



Port Kembla Sailing Club

Newsport Weekly Newsletter

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For Saturday 21st November 2015

Pointscore:- 8
Championship:- 4 Small & Large
Cats

Response Boats
Nicholas Marzano & Crew

Kanteen KP Week 3
Yvonne, Amie & Rebecca M

LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST – Saturday 21st November 2015

General Outlook – Possible Showers

Wind Speed – 20 - 26 km/h

Wind Direction – SSE

Sunrise - 5.41am & **Sunset** at 19.43pm.

Temperature – 18 - 21 degrees

Chance of rain - 50% (<1mm)

Humidity – 70% and **UV Extreme**

First Light – 5.13am & **Last Light** – 20.11pm.



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

COMING EVENTS

- **21st & 22nd November** **MJ State at Avalon SC**
- 28th & 29th November Kembla Klassic at PKSC
- 28th & 29th November Sharpie States at PKSC's KK

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is great to see how well our juniors are progressing and improving every time they go on the water. Our junior programme is producing some great sailors. The progression from Skyriders to Manly Juniors to Flying 11's is proving to be a good platform for developing key sailing skills. We also have some juniors progressing into small cats which is also ensuring those classes are going to be around for the long term.

As good as our programme is, it still relies heavily on parents and members helping out as much as possible. I would like to thank all those who are helping out with the junior programme this season and encourage others to lend a hand whenever possible. You do not have to be a master coach to help out, just see Hugh or Brad and offer your services.

Preparations for the annual Kembla Klassic Regatta are progressing well under the guidance of KK Coordinator Trevor Dunn. We are planning a slightly different format this year with the two races on Saturday sailed as back to back races starting at 1-00pm rather than a morning and afternoon race. This format has a number of advantages including better breezes (hopefully), and a chance for people to have lunch a little less rushed before they go sailing. It will work better for the canteen as well.

We are still looking for helpers both in the canteen and on the water so if you are available to help on the 28/29th November please put your name on the white board next to the canteen this Saturday.

*Good sailing,
Richard Hipsley*

KEMBLA KLASSIC

Saturday and Sunday
28th & 29th November 2015

Don't forget our Kembla Klassic is only 2 weeks away. Please come and support the club in our one big Regatta of the season. Volunteers are needed in all areas as well as sailors on the water. It would be good to see at least 75% of our membership there on the weekend of the Klassic.

A round of the Sharpie State Titles will also be held as part of the KK



SENIOR RACING

Delegates Reports for Saturday 14th November 2015

DELEGATES WEEKLY REPORTS

MONOHULLS

No Report This Week

Alex Marzano



Alex has just finished his Uni Exams so you should see mono reports again. Hope all went well in your exams Alex.

TRAILER YACHTS

Report for 14 November 2015

I think it's fair to say that Saturday's sailing event was very interesting. Three Port Kembla Sailing Club trailer yachts, Momentum, Rosstered Off and Frou Frou, participated in the Saturday afternoon Illawarra Yacht Clubs Lord Mayor Regatta event.

Unfortunately Grey Fox wasn't able to sail today because her skipper, Digger Hammer, was recovering from minor surgery. Digger will make a full recovery and be back on the water next week.

Another person worthy of our collective sympathy is Wayne McKinnon. Wayne was lined up to sail aboard Frou Frou today but in the process of launching Frou Frou dislocated one of his finger. Just thinking about the image of Wayne's little finger pointing at an unnatural right angle to his hand makes you shudder. It must have hurt like hell. Luckily for Wayne (or should that be unlucky as no anaesthetic was available) our resident Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Richard Lech was on hand (no pun intended) and without hesitation reduced his finger back into its normal position. That also must have hurt like hell. It will take some time to recover from this injury so let's all wish Wayne good thoughts and a speedy recovery.

The delayed start to the Lord Mayors Cup race, the mix of boats and the 10 to 15 knot southerly set the scene for an exciting race beginning. From Frou Frou's perspective it was a little confusing. I would be interested to know what the other PKSC sailors participating thought. With the wind remaining very constant most of the fleet stuck fairly close together for the rest of the race.

