



# the Mainsheet

December 2022

## WHAT'S ON

26 Dec	<a href="#">Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race</a>
2-6 Jan	<a href="#">MG14 National Championships</a> - Hosted by St George Sailing Club
4-8 Jan	<a href="#">J24 National Championships</a> - Hosted by CSC
6 Jan	1st Friday night Twilight race at CSC
14 Jan	1st yacht race at CSC
15 Jan	1st dinghy race at CSC
21 Jan	<a href="#">Australia Day Navigators Cup</a> - Hosted by CSC

## COMMODORES REPORT

Well, that has been a hectic 2-year roller coaster recovery from the pandemic and thanks to all the members, we came out on top and it's almost business as usual. Many will know the club lost money through this time, and we were forced to consider other revenue streams moving forward however I am pleased to report due to good weather for Friday night trade and continued sailing and social membership we are looking healthy again.

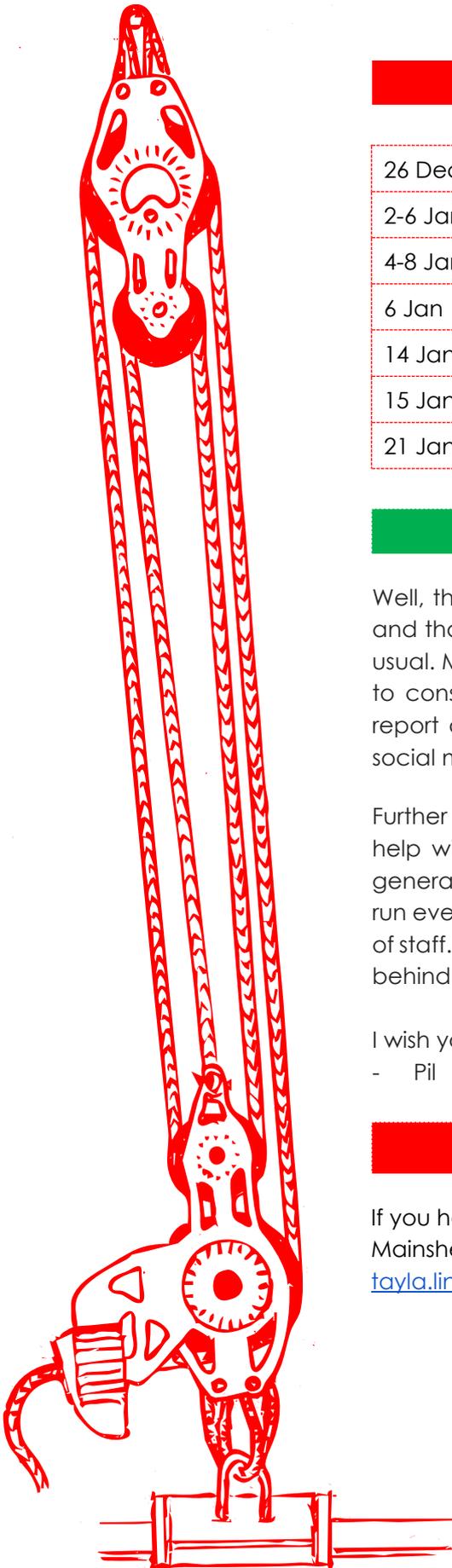
Further to this I'd like to thank all those members that have donated their time to help with the smooth running of Friday nights and sailing days at the club in general. Special mention must go out to Marty Janes who has helped set up and run every night we were open this year which was challenging due to a shortage of staff. Huge effort Marty. I would also like to thank Bronwyn as usual for the efforts behind the scenes. It's huge.

I wish you all a great holiday and a happy new year.

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## MAINSHEET CONTRIBUTIONS

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## REAR COMMODORE YACHTS' REPORT

Suddenly we are halfway through yet another season, how can that be?

