

# the Mainsheet

April/May 2023

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CSC?

### REAR COMMODORE (yachts) REPORT

It's hard to believe that another Summer Season has come and gone.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April was the final race day of the 2022/23 summer season at Cronulla Sailing Club and we were all rewarded with a delicious end of season BBQ.

We all look forward to the season final results when they are presented at the CSC Presentation night on 13<sup>th</sup> May. This is our sailing night of nights, dinghies and yachts together to celebrate the joy of sailing. Please bring along your crew, your families and your tales, be they tall or true!

With the Summer Season done and dusted, maybe it's a good time to reflect on how your sailing season panned out. Broadly at CSC, participation levels were down this past year. Are you going to be more regular next year? How can we attract more boats to the start line? See below regarding Sponsorship opportunities and training requirements.

Your Division Rep is keen to gather your feedback, let them know what you like and what you dis-like, and they will present it to the Sailing Committee and come up with proposals for the soon-to-be-announced Skippers Meeting.

A special congratulations goes to John Zagame and team Kite Runner for their stellar performance in their 2023 Pittwater to Coffs campaign. More on that achievement below.

Pete VR  
CSC RC: yachts

### INSHORE DIVISION REPORT

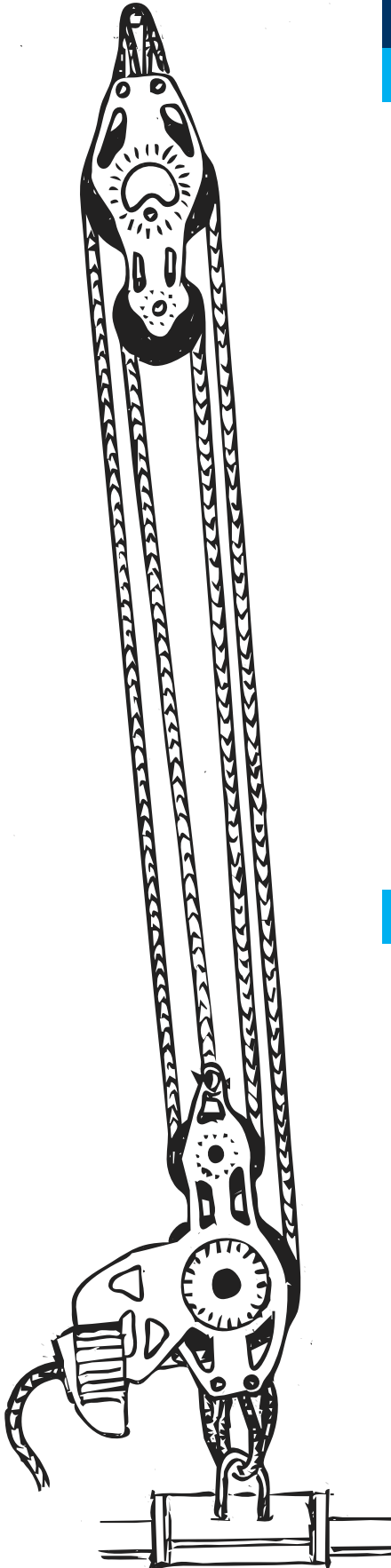
Farewell to 'Only a Journey' skippered by Max Sellars, crewed by Dave, Phil, Kev, Col, Wato.

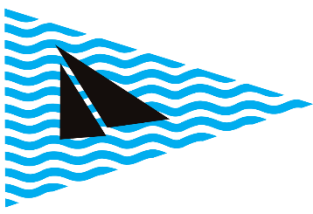
Whilst we have our J24 faithful, I believe all of the boats have been traded and upgraded. 'Only a Journey' is the longest serving boat in the J24 fleet. Lovingly restored 10 years ago and relaunched to compete in a growing fleet of J24s at the time. Each year just prior to the Summer Series she is hauled out and lovingly given a tidy up to race ready.

'Only a Journey' has been on a swing mooring for the past 10 years and competing with the dry J24s (housed on the dock by the crane). 'Only a Journey' is always in good position on the start line keeping the dry J24 fleet honest. One mistake by a dry boat on the course and they had to contend with skipper Max Sellars and his stellar crew nipping at their heels.

The club is not losing them as members, the club is losing a boat from a shrinking fleet. On a good note, many of them will crew Red Riding on her return to club racing from a one-year hiatus.

