well with good starts and speed - our main objective for the series. A few gear failures pushed us back report, Jim Colley but we had improved enormously from Kiel so we were confident going into our last event - the IASF Worlds in Aarhus, Denmark.

We had several weeks before the Worlds were scheduled to start so after a week off we began a warm up coaches regatta followed by several days of training. The breeze was consistently light so we spend much of our time focussed on setting the boats up correctly to match the speed of the Europeans, who traditionally spend more time in these sorts

However, the first day of the regatta dawned with breeze that we had never seen before - offshore and fairly fresh. We started well with a 4th and then two mid fleet results. The next day was very windy, and we sailed well but bleed too many points, turning 5th into a 10 and a mid fleet into a deep one. We knew we needed something special for the last day of qualifying, and we sailed well to earn another 4th, but unfortunately racing was then abandoned due to lack of wind, leaving us 4 points shy. We learnt a huge amount in the final races in silver fleet with up and down results, and highlighted plenty of areas that we want to work on now that we are home.

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Hooligan wins Act 3 MC38 Pittwater Regatta

MC38 PITTWATER REGATTA

ocal RPAYC boat Hooligan (Marcus Blackmore) finished Act 3 of the class' 2018 season first overall after seven races in light winter sou'westers to sou'easters on Pittwater, six points clear of Shaun Lane and Quentin Stewart's Lazy Dog from Middle Harbour. Third was RPAYC's John Bacon's Dark Star, Bacon back among the action following an extended break to pursue double-handed sailing.





PLATU 25 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ongratulations to Chris Way, Steve McConaghy and Tom Spithill who took out the silver medal at the Platu 25 World Championships in Riga, Latvia.

With 37 teams from nine countries fighting Murray Gordon, Rachel Bower, for the World Championships Title it was a hotly contested event. They gave last year's World Champions from Italy a good fight and fell just two points short after 14 races.



Silver Medal at Platu 25 **World Championships** for Easy Tiger



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ANNUAL YACHTING PRESENTATION

Special Awards

The following Special Award Winners were presented at The Annual Yachting Presentation.

The Master Mariner William **Henry Stannard Trophy**

Awarded for outstanding seamanship.

Jack Gale

For his gallant act of bravery and seamanship aboard the MV Greg Culter 43 years ago in treacherous conditions offshore.

Fossil White Trophy

Awarded to the Club Yacht who has won the most Club events on scratch in its division but did not win the Pointscore.

Showtime and Gezzabelle

Trygve Halvorsen Trophy

Offshore Achievement of the year.

Nina Curtis

For her epic performance aboard Team Brunel in the Volvo Ocean Race.

Alan Rich Trophy

Awarded to the Best Performing Club

Skaggerak

Participation Award

Awarded to the Club Yacht who has competed in the most Club events.

Windy Too

Club Yachtsman of the Year

Awarded to the most accomplished sailor or sailors.

Chris Grant,

For his accomplishments in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

Club Volunteer of the Year

Awarded for outstanding voluntary contribution to the Club by a Club Member.

John Eccles,

For his outstanding acts of assisting with medical aid on water.





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Life Membership Award - Peter Kennett

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Member of The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club. Peter (pictured with his wife,

Helen) joined the Club as a Full member in 1974, previously being a junior member.

Peter has sailed since a young age, firstly in Manly Juniors and upon joining the club, as a Senior Member in Lasers, competing in State, National and World Masters Championships.

He also sailed in Etchells and can more recently be found each week racing keelboats.

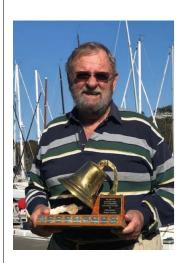
Peter joined the General Committee of the Yacht Club in 1984. His help with

eter Kennett was elected a Life consultation and legal expertise was invaluable to the success of that Committee.

> He has served on the Race, Boatshed and Works, House and Election Committees.

> Peter stayed on the General Committee until the Club restructure and then continued on as a Board Director.

> Peter has now joined the Maintenance and Development Committee and continues to generously offer legal advice to the Club.



Clubmanship Award -**David West**

CLUBMANSHIP AWARD

Clubmanship Trophy recognises the effort of Members who have made a significant contribution to the Club across a range of activities and is elected by the Commodore.

