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.

Blue skies, a moderate Sou' Easterly, and a gentle tide brought out a record fleet of thirty boats for last Sunday’s Championship