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November 2022

WHAT'S ON

25-26 Nov	J24 State Titles - Hosted by Cronulla Sailing Club
3-4 Dec	Open Skiff Manly Cup - Hosted by Manly Yacht Club
9 Dec	Corporate Day - Hosted by Cronulla Sailing Club
11 Dec	Christmas BBQ for 'Off the Beach' racing
17 Dec	Christmas BBQ for 'Keelboat' racing
21 Jan	Navigators Cup - Hosted by Cronulla Sailing Club

FRIDAY NIGHTS

With summer approaching and extended daylight hours Friday nights are really starting to heat up.

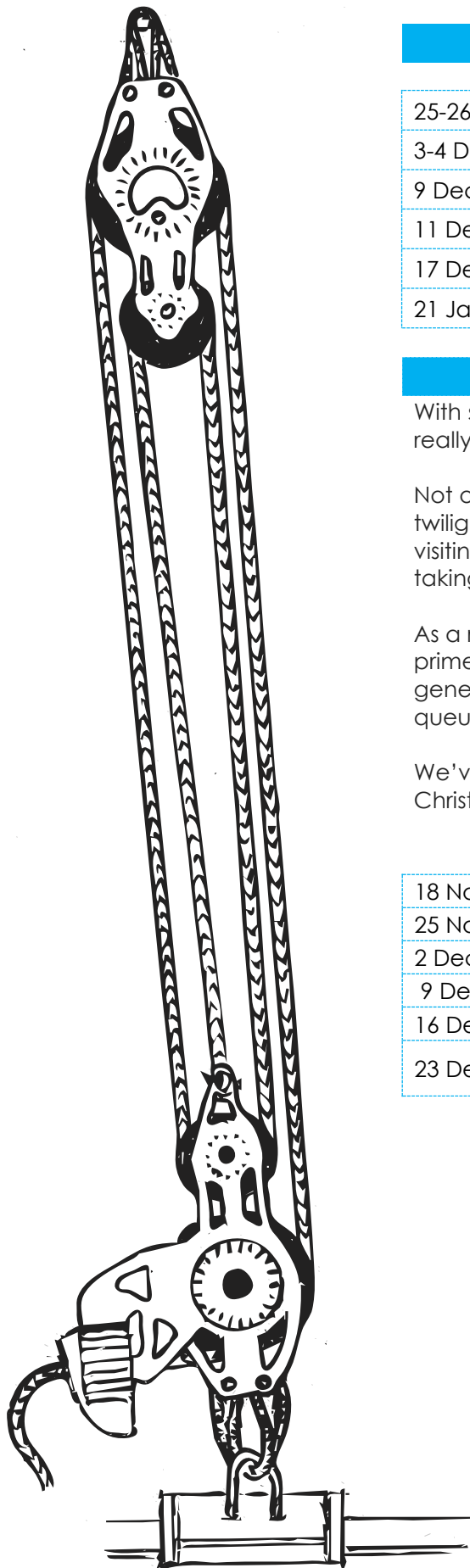
Not only have we seen an increase in the number of boats participating in twilight sailing, we have also seen a large jump in the number of patrons visiting the club house for social drinks, watching the action on the water and taking in some amazing sunsets.

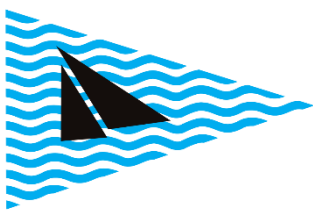
As a result, patrons are getting to the club earlier and earlier to secure their prime seat to watch all the action. While the club opens at 4.00pm to the general public, the venue is open from 3.30pm for members to jump the queue and secure prime position.

We've also secured great line up (below) of entertainment from now until Christmas, with live music from 5.30pm to 9.30pm each week.

18 Nov	Steve Gambuzza
25 Nov	James English
2 Dec	Red Light Ruby
9 Dec	Craig Woodward
16 Dec	Brett Maxworthy
23 Dec	James English

Make plans now to catch up with friends and family to enjoy all that the club has to offer on a Friday afternoon.





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SATURDAY SAILING

CSC invites all Port Hacking keel boat owners to join our racing program.

We cater for all yacht sizes and experience levels, starting with a shortened course for non-spinnaker Cruising 2, full course for non-spinnaker Cruising 1, inshore 2, inshore 1 and offshore. Within that we have one design racing for Etchells, J24s, and Melges. Once a month Inshore 1 and Offshore combine for the Short Ocean series where they get to stick their nose out of Bate Bay and get a bit of big water experience.

