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January 2023

WHAT'S ON

21 Jan	Navigators Cup - Hosted by Cronulla Sailing Club
11-12 Feb	Kurnell Cup - Hosted by Kurnell Catamaran Club
28 Feb	Lisa Blair's Antarctica Adventure talk - Hosted by RMYC-PH, 7pm

REAR COMMODORE (YACHTS) REPORT

Welcome to 2023, with its customary revelry, Christmas and New Year seemed to come and go in a flash, then we moved straight into regatta season.

The first week of the new year saw the MG National Championships at St George Sailing Club get off to a great start with fine but demanding conditions on the first three of five race days, but blown out for the last two days, hear their full report below.

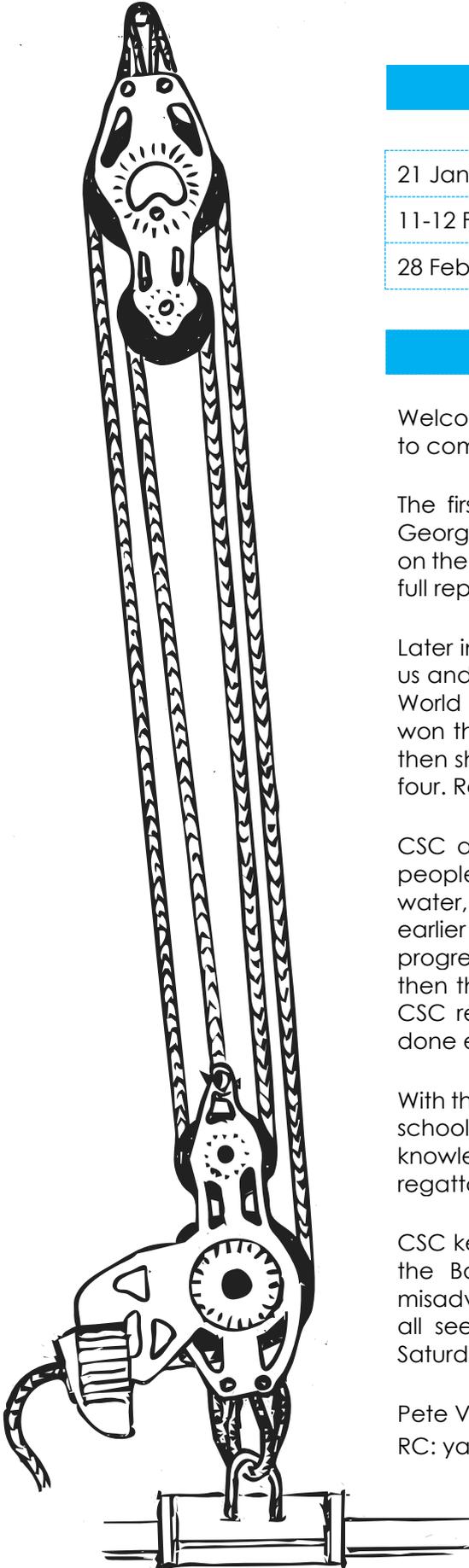
Later in the same week saw the J24 National Championships being hosted by us and SSF at CSC, this event was hotly contested being the feeder to the J24 World Championships in Thessaloniki, Greece later in the year. Mother nature won the first two of four days with her impressive display of wild weather, but then she settled down enough to allow six races to be held on days three and four. Read all about their glory and occasional misadventures below.

CSC and SSF would like to send out a massive thankyou to the roughly 40 people, many first time regatta volunteers, who contributed off-water and on-water, in preparation and over the course of the regatta. Looking forward earlier last year the logistics were a bit daunting, but with the benefit of progression from the J24 Winter Regatta in June, to the J24 States in November, then the J24 Nationals just concluded, we were able to reignite the amazing CSC regatta comradery not seen at CSC since before the pandemic. Well done each and every one of you, you did us proud.

With the considerable help of our J24 regatta Race Officer, John Allan, we were schooled in the wise ways of Australian Sailing's regatta organisation, this knowledge is being assembled into a legacy document aimed to assist CSC's regatta planning into the future. Many thanks John.

CSC keel boats kicked off the post Christmas season with good conditions for the Bate Bay triangles course on Saturday 14th January. Our streak of misadventures continued with two masts down and other minor damage, but all seemed to agree this was a good shake down in preparation for this Saturday's Navigators Cup.

Pete VR
RC: yachts





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NAVIGATORS' CUP 2023

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

INVITATION

An invitation is extended to all eligible yachts from all Sailing Clubs to compete in the Botany Bay Australia Day Navigators' Cup, hosted by Cronulla Sailing Club, on behalf of the 2023 Australia Day Regatta.