It goes without saying (I may be a little bias though) that the PKSC yachts conducted themselves in a very sportsperson like manner and all finished in respectable positions. Rosstered Off lead the fleet crossing the finish line first, Momentum was third across the line and Frou Frou fifth across the line.

The results below for Pointscore 7 have been extrapolate from the Lord Mayors Cup results.

Pointscore 7 Results

Boat Name	Position	Finish time PBH (CBH)
Rosstered Off	First	77.24 (75.92)
Frou Frou	Second	77.78 (77.78)
Momentum	Third	79.50 (79.52)

*See you all Saturday
The end Trevor*



SMALL CATS

Point score 7 for Small and Large Cats.

A cool 18 degree cloudy showers with southerly breeze between 8 to 17 knots greeted thirteen (13) hardy catamaran sailors. This week an opportunity arose for new cat sailor Craig Standen to sail with Tony Zahra, allowing his brother Jason to sail "Felix the Cat" without having to swap. Craig proving to be a keen and willing student under Tony's instruction. Also another blast from the past in John Van Meegan coming down catching up with a few people and offering some advice to "Felix the Cat". It is great to see the return of an old cat sailor. John obviously having made an indelible impression on his fellow sailors as his exploits feature in many a sailing tale. Who knows we might be able to talk him into a come back as he mentioned he still had a 14ft maricat at home.

The monohull fleet was down a bit this week with trailer sailors participated in the Illawarra Yacht clubs "Lord mayors Regatta" and others participating in Canberra regatta, hence. Small cats started at division 3 and large cats division 4. Course was set by Leo Mavromattis and Richard Lech. Starting line out front of the club house, windward mark straight up to 2nd mud stick out in middle of the lake and wing mark over towards the shallows roughly NE.

There was plenty of discussion and various folks assisting one another put up a mast, culminating in a hand to launch boats and head over to the start line. When over at the starting area I noticed that my mainsail was rather low and realised that my main halyard had come undone and since I normally just scrape under the boom with it now 6" off the tramp decided I had to rectify. To do this I headed over to the leeside of Gooseberry Island and untied the halyard standing up and after a few tries heaved and clicked it in and resecured. By this time it was approaching the start time and I was pretty much becalmed in the lee of the island. The sheltered breeze swirling 1st 1 way then the other. Frustratingly in the distance my piers had started and I missed the start. With persistence and multiple jibes I was able to cross the start line before the large cats and I was away. The breeze

having picked up as had the waves with the southerly. Some choosing to stay on starboard tack and others choosing to change to port tack soon after crossing the start line. Prima Facie being an early casualty with rudder? equipment failure on or just after the start forcing his retirement.

With the IYC Mayors Regatta with around 12 TY's and a course within a course finding the marks was a challenge. It wasn't till you got closer that you could tell if it was an Illawarra Yacht club red buoy or a PKSC red buoy. Hence there were a few errant paths taken by some of the cats. Flying a hull was not an issue and there was plenty of spray. You just had to be careful you didn't bury a hull. The windward to wind mark provided quite a nice broad reach. Back to the start buoy was a wider angle requiring a couple of jibes for those with jibs. Ross Boyd on Symphony 2 had gear failure towards the end of the race losing his mast and ended up capsizing when rounding the start buoy outside of the clubhouse. Les porter leading the large cats home on Pilot Error and Tony Zahra with Craig Standen on White Wave blitzing the small cats home. A number of times throughout the race when crossing paths notably White Wave had created and maintained a good lead. When on a work I observed White Wave screaming along flying a hull with both Tony and his new pupil hiking to the max (Amie better watch out she might have a some competition).

Out of interest Ross Boyd compared corrected results using applied yardsticks with small and large cats (factoring in 5 minute difference in start time) and found that White Wave beat all the cats home by a substantial amount. Tony Sanderson on Groove Thing able to turn the tables this week squeezing in ahead of Ralf Steyer on Dark Horse.

