

the Mainsheet

October 2022

WE'RE BACK

The CSC Mainsheet was an institution back in the day, sometimes 20 pages long. After a decade or two in the wilderness, it's time for a comeback. But we're busy people, so we are introducing this short and sharp bulletin format.

WHAT'S ON

1 Nov	Melbourne Cup @ Cronulla Sailing Club
5-6 Nov	Dolphin Chasers Regatta @ Mannering Park Sailing Club
26-27 Nov	J24 State Titles @ Cronulla Sailing Club

FRIDAY NIGHTS

Entertainment

The club is looking forward to welcoming you back to [Twilight Sailing](#) and socialising each Friday night. Come sunshine or rain the club will be opening and entertaining you with live music. With adequate weather protection you can enjoy a wide range of drinks including a cocktail from our new slushie machine. We're kicking off with a wicked Margarita! The bar opens at 4.00pm so organise to meet your friends and enjoy a magnificent sunset in a casual and relaxing environment.

- Marty Janes

Band Schedule

21 Oct	Craig Woodward
28 Oct	James English
4 Nov	Steve Gambuzza
11 Nov	Craig Woodward



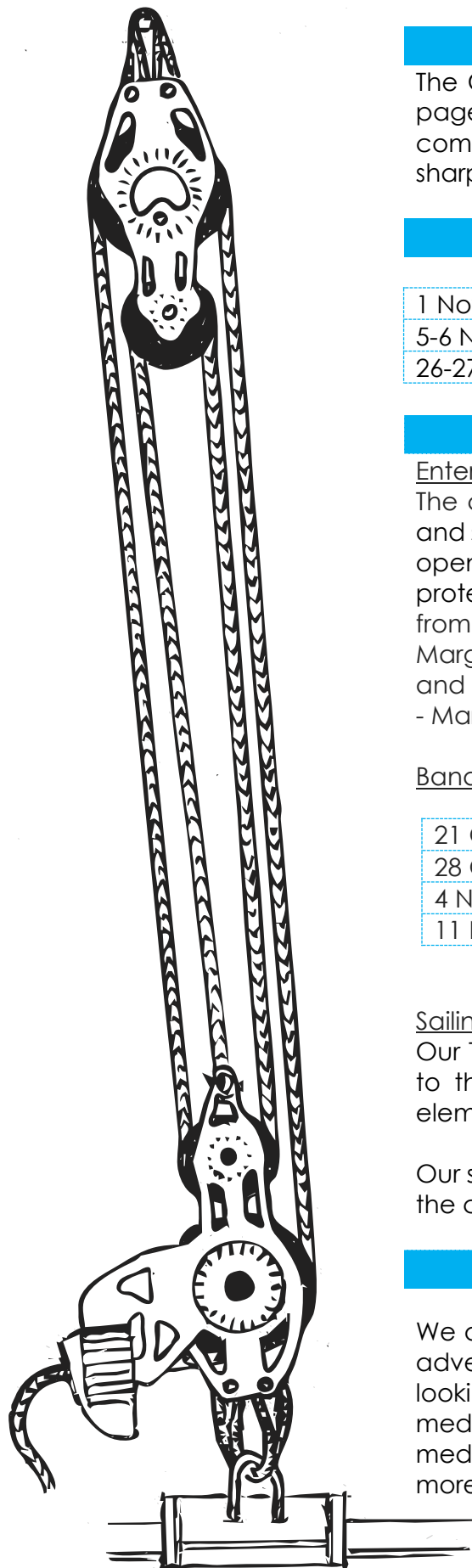
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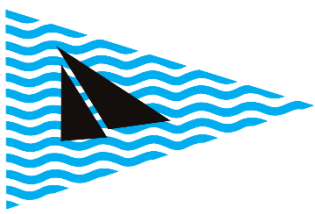
Our Twilight Sailors are back on the water. Only two brave crews took to the water in the first event of the season. They weathered the elements and eventually made it back to dry land.

Our second week of twilight sailing saw 6 boats make their way around the course and enjoy the perfect sunset sail.

HELP REQUIRED

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with club communications and advertising. The role is perfect for someone studying this field and looking for experience. You would be working with the current social media communications leader to produce website material, social media posts, emails, texts and newsletters. Expressions of interest or for more details contact secretary@cronullasc.com.





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SATURDAY SAILING

Welcome to the 2022/23 sailing season, our massive CSC [sailing program](#) endeavours to deliver events suitable for skippers and crews of all ages, be they beginners or rock stars. A notable change this season is CSC Cruising Division 2 being introduced with shorter courses to encourage our smaller keelboats to get on the race track.

The CSC program has begun, but it's not too late to [register](#), check your program for this weekend's events. There is a race for everyone. Keep a close eye on our CSC website cronullasc.com, social media and messaging for important updates.