Weather wise, keel boats saw a bit of everything over the past month. Saturday 22nd October is notable for the challenging conditions encountered, well in excess of predictions. Those who knuckled down to the busy upwind legs generally reported feeling highly rewarded by the exhilarating downwind legs home. This race day saw several boats in various divisions deciding to retire. Some courses were shortened. A J24 reported a MOB event that was quickly resolved by a fellow competitor. CSC applauds these admirable seamanship decisions. Thanks to Race Officer Dave McLachlan and assistants who had a very busy day.

With local Maritime, Police, and our own CSC support vessels, CSC's estuary, Bate Bay and the surrounding Sydney coast racecourses are a relatively well supported marine environment. Keel boat racing risks are carefully managed every race by CSC Officers, and likewise must be carefully managed by each boat skipper and individually by their crew members.

CSC has a proud history of growing champions, we must use our club racing events as an opportunity to increase our members' collective sailing skills, across all divisions, across a range of inshore and offshore courses, and across a range of conditions. We all need to closely monitor the highly reliable weather forecasts available to us, but at the same time be aware that mother nature can be an unpredictable beast. Challenges arise very quickly on the water, and we sailors must safely manage the risks presented. We all live by the first commandment:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

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

CORPORATE DAY

Cronulla Sailing Club will again host the annual Corporate Day on 9th December 2022. This is a great opportunity to get your work mates together, or maybe bring a Client or three. If you have ever wanted to have a go on a yacht, this is the day for you. This is a fun and relaxed event, sailing experience is not necessary, but enthusiasm is!

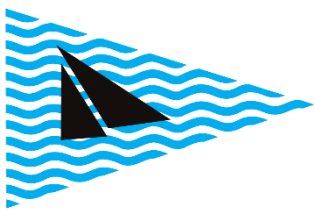
\$80.00 per person - includes 2 hours hands on sailing experience, seafood buffet (vegetarians also catered for) and includes 3 drink vouchers per person.

[Click here to PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

Schedule for the Day:

1215 hrs	Briefing
1300 hrs	First Boat away
1530 hrs	Approx time back to club house
1730 hrs	Drink Vouchers expire (3 per person)

We have several boats with spaces available, ready to welcome you on board. For questions regarding bringing your boat or joining a boat, please contact secretary@cronullasc.com



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SUNDAY SAILING

Off the Beach

Over the last 4 weeks we have had some new crews join us for Sunday afternoon racing. One of our junior Open-Skiff sailors, Tom Woodrow, joined Tayla for a run around the course on the MG. Katelyn Wolfe, who completed our learn to sail program a few years ago, has returned to the club and teamed up with Mark Brady as a super enthusiastic crew. Katelyn's father Richard, who sails out of the RMYC on his dad's NSX38 "Excentric", has been a great asset on the support boat and even got a sail with Pete VR on 13-Nov (and a war story to go with it!).

Another junior, Willow Ray, began her crewing journey with Mark Brady and had the opportunity to sail with Neil 'Murph' Murphy on 13-Nov. Murph was very impressed with Willow's trapezing skills as a first-timer. Murph has been great for getting new crews on the water, also providing Donelle Scarra, a parent of one of our junior sailors, the opportunity to compete in an afternoon race.

Willow's dad Greg has also been a fantastic and consistent help on the Sunday support boat. Willow has been aboard "Sea Hawk" alongside her long-time main trimmer dad Greg for the last two seasons in the Offshore series, which has undoubtedly built her confidence on the water, and competently skippered a Flying 11 in the Better Sailing program on 13-Nov.

It's been great to see the parents of junior sailors manning the rescue boats, as it was in the "good old days". Having consistent support boats on the water takes the pressure off Craig to organise support boat crews week-by-week, and means on-water assistance can be made quickly and efficiently.

It has also been great to have Marshall Harrington back sailing with us again. Marshall jumped in as a celebrity-skipper on "Turtle" and "Sköl" whilst their usual skippers - Jess & Bernard - were away. Marshall & Luke in "Sköl" handed Drew & Angela in "Aqua Pest" their first defeat of the season in Race 1 of the Sprint Series on 6-Nov, but "Aqua Pest" got their revenge in the following two races after some tactical re-adjustments.

