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March 2023

26 March	Last day of dinghy racing - CSC BBQ
1-2 April	MG14 State Titles - Hosted by CSC
3 April	Adult Learn to Sail Information Night
12-14 April	Junior Learn to Sail program
15 April	Last day of yacht racing - CSC BBQ
23 April	Newcastle to Port Stephens Race
24-29 April	Sail Port Stephens

REAR COMMODORE (yachts) REPORT

Friday Twilight attendance has been relatively strong, but Saturday keelboat numbers are low.

18th February Summer Series saw 10 starters across 4 divisions, with Inshore 1 representing the strongest fleet with 5 starters.

4th March Summer Series saw 13 starters across 4 divisions, with the combined Short Ocean fleet represented by 9 starters.

18th Feb and 4th March Windward leeward series were abandoned.

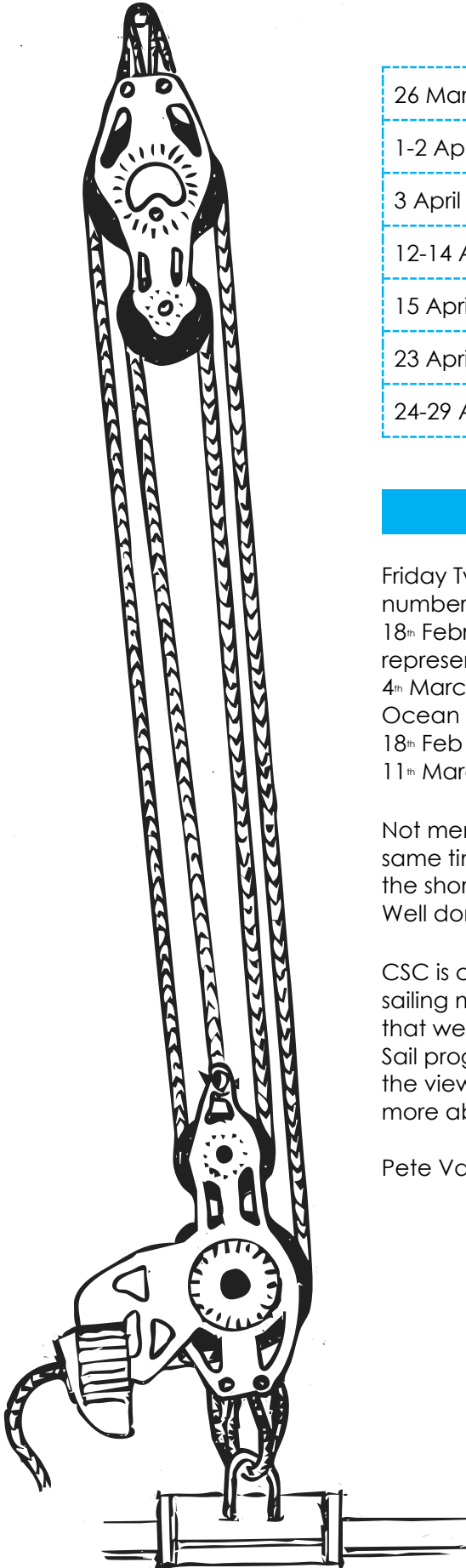
11th March saw 2 starters and the Two Handed Series saw 2 starters.

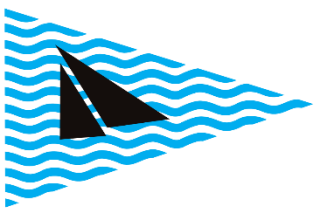
Not mentioning any names here, but an impressive 'priscilla' display, and at the same time, a deep water prawning exercise were witnessed at the conclusion of the short hander race.

Well done to both short hander teams surviving their ordeals.

CSC is constantly looking for ways to promote the sport of sailing and bolster our sailing membership numbers, but there are so many sporting organisations out there that we must compete against. Two such initiatives are the new CSC Adult Learn to Sail program, and CSC's initiative to reintroduce club racing event sponsorship with the view to reintroduce race day and end of season prize givings. You can read more about these endeavours below.

Pete Van Ryn





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FRIDAY NIGHTS

All good things must come to an end.

After a fantastic season of warm weather, excellent sailing, spectacular sunsets and live music on Friday nights, day light savings is coming to an end and unfortunately this means the closure of our Friday nights until next season.

After a successful season with great patronage and support from our members we've decided to see the season out with a HUGE thank you.

On Friday, 31 March we will be celebrating HAPPY HOUR all evening for our members with some great discounts.

