Club Newsletter 18/3/20

Please note: there are more pictures on our website. The Home page has links to heaps of pictures in our Gallery, Facebook Page, and Twitter

SAILING IS **ON** THIS SUNDAY 22 MARCH
— but please byo lunch, and read precautions below:

FROM COMMODORE PHILL - SAILING IN A PANDEMIC

After some discussion it has been decided that sailing is on this Sunday and will then be considered week by week.

Club sailing is a healthy and fairly low risk activity during the early stages of the current Coronavirus epidemic, however it is wise to take special precautions when we come together.

As sailing itself is not a contact sport, the two main risks are of a pre-diagnosed, infected person coughing or sneezing into the club air or onto a club surface or touching a shared surface (such as tap handles or food dispensing utensils).

If sailing goes ahead in the coming weeks please observe the following rules.

1. On first arrival, **EVERYONE IS TO WASH THEIR HANDS** in changeroom sinks with liquid soap and water. As the tap handle and soap dispensers top may be the only surfaces that everyone’s unwashed hands touch please take the following precautions. When your hands are wet and soapy thoroughly cover the tap handle and soap dispenser top with soapy froth and leave it there. (This is a very important point, so that using the sink does not become a source of spreading potential disease.) There may be tea towels provided to dry your hands (your hands should be clean when you use them so they should be safe to share).

2. **There will be no food or drinks on sale at the club** and no money exchanged. Please bring your own food and drinks.

3. **If you have to sneeze or cough, do so into double cupped hands**, then immediately go and thoroughly wash your hands.

4. **No handshaking, back slapping or man hugs please.** Verbal greetings will have to suffice.

5. **If you have any cold or flu symptoms, please do not come to the club.**

6. **If you develop flu symptoms or are diagnosed with Coronavirus after attending the club, please inform Phill asap.**

We will be advised by Department of Health guidelines and Australian Sailing on when to close the club and intend to take proactive action on this matter.
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SUNDAY 15TH MARCH “CARNAGE” REPORT (thanks Clare)

With the race cancelled on Sunday, only two eager boats left the shore in the morning - hoping to get a sail in before things became too wild. But the gusts were stronger than initially anticipated by those braving it.

Michael and Clare in the Formula 15 and Michael Cocks in the laser both eventually returned to shore via the 'broken boat drifting technique'.

Michael and Clare had taken to the water first, with a hefty gust taking them out. Michael flew off the back of the boat whilst Clare took a dive into the mainsail. She tried to soften the blow to the mainsail by sprawling in a spider man style fashion, but sadly her foot still managed to create a tidy hole.

Trying to upright the boat in the squalls was proving interesting, and so drifting to the close by shore and de-rigging seemed like the most sensible option. Whilst they made it safely to the sandbank they heard a swift and sharp snapping sound. Turning around they could see Michael C's mast had firmly snapped at the foot. Michael then paddled to shore to join the boat graveyard. Both boats were walked along the shore back to the clubhouse.

I've been assured that several giggles were had by all involved and that all were safely accounted for. Gusts were noted in Ballina in the mid 40's and no doubt these were responsible for the carnage. Safe to say, it was probably a wise idea that racing was cancelled.

New Skiff trainee Hannah had the best plan for last Sunday – trapezing on dry land (with no sail!)
CLUB NEWS

Royal Blue Club shirts – available now

Mens
Long sleeve polo - $37
Short sleeve polo - $35
Cotton T-shirt - $20

Ladies
short sleeve polo - $31

Kids
Cotton T-shirt - $17

Payment required at time of order into RRSRC account with your name as reference
BSB: 728728
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Email or text Nola with size nolahallett@gmail.com or 0414 866999

Cheers,
Nola
MEDIA RELEASE

March, 2020

Australian Women’s Keelboat Regatta heading to the record books – again!

The Australian Women’s Keelboat Regatta (AWKR), hosted by Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS) each year, has deservedly earned the reputation of being the largest all-women keelboat regatta in the world, with numbers in this 30th edition having the potential to exceed last year’s record 40 boats - if early indications are anything to go by.

To be held from 6-8 June, Committee Chairwoman, Kristen Buckland, is confident of a large fleet in 2020: “We are looking at beating last year's numbers. The regatta just keeps growing in popularity,” she said.

“So far we have a few familiar faces and some newcomers, which is pleasing to see,” Buckland said. “We’re expecting many past competitors and entries from all over Australia and New Zealand for our anniversary.”

Open to yachts for AMS, IRC and EHC divisions, along with a division for S80s, the regatta is the brainchild of past RMYS commodore and former entrant, Gai Clough. Neither she nor the Club could have possibly foreseen the regatta growing so much in stature and size.

Sailed on Port Phillip, with all its vagaries, the fundamental attraction to the annual event is that it is open to experienced sailors and to those who are making their way in the sport. Some skippers are bringing through talent from their clubs’ youth academies, while others are offering spots to newcomers, as women’s participation in sailing continues to rise.