Dave 'Magoo' Mackay also graced us with his presence for the MG14 Sprint Series, teaming up with Joss on "Turtle". His new bionic hip and knee held together, and as usual he was a force to be reckoned with off the start line, showing impressive speed to finish 2nd to "Sköl" in Race 1, relegating "Aqua Pest" to 3rd. Joss earned his keep on the day, scooping Magoo back in the boat on several occasions! There's no denying that the "World Chumpion" has still got it, whether he's in a skiff or a keelboat - living up to his reputation of being a genius on the racecourse and a legend in the bar.

We would like to remind our members that the club owns an MG and some lasers. Any club member is welcome to hire these boats for racing. Additionally, if you are looking for a crew or you would like to crew for someone, please contact Tayla on 0435 447 521.



Tom crewing on 'NS'



Katelyn having a ball.



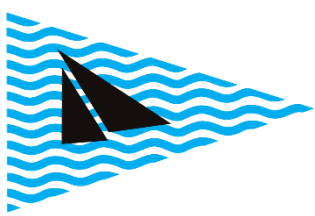
Willow out on the wire



Marshall getting amongst it



Our amazing starter Aliceson



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LEARN TO SAIL

Tackers

Our Tackers have been developing their skills over the past 4 weeks. We have had a mixture of miserable rainy mornings and beautiful mornings in the sunshine too.

The sailors have mastered the skill of rigging an optimist and it is clear that this group are keen when the boats are rigged and ready to go 15 mins before the session even starts.

They have practiced capsizing recovery, just in case, and even completed the compulsory 50m swim. Their tacking and gybing skills are improving with each week and have begun exploring the 'No Go Zone'.



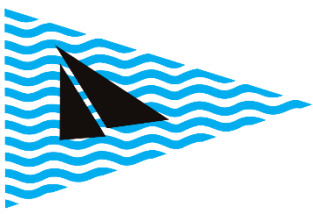
Better Sailing

Over the last five weeks the 'Better Sailing' course has taken place with three students: Rhett, Willow and Kiva. During this course the kids have been practicing various skills such as gybes, tacks, rounding marks, identifying the wind, reversing their boats, and practicing their starts. I've seen a huge improvement and have noticed the sailors have become more independent on the water. Some of the students have even participated in the afternoon sailing. We have one more week left of the course, and I am confident the students will be returning to sail post course.

- Tobie Smith, Instructor

Craig, Mark, Tayla and Drew have been working hard mid-week to re-construct the club Flying 11 "Terminator" for use as a step-up for the older and more confident learn to sail / better sailing kids. Willow, Kiva and Rhett enjoyed challenging themselves for the first time in the Flying 11 last Sunday morning.





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TENDER BOAT

We would like to acknowledge our amazing tender drivers. Jensen, Jim, Mac and Conner do a fantastic job each week ferrying crews around the bay. Tender drivers can be very hard to find so we are extremely lucky to have these guys!

We would also like to remind sailors to ensure they show respect for our drivers. The tender boat has a capacity of 10 therefore only 9 passengers are able to board the boat at any time. Skippers are responsible for ensuring that no more than 9 crew board the tender. If skippers could remind their crews about this rule that would be helpful.

Additionally, if skippers are able to drop the majority of their crew on the dock and moor their boat with skeleton crew that would speed up our process of getting all personnel ashore. If it's a busy day members can also use the putter to assist with picking up crew.

J24 STATE CHAMPS 26th and 27th November 2022

With less than 2 weeks to go, the J24 2022 State Championship planning is well advanced.

We already have 13 entries so far, including two from Victoria and two from the Harbour.

Discounted entries close this Friday 18th November at 1700 hrs.

[Sailing Instructions](#) will be posted in the coming days on CSC's J24 State Champs page.

The CSC Website's J24 State Championships page now hosts an updated workforce [JOB LIST](#) (revision 12, 14/11/2022). Please check it out to view the commitments we have all made. Regatta registration commences on Friday 25th November with racing all day on Saturday and Sunday. It's not too late to get involved in this event. To register as a new volunteer, contact CSC rep Pete VR or J24 Class Rep Fiona Campbell.

On Sunday November 27 we urgently need a mark boat assistant.

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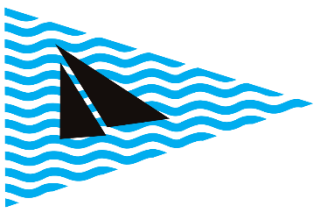
Contact CSC rep Pete VR or J24 Class Rep Fiona Campbell right NOW.