This year the Commodore choose a member who has made a significant contribution across a multitude of areas in a very unassuming but not unnoticed way including, to name but a few:

- A regular part of the race management team and has been for countless years!
- Regularly on hand to hear protests

 Member of the Archives committee spending hours on end in a windowless

We are proud to announce that the 2017/18 'Clubmanship Award' goes to David

Congratulations and well-deserved David.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

he Club Archives Committee has had a busy and productive year. The committee members are: Richard Hudson (Chair), Bruce Staples, David Kennedy, David West, Robert Cole, Peter Kennett, Bill Ebsray, John Lanser, Julia Hornsby, and Scott Dunstan.

The Committee is very grateful for the support we have received from management and the Board. With our many projects we have had numerous requests for support all of which have been answered promptly and efficiently.

The Club History Book is progressing well. After some delay with finding a committed author, Bruce Stannard was engaged to undertake the project. Bruce is a highly regarded and passionate author with a close and long-standing relationship with our Club. He commenced work last year and is making impressive progress with an expected publication date the middle of next year.

A significant step forward for the preservation and storage of our Club's archives has been the establishment of a dedicated Archive storage room. The room has been set up with appropriate shelving and workbenches to enable safe and proper storage of material and also the enable committee members to work efficiently. The relocation of the Club archives has been a major time consuming project, with every item evaluated and thoroughly documented prior to placing in the new storage. A by product of this project will be the establishment of a Club library which will be located adjacent

to the southern end of the Edinburgh Bar. The Library is expected to be completed in September this year.

The evaluation of the Trophies during this process has provided the opportunity members of the to establish a plan of refurbishment of our trophies. The Club has a valuable collection of trophies and the committee has identified contribution and time a number that will require work. This work will be done over the next few years subject to budget constraints.

The History walk was completed in July. The walk comprises 12 signboards at various locations describing items of interest. I encourage those who haven't already done so to view these. It is our intention to add further locations as required. A map of the walk will be available at reception.

September this year sees the completion Lanser, Julia Hornsby, and of the History Wall. This will be located on Scott Dunstan. the ground floor corridor and depicts the 150 year history of the Club. This has been a major project instigated by Rob Cole, supported by David Kennedy, David West, Julia Hornsby and Scott Dunstan. This group has contributed considerable time to the project and deserve our thanks.

The committee has many other projects on our list which keep us busy for many years.

I again thank all members of the committee for their contribution and time volunteered during the year.

RICHARD HUDSON CHAIRMAN

50 YEAR MEMBERS

31 Aug 2017 - 1 Sep 2018

Kenneth Beashel Marillyn Morris William Ebsary Bryan Neilson Ian Fergusson Roger Russell Grahame Maclean Roger Vincent

I again thank all committee for their

the year. The committee members are: Richard Hudson

volunteered during

(Chair), Bruce Staples, David Kennedy, David West, Robert Cole, Peter Kennett, Bill Ebsray, John

AUSTRALIA II

AUSTRALIAN SAILING AWARDS

RPAYC Shines at the 2017 Australian Sailing **Awards**

Sailing Sailing

Sailing

Club of the Year Finalists

Royal Freshwater Bay YC (WA)

Royal Geelong YC (VIC)

The Royal Prince Alfred YC (NSW)

Sport Promotion Finalists

Nicole Douglass

Lisa Ratcliff

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

ongratulations to our own, Thomas Spithill, Australian Coach of the Year! Welldeserved for his passion, dedication and support of sailing. Congratulations also to Natasha Bryant and Annie Wilmot, named Australian Female Sailors of the Year - fantastic effort! RPAYC Members, Dan Fitzgibbon OAM, Liesl Tesch AM, Kay Cottee AO, Phil Smidmore OAM and Colin Beashel OAM were inducted into the Australian Hall of Fame.



Thomas Spithill

une 5th, 2018 was 30 years ago that aboard the 37-foot yacht, Blackmores First Lady, Kay Cottee conquered more challenges than many of us face in a lifetime, and in doing so, she became an inspiration for generations to come. Alone at sea for 189 days and 32 minutes, she sailed back into Sydney Harbour on 5 June 1988 having logged 22,100 miles (or 35,566km) at an average speed of 116.93 miles per day. The voyage was completed without touching land, and without any form of outside aid apart from

Kay has been a member of the RPAYC in excess of 30 years and is now an Honorary Member.

radio contact. What an inspiration!

Thirty years on, Kay Cottee, now Kay Sutton (in the end she married Peter who owns the Yamba Marina where there's lots of boats) has crossed most of the world's oceans and is soon to cross another.