The event will host three offshore courses to Botany Bay, as well as inshore courses within Bate Bay. Fleets include Offshore, Inshore Div1 + Inshore Multihulls, Inshore Div2 + Cruising Div1, and Etchells + Cruising Div2. Entry is free to financial CSC racing keelboats.

ENTRY

[Click HERE](#) for the **Official CSC ENTRY** link.

All boats, including free entry for CSC members, **must enter** via this link.

ONLOOKERS

The Navigators' Cup is a spectacle not to be missed from our shoreline. Race starts and finishes can be viewed from Bundeena or Bass and Flinders Monument, Gowrie Street, Cronulla. Racing in Bate Bay can be viewed along The Esplanade and Cronulla's Beaches; along the Kurnell Peninsula from the Cape Bailey Track in Kamay Botany Bay National Park; and along the Sydney Coast to Coogee Bay where the offshore fleet round Wedding Cake Island.

FRIDAY NIGHTS

January is known as the hottest month of the year making it the perfect time to enjoy the club's outdoor venue with family and friends.

To add some additional interest, we've also decided to spice things up with a little change to our food offering on Fridays. We are currently trialling different cuisines each week with food trucks. Last week we had traditional Balkan food with Cevapi King. This week we have classic burgers by 'Eat My Buns Burgers' followed by Vietnamese next week. Watch our social media for future cuisines.

Let's not forget what makes a good night at the sailing club – entertainment. We have the following line of bands for the balance of January and February.

20th January - Brett Maxworthy

27th January - Sam Dowing

3rd February - James English

10th February - Kye Brown

17th February - Brett Maxworthy

24th February - James English

Bring your dancing shoes and vocals.

Our Friday night twilight continues to grow as we are seeing more boats on the water and more new people trying the sport of sailing in a relaxed environment. If you're keen to get out on the water on a Friday, please get in contact secretary@cronullasc.com





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J24 NATIONAL TITLES 2023

Racing was scheduled to run from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th January 2023 with an aim to complete 12 races. Hughie had other ideas. Racing for Thursday was cancelled the day before and replaced with a lunchtime welcome BBQ. On Friday, crews fronted up to CSC only to eventually have racing abandoned for a second day due to the weather. Suddenly the 4-day event had been compressed into a 2-day-er and the pressure was on. The sacred drop was no longer a given when there were no guarantees how many races would (or could) be completed.

Thanks to our volunteer Glenn Smith with photographer Marg on board for their insightful positioning for some amazing action shots of our adventures.. or is that misadventure!? Marg can be found on facebook at [Marg's Yacht Photos](#) or contacted for images at yachtphotos@yahoo.com

In **Race 1**, Convicts Revenge, Innamincka and Sailpac showed us how it was done, taking out the first three places respectively. Unfortunately, Poker Face had to retire after a spectacular wave surf, brisk gybe and unfortunate bump to the head. They were one of four retirements from the race with El Fideldo breaking their mast in two places, Sailmates completing a chinese gybe' and ending up with a couple of head knocks and Jargon who made the sensible 'too much for us' decision, being the other retirements.

In **Race 2**, the conditions remained challenging with gusts peaking beyond 30 knots at times. Two Dogs were undone by gear failure as their rudder snapped in two on the downwind leg, resulting in some impressive (and involuntary) circle work. Sailpac, Tinto and Convicts came out on top. In the last race for the day (**Race 3**), Convicts, Sailpac and Kaotic on the winner's circle.

Sunday, the day that would make and break hopes and dreams of qualifying for worlds in Greece later in 2023. The sun was shining and with all crew back on board, Poker Face were back in the action along with El Doggo (Two Dogs + El Fideldo's rudder) as well as Jargon and Sailmates, the girls team. As if the anticipation of getting underway wasn't enough, sailors endured three false starts (one general recall and two postponements during the sequence) before the dreaded black flag raised its head in **Race 4**. The stakes were on. All boats played by the rules with a clear start. Poker Face were early leaders of the race with a cracking start, before Two Dogs pulled into the lead around the top mark the second time around. They maintained the lead, finishing 27 seconds before second place Innamincka. Bruschetta weren't far behind in 3rd place.

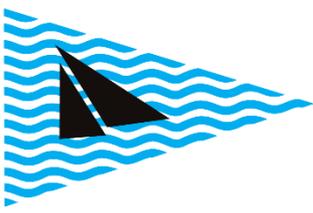
For **Race 5**, there were some headsail swaps and Sailpac led the way. Bruschetta finished 2nd followed by Two Dogs in 3rd. The last race of the regatta was **Race 6**. Completing this race would qualify all boats for one drop which was always going to play havoc with the overall places. 1st was Sailpac, followed by Convict Revenge. Jab finished strongly in 3rd place.