A few words from Tony Sanderson; "Enjoyed a great 14 to 18 knot Southerly breeze that was constant without creating difficult chop. Tony Zahra with Junior Craig Standen filling in for Amie started from the starboard pin end followed by Bill and Ralf. Tony S followed Wayne Barry from the boat end followed by Ross, Paul and Hugh. No one had taken the time to find the top mark before the race and the new duty boat crew of Leo and Richard Lech caught everyone off guard positioning the top mark beyond the mud stick towards Kanahooka point. Tony Z chose the best course reaching the top mark well before Ralf and Tony S. This position remained for much of the race with Tony Z establishing a winning lead. Ralf and Tony S swapped placed on each leg with Ralf faster down wind and Tony S catching and passing him upwind with greater pointing ability. Tony managed to stay in front of Ralf on the last downwind to the X mark to finish ahead."

Yabby too good for Hot Pepper giving a lesson on downwind sailing. After initially heading to the wrong buoy allowing Hot Pepper past, Yabby with dogged determination chased down and overtaking on the last leg.

Scratch times across finish line were as follows (small cats start time 14:15:00 & large cats start time 14:20:00):

15:38:25	Les	Pilot Error	A Class
15:44:24	Rob	Shark Bait	Tiapan
15:46:32	Tony & Craig	White Wave	Maricat S
15:49:13	Tony S	Groove Thing	Windrush S/S
15:49:30	Ralf	Dark Horse	Windrush S/S
15:55:35	Paul	Playtime	Nacra 16 Sq
16:02:14	Ross	Yabby	Windrush S/S
16:05:10	Hugh	Hot pepper	Windrush S/S
DNF	Paul	Chesha	Windrush S/S
DNF	Wayne B	Prima Facie	Maricat
DNF	Ross	Renascence	A class
-----	Jason & Bruce Standen	Felix the Cat	Windrush S/S (did their own thing - didn't race)

General:

1. Last weekend at the Kurnell "Top Gun Cat Regatta" a couple of PKSC sailors did exceptionally well. Bob and Johnny Porter on their Nacra 5.8m "Phantom Menace" took out 1st place overall in B course, 1st

place in 5.8m Nacra states and also won the Nacra 5.8m division with a 2nd, 1st,1st,1st,1st,and 1st. Also Les Porter did well on his A Class (flying) "Pilot Error" coming 3rd in the A class division.

2. "Race QS" is a free app that can be loaded onto your phone and tracks your passage, speed etc and overlays onto a map. You can also view others who sailed same course to look at where they went compared to you etc.
3. One of the Learn To Sail Juniors parents is interested in a bulkhead windrush to purchase. Anyone who thinks they can assist let me know and I will pass on info.

Participation and helpers required for upcoming Kembla Klassic in 2 weekends time. Chip in and make this regatta a success.

Looking forward to a sail next week.

Regards
Hugh Lewis



LARGE CATS

Hugh has covered most of the highlights of the day's racing so I'll try not to double up.

A cool southerly hovering around 14 knots greeted 4 intrepid Large Cat sailors preparing for Pointscore race 7. The water looked a little choppy and a fair amount of weed on the water's edge courtesy of the recent southerly winds. Something to definitely watch out for and avoid on the water if possible!

The usual friendly banter ensued and there was plenty of chit chat - - a highlight being the news that Bob and Johnny Porter had just won the Nacra State Titles at Kurnell last week - well done guys!!

The Large Cats and Small cats were given separate starts at the briefing - and we were warned to watch out for the TY's involved in the Lord Mayor's regatta.

A port course was set by the duty crew and I think the poor guys had to battle with an anchor that insisted on dragging. I know the feeling after the mess I made of it when doing duty last season.

Paul English had more than his fair share of trouble when Playtime's trapeze adjustment line snapped just prior to the start. This meant, he was no longer suspended and gravity had its way. He landed in the drink at the same time snapping his tiller extension in half. Paul managed to right the boat eventually, despite having a sore shoulder, a bad knee, and a bruised pride. He quickly sailed to shore to make some jury rig repairs - in hindsight I'd say he used half a roll of gaffer tape to bind a batten as a splint onto his tiller extension. lol.