Rob Croucher  
Inshore Rep





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## CRUISING DIVISION REPORT

Cruising Division 2 has sailed each Saturday fortnight during the Summer Series 2022/23 and would appreciate expressions of interest for the next summer season, the courses are modified to encourage entrants who appreciate shorter and less physical courses ideal for new crews experiencing Bate Bay racing at Cronulla Sailing Club; please contact Jim Ley 0414 062 536 to express your interest and further discussion.

## MG14 STATE TITLES

On the 1st & 2nd of April the MG14 State Titles were held at Cronulla with 25 Registrations.

The first day of sailing was in extreme conditions. Due to a Southerly breeze direction sailing was placed off Shelly Beach to ensure the course could be long enough. The short chop, swell and gusty conditions saw the competition start with 23 competitors, however due to broken gear and exhausted crew, only 16 boats completed the first day of racing. There was one dropped mast (Pete Van Ryn & Jason Thorne) and many broken tiller extensions.

The Start boat had a failure during the conclusion of second race of the day. The anchor line failed from chaffing in the swell. Unfortunately, this couldn't have happened as a worse time as it was while finishes were being recorded. The spare anchor was utilised and racing continued. After racing, the club bar and BBQ was enjoyed by competitors and volunteers sharing experience through the day.

Day two had far better conditions with the breeze direction allowing racing inside the estuary. All registered competitors sailed the second day.

The series was won by Bryce Edwards with Josh Tasker as Crew, on a borrowed boat from St George. Second place taken by Kurtis Warner and Kristy Edwards (St George). Third place went to Wet n Wild (Eva Peel and Morgan York, Port Hunter SC).

At the conclusion of the presentation Cronulla Sailing Club was thanked by Geoff Davis, the president of the MG14 association. I had the opportunity to thank our volunteers, particularly Aliceson Parker as our PRO. There were plenty volunteers from our club (impossible to name everyone) that once again did an outstanding job representing Cronulla Sailing club.

Another successful Regatta that Cronulla SC can be proud of.

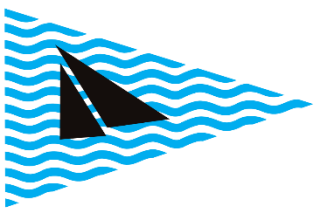
Craig Smith



Footage from day one: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0K1\\_vK9yvek](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0K1_vK9yvek)

Footage from day two: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xKpV9hv0ls>

Additional photos and videos: <https://www.facebook.com/MG14Sailing>



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## JUNIOR LEARN TO SAIL

In the April school holidays we ran the Start Sailing 1 program for 6 juniors who were starting their sailing career. Tobie and I were frantically organising land-based activities in the lead up as the forecast for the three days was for 15-20knt southerlies.

On day one we toured the club house, got familiar with the boats and all their parts and discussed safety before hitting the water. The southerly held off, so we got on the water and practiced towing, steering and turning.



On day two the southerly didn't hold back. The bay was covered in whitecaps. Luckily the west side of the end of the bay was protected enough for us to reach out and back from the beach and practice our capsize drills. We finished the day off with some knot tying.



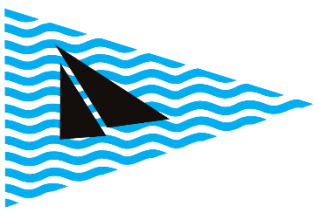
Our last day saw us practicing some balancing skills and teamwork drills before we hit the water in some challenging conditions.



Tobie did a great job as Head Coach in challenging circumstances. All the sailors had so much fun and learnt some great skills. We can't wait to see them back next season.

Tayla



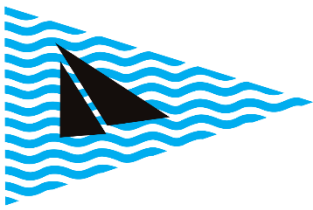


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## PRESENTATION EVENING

Congratulations to all our award winners. It was a fantastic celebration of the season gone by. Thank you to Bronwyn for all her hard work organising such a fantastic night.





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## WHAT'S COMING UP?

20 May	1st Winter Sailing Race
29 May	Working Bee
24 June	Skippers Meeting

### WORKING BEE

The Working Bee is Saturday 29th May 2023. Some of the jobs include:

- Retaining Wall Repair
- Chairs to be cleaned
- BBQ Cleaning
- Concrete resealing
- Finish dock rubber
- Fridge Cleaning
- Clean Bar Areas
- Washing outside of the club  
(bring spray washers if you have one)



If we get through the list there are always more jobs to do. Please come along and help, even if it is an hour or so. Every little bit helps.