A point in case is AWKR newcomer, Sal Balharrie from the host club. She has purchased the trophy winning Sydney 38, Chuztpah38, from well-credentialed yachtsman Bruce Taylor. Cleverly renaming the yacht ‘No Man’s Land’, she sent an email to a broad range of women, asking ‘would you like to learn how to sail?’

“Within a day I had a core of 12 prepared to commit to learning how to sail. With training in place, we are headed to the Australian Women’s Keelboat Regatta,” the experienced Melbourne sailor said.

“I’m not setting out primarily to win trophies, I’m setting out to build a culture,” Balharrie stated, while also acknowledging that she is, nevertheless, very competitive.

Among the early entrants too, is regular competitor, Claire Heenan, back for her fourth tilt at the trophies; “I did my first in 2015,” she said. The Gosford sailor returns to the fold with the Adams 10, Jungle Juice (NSW), loaned to her again by past RMYS Commodore, Janet Dean.
“We are grateful for Janet’s continued generosity – this regatta would not be possible without the generosity of many boat owners,” Heenan declared.

Last year, Heenan and crew finished second overall in AMS Division 1 to Ocean Respect Racing, but reversed that result in IRC.

“Going to Melbourne for the Australian Women’s Keelboat Regatta is a highlight for us. It’s very well run and supported by those at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. It’s a lot of fun, with great functions. The ‘Boat Boys’ do such a good job and they’re a reassurance for owners and crews.

“Part of the attraction too is there are a lot of competent teams mixed in with regular club racers and those new to racing; women of all levels.”

Jungle Juice’s crew this year will be a somewhat new look one, with familiar faces and some not so.

“And the age difference between us is new too – roughly 60 years between youngest and oldest – a real mix. We all sail together at some point in the year, so we do know to each other,” says Heenan who hones her skills racing an Etchells in Gosford on the weekends.

“Our goal for the regatta is to sail well and to laugh hard,” she said.

Apart from the winners’ trophies, the AWKR also contains some special awards: Novice Helm; Most improved over the series; Sportsmanship; Rohan Brownlee Leadership and Endeavour Award and Best Performed Owner/Skipper.

This is Australia’s largest women’s keelboat regatta with a record 40 yachts and 300 women taking part from Australian and New Zealand last year.

The Australian Women’s Keelboat Regatta thanks long-standing sponsor and competitor, Rebecca Badenoch and her law firm Culshaw Miller Badenoch and Doyle Sails for their ongoing support. McGrath is back on board to sponsor the upcoming lecture series – more details will be available in due course.

To enter and for Notice of Race, please visit: www.awkr.com.au

By Di Pearson/AWKR media

***Ends***

Please credit photos to Bruno Cocozza

Follow the regatta on our social media channels
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ARCTIC FILM NIGHT

Thursday 26th March 2020 - Seven Mile Brewery, Ballina Airport

Proudly Sponsored By

Open 6.00pm - Beer & food
Show 7.30pm - Q&A afterwards

TICKETS $10 INCLUDES DRINK ON ARRIVAL
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Wivenhoe Winter Marathon
Public
- Hosted by Brisbane Valley Sailing Club

Jun 6 at 10 PM – Jun 8 at 1 AM

Captain Logan Camp, Wivenhoe Dam
Wivenhoe Hill 4311
For Sale/Wanted/Free to a Good Home

If you have any sailing related items for sale or if you want to buy something sailing related and want it put in the newsletter please let me know – Ed easydoesit2345@gmail.com

Laser Sailing Dinghy  $2200

This laser is in great condition; ready to sail and win races. The hull is stiff and watertight.

Mast sections for full Laser and Radial rigs.

Carbon tiller and extension.

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Near new Sea boat cover.

Sails:

Isail Laser training sail brand new unused.

Two Laser Radial sails, one in very good condition. The other is in fair condition.

One isail Radial training sail in good/very good condition.

Quality bag for foils, which are in good condition.

Dave Scott 0428 854800
Hi Phil,

As you'd be aware I'm spending a bit of time working out west. Not sure about the process for advertising a boat. I've attached 3 photos of my old NACRA which is at my place. If 3 photos is too many just the first one with me on the wire would be good.

Just a simple for sale NACRA 5.2 as I've upgraded to a newer boat. On a registered trailer.

$2500 Negotiable
For Sale, RS100 boat No. 272 "Raw Speed"

The RS100's are a one design high performance single handed skiff.

Raw speed 272 is in very good condition, her hull has had its usual single hander dings and bumps professionally repaired. New control lines, halyards and sheets. Main and gennaker in good condition. Dolly in good condition.

Our local RS100 fleet is rapidly growing, Richmond river sailing club now has 5 RS100 boats racing regularly, and with Raw speed at times, that has been 6 boats.

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I have purchased boat 440 so that now makes 7 boats racing locally, so come on and join the fun !!

10.2m2 sail also included and boat cover.

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