He just made it in time to the start with the other three Big Cats, Les on Pilot Error, Rob on Shark Bait sailing cat-rigged (too cold for Josh!) and me on Symphony 2.

The line had a strong port bias and Les took full advantage getting an immediate jump on the rest of us. I was expecting the windward mark to be somewhere where it wasn't - and overlaid the mark considerably. Paul was also going very well considering his earlier problems and the bad air that he was having to sail in. Les was very soon around the windward mark and having a ball sitting in on his boat as it hydrofoiled its way reaching to the wing mark. Already he was a long way ahead. Rob, on the other hand was finding tacking a chore without the help of a jib. The southerly chop certainly made it tricky. But it didn't hurt him too much judging by the corrected results below(!).

The wind seemed to strengthen a little as the race progressed... but being a southerly the gusts were not too severe and it was an enjoyable ride. Well, it was until the hounds fitting on my mast tore apart. The mast came down without breaking. Phew! Fortunately the damage was not as bad as it could have been. I'm especially grateful to the guys on the rescue boat (R. Lech and Leo Mavromattis?) who towed me back to shore and made sure no further damage occurred.

Les told me later that he had only one (1) capsize during the race which is a huge improvement on a fortnight ago! He's certainly getting to grips with the fickleness of flight. This is also underlined by Les' great overall result at Kurnell's Top Gun regatta, last week, held in very difficult fresh conditions. He was third overall in the A Class fleet (as reported by Hugh). Congratulations Les!

Here's the summary of the day's racing with the Small and Large Cat fleets combined based on VYC and elapsed times.

(It takes into account the 5 minute head start of the Small Cats.) Bear in mind, there were 3 DNF's on the day which are not included in the results.

Well done to Tony Zahra and his rookie(!) crew Craig Standen on Whitewave. An outstanding result!

And in the Big Cats, well done to Rob Porter to pip Les on yardstick.

Remember, its Club Championship 3 for the Large Cats and CC4 for the Small Cats next week.

The screenshot shows a window titled 'Sailing Scores' with the following details:

- Series: PKSC 2015-2016
- Race: 06 - 14/11/2015 14:15:00
- Fleet: All
- Std Boat: Tony Zahra
- Yardstick: KCC 2015
- Race Notes: 14 kts S PS7 -Brewin Sail

Skipper	Boat	VYC	Finished	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Best BCYS	St
Tony Zahra	Whitewave	91	15:46:32	01:31:32	01:40:35	91.0	
Tony Sanderson	Groove Thing	87.5	15:49:13	01:34:13	01:47:41	93.7	
Ralf Steyer	Dark Horse	87.5	15:49:30	01:34:30	01:48:00	94.0	
Rob Porter Snr	Shark Bait	77	15:44:24	01:24:24	01:49:37	83.9	
Les Porter	Pilot Error	66.5	15:38:25	01:18:25	01:57:55	78.0	
Paul English	Playtime	81	15:55:35	01:35:35	01:58:00	95.0	
Ross Fyfe	Yabby	87.5	16:02:14	01:47:14	02:02:33	106.6	
Hugh Lewis	Hot Pepper	87.5	16:05:10	01:50:10	02:05:54	109.5	

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Let's hope the weather is kind and we get a big turn out.

And if you can pass on the word to all your sailing friends to encourage them to come down (or up) for the upcoming Kembla Klassic Regatta. It'll be a lot of fun!

Hope to see you all next week

Regards

Ross B



JUNIOR NEWS

Junior Training & Junior Racing

SMALL MONOS

No Report This Week

Cheers,

Aza

"good things come in small packages"

JUNIOR DELEGATE

Last weekend we had six Manly Juniors rig in the building Southerly breeze for the second Club Championship race of the season. However, not long after the boats hit the water the breeze dropped down to about 8-10 knots. Vincent Van Go started a bit early and returned to complete their penalty while the other set off up the first leg. Great to see Red Devils return for their second race of the season and looked to be sailing quite fast, with Cruise Missile, Dynamite and Top Gun also having a good race. With Vincent Van Go the only one flying a Spinnaker they got out to a good lead to win the Club Championship race from Red Devils, Cruise Missile & Dynamite. Top Gun decided to cool off with a swim and their mast went into the mud activating the quick release on the top and their Mainsail came down once up-right.