### SKIPPER'S MEETING

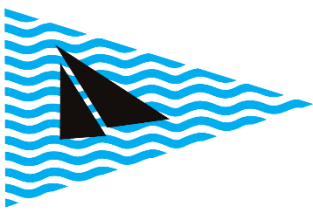
All sailors are invited to the skippers meeting to be held at the club on Saturday 24th June at 10am. Skipper agenda items should be forwarded to your class/division rep for inclusion asap. Class/ division reps should provide feedback to the Rear Commodores well before so we can come prepared.

### SPONSORSHIP

The CSC Winter series kicks off on 20<sup>th</sup> May, we need to build the fleets and one idea is to reintroduce race day prizes. We are keen to hear from any member who can assist in the preparation of a Sponsorship campaign and sponsor packs. Talk to Pete.







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## ADULT LEARN TO SAIL

Congratulations to CSC and Pacific Sailing School who recently hosted an information night. It was an immediate success resulting in the first adult learn-to-sail course commencing in the coming weeks.



As suggested last month, it will be in the interest of the Club and all keel boat owners to follow their progress and seek out course graduates to crew across the various keel boat divisions.

Participants will be invited to join the festivities in the clubhouse after Saturday racing so be sure to look out for some newbies and make them feel welcome!

## OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Knowledge is everything. Let's consider other educational opportunities.

Keelboat training possibilities are broad.. SSSC classroom or eTraining?, SSSC water module?, first aid?, radio licence? But for all fleets, what about race tactics?, start crewing?, start skippering?, other competent crew or skipper courses?, spinnaker handling?, protest juror?, regatta volunteer training?, what else?

Have a chat with your Sailing Class/Division Rep to see what your fleet needs. They will bring any requests to the Sailing Committee for consideration. Better still, we need a Club member to co-ordinate our training goals.. can you help?

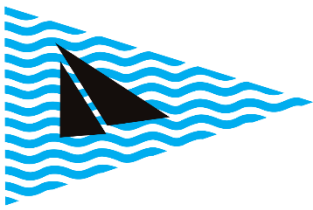
## IS IT TIME TO UPGRADE?

Hey, we all love to see our members proudly take on a boat upgrade, look at the rise of BrandX in recent years, Ninja, White Noise, and the secret is out, Miss Behavin' Mk2 is coming soon. But that is not what I am talking about here, it's about moving from one Division to another. Over the past few seasons CSC has introduced additional Divisions to fill in the skipper and/or crew experience gaps. Members can now seamlessly rise from Friday Twilight to Saturday Cruising Div2 to Cruising Div1 to Inshore Div2 (or one of our Class rated keelboats or sportsboats) to Inshore Div 1 (with its Short Ocean component) to Offshore and when you've got all that all sorted, get into Sunday sailing on a proper boat like an MG dinghy!

Don't think you can't do it, because you can. You are surrounded by members who have been there and done that who would be only too happy to guide you through any transition. Just ask!

The question has been asked.. Is there any interest in a two hander winter series Division?

Think laterally.. Do you or a mate mate have a small boat who might enjoy our new shorter Division 2 Non-spinnaker Bate Bay races? If so, we will happily talk through any safety requirements necessary to make it happen.



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## IN OTHER NEWS

### 2023 JUBILEE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – HUNTINGFIELD CUP

Karyn, Ian and I got our 'restoration project' Jubilee 'Taj' on the water last weekend, driving to Ballarat for the Huntingfield Cup, the Australian Championship for the Jubilee class. The Cup was originally presented by Lord Huntingfield, Governor of Victoria in 1936.

13 boats started, a great lineup mostly from Ballarat but also from Albert Park and Surrento, 'Taj' was the only entrant from NSW.

Winds on Saturday were light and patchy from the West, with only 2 of 4 scheduled races run. Sunday however gave perfect conditions with 8 to 12kt from the SE, allowing maximum use of the course area and another 3 races.

After some close tactical racing and lots of changing positions we were very satisfied to come away with the win, scoring 1,3,1,1,1.

Steve Wright



### 2023 PITTWATER TO COFFS HARBOUR YACHT RACE

Kite Runner punches well above its weight to get a massive podium finish in the 2023 Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Yacht Race.

2nd PHS #2 and an impressive 2nd PHS Overall.

