



# Port Kembla Sailing Club

## Newsport Weekly Newsletter

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For Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Pointscore:- 19  
Championship 7 for TY's

Response Boats  
Volunteers

Kanteen KP Week 3  
Yvonne, Amie & Paula

### LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**General Outlook** – Mostly Sunny

**Wind Speed** – 22-26 km/h

**Wind Direction** – S - SSE

**Sunrise** - 6.57am & **Sunset** at 19.11pm

**Temperature** – 16 - 20 degrees

**Chance of rain** - 90% (1-5mm)

**Humidity** – 63% and UV High

**First Light** – 6.32am & **Last Light** – 19.37pm.



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

### COMING EVENTS

- **26<sup>th</sup> March**                      **Easter**
- Easter                              Combined High Schools Regatta
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April                      Junior Camp
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April                              Sharpie States – Bateman's Bay
- 30<sup>th</sup> April                              Bay To Bay – Tin Can Bay
- **7<sup>th</sup> May**                                **Presentation Night**

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The monthly Committee meeting was held this week and there was a lot to discuss. As mentioned in last week's Newsport, the regatta programme for next season was an important topic. The committee discussed the idea of combining the Kembla Klassic, Katagatta and Lake Illawarra Youth Regatta into the one regatta on the last weekend in November. The idea would be to run courses similar to the Katagatta, with shorter back to back races for all classes. The youth section would be run on a separate course as we have done in the past for the KK. A regatta format like this would attract a large fleet, and would mean we can focus our efforts on one regatta instead of three.

Next season we are also hosting the FII States which will be another large regatta with about 70 boats, and also the MJ States which will not be quite as big, but still a significant event. The TY's are also looking at hosting a TY regatta in conjunction with a normal sailing day. The PKSC canteen will also be catering for the Outrigger Canoes on a non-sailing day. So that is still 5 major events for the season which will be a challenge for all our canteen and on water volunteers.

Another important topic discussed was that of how to increase boat storage at the club. Our F11 fleet is set to grow strongly next season, with a lack of boat storage at home holding back some potential boat owners. Although we do have plans to extend the boat shed, funding such a large project is difficult and will require grant funding. We are working towards this, but are also looking at an interim solution which would see the eastern end (play area) of the club hall partitioned off to provide additional storage space. Another idea to use a shipping container was considered but eliminated as a practical option.

It was great to see some non-committee members coming along to this month's meeting. All members are reminded that they can come to meetings if they have an interest or want to make a contribution. (You just do not get an official vote on motions put to the meeting).

*Good sailing,  
Richard Hipsley*

## **FROM THE EDITORS DESK**

Nothing from me this week

*Gail Grant  
Newsport Editor*



# SENIOR RACING

**Delegates Reports for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

## **DELEGATES WEEKLY REPORTS**

### **TRAILER YACHTS**

#### **Report for 12 March 2016**

We had five starters for the Saturday afternoon race, the biggest roll up of TYs for quite some time. Grey Fox with Digger and Danny aboard, Serenity with Wayne and Richard Lech aboard, Momentum with Barry, Ray, John and Greg aboard and Frou Frou with Mica, Andy and Alan and me aboard.

It was great to see Digger back again in fine form. He is an inspiration to all of us TY sailors and we are all glad that he has recovered and back to his usual form.

Mica, who usually skippers a Flying 11, provided a welcome and youthful addition to the crew of Frou Frou. I suppose we will (I will) have to watch our behaviour and our (my) language from now on if we are going to set a good example for our juniors and attract them into TYs.

I know it's getting a bit boring but I have to say again that we had another afternoon of perfect sailing conditions for today's race. We had ten knots of steady breeze from the north east with a little cloud cover keeping the heat of the day down. Thanks very much to Bill Ledger and Steve and Zack Sellers for being duty crew today and setting us a great course. And an additional thanks to Steve for stepping in to help at the last minute.

Now to the race report from my perspective at least. As usual the big boats headed off into the distance with Frou Frou positioned in the middle of the fleet concentrating hard on keeping ahead of Serenity and Grey Fox and trying to stay in touch with Rosstered Off and Momentum. Momentum is really finding her groove upwind now and is proving tough opposition for the rest of us.

The only drama reported was for Serenity's crew Richard Lech who got to try out his self inflating PFD a couple of times. Details were sketchy, was he pushed or did he fall overboard. The inquiry into the event no doubt will identify the cause. Apart from that I think I can say on behalf of all who sailed today that we enjoyed the race and each other's company.

### Results for Pointscore 19

Place	Boat Name	PBH (CBH) in minutes
First	Momentum	81.26 (82.22)
Second	Frou Frou	81.66 (81.66)
Third	Rosstered Off	82.76 (80.92)
Forth	Serenity	83.90 (90.65)
Fifth	Grey Fox	89.11 (89.89)

Just a quick reminder that most TYs will be heading south to Sussex Inlet for the "Basin Chase" this coming weekend. I wish you all good sailing and hope to see you again on the water after the Easter Break.



### SMALL CATS

#### Report for 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016

A hot humid day around 29 degrees Celsius with 10-15 knot NE breeze provided great sailing conditions. Seven (7) catamarans came down to race. In addition Gecko's new owners also came down to for a sail. This week Bill Ledger and Steve sellers doing duty and setting the course. They set a port course. Start line out in the middle of the lake. Windward mark towards IYC entrance, wind mark between Gooseberry Island and clubhouse.