Despite moments of brilliance across the board, ultimately NSW and SSF took the podium spots with Sailpac in 1st place, Convicts Revenge in 2nd and Tinto in 3rd. See full results [here](#). Congratulations to all participants. It was a tricky regatta in conditions that many would not have experienced before on a J24.

Adapted from a report by Megan Aulich

Photos below by [Marg](#)





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MG NATIONAL TITLES 2023

The New Year brought with it a nice 15knts for the invitational race. The Cronulla sailors were dusting off some cobwebs and limbering up, maybe sobering up, after the Christmas and New Year festivities. All was going well until Turtle, sailed by Jess and Joss, decided it was a bright idea (we've all had those) to clean the rudder blade of weed while the spinnaker was up and approaching the mark rounding. Needless to say, calamity struck, the rudder flew out of its home and suddenly Turtle, now out of control, was on a collision course with Smashed, sailed by Katelyn and Brendan. Luckily for Turtle, we pulled some acrobatics and kept the boat up right whilst our tactic to 'accidentally' take out Smashed conveniently worked with Smashed upside down after the debacle. Turtle did our turns, waved goodbye to Smashed while they were conveniently 'turtled' themselves and sailed on with a "completely unplanned" advantage. Thankfully for the Cronulla gang, Aqua Pest, sailed by Drew and Angela, were holding up the Cronulla name finishing 3rd on scratch. After all the drama, Smashed still managed to make a comeback, taking out 1st on handicap too for Cronulla!

Day 1 of Nationals brought with it less drama thankfully, with Skol, sailed by Marshall and Luke, Aqua Pest and Turtle pulling out some solid performances with finishes of 4th and 6th, 8th and 7th, 6th and 10th respectively. Smashed, with Katelyn and her new ring-in crew Josh (her regular crew was stranded in Cairns) finished the day with a 20th and 19th which was a job well done in the trying conditions, whilst After Midnight, sailed by Craig and Tobie, finished the first race in 22nd and after suffering some unfortunate boat issues in the second had to retire.

Day 2 continued with a steady 15-20knts for both races. Skol took advantage of the breeze and utilised some skill to keep the boat upright to come in 3rd for the first race of the day. Aqua Pest kept their cool, finishing race 1 in 6th. Turtle kept up the pace in the strong breeze finishing with a 9th, and with Smashed's full contingent finally in Sydney, Thomas and Katelyn managed to place 13th in the first race. Unfortunately for Smashed, the good luck ended pretty quickly as the elastic for the trapeze wires snapped on the starting line, sailing the whole second race with trapeze wires flying everywhere in the breeze. After Midnight braved the strong breeze with an impressive finish in 23rd after a few swims. The breeze continued to build into the second race with Turtle taking advantage and finishing 5th, Skol claimed 8th, Aqua Pest 11th, Smashed 18th and After Midnight finishing in 23rd.

Day 3 brought with it a much lighter breeze, Aqua Pest took full advantage finishing all 3 races on the podium with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd. After Midnight also did well in the lighter breeze, achieving a 20th and two 17th places. Turtle finished with a 22nd, 13th and a DNF after an unfortunate mishap where the finish line was unable to be located (oops). Smashed finished the day with an 18th and two 19th places. Skol unfortunately had some issues with its kite and had to retire for the day.

Day 4 and 5 brought in a strong 20-30knts and racing was unfortunately abandoned on both days, which left plenty of time for a few (or maybe more than a few) drinks in the new St George Sailing Club with some good company.

Congratulations to all who competed at the Nationals, with some fabulous results from the Cronulla sailors to end the series.

CSC Scratch results:

5th - Aqua Pest (Drew and Angela)
9th - Turtle (Jess and Joss)
13th - Skol (Marshall and Luke)
20th - Smashed (Katelyn and Thomas)
22nd - After Midnight (Craig and Tobie)

CSC Handicap Results:

5th Aqua Pest (Drew and Angela)
6th After Midnight (Craig and Tobie)
12th Smashed (Katelyn and Thomas)
24th Turtle (Jess and Joss)
25th Skol (Marshall and Luke)

Report by Jess Parker and Joss Dal Vera



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CRUISING DIVISION 2

The newly created Cruising division 2 has been designed by the Sailing Committee to offer members a racing category which caters for novice crews sailing less competitive boats and a desire for less vigorous and time consuming participation in racing.

Unfortunately to date the numbers entered in the Division casually or for the season have been small. If you would like to discuss entry into this fleet or find out more details please contact Jim Ley (Class Captain) on: 0414 062 536.