Tap Beers for \$5,
Wine for \$7 per glass or \$25 per bottle

Steve Gambuzza will be playing many of our old favourite songs and we've organised a something a little different for catering from our downstairs kitchen.

So grab your friends and family and we look forward to seeing you at the club on Friday to celebrate what has been a fantastic summer.

Don't forget your membership card to secure your drink discounts.

MEALS

- CALAMARI & CHIPS** \$20
with lemon wedge and garlic aioli
- BATTRED FLATHEAD & CHIPS** \$20
with lemon wedge & tartare sauce
- GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER** \$20
grilled chicken, bacon, lettuce, tomato, cheese, garlic aioli sauce & chips
- NACHOS** \$20
 - Beef Nachos
 - Three Bean Vegetarian Nachos
 Both served with tomato salsa, tasty cheese, guacamole, sour cream and jalapeños
- SPINACH & PUMPKIN SALAD** \$15
Spinach, avocado, pumpkin, cashew nuts and a creamy dressing
 - add chicken +\$5
 - add Haloumi +\$5

SIDES

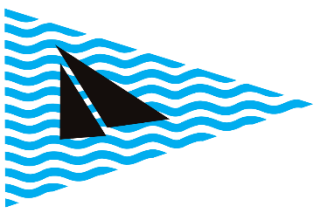
- CHIPS \$12
- SWEET POTATO FRIES \$12

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VX ONE NSW STATE TITLES

Champagne sailing conditions for day one of the NSW VX One State Championship. 15-20 kts of seabreeze on the open waters off Cronulla Sailing Club gave the fleet both a challenge and some sensational rides. The outgoing tide against wind, made it steep, bumpy and wet uphill, fast and tricky down breeze.

RO Tim MacGilvray, from Cronulla, ran four brilliant, 30 minute races, in quick succession.

The race honours were shared between Dollop AUS319 and Crouching Tiger Hidden Pillow AUS320. Beers on the dock were shared by all.

A southerly change overnight made the conditions very different on Sunday. Squalls in the morning thankfully eased off and the fleet were able to get two races done inside the estuary. The breeze swung 35 degrees left as we started and another 20 degrees before we had finished the second race.

So it was tricky. The Beast4 AUS244 harassed Dollop and Pillow to make it great racing. Dollop and Pillow again shared the honours at the end of the day.

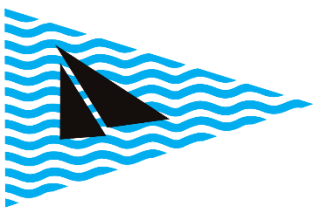
Congratulations also to the Cronulla team of Clinton Hood, Marty Janes and John Hume on Wissel AUS242 on such a good job in their first regatta. View all the [results here](#).

Thank you to Cronulla for being such wonderful hosts; to Adventures of a Sailor Pil for recording the action on day one and champs Marty and Bron for their work behind the scenes to make it all happen. We are not sure if Bron ever leaves the club! It is great to know that Cronulla enjoys the company of the VX Fleet as much as we like going there. We hope to see a few VXs on the CSC hard stand next season.

Rob Douglas

Check out the action [here](#). Video credit: Paul Pil Degan, "Adventures of a Sailor Pil" with some @sailorgirlHQ editing.



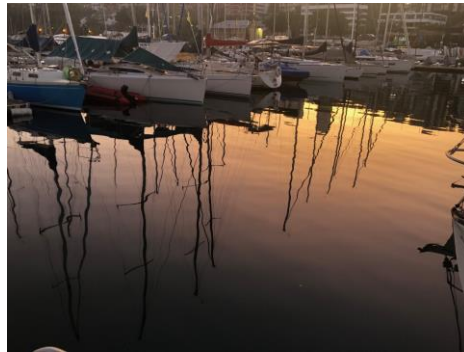


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HARBOUR WEEKEND

Race 3 of the Interclub Series was held on Saturday 18th March. Seven boats started from CSC and we were joined by numerous boats from RMYC. Saturday provided ideal sunny conditions for the start with a classic summer Nor-Easter. And where were we racing? North East to Sydney Harbour!! As the wind blew 18 – 23 knots on the nose, crews were found up on the rail toasting their knees in the sun for 4-5 hours as we tacked back and forth up the coast until we finally relished in the joy of easing the sails and coming around South Head to Sydney Harbour. We squeezed our yachts into the tight fitting Cruising Yacht Club berths and headed to the bar for a few very welcome cold drinks. Many thanks to CYCA for putting us up for the night.