December has been a good month for Saturday sailors with a slightly steadier breeze than usual. Unfortunately, the last Saturday before Christmas was cancelled, due partly to good breeze, but more so because of the messy sea state in Bate Bay. Luckily, we are an adaptable lot, with the Christmas party moved to an earlier start on the day, I didn't hear a single grumble.

When we are out there on the water doing what we love to do, there is nothing more important than the safety of us all. In Part One of our bible, the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the first 4 safety rules cover a lot of ground, let's run through them.

### 4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

**4.1.(a) By participating or intending to participate in an event conducted under the rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees to accept the rules.**

The rules are there for our safety and for our enjoyment of our sport. By all means play hard, whether you race twilights or offshore, but play by the rules. The novices amongst us need to study the RRS, in doing so they can use them to their advantage to improve their results.

### 3. DECISION TO RACE

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

This year on a number of occasions we have had keel boats not starting or retiring because the conditions were particularly unfavourable for them, this may cause disappointment at the time, but such actions are a sign of strength and good seamanship.

### 2. FAIR SAILING

**A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play.**

This pretty much goes hand in hand with Acceptance of the Rules noted above. Certainly, play the rules to your advantage, but always play fair. One angle of sportsmanship that we sometimes see mishandled is where a legend-in-their-own-lunchtime might bluff an inexperienced boat. Yes, you might say it is your right, but do recognise the danger you may be inflicting on your crew and any novice sailors around you.

### 1. SAFETY

#### 1.2. Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices

**A boat shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item ready for immediate use, unless her class rules make some other provision. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.**

Across both CSC and RMYC-PH there have been a string of MOB events this season.

It is surprising how quickly your boat moves away from your MOB. This is a timely reminder that all keel boats; in all divisions; on all courses from Twilight to Offshore have a duty of care to have the required safety equipment ready for immediate deployment, no dumb arguments, no exceptions please.

### 1. SAFETY

#### 1.1. Helping Those in Danger

**A boat, competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.**

At some point each of us may have an experience where we give aid or stand-by. Our reactions to assist are instinctive but be mindful to stand-by a safe distance off. The boat suffering the distress will no doubt be focussed on their task and not necessarily watching the whereabouts of a boat that has come to their aid. Stand well clear, anticipate their seemingly erratic movement, and recognise their need for good space to manoeuvre. Remember that redress is always available to any boat that stops to assist another.

Merry Christmas everyone.  
Cheers, Pete.



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## SUNDAY SAILING

### Race Report from Sunday 20 Nov

The day promised to give us a NE of 15-20 Knots, but on arriving at the club around 12pm it looked like it would be disappointing with little to no wind. But by the time the start came it turned out to be exactly what the BOM had advised in the 15+knots wind, go figure.

The usual culprits were there with seven boats lining up on the starting line. With Mark Brady again teaming up with Katelyn Wolf and Neil Murphy with Willow Ray it looked to be a trying day for the newcomers and light weights. The wind did not disappoint, and they both had several unscheduled swims during the race but all boats finished which is a credit to these crews.

Smashed (Katelyn Parker & Tom Surmon) and Turtle (Jessica Parker & Joss Dal Vera) lined up on the start with the fleet and were right in the middle of the action. The Twins effectively sandwiching Aqua Pest with Drew and Skol with Bernard between them at the start, they were both going fast and had the boat speed to cause havoc to these 2 experienced skippers. Turtle continued this form all the way to the top mark and managed to round just a boat length behind Aqua Pest and in front of both Skol 3rd and Smashed 4th.

The 3rd leg was a reach from Bundeena to Fisheries which due to the slightly more northerly wind turned out to be a very tight reach. Aqua Pest and Turtle were still out in front with Skol and Smashed close behind, the wind was not kind and the lead boats were pushed well down with a spinnaker and had to drop and 2 sail reach back up to the mark. Skol on the other hand with either extreme skill (or some other attribute maybe too much beer of the years) managed to keep quite high and closed the margin to the lead boats.