She has now settled in Yamba, looks after Joy, now aged 94, works on her boat, makes wooden furniture and has a 24-year-old son, Lee. From the moment she returned, her life changed she says.

"From the moment I stepped off the boat I was a public person and I found that a bit hard to deal with," she said. "I am a pretty private person. A year later I became Mrs Sutton. Ian didn't want to take part in what my life had become, and I needed support."

She has raced across the Atlantic with Marcus Blackmore, delivered a boat through the Panama Canal to Tahiti and crossed the Indian Ocean.

"I have been busy, but we recently decided to cross another ocean. We are looking at going to New Zealand via Lord Howe Island. I will certainly avail myself of every modern navigation gizmo, but Lee is desperate for me to teach him celestial navigation."

The circumnavigation wasn't easy going. Off the Cape of Good Hope, she encountered mighty seas in what was believed to be winds of more than 100 knots. The boat was surfing down 60ft high waves and she briefly went over the side attached by two harness lines.

KAY COTTEE

The boat, on its beam, somehow swept her back aboard.

All that and she did most of the navigation with a sextant. She did have one of the first satellite navigation aids - the only problem 30 Years Ago was that 30 years ago there weren't that many satellites in orbit upon which to get a fix.

Now, having caused her mother some anxiety all those years ago, the shoe is on the other foot. Her son is into mountain biking and rock climbing. "Yes, I worry. He is like me - hyperactive with not much fear to go with it."

On the anniversary she, as usual, worked on her boat, a Moody Eclipse 43, and then in the evening went out to 'a very nice restaurant'.

Those meals concocted from out of a tin and dried pasta for 189 days were but a distant memory.

Kay Cottee -

Blackmores First Lady, Kay Cottee conquered more challenges than many of us face in a lifetime



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Annual Yachting Presentation Night





LIGHTING OF THE FIRE

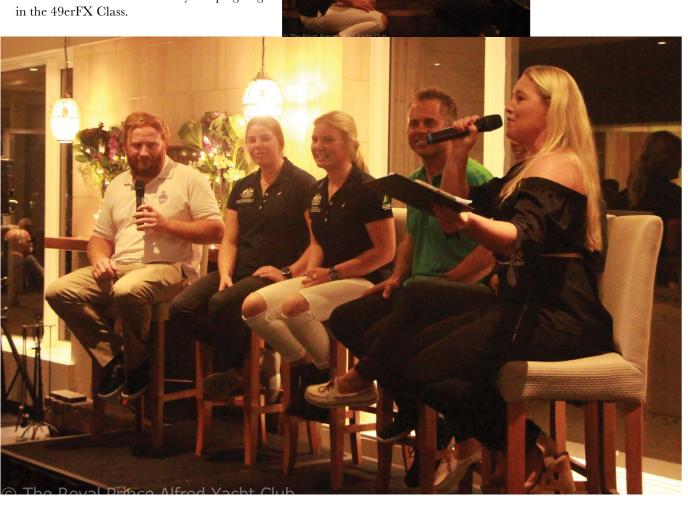
ach year the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC) holds their annual "Lighting of the Fire" event, a tradition to kick start Friday evening club drinks over the winter season with the warmth and comfort of the Edinburgh room fireplace.

On the 25th May the event was held in conjunction with a fundraiser for the Olympic campaign of Australia's "Female Sailors of the Year", Tash Bryant and Annie Wilmot.

The fire was lit in more than one way, so to speak, with an in-depth panel discussion on Olympic pathways and successes with Lisa Darmanin, silver medallist in 2016 on the Nacra 17 (currently campaigning for 2020 with helm Jason Waterhouse), RPAYC Head Coach Tom Spithill and Team Objective Coach Traks Gordon, and Tash Bryant and Annie Wilmot who are currently campaigning in the 49erFX Class.

The panel, hosted by Nic Douglass, Sailor Girl, not only spoke about the upcoming 2020 Olympics, but the efforts needed now to develop sailors for the 2024, 2028 Games and beyond in an environment such as the RPAYC that is rich with Olympic history.

Tom Spithill, Australian Sailing Coach of the Year, was then auctioned off by Nic Douglass in order to raise funds for Tash Bryant and Annie Wilmot, and a raffle drawn as the girls lit the real fire in the Club to signify the start of winter.