HARBOUR WEEKEND

The legendary Cat4 keelboat Harbour weekend was reintroduced into our program in 2022. We sail up Saturday, spend the night at the CYCA (or not, if you are so inclined) and sail home Sunday. An exciting weekend of sailing was enjoyed last year, and with a race record being broken on the trip up (go Googsie, yep.. you heard right!), there was much celebration at the CYCA bar until late that evening! It comes around again this year on the weekend of 18th and 19th March and promises to be bigger and better with our friends from the RMYC-PH invited along as part of our inaugural Interclub Series. All you skippers out there, start organising your crew now.

For all you inshore sailors and wannabes, this event has a long standing tradition of offering an open invitation to all sailing members to come along and try offshore sailing. Talk to a skipper you know, or ask the RC:yachts petevr@oldsea.com.au to find a yacht for you to sail on. Sundays are particularly popular as skippers get a bit needy after Saturday night crew depletion.

LISA BLAIR

At 7pm on 28th February at the RMYC-PH, Lisa Blair will tell us about how she became the fastest person to solo-sail, non-stop and unassisted around Antarctica. What an amazing feat! Book now on the RMYC-PH sailing website, entry is by a \$20 donation.

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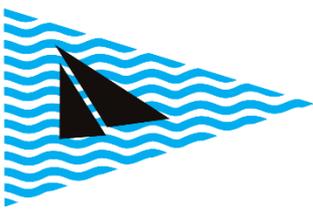
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28TH FEBRUARY 2023, 7PM**

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**TICKETS
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JUNIOR SAILING

After months of emails, communications and people waiting to get a spot in our School Holiday Learn to Sail courses we finally got things up and running and almost filled two courses without any advertising. We had 13 sailors complete courses over 4 days from 10th Jan - 13th Jan.

Our head coach Tobie did a fantastic job of instilling knowledge in the future generations of our club. All sailors made fantastic progress over the 4 days and all had fun at the same time.

The weather was kind with light breezes in the morning for our 'Start Sailing 1' program and the nor-easters built in the afternoon to challenge our 'Better Sailing' team. There were a few 'hairy' gybes and plenty of capsized practice but still there were smiles all around.



GARDENER WANTED

If you have a green thumb and a few spare hours each month we need you. We are looking for a volunteer who can tend to the gardens on the driveway, remove weeds, whipper snip the rock face and do a general tidy up of the area. If this sounds like something you could help out with please get in touch with Tayla. tayla.linnegar@outlook.com





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MEET THE MEMBERS: TAYLA LINNEGAR

My name is Tayla Linnegar. I first started sailing at Port Hacking Open Sailing Club (PHOSC) in 2005 when I was 10 years old. I began my career in Manly Juniors and progressed to Flying 11's. I was lucky enough to be part of CYCA's youth development squad for 2 years where I sailed the Elliot 5.9's. I then moved on to Northbridge Seniors (NS14) and when that became too repetitive, I converted to the Manly Graduates (MG14).

In 2011 I became a qualified Dinghy Instructor and ran many programs at PHOSC.

In 2017 I started racing on Saturdays at CSC on the Farr 44 "Sea Hawk". I loved the social side of CSC and I grew fond of having a drink at the bar after racing. A few years later I brought my MG from PHOSC to CSC and joined the 'Dark Side' for Sunday racing.

In May 2021 Marty Janes convinced me to join the Sailing Committee and I helped form the Development Squad to provide a pathway for our juniors to move from Learn to Sail to afternoon racing. I coached 4 juniors on a Sunday afternoon in the estuary which was fantastic to see juniors on the race track again.

By the end of 2021 I was on the Board of Directors for the 21/22 season. During this year I continued to support the juniors and started to get my head around how things get done around here. I organised the current CSC shirts so I could finally get rid of my PHOSC one.

I am once again sitting on the Board and Sailing Committee for the 22/23 season with my main focus being the Juniors. I have taken over Junior Sailing Coordinator from Marty (I see what you did there!). The last 4 months have been chaos finding coaches, organising info for the website, advertising and just general communications with all the players that are involved in a job like this.

Turning up on Sunday mornings and during my school holidays has been a challenge some days but so rewarding as well! I love seeing all the kids on the water enjoying sailing as much as I did when I was a kid. I am so happy to be part of the future of sailing and the future of the club.

This year I have also reignited The Mainsheet with the support of Pete Van Ryn. We hope that this form of communication entertains our members and allows insight into the goings on of the club and its members.

I am hoping that this insight into my sailing life will be an example of what's to come. I will be contacting members and offering the opportunity to share their stories and their sailing experiences with our members in future Mainsheet editions. I am still getting to know all 'The Greats' around the club so if you have someone that you would like to hear from please feel free to email me tayla.linnegar@outlook.com

See you on the water (or at the bar)
Tayla