The next day was Race 4 of the series and will be one I remember for a long time to come. With very light N-E winds forecast, the race started near Watsons Bay and the light conditions resulted in some fun and close sailing early on. As we rounded South Head and turned right for Port Hacking, a light mist began to cover the fleet. Soon after this became the heaviest sea mist I've ever sailed in. I'm actually not sure what others experienced because.... we lost sight of every boat!! And lost sight of land!! Luckily, I could still see the other end of the boat (Ha Ha)! Visibility varied from 100m to 300m at best. Amazingly for Miss Behavin, this sea mist lasted the entire 15 miles down the coast and even halfway up into Port Hacking. It was weird – like sailing in a hot sauna tub. I've personally never sailed for such a long time using instruments only – it was very unusual. But I guess that's what makes events like this so memorable. As we sailed into Gunnamatta Bay, the mist magically cleared, and Hey Presto – we could see land again. Well done to everyone on a very memorable weekend.



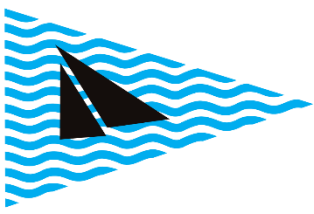
Rik Arendsen
Owner/Skipper; Miss Behavin

ADULT LEARN TO SAIL

Cronulla Sailing Club is excited to announce that we will be providing an Adult Learn to Sail program for anyone who has wanted to get out on the water on a keel boat, but doesn't know where to start. Courses will be run from Cronulla Sailing Club. Pacific Sailing School will run the 12 hour courses over 4 weekends which will include Australian Sailing accredited keel boat courses such as Start Crewing, Start Helming and Spinnakers. We'll be using the lovely J24 as the training boat.

To kick this off Pacific Sailing School will run a free information night where potential course participants can learn about the sailing and development pathway. If they wish, at the conclusion of the evening participants can enrol in a sailing course of their choosing. Food and drink refreshments will be provided. The information evening will be held at Cronulla Sailing Club at 6pm on Monday 3rd of April. To reserve your spot, please contact Rik Arendsen on rik@aspirationswealth.com.au or 0422465000





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NARABEEN SUPER CUP – OPEN SKIFFS

I represented Cronulla Sailing Club at the Narabeen Super Cup. It was a really hot day and the wind was a slow build up during the day. I did my best to keep up with the older kids and finished 3 of 4 races as I was too tired by the last race. This was my 2nd regatta and I managed to improve my results (I didn't come last)! I am keen to get back to the club and continue my training with Tayla for the rest of the season.

Casey Roeder
Junior Sailor



Rear Commodore:

We are very proud of you Casey, what a great attitude and enthusiasm you have! We all started sailing as beginners, and the only way to improve is 'time on water'. See you out there.

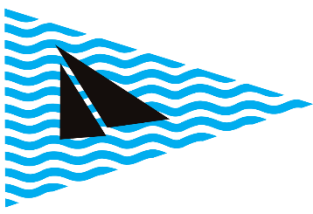
JUNIOR LEARN TO SAIL

We will be running Junior Learn to Sail in the April school holidays. This course is designed for juniors who wish to begin sailing in a dinghy.

It will be a 12-hour course, run over three consecutive days.
Wednesday 12th- Friday 14th, from 9am-1pm.

If you, or someone you know has kids who are interested in learning to sail, please get in touch with Tayla
Tayla.linnegar@outlook.com





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MG NSW STATE TITLES @ CSC

CSC is hosting the MG14 NSW State Titles on 1st and 2nd April. You can find the [Notice of Race here](#) and the [Registration here](#).