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Deceased Members 31 Aug 2017 – 1 Sep 2018

Reginald Ball

Edward Cowcher

lan Downing

Peter Everett

Wendy Field

Janne Hennessy

Neil MacGowan

Robert Murray

Barry Nesbitt

David Rose

Kevin Smith

William Spicer

50 Year Members 31 Aug 2017 - 1 Sep 2018

Kenneth Beashel

William Ebsary

lan Fergusson

Grahame Maclean

Marillyn Morris

Bryan Neilson

Roger Russell

Roger Vincent

PRIZE GIVING SPRINTS POINTSCORE SERIES CALIBRE TROPHY Etchells Class

- 1. Flirtation Matt Crawford
- 2. Miramar Mark Doyle / Bruce Dey
- 3. Kalika 3 Ian Audsley

IONE CUP Sports Boat PHS

- 1. Heat Lisa Ratcliff
- 2. Ming David Johnson
- 3. Tomb Raider Derek Minihane

Twilight Spring Pointscore Series – Fleet 1

- 1. Bushranger Gerry Hatton
- 2. Leroy Brown Warren Wieckmann
- 3. Showtime Mark Griffith / Campbell Letchford

Twilight Spring Pointscore Series – Fleet 2

- 1. Tailwind Shaw Russett
- 2. Younger Generation David & Sarah Tallis
- 3. Venue Brian Ellis

Twilight Spring Pointscore Series - Fleet 3

- 1. 1st Isolde Peter Helm / Lyle Proctor
- 2. 2nd Antares Martin & Anna Cross
- 3. 3rd Veninde III Chris Browne

TWILIGHT SUMMER POINTSCORE SERIES 2018 Twilight Summer Pointscore Series – Fleet 1

- 1. Windy Too Carl Russett
- 2. Second Time Around John McConaghy
- 3. Ghost Rider Ross Hennessy

Twilight Summer Pointscore Series – Fleet 2

- 1. Sticky Richard Harris
- 2. Bombolo David Boekemann
- 3. Force 8 Bob Johnson

Twilight Summer Pointscore Series – Fleet 3

- Vanetta Murray Sheer
- 2. Azure Goddess Paul Rosevear
- 3. Express Stephen Merrington

TWO HANDED SERIES 2018 GIPSY MOTH TROPHY

- 1. Sobella Wayne Wotton
- 2. 2107- Jason Antill / David Taylor
- 3. Dragonfly Jason Marty

ALBERT GOLD CUP Broken Bay Offshore Pointscore Series – Fleet 1

- 1. Windy Too Carl Russett
- 2. Enigma Robert Bennett
- 3. Tailwind Shaw Russett

HORNBLOWER TROPHY Broken Bay Offshore Pointscore Series – Fleet 2

- 1. Sticky Richard Harris
- 2. Cirrus James Batchen
- 3. Scoot Scott Robertson

HARRY QUINN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Bluewater Pointscore Series – Bird Island - APHS

1. Pekljus - David Suttie

KING EDWARD VII TROPHY

Bluewater Pointscore Series – Sydney Race - APHS

1. Sticky - Richard Harris

THE CIG TROPHY

Bluewater Pointscore Series

- Bird Island to Port Hacking APHS

1. Pelagic Magic – Simon Dunlop

ALYTH TROPHY

Bluewater Pointscore Series -

- 1. Wings Ian Edwards
- 2. Pretty Woman Syndicate
- 3. Occasional Coarse Language Robert Alder / William Bailey

SPECIAL AWARDS

Yachtsman of the Year Most accomplished Club member

Chris Grant

Alan Rich Trophy Best performing Club yacht

Skaggerak

Colin "Fossil" White Gun Boat Trophy - Boat with the most race wins on scratch without winning their Fleet

Showtime and Gezzabelle

Volunteer of the Year Volunteer Award (voted by CorC) Outstanding contribution

John Eccles

Charlie Barr Trophy Most Improved Fleet 3 Boat of the Year

Azure Goddess

Participation Trophy Participation in Most Club Events

Windy Too

MONTAGUE ISLAND TROPHY Bluewater Pointscore Series – IRC

- 1. Pretty Woman Syndicate
- Occasional Coarse Language –
 Robert Alder / William Bailey
- 3. XS Moment Ray Hudson

JIM ROBSON SCOTT MEMORIAL TROPHY

Bluewater Pointscore Series – ORCi

- 1. Pretty Woman Syndicate
- 2. XS Moment Ray Hudson
- 3. Occasional Coarse Language Robert Alder / William Bailey

RON GREENWOOD TROPHY Pittwater to Newcastle Race – APHS

XS Moment - Ray Hudson

COMMODORES TROPHY Commodores Cup Series Fleet 1 1. Allsail Another Challenge – Russell