Pointscore results were 1st Vincent Van Go, 2nd Red Devils, 3rd Cruise Missile & 4th Dynamite.

This week the Manly Juniors are away at their 2nd round of State titles at Avalon Sailing Club. Good luck to all competing as it is a great little club and a good place to sail.

The following week is the Kembla Klassic which the club will be running a small course for the junior sailors in close to the club. It would also be great to have as many junior sailors compete in this event as it is our clubs main regatta. Small course will include all juniors classes Flying Elevens, Manly Juniors, etc...

See you at Avalon!
Brad Curry



LEARN TO SAIL REPORT

A cool 16 to 18 degrees max day with a few showers and a 6 to 12 knot breeze still attracted 10 kids. (We now have a total of 16 kids – a good number for the 8 skyriders).

The young sailors started putting together the skyriders in the moderate breeze. At briefing we spoke about wind strength and direction. How to determine what direction wind is coming from in terms of East, West, North or South. And how you can use the direction the sun rises to get East etc. We then spoke about wind strength 0 knots – calm (boat won't move), 1- 3 knots you can sail but only just (a bit slow), 4 – 6 nice an gentle you could take your granny out, 7 – 10 knots perfect for sailing, 11-15 knots moderate breeze time for beginners to head home and watch the experts from shore. 15-25 strong winds experienced sailors only. Above 25 knots even experienced sailors call it a day. Because of the stronger wind today we spoke about where to sit to balance the

boat. IE facing the sail lean back to help balance. Also we spoke about using the mainsheet (sail rope) letting it out releases power and pulling it in increases power.

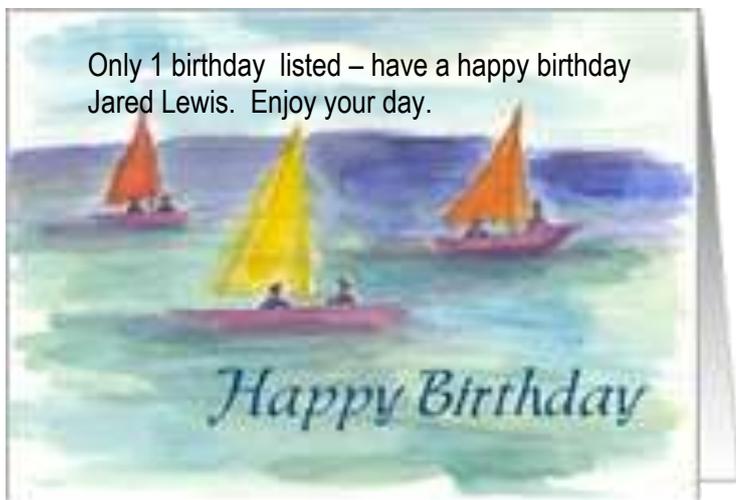
All the kids signed on then we tried this exercise on the shore. We also spoke about turning into the wind to slow down and heaving to (pulling on the sail to start up again). Thanks again to Trevor and Jared on the rubber ducky setting a reaching course across the face of the shore with 2 buoys. And thanks to helpers who gave guidance.

We started allowing the kids to practice their skills soon after we got onto the water the wind picked up and some found this a little challenging and required a little personalised assistance and coaching to get going. For others they were able to manage the stronger conditions and boost their confidence. Overall all the young sailors did very well. Back onshore we packed up and washed down the gear. At debriefing we ran thru what we had learnt. Stronger winds are more challenging, create waves, Boats go faster and have to work harder to balance the boat. Looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Regards

Hugh Lewis

Junior Learn to Sail Instructor



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than the one where they sprang up.

- OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

NEXT DUTY WEEK

Kembla Klassic

28th & 29th November 2015

Response Boat Duty:- Volunteers

Canteen Duty:- Week 4 – Plus Volunteers



Till next Newsletter

Gail

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