J24 NATIONAL CHAMPS 5th to 8th JANUARY 2023

We have less than 8 weeks until the J24 Nationals at CSC. No pressure, this is a prestigious event being Australia's feeder for the J24 worlds in [Greece 2023](#).

Entries open soon, the [Notice of Race](#) will be posted in the coming days.

Your Race Organising Committee have been pretty distracted fine tuning the J24 State Champs, but are now in full swing organising the J24 Nationals. Regatta registration closes on Wednesday 28th December 2022 with racing all day from Thursday 5th January 2023 to Sunday 8th. The CSC Website's J24 National Championships page now hosts its own workforce [JOB LIST](#) (revision 4, 14/11/2022). With this event being conducted during our summer holidays where many of us are away, socialising and competing in sailing events further afield, carryover of volunteers from the J24 States is not a given so please save the organising committee a lot of angst and take the initiative yourself to check out this [JOB LIST](#) and register as a volunteer. It's a great way to give a little back to your club and a great way to meet your fellow members. Contact CSC rep Pete VR or J24 Class Rep Fiona Campbell. Don't be shy, we are all family, the comradery is amazing. Get on to it NOW!



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MELBOURNE CUP

After a three-year break, the event was back with a bang. Our guests had a great time on a cold and very windy day.

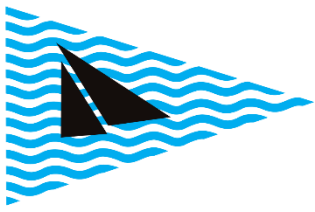
Thanks to all our guests that made the day special but got into the spirit of dressing up and having a little flutter.

Massive thanks to Kerry for running the sweep and her offsiders Brian and Kylie. Job well done by Coxy for getting the tech working in time for the big event.

Well done to Bethany and the team for the fantastic buffet and we look forward to next year.

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RACE RECORDS

CSC is looking to get on top of a number of keel boat race records that have gone unrecorded over recent years. If you are aware of a race record being broken, report the boat name, owner name, date, course, and officiated elapsed time to Rear Commodore: yachts.

WELCOME NEW YACHT 'NINJA'

After joining Pete VR and the crew of Seahawk as a new club member in 2017, I recently 'walked the plank' and jumped into the deep end with my new J112e cruising boat (Yes it IS a cruising boat!) 'Ninja' this year. Currently sailing in Cruising Div. 1 and the Two handed series, although I did note the other crews appeared to be using both their hands on the weekend ... which makes it a Four Handed series doesn't it !?!... anyway, my Wife Gaelle & I will be sure to use all our hands in the next race!

We are looking to step up into Offshore Division 1 as soon as we can get the required safeties (and the needed cash for same) sorted and would be interested in receiving "Expressions of Interest" from potential CREW - perhaps you're a young (or old) dinghy sailor looking to move into keelboats, or maybe you've recently lost your ride and are longing once again for the open sea?

Keep in mind, it is a cruising boat and Gaelle and I are in this for FUN - we certainly don't need the burden of yet another sheep station at this time! Looking after sheep is a bit like organising sailors at a bar after a long, short or even no race at all!

Would be great to hear from anyone interested or at least interesting!

Thanks

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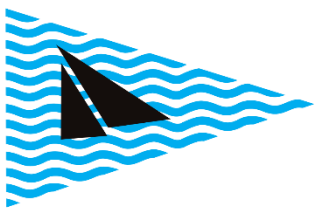
DOLPHIN CHASERS OPEN-SKIFF REGATTA

On the 5th and 6th of November, my brother Thomas and I went to Lake Macquarie and competed in the 2022 Open Skiff-laser Dolphin Chaser Regatta. We camped at Mannering Park Camping Ground and participated in 6 races and 2 adventure races. We got to put into practice some of the things Tayla has taught us in the Cronulla Sailing Club Development Squad. It was fun meeting other kids who sail and compete, making an exciting experience racing along with others at our level. On Saturday afternoon there was a shark spotted just off the start line. I look forward to more regattas to come!

Sophie Woodrow



Photos courtesy of Nerida Stores



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ADDITIONAL SUNDAY SAILING PHOTOS

Sunday 30/10/22 - Courtesy of Jessica Parker



Sunday 13/11/22 - Courtesy of Craig Smith