At the fisheries mark Aqua Pest still had the lead closely followed by Turtle and Skol completing the top three. This mark required the relaunch of the spinnaker and Turtle, decided that they were hungry, went prawning with the spinnaker leaving a considerable "man size" hole as the final result. This allowed Skol and Smashed to move through to second and third place and put Turtle well out of the running.

The next 2 laps were raced including the windward and return with the positions staying much the same with Aqua Pest 1st, Skol 2nd, and Smashed 3rd. The wind and waves combination made for some very uncomfortable downhill legs with all boats handling it well. Although a very hotly contested 2nd and 3rd place as Smashed was moving very fast pushing Skol all the way and Aqua Pest being their normal composed self.

At the famed fisheries mark on the 3rd lap Smashed had just managed to get past Skol after some very good sailing and proceeded to Jibe across to the Bundeena mark without rounding the fisheries mark. Of course, Skol took full advantage of this and continued on the course to round the mark normally and gain a good half leg lead from the slip up. Skol was back into 2nd place and neither Smashed nor Turtle could recover from the earlier mishaps and catch up again. The final placing for the top three were Aqua Pest 1st, Skol 2nd, Smashed 3rd.

It is great that the boats in the fleet are now having to fight to keep their positions and is making for some very tight racing if not for the 2 major mishaps the results might well have been different.

- Bernard Parker



Photo credit: Bernard Parker



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## JUNIOR SAILING

Our junior sailing programs have finished for the year. Our 'Better Sailors' have exceeded expectations and challenged themselves each week. All our Tackers had an amazing time and are planning on continuing their sailing next year.

We would like to take this chance to sincerely thank our instructors. Tobie, Katelyn and Mac, along with Craig who helped out on our last week, have done a fantastic job of running fun and educational sessions each week. Without these coaches our programs would not be possible!

- Tayla Linnegar



Photo credit: Craig Smith

## SAILABILITY

Sailability Cronulla sails on the 1st and 3rd Thursday and Sunday of the month depending on volunteers. After Covid 19 we were concerned that we would not get back to our previous volunteer figures nor passenger numbers, but it is amazing how we bounced back. With our latest sailing we had 17 volunteers for the day and a consistent 22 students from Endeavour Sports High and Port Hacking High on a regular basis and have been contacted by another school who would like to bring 10 students along sailing.

Our sailing days average has improved compared with last year with better sailing conditions, as part as our rules we will not sail in over 14 knots which does reduce the number of sailing days. In order to meet the needs of the impending increased number of passengers we are looking at purchasing a new boat and will be looking at where to where can we keep it.

Unluckily we were unable to sail Sundays this year due to a lack of crew and dock staff and we are currently looking at how to attract volunteers to help out on Sunday as we will need approximately 2 to 4 skippers, 2 personnel to work on the dock and 2 more to help to handle the boats out of the storage racks. If anyone is interested, they can contact me on either [martin@mwf.net.au](mailto:martin@mwf.net.au) or 0418 262 810. It should be noted that all volunteers must have Working With Children clearance and must have three Covid inoculations.

Regards  
Martin Tabone



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## CORPORATE DAY

Last Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December we ran the annual Corporate Day event. It was good to see a bunch of non-sailors out there, invited along by various skippers and regular crew.

Sea Hawk had some colourful characters on board all wearing fluoro, straight from various construction sites. Ally Cat had a much more upmarket crew on board all looking like well-dressed sailors. Ambush was also out there with a likely bunch of contenders on board.

The wind was strong and the Tradies on Sea Hawk we're giving it a good crack when the outhaul block at the base of the mast failed giving them a chance to put some tradie skills to use.

Congratulations to Ambush taking out line honours.

The after party back at the club had some great food and company, Bronwyn did a great job of the festivities back at the club.

A number of the Sea Hawk corporate day non-sailors then backed it up with the Friday twilight race on Jargon J24.