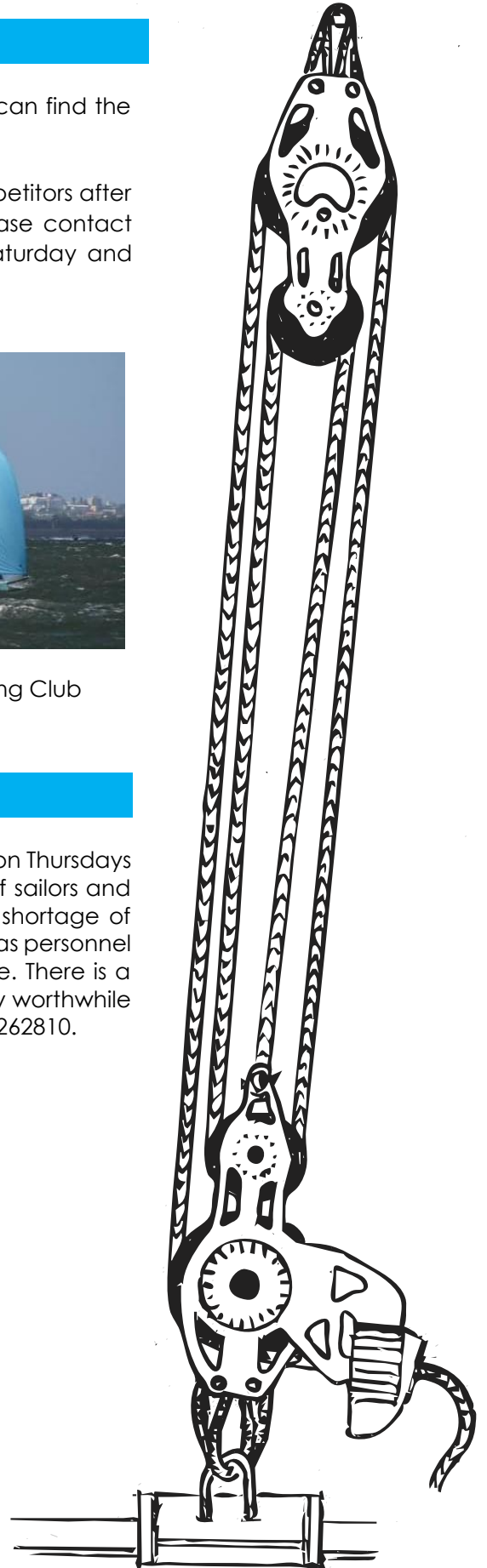
We are looking for volunteers to assist with cooking the BBQ for competitors after sailing on Saturday and Sunday. If you are available to assist, please contact Craig Smith mg14@cynetics.net.au. The club will be open both Saturday and Sunday so feel free to pop down and show your support.

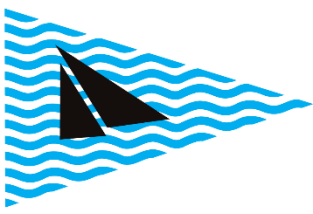


Photo by Scott Backhouse from 2023 National Titles @ St George Sailing Club

SAILABILITY

Sailability has for many years offered an on-water sailing experience on Thursdays and Sundays. Whilst the Thursday sessions see a strong contingent of sailors and supporters, the Sunday sessions are not currently running due to a shortage of volunteers. The team is looking for skippers to be on the water, as well as personnel to work the dock and assist with getting boats in and out of storage. There is a strong group of sailors rearing to go, if you would like to assist this very worthwhile team, please contact Martin Tabone at martin@mwt.net.au or 0418 262810.





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SPONSORSHIP

We all race for the pleasure, the comradery, and the glory of winning the occasional sheep station. None of us will admit it, but we all love the series points that go with a race day win. Heaven forbid, I'm told some of us even follow the series accumulative point scores! So, as an initiative to strengthen racing boat numbers, CSC would like to explore the opportunities to reinvigorate race day and end of season prizes funded through sponsorship.

We are not talking about signage splattered all over our clubhouse walls, but why not sponsor banners or a sponsor flag flying on sponsored race days? Maybe weekly and/or seasonal series naming rights? We are also keen to look at 'Masinsheet' advertising, like we did in the olden days. Maybe linking our sponsor's details on the CSC website, program, white book, where does it end?

We are talking about setting up meaningful relationships between CSC and sponsors that last into the future, we are talking about both yacht and dinghy fleets for Winter 2023 and Season 2023/2024. The prizes that this sponsorship generates might simply be in the form of CSC apparel such as shirts, caps, buffs? or CSC merchandise such as stubby holders, mugs? or those embossed middy glasses we had a few years ago. Series prizes might be embroidered yacht and dinghy sailing jackets, other substantial apparel items, how about a year's insurance, redeemable sail, rigging/tuning, boat maintenance or sailing industry vouchers? But feel free to think bigger. I'm pretty sure that if we think big, the membership and boats will come!

OK, I've got your attention, chat with Pete Van Ryn with any thoughts or offers.

This venture is however more than your RC: yachts can commit to alone, we will require the assistance of one or more Promotions Officers (or you choose a funkier title) to work with the sailing committee to coordinate the event branding and prize accumulation. If you have some enthusiasm and/or expertise you can contribute, please without delay make contact petevr@oldsea.com.au

DREDGING

Am I imagining it, or is it that Port Hacking dredging occurs the month before a state election? Who cares, it's well overdue, and it's happening until May..

The extent of the Port Hacking dredging is broad, starting at the Port Hacking estuary and Gunnamatta Bay channel and then the majority of dredging works between Hungry Head and Little Turriell Point. Click here to see the [DREDGING MAP](#).

Be advised that all vessels must abide by a speed limit of 4 knots within 100 m of the dredging equipment.



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