After trampoline repairs and front stay wire replacement Hot Pepper came a little early to set up. Whilst teaching learn to sail Tony Sanderson gave a hand to assist with set up. It was quite hot in the rigging area. After briefing and a burger we set out into the lake.

The moderate NE breeze making for a nice ride out to the middle of the lake. Starts got away on starboard tack. Small cats heading towards Gooseberry Island before tacking and working to the top mark. With rig adjustments Hot Pepper finding good pointing and boat speed put him right up with the front runners. Heading around the windward mark well positioned. Once rounded the cats then headed off towards the wing mark. This buoy appeared a significant distance from the monohull yellow mark, however this created a good reaching angle. Once rounding the wing mark a nice reach was also able to be made straight back to the bottom mark. Then windward return. The small catamarans fleet pretty much led by Jackpot, followed by Hot Pepper, then Groove Thing and then Blue Tongue. See below for yardstick corrected results

Here are the corrected times for both fleets combined.

Skipper	Boat	VYC	Finished	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time
Rob Porter Snr	Shark Bait	73	15:25:23	01:07:55	01:33:02
Jack Kroek	Jackpot	87.5	15:36:45	01:24:17	01:36:19
Ross Boyd	Symphony 2	67.5	15:24:23	01:06:55	01:39:08
Hugh Lewis	Hot Pepper	87.5	15:39:16	01:26:48	01:39:12
Tony Sanderson	Groove Thing	87.5	15:41:47	01:29:19	01:42:05
Paul English	Playtime	81	15:41:22	01:23:54	01:43:35
Jody Mathews	Blue Tongue	87.5	15:59:39	01:47:11	02:02:30

General:

1. Saturday 02/04/2016 & Sunday 03/04/2016 Learn to Sail Camp. END OF SEASON FOR LEARN TO SAIL
2. Reminder that Large Cats Club Championship 3 has been rescheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016



# JUNIOR NEWS

## Junior Training & Junior Racing

### SMALL MONOS

No report this week

*Cheers, Aza*

*"good things come in small packages"*

### JUNIOR REPORT

Last weekend was a bit tricky in the morning for the Junior Race. There was a light Southerly blowing when we first got out on the water, so we set for that breeze and went into a start sequence. With 3 minutes to go the breeze dropped out to nothing then came in from the East/Nor East right on start time. We let the kids go as set off out to the first mark with Spinnakers up. The Course became quite confusing with the double the windward becoming 2 spinnaker legs with the kids trying to tack with their Spinnakers still up. This became quite a challenge also for some crews!

It was great to see some crews stepping up to skipper this week as their Skippers were away. Well done Jack and Braysen. I think Jack needs a smaller crew next time as his Dad didn't look real comfortable.

Back to the racing "Quack" and "Quick Quack" got away to a good lead and some extra breeze leaving the rest of the fleet in their wake to fight it out in a tight tussle.

"Quick Quack" was first across the line from "Quack" and "Beat It" in third.

#### **Race 6 Championship result**

1<sup>st</sup> Quack  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quick Quack  
3<sup>rd</sup> Beat it

#### **Race 13 Pointscore Result**

1<sup>st</sup> Quack  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quick Quack  
3<sup>rd</sup> Beat It

Don't forget the junior camp on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April.

*Regards,*

*Brad Curry*

## LEARN TO SAIL REPORT

### Report for 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016

A warm humid day around 28 degrees Celsius starting with SE 4 - 6 knot breeze swinging to the NE provided near perfect conditions for the learn to sail crew. Around eight (8) young sailors coming along. James defected to try out a sail on a Manly Junior with Jack Markey, who needed someone to practice his skipper skills with.

After setting up the boats we focused on sailing a port direction course (keeping buoys on left hand side). Hannah assisting with her dad and Kody's dad in manning the rubber duckie. They set a triangular course nearby to the shore. Once the marks were put in place the crews set sail. For some it took a little while to come to terms with sailing toward the windward mark without getting in irons (stalling). Once mastered the young sailors started gaining confidence and racing each other.

When the breeze change from SE to NE there was a period when the breeze dropped out. We took the opportunity to practice towing drill to add some variety to the program. Each boat was towed from the deepest mark back towards shore. Focus was on the tow rope being held by hand after wrapping twice around the mast, also needing to keep hold of the rudder and following the towing boat. Also to let go of the rope when towing finished or if they have a problem. There was also a focus on maintaining contact with the rudder and mainsheet when tacking or gybing to keep control of the boat. In the hot conditions towards the end of the session a few wanted to practice their capsizing skills so took the opportunity to jump into the water.

At the end of the day there was plenty of smiling faces. At debriefing we spoke about how the day went and also about the upcoming sailing camp on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. Permission notes were handed out and requested to be return the following weekend Saturday 19/03/2016 (last learn to sail day before camp).

Important dates for learn to sail:

1. Saturday 19/03/2016 last Learn to sail day – hand back filled out camp notices.
2. Saturday 26/03/2016 Easter no learn to sail
3. Saturday 02/04/2016 & Sunday 03/04/2016 Learn to Sail Camp. END OF SEASON FOR LEARN TO SAIL

*Regards Hugh*

### NEXT DUTY WEEK

After Easter

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

**Response Boat Duty:-** I believe we need volunteers

**Canteen Duty:-** Week 1 - Sylvia, Amie & Paula

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen.

\_ ERNEST HEMINGWAY



Till next Newsletter

Gail

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