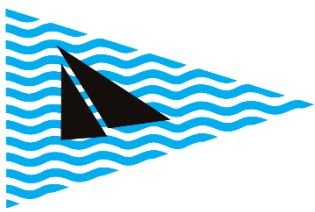
To kick off the keelboat season, CSC and RMYC-PH introduced an interclub mini-series. Ten boats sailed the short haul course to Botany Bay, with Knockabout winning the sheep station. Eight sailed the inshore course, with team Sailmates coming second. Go CSC! The RMYC crew made us all very welcome at their results presentation afterwards. The next interclub event will be announced soon.

Another keelboat initiative, the CSC Short Ocean series, starts its second season this weekend where we offer selected short haul courses of up to 22 miles for our combined Cat4 Inshore 1 and Offshore fleets. This series is designed for keelboats wanting a broader experience and those that might aspire to big regattas like Sail Port Stephens [SPS2023](#) or even Hamo race week and beyond.

Our new keelboat handicapper John Zagame has moved us over to the super-slick SailSys scoring software. Be patient, we are still learning, but results will be posted ASAP on the CSC website [RESULTS page](#).

Sail hard, but always sail fairly and safely. See you all on the water,
CSC RC:yachts Pete Van Ryn





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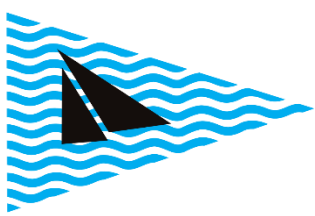
SUNDAY SAILING

Race 1 was held on 9-Oct, and after some strong winds overnight, an assessment of the race course closer to start time confirmed conditions were very much sailable, with 3 boats – Aqua Pest, Sköl and Turtle – quickly rigging and making their way to the start line for a rapid-fire 4-lap windward/leeward course in a 13-18 knot S'ly. As is common in the Estuary in these conditions both wind speed and direction were varied, with Aqua Pest (Drew & Angela) taking an early lead on the first downwind leg by hooking into a good bullet on the Western side of the course. Sköl (Bernard & Luke) and Turtle (Jess & Joss) had a great battle which saw the lead change several times, with Sköl out-foxing Turtle to take second and third place respectively. Aqua Pest extended their lead throughout the race to take a comfortable win, completing the 8 leg course in just half an hour.



Race 2 was held on 16-Oct with a much more benign forecast than the previous week, which saw some of the "fair weather sailors" dust off their boats and hit the race track. A great little Figure 8 course was laid by our starter Ali, which despite the soggy 5-8 knot ESE still gave some great tight reaches, allowing the crews to stretch their legs out on the wire. As the start gun drew closer it was evident the bulk of the fleet has forgotten how to start during the winter months, with all bar Aqua Pest (Drew & Angela) 30+ seconds late off the line, giving them a handy lead right from the get-go. Sköl (Bernard & Luke) and Turtle (Jess & Joss) once again had a good battle for second and third, with Eyas (Pete & Mark), Smashed (Katelyn & Thomas) & After Midnight (Craig & Tobie) battling it out behind them. Aqua Pest once again took a convincing win in the light conditions, from Sköl in second and Turtle third.
- Drew Van Ryn





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JUNIOR SAILING

Tackers 1

We had 7 new members take to the water on 16 Oct in the Tackers 1 course. Instructors Katelyn and Mac introduced sailors to safety on the water and the skills needed for steering a boat. Oliver and Zac paired together for the paddling challenge and worked great as a team. Nathan and Ewan were able to get their boat moving along nice and smooth through the water. Savannah, Ava and Indie had lots of fun and laughs working out the best way to paddle. Thank you to all the parents who helped lift boats in and out of the racks.



Better Sailing

Willow, Rhett and Kiva have previously completed learn to sail programs at CSC and are now working on developing their skills further. In Week 1 Rhett and Kiva worked with instructor Tobie to identify parts of the boat and their purpose and rig their O'pen Skiffs. When they hit the water, they sailed in the bay and practiced some controlled capsizing.

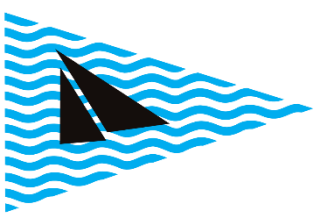


Development Squad

It was a fantastic day for Sophie and Tom on the race track. Sophie had a great start and led for the first lap. Tom got in front and held the lead for the rest of the race. On the final work to the finish Soph caught up and finished just seconds behind Tom. Thank you, Anthony and Nerida, for your support on and off the water. We hope to see Blake back with us next week.



Tayla Linnegar
Junior Sailing Coordinator



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FULL CIRCLE

In November 2012, as a 7 year old boy Tobie Smith attended Learn to Sail at CSC. The course was being taught by Angela Bates, another long time member who spent her youth sailing at CSC.

Tobie didn't have much chance to escape the sailing bug with his dad and two brothers Jeremy and Adam also sailing at Cronulla. With the Smith boys being 4 years apart, dad had visions of light, medium and strong wind crew for NS14 and perpetual crew for MG14 as they got older.