All things considered it was a great day and we hope to see many boats out there again next year giving it another crack with their non-sailor mates.

- Bob Sagar





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## J24 NSW STATE TITLES 2022

On 26-27 November Cronulla hosted the J24 NSW State titles along with the J24 Southern Sydney Fleet. The event was a huge success for all parties.

Steve Quigley and his family crew on Convicts Revenge won 3 of the 6 heats and took out the title of NSW State Champions. Cronulla boats, Stamped Urgent (Dave "Macca/Magoo" McKay), and Tinto (Steve Wright) finished with equal points with Stamped Urgent taking out 2<sup>nd</sup> place on a countback.

The PHS results were very close with 5 different heat winners and the first 10 boats within 11 points from first. Ace (Dave West) took out first place in PHS series followed by Stamped Urgent and Poker Face (Adam Keys-Tilley).

NSW J24 Association President Dave West shared the following statement:

*The hospitality (especially the great BBQ spread each day) and race management shown from Cronulla Sailing Club was second to none, as always. The call from Harry Parker and the Manly Yacht Club youth team at the presentation was echoed by all in thanking the Club and all those behind the scenes, especially: Fiona Campbell, Bronwyn Elford, the café, cooking and BBQ volunteers and Bar staff, Macca for hosting the Victorian trailers and crew, Rob Croucher for billeting two whole teams, and the great assistance with craning from the boys from Tinto.*

*If this regatta is any indication of what to expect at the Nationals also to be held at Cronulla... THEN BRING IT ON!*



Photo credit: Bronwyn Elford



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## MELGES 24 NSW STATE TITLES

On 12th-13th of November 'No Mercy' skippered by Burke Melia and 'Panther' skippered by Steve O'Rouke travelled to Lake Macquarie to compete in the state championships. No Mercy and Panther finished 4th and 5th respectively. Congratulations to all competitors.



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## J24 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TITLES 2023

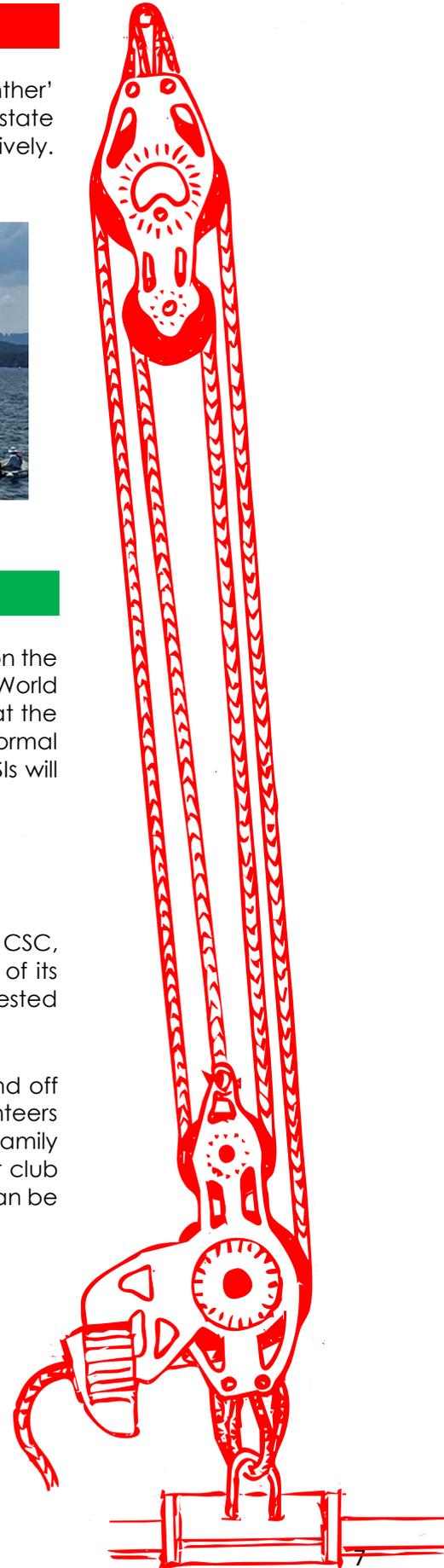
Entries are pouring in from near and far. As well as being just good clean fun on the water, this event is a fight for the right to attend the prestigious J24 World Championships in Greece later in 2023. Good luck to all those participants at the pointy end of the fleet. Get onto the J24 or CSC websites for entry details. Normal entries close on 28/12/2022. The NOR was posted some time ago, and the SIs will be posted in the very near future.