- Waddy / Craig Davies

 2. Conspiracy Peter Byford / David
- Conspiracy Peter Byford / Dav Hudson
- 3. Windy Too Carl Russett

Commodores Cup Series Fleet 2

- 1. Inevitable Geoff Kitchen
- 2. Pegasus Roger Prior
- 3. Starlight Julien Noakes

Commodores Cup Series Fleet 3

- 1. Ola David Warren
- 2. Volante Roger Pratt
- 3. Isolde Peter Helm / Lyle Procter

EARLY BIRD SERIES 2018 Early Bird Series – Fleet 1

- 1. Kerazy Rob Curtis / Glenn Tailby
- 2. Le Billet Mark Waterhouse Mark Tinworth
- 3. Conspiracy David Hudson

Early Bird Series - Fleet 2

- 1. Starlight Julien Noakes
- 2. Gezzabelle Allen Stormon
- 3. Pacesetter Tony Doyle

Early Bird Series – Fleet 3

- 1. Pick Pocket Chris Hornsby
- Young at Heart Simon Grosser
 Volante Roger Pratt

LADIES EVENING POINTSCORE TROPHY

Team Windcraft Ladies Twilight Series – Division 1

- 1. Pretty Woman Elaine Fowler
- 2. Whisper 30 Nancy Ferguson
- 3. Kerazy Penny McConaghy

Team Windcraft Ladies Twilight Series – Division 2

- 1. Venue Sarah Ellis
- 2. Pegasus Mary Bickley
- 3. Kanaloa II Tammy Lindsay

LION ISLAND SERIES 2018 Lion Island Pointscore Series – Fleet 1

- Le Billet Mark Tinworth / Mark
 Waterhouse
- 2. Reverie John Turnbull
- 3. Bushranger Gerry Hatton

Lion Island Pointscore Series – Fleet 2

- 1. Gezzabelle Allen Stormon
- 2. Astral Keiran Mulcahy
- 3. Pegasus Roger Prior

Lion Island Pointscore Series -

- 1. Nouvel Amour Justin Singleton
- 2. Vittoria Alan Reece
- 3. Azure Goddess Paul Rosevear

Lion Island Pointscore Series – Fleet 4

- 1. Hans Free Ken Plumb
- 2. The Green Boat Rod Tanks
- 3. Hotspur Martin Naef

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OLD TIMERS RACE 2018 Old Timers Trophy

- 1. Nirvanas Kitchen II Jim Cormack
- 2. Pegasus Brian Law
- 3. Volante Bob Tubman

PITTWATER INSHORE POINTSCORE TROPHY DAY AWARDS

Trophy Day 1 Race Official's Trophy – Fleet 1

1. Windy Too - Carl Russett

Hedley Bryant Trophy - Fleet 2

1. Starlight – Julien Noakes

A.N. Thomson Trophy - Fleet 3

1. Antares - Martin / Anna Cross

Trophy Day 2 King Edward VII Jug – Fleet 1

1. Zen – Mark Thompson

Alisa Trophy - Fleet 2

1. Pegasus – Roger Prior

Joy West Trophy - Fleet 3

1. Azure Goddess – Paul Rosevear

Donald Silver Memorial Trophy – Fleet 3

1. Skagerak - Bob Stoddard

PITTWATTER INSHORE SERIES R.E. Cunningham Trophy – Fleet 1

- 1. Windy Too Carl Russett
- 2. XS Moment Ray Hudson
- 3. Risk Greg Moore / Chris Heraghty

Albert Gold Cup II - Fleet 2

- 1. Kalika III lan Audsley
- 2. Gezzabelle Allen Stormon
- 3. Pacesetter Tony Doyle

Michael Guermonprez Trophy – Fleet 3

- 1. Skagerak Bob Stoddard
- 2. Tempus David Langley
- 3. Scoot Scott Robertson

Captain Cook Trophy - IRC

- 1. Windy Too Carl Russett
- 2. Enigma Robert Bennett
- 3. Risk Greg Moore / Chris Heraghty

SHORT OCEAN POINTSCORE SERIES

Stormaway Trophy - IRC

- 1. Pretty Woman Syndicate
- 2. Showtime Mark Griffith / Campbell Letchford
- 3. WINDY TOO Carl Russett

Ernest Hunt Memorial Trophy – ORCi

- Pretty Woman Richard Hudson, Michael Lockley, Russell Murphy
- 2. Showtime Mark Griffith / Campbell Letchford
- 3. XS Moment Ray Hudson

Skye Mist Cup - PHS

- 1. Windy Too Carl Russett
- 2. Enigma Robert Bennett
- 3. Tailwind Shaw Russett

WATERFORD TROPHY I Waterford Pointscore Series – Fleet 1

- 1. Ghost Rider Ross Hennessy
- 2. Windy Too Carl Russett
- 3. Leroy Brown Warren Wieckmann

WATERFORD TROPHY II Waterford Pointscore Series – Fleet 2

- 1. Starlight Julien Noakes
- 2. Unruffled M.E.N. Syndicate
- 3. The 5th Element John Buckland / Tony Dickson

WATERFORD TROPHY III Waterford Pointscore Series – Fleet 3

- 1. Ricochet Ron Matthews
- 2. Woodrun Tony Hutton
- 3. Dancelot Richard Pearse

Waterford Pointscore Series – Fleet 4

- 1. Sylvia Larry Eastwood
- 2. Emily Maurice Drent
- 3. Kathleen Mary Kelly Holder

WEDNESDAY SPRING POINTSCORE 2017

Wednesday Spring Pointscore Series – Fleet 1

- 1. Leroy Brown Warren Weickmann
- 2. Windy Too Carl Russett
- 3. Harlequin Joachim Fluhrer

Wednesday Spring Pointscore Series – Fleet 2

- 1. Still Dangerous Ivor Burgess
- 2. Venue Brian Ellis
- 3. Allegro Roger Pottie

Wednesday Spring Pointscore Series – Fleet 3

- 1. Vittoria Alan Reece
- 2. Taffy David Clarke
- 3. Sail La Vie David Bushell

Wednesday Spring Pointscore Series – Fleet 4

- 1. Sylvia Larry Eastwood
- 2. Kathleen Mary Kelly Holder
- 3. Cariad James George

WEDNESDAY SUMMER POINTSCORE 2018

Wednesday Summer Pointscore Series – Fleet 1

- 1. Windy Too Carl Russett
- 2. Harlequin Joachim Fluhrer / David Williams
- 3. Leroy Brown Warren Wieckmann

Wednesday Summer Pointscore Series – Fleet 2

- 1. Summersalt Greg O'Neil
- 2. Venue Brian Ellis
- 3. Allegro Roger Pottie

Wednesday Summer Pointscore Series – Fleet 3

- 1. Dancelot Richard Pearse
- 2. Wild Spirit Leonard Baillie
- 3. Hans Free Ken Plumb

Wednesday Summer Pointscore Series – Fleet 4

- 1. Kathleen Mary Kelly Holder
- 2. Cariad James George
- 3. Sylvia Larry Eastwood

WHISPER MUG 2017 Whisper Mug

 Pick Pocket – Chris & Julia Hornsby

Josie Trophy

2. Rojack - Andrew Glover

The Starters Cup

3. Galileo - Salvatore Ridulfo

WINTER SERIES 2018 Graeme Norman Memorial Trophy – Fleet 1

- 1. Windy Too Carl Russett
- 2. Harlequin Joachim Fluhrer / David Williams
- 3. Conspiracy David Hudson

Graeme Norman Memorial Trophy – Fleet 2

- 1. Gezzabelle Allen Stormon
- 2. Pacesetter Tony Doyle
- 3. Incognito Barry Jackson

Graeme Norman Memorial Trophy – Fleet 3

- 1. Razzamatazz Sean Mullin
- 2. Venue Brian Ellis / Bruce Staples
- 3. Volante Roger Pratt

WEDNESDAY AUTUMN POINTSCORE 2018

Wednesday Autumn Pointscore Series – Fleet 1

- Le Billet Mark Tinworth / Mark Waterhouse
- 2. Leroy Brown Warren Wieckmann
- 3. Ghost Rider Ross Hennessy

Wednesday Autumn Pointscore Series – Fleet 2

- 1. Bullwinkle Peter Gould
- 2. The 5th Element John Buckland / Tony Dickson
- 3. 3rd Summersalt Greg O'Neil

Wednesday Autumn Pointscore Series – Fleet 3

- 1. Vittoria Alan Reece
- 2. Sail La Vie David Bushell
- 3. Isolde Peter Helm / Lyle Procter

Wednesday Autumn Pointscore Series – Fleet 4

- 1. Cariad James George
- 2. Sylvia Larry Eastwood
- 3. Tenacity Donald Telford

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