Tobie is now 17 years of age and qualified as an Australian Sailing dinghy instructor. Exactly 10 years after his first Learn to Sail lessons at Cronulla, Tobie instructed our "Better Sailing" course.

In the last 10 years Tobie has sailed Opti, NS14, Lasers, 29ers & MG14 and is also interested in yacht sailing. The sailing bug is alive and well at the Smith household. Dad's wish did come true with Tobie currently crewing MG14 for him after instructing on Sundays.



SHE SAILS YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

On Friday 7 October I proudly represented Cronulla Sailing Club at the She Sails Youth Leadership Workshop. The workshop was held at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron at Kirribilli and was facilitated by Carol Fox & Co.

There were about twenty-five girls who all sailed from different clubs across New South Wales. I got to meet and talk to all of them.

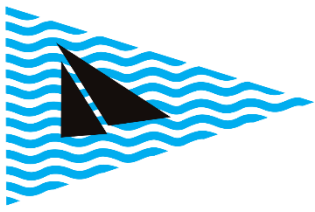
We were taught important life skills such as confident communication and the different ways to communicate with people. We learnt about our body language and different gestures and how to speak with confidence.

The workshop gave me valuable skills and taught me how to communicate with people better. The sailing club was stunning, and the food was delicious.

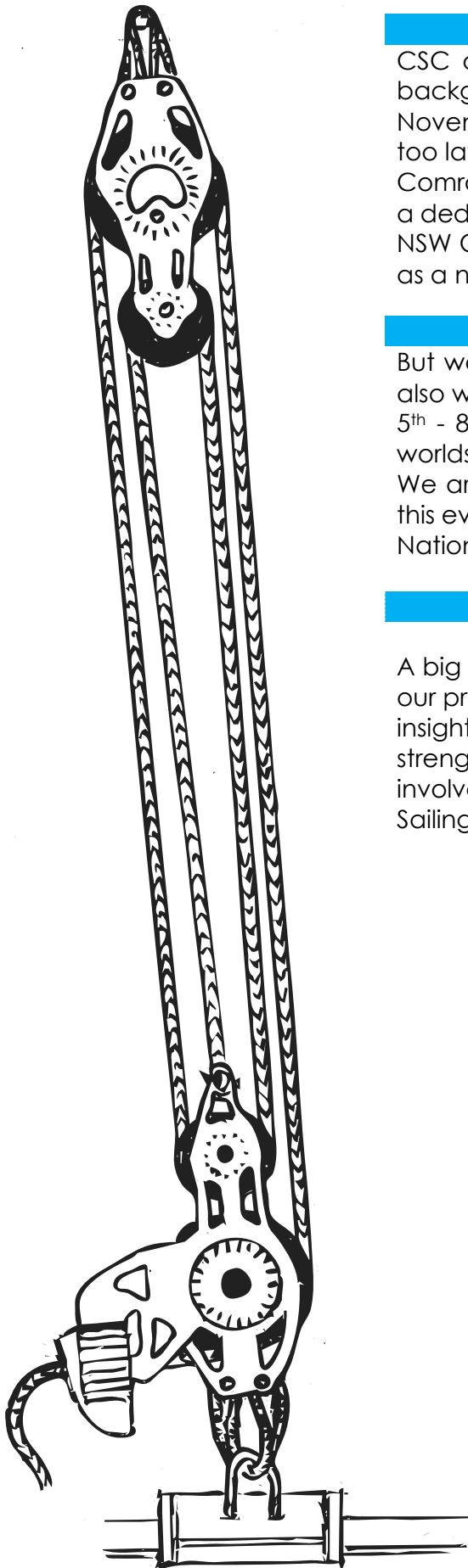
I am very thankful to Cronulla Sailing Club for the opportunity to participate in the workshop, it was an awesome experience!

Thank you
Sophie Woodrow





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J24 NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS

CSC and the J24 Class Association have been working hard in the background to host the J24 States on the weekend of 26th and 27th November. Entries are pouring in, borrow or steal your mate's J24, it's not too late to enter. Visit the CSC website for [regatta entry](#) details.

Comradery within CSC is amazing, our regatta volunteer workforce are a dedicated bunch, thank you each and every one of you. Visit the J24 NSW Championships [Job List](#) to confirm your commitment or to sign up as a new volunteer.

J24 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

But wait, there's always more! CSC and the J24 Class Association are also working hard in the background to host the J24 Nationals from the 5th - 8th January, 2023. This prestigious event is the feeder for the J24 worlds in Greece next September. Entry details will be available soon. We are in the early days of forming a regatta volunteer workforce for this event. We need you to register your interest now, please visit the J24 National Championships [Job List](#) and become a volunteer today.

PROTEST

A big thanks to Harbour race official John Allan who recently presented our protest workshop evening. The aim was to give members valuable insight into the mysterious world of protesting, and at the same time strengthen our [Protest Judge Group](#) formed earlier this year. Please get involved, this is an ongoing initiative from which we all benefit greatly. Sailing is a game with so much to learn, don't be shy to join in.