Registration day: Wednesday 4th January 2023.  
Four days of racing: Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th January 2023.

The pressure is on, we now have less than 2 weeks until the J24 Nationals at CSC, and two weeks of family Christmas festivities in between, but CSC is proud of its strong volunteer base that has committed to assist during this hotly contested event. You are all legends!

The Regatta Committee is still welcoming volunteers to help out both on and off the water throughout the event. We will be in touch with all committed volunteers in the near future. Don't be shy if you wish to be a new volunteer, we are all family and the comradery is amazing. It's a great way to give a little back to your club and a great way to meet your fellow members. Get on to it NOW! Enquiries can be directed to:

CSC Rep: Pete                      [pete@oldsea.com.au](mailto:pete@oldsea.com.au)  
J24 Rep: Steve                     [sjwright01@bigpond.com](mailto:sjwright01@bigpond.com)





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## NAVIGATOR'S CUP 2023

The 25th running of the Navigators Cup will be held on Saturday, 21st January 2023.

The Australia Day Regatta Navigator's Cup is a unique offshore yacht race commemorating the sailing history associated with Botany Bay, Australia's first port.

An invitation is extended to all eligible yachts, both CSC members and non-members, to compete in the Australia Day Navigator's Cup hosted by Cronulla Sailing Club on behalf of the 2023 Australia Day Regatta initiatives.

**All entries must be completed online.** A link will be posted soon on the Nav Cup Online Notice Board (ONB). [NAVIGATORS' CUP ENTRY](#)

CSC members must complete the online entry form, there is no entry fee for financial CSC members, and registered CSC yachts do not need to submit the required documentation.

NON-CSC entrants must complete the online entry form, pay a nominal entry fee and submit the required documentation.

Courses shall start in the Port Hacking Estuary in the vicinity of the Bass and Flinders Monument. The event will host three offshore courses to Botany Bay, as well as inshore courses within Bate Bay. Fleets will include Offshore (combined mono and multi), Inshore Div1 + Inshore Multihulls, Inshore Div2 + Cruising Div1, and Etchells + Cruising Div2.

CSC Navigator's Cup Committee:

CSC Secretary: Bronwyn [secretary@cronullasc.com](mailto:secretary@cronullasc.com)

CSC RC-yachts: Pete [petevr@oldsea.com.au](mailto:petevr@oldsea.com.au)

## SYDNEY TO HOBART ROLEX YACHT RACE 2022

Good luck to everyone competing in the Sydney to Hobart race on Boxing Day. We wish all participants a safe and speedy trip. Spectators can track the boats heading south on the [Rolex Sydney to Hobart](#) Website. Watch out for these boats with our past and present members onboard.

**Ariel** - Cooper Ellis, Mathew Short

**Denali** - Josh Linnegar

**Hamilton Island Wild Oats** - Steve Quigley

**URM Group** - Bryce Edwards, Ben Piggott, Paddy Bannon, Philip Marshall

**Willow** - Tim Sellars



## HOUSEKEEPING

Next time you leave the Club, please don't place your empties, broken boat parts or rubbish near the boom gate at the end of the hardstand. Stop and think of the house-proud volunteer who will then have to waste their time picking up and disposing of your mess. Please take all rubbish with you.

We would like to wish all our members and their families

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*