Congratulations to CSC Member, Virgin Ocean Racer and Kite Runner Owner John Zagame.



**Type:** Hanse 430e (11000)  
**Skipper:** John Zagame  
**Position at:** 02/04/23 01:39 AEDT  
**Position:** 30° 18.23 S, 153° 8.85 E  
**Speed/Direction:** 0.1 kn @ 35 degrees

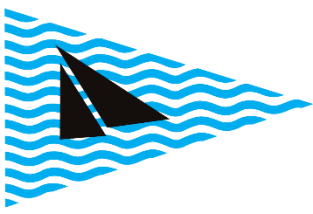
**Finished in 1d 11h 43m 49s**

**2nd** in PHS Overall

**2nd** in PHS 2

**19th** in Line Honours Monohulls





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## 2023 SAIL PORT STEPHENS

We have just returned from another great race week at beautiful Port Stephens. the weather was fantastic and the winds were light to moderate, perfect for bay and offshore racing.

Cronulla Sailing Club had three boats representing: Sea Hawk, Kite Runner and Brand X.

Two races were sailed in the bay in great conditions and the other two races were sailed offshore. Wednesday we raced out to the islands off Tomaree Head and back with great spinnaker runs coming back into the bay.

Thursday was a layday which was partly spent doing a few repairs.

Friday's race started 1.5 hours late due to no wind, then finally the wind picked up and we sailed outside again and around the islands. Saturday was a bit of a fizzer as we sat becalmed off Dutchies Beach for two hours then the race was called off.

Overall Brand X and crew performed very well in Division 2 with a 7th, 17th, 3rd and 4th placing us 4th overall. Kite Runner had an amazing race 4 getting 2nd place. Sea Hawk did really well when the wind conditions picked up offshore.

Cheers to RMYC for hosting post-race drinks and nibbles for CSC and RMYC.

Well done to the organisers of this event it was extremely well run and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Hope to see you there next year.

Cheers  
Greg Brand

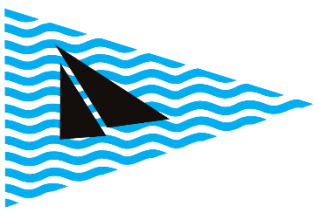
### Brand X



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## SAIL PORT STEPEHNS *continued...*

### Overall results

Sea Hawk (14<sup>th</sup> place Division 1 PHS handicap)

BrandX (4<sup>th</sup> place Division 2 PHS handicap)

Kite Runner (14<sup>th</sup> place Division 2 PHS handicap)

Sail Port Stephens is an extremely well organised event, coordinating 109 yachts and something like 1000 crew and as many family members again must be a nightmare behind the scenes, but somehow every year the event goes like clockwork. Once you settle in to your accommodation, besides racing each day with its fantastic social media coverage, there are morning swims, cafe's everywhere, sponsored presentation evenings, party nights, BBQs, and just across the road, whatever you fancy for dinner at the many Nelsons Bay restaurants and clubs before you head over to the Pub for a few quiet drinks (just kidding!).

It was a great surprise on Tuesday afternoon when the CSC boats were all treated to drinks in the park by RMYC's Alistair of Marri Nuwi. It is pretty special to see comradery between the two Port Hacking sailing Clubs reigniting.

Get your campaign underway now for Sail Port Stephens 2024, it takes a bit of effort, but the rewards are high. If you need information, any of the regular culprits will willingly offer lots of tips.

Pete VR

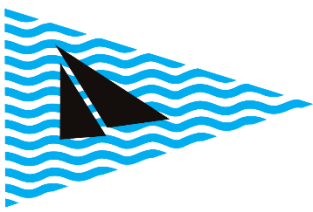
### Sea Hawk



### Kite Runner



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## 2023 OPEN SKIFF AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to Thomas and Sophie Woodrow who represented the club at Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March.

The regatta was started off with some friendly 'Adventure' races where teams had to sail their boats under the 'BRIDGE OF DOOM'. The bridge unfortunately is too low for a skiff to pass under so teams have to work together to lean their boats and pass under.

When racing began, it was a very competitive fleet and Tom and Sophie did very well in the Gold Fleet.



## MAINSHEET UPDATE

As we move into the quieter months, we will be publishing the Mainsheet every 2<sup>nd</sup> month instead of monthly. If you do have something you would like to share please email your class reps or email me, Tayla @ [Tayla.linnegar@outlook.com](mailto:Tayla.linnegar@outlook.com)