



Port Kembla Sailing Club

Newsport Weekly Newsletter

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For Saturday 5th April 2014

Pointscore:- 24
Championship:- 8 - TY's & Monos

Response Boats
Tony & Amie Zahra & Richard Lech

Kanteen KP Week 1
Sylvia, Teresa, Linda & Judy

LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday 5th April 2014

General Outlook – Possible Showers

Wind Speed – 20 km/h

Wind Direction –SSW-S

Sunrise - 7.10am & **Sunset** at 18.49pm.

Temperature – 19 - 24 degrees

Chance of rain - 90% (5-10mm)

Humidity – 90% and UV index High

First Light – 6.45am & **Last Light** – 19.15pm.



Don't forget to bring your sun cream and hats and slip, slop & slap as always.

COMING EVENTS

- 12th April **CANCELLED** - Make up race if required or Around the Lake Race.
- 12th April Basin Chase - Sussex Inlet
- 19th April Easter – No Sailing
- 25th April **CANCELLED** – Anzac Day Around the Lake Race
- 25th April Sharpie States – Bateman's Bay
- 3-4th May Bay to Bay – Tin Can Bay
- 10th May Presentation Night

PRESIDENTS WEEKLY MESSAGE

The end of the season is fast approaching with only one week at PKSC left to go. This year, the end of our season is marked by the "Basin Chase" to be held on St George's Basin on Saturday 12th April.

I would like to encourage as many PKSC sailors as possible to participate in this event. This is a "social race" with free entry. Last year we had a good turnout of TY's and cats from PKSC, with the TY's towing the cats up the river into the Basin.

The event is hosted by the Sussex Inlet Basin Yacht Club and information can be found on their web site: www.sibyc.com.au.

The event is a 15-20 nautical mile passage race (cruise) around the basin. Briefing at 9am at the Sussex Inlet RSL Club fishing shed for an 11am start out on the Basin. After the race, there are refreshments available and if you want to stay the night then why not make a weekend of it.

Hope to see many of you there!

Good sailing,
Richard Hipsley

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Last Saturday of sailing coming up – then it's all over for the season. Don't miss this last opportunity to put your boats in the water for racing with your fellow sailors at PKSC.

Reminder, that time is running out to book for Presentation Night. I have attached the booking information with this newsletter again.

Hopefully the weather will improve from its forecast. I checked the weather this morning again and it's all changed for the worst only the temperature didn't change - but then yesterday was better than they forecast and today's forecast isn't very good but there doesn't seem to be much rain on the radar, so with the weather lately you never know.

Make it a good roll up for our last sailing day.

**Cheers
Gail**

CANTEEN

I would like to say a huge thank you to Jenny and the men who ran canteen last Saturday. Also to all the other ladies who probably stepped in to help. Would love to see more men in the canteen - even when it's not the fifth Saturday.

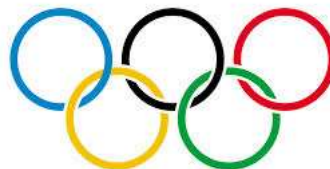
Barbara Hipsley

PRESENTATION – BOOK NOW

Time Is Running Out – Only A One Week Left To Book

Only a one week of sailing till the end of season. Please help out the organisers and book now if you are coming to the presentation. ***Just ask in the canteen this Saturday or see the attached ticket/booking form to pay via internet banking. Just follow the instructions.***

Date:- 10th May 2014
Theme:- Winter Olympics
Costs:- \$25.00 for adults
\$15.00 for children.



DELEGATES WEEKLY REPORTS

MONOS

Report for the 29th March 2014

No report this week.

TRAILER YACHTS

Report 29th March 2014

TY delegates report March 29

One of the important things that we can do to ensure the sailing club has a future is to introduce new people to the sailing experience. Admittedly some of the people we provide this opportunity for may not find sailing their cup of tea and never come back for a second go, but at least we introduced them to a new experience they can eliminate from their bucket list. That's just what happened this Saturday's race. Barry Grant had two new crew, Phil and Kim, and John Bubb took out Jarrod Lewis one of our junior sailors. Although I cannot claim a first timer on Frou Frou, we did have aboard Ian Woods. Like most of these retirees Ian is always busy with other activities so can only fit in a couple of sailing days per year. So you could say that each time he turns up to sail it seems like the first time.

Of course all our encouraging may come to nothing. Some of the folks we take aboard may not like it and never come back, but at least we gave them an opportunity to cross another activity off their bucket list.

Needless to say my usual crew have other plans for this coming Saturday (including Ian who is away again) and I have room for at least one extra new crew member for this the final race of the season. Come and see me early if you have someone who is interested.

I should write something about the race I suppose. It was very enjoyable. Even though there were only 4 starters we had some close racing. The brisk 15 to 20 knots southerly made for exciting down wind and reaching legs and we all finished within about seven minutes of each other.

Results for Poinscore 23

Place	Boat Name	Corrected time PBH (minutes)
Long Course		
First	Frou Frou	88.20
Second	Momentum	90.70
Short Course		
First	The Blonde	73.22
Second	Bluhart	78.62

See you all next Saturday.
The end Trev.

CATS

Report for Saturday 29th March 2014 - Point Score 23

Small cats championship round 8 (large cats championship round 8 next week). Twelve (12) cats came along to compete today. We also had a blowin red coloured "Cobra" cat off the street who did their own thing. Although cloudy, the rains did hold off. A mild 23 degrees celsius day with southerly breeze of 9 to 11 knots with gusts 13 to 15 knots (c/o Bureau metrology).

Brad Curry & myself put on the aprons and learned a little about women's stuff in the canteen. Brad suggested we get into the mood of things and talk about our other halves. However since we were out numbered by the ladies we decided discretion the better part of valour and we stuck to a bit of hamburger preparation TLC instead.

Out on the shore Bill brought out his wind gauge. After a few checks he asked yours truly to hold it at some altitude to get further away from ground affect. It recorded a 14 knots recording at around 1:30pm. Duty crew Derek, Tim and Son had a minor setback in that someone had decided to borrow Tim's towbar and not returned it (i.e. pinched it) and he hadn't had a chance to replace it. However help was at hand and I lent mine. The duty crew set a port course starting between shore and Gooseberry Island, windward mark over towards the shallows and wing mark down near the reef.

Out on the water on the way out to the start line I realised that I had a twist in my mainsheet between the blocks. Peter on Take 2 came to the rescue and lent his shackle key so I could make the necessary adjustments. The majority of cats start got away pretty well, Brobadinagian was last over the start line. On the 1st work the bigger cats started to spread the fleet, the majority of the cats stayed on starboard tack heading past the reef then tacking to work up to the windward mark. At the tail of the fleet, Brobadingian was able to hold a higher line than Cat-ch-me, however Cat-ch-me tacked and managed to stay ahead and cross over in front. Take 2 hot on the tail of Cat-ch-me didn't see Brobadingian and so there was a frantic starboard call and last minute evasive action combined with a few heart palpitations. From my angle Brobadingian appeared to fly a hull over the tail of Take 2. No contact so all was good and we all continued.

During the race the fleet mainly managed to evade a couple of floating obstacles in the form of logs and weed, sometimes difficult to see in the muddy coloured waters. Tomcat advised that they gave a wrist thickness log a good thump on the nose of a hull, post-race checks finding that they appeared to escaped undamaged. I am told Bond 07 hit something submerged and damaged a rudder and had to retire. Groove Thing advised that they managed to pick up a trampoline load of weed when punching thru a wave. Also Brobadinagian lost a tiller extension on the 1st leg and had to race the rest of the time holding the tiller bar, even without being able to use trapeze Paul was able to compensate and still made it around the course in a quite a reasonable time.

Groove Thing had a very good run on the 1st leg and Tony was very pleased to be the 1st 14ft cat to round the windward mark. Groove Thing continued to maintain the pace up with front runners of the 14ft pack. Billyo found the wind conditions a touch too strong and wasn't able to optimise/power up as much as he wanted. Some fast rides were had on windward return runs in the good breeze. Les Porter on "Days Like This" led all the cats home. This week on the final stretch to home a gust caught the experienced Tomcat crew by surprise and it was their turn to up and over just before crossing the finish line. The only saviour being that they were able to right their cat before too many saw them and sail thru the finish line without losing any positions. Ross Boyd on Renascence managed the stronger conditions well and appears to be enjoying his sailing with his results improving each week. Tony & Amie on "White Wave" also found the conditions to their liking and had a great race from start to finish and leading the 14ft cats across the finish line. Hot on their tail some 19 seconds later followed by Groove Thing. Dark Horse even after a few weeks off was the next thru with Yabby hot on his tail some 10 seconds behind. Billyo, Brabodingian, Cat-ch-me and Take 2 then following thru closing out the race.

Scratch line honours (start was on time around 2:10pm for cats):

15:20:30	Les Porter	Days Like This	Taipan 49L
15:27:21	Rob & Josh Porter	Tomcat	Nacra 5.0
15:28:19	Ross Boyd	Renascence	A class
15:35:21	Tony & Amie Zahra	White Wave	Maricat S/S
15:35:40	Tony Sanderson	Groove Thing	Windrush S/S
15:37:07	Ralf Steyer	Dark Horse	Windrush S/S
15:37:17	Ross Fyfe	Yabby	Windrush S/S
15:43:50	Bill Ledger	Billyo	Nacro 14 sq
15:48:51	Paul English	Brabodingian	Nacra 16 sq
15:53:53	Hugh Lewis	Cat-ch-me	Marciat 4.3m
16:00:46	Peter Ellem	Take 2	Windrush S/S

PS 1: Next week (this coming Saturday) is last week of sailing for the season, so come along don't miss out. Big cats round 8 of championship. Little cats points core 24.

PS 2 : The week following our last race, 12th April "2014 Basin Classic" St Georges basin passage race will be on. A few of the cats are talking about participating. For those interesting in going down, feel free to chat to last year's participants Tony Zahra, Tony Sanderson, Paul Leudais or myself for further info.

PS 3 : Don't forget to sign up/pay for presentation night Sat 10th May 2014.

PS 4: Did anyone see one of our cat sailors version of the Berkley Bay Bummer award? I managed to take a snap shot when a rarely seen black and blue Berkeley bummer bird was being displayed! The picture may come out during the presentation night, to see if you can guess the owner.

Regards Hugh Lewis

Hope to see you all next week
Regards Hugh Lewis

FOR SALE

Windrush catamaran for sale, in excellent condition, on a registered trailer also in excellent condition. Can be sailed both sloop and cat rigged. Self-furling jib and trapeze wires, two mainsails, one almost new included. Can be sailed solo or with crew.

The boat is a bulk head windrush with the bulkheads reinforced. It was rebuilt by Paul Leudais and raced competitively at PKSC for many years.

\$1500

Contact Rob on 02 64930200

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

To teach is to learn twice.

- JOSEPH JOUBERT

One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood.

- LUCIUS ANNEAUS SENECA

NEXT DUTY WEEK

NONE

Response Boat Duty:- None

Canteen Duty:- None



Till next Newsletter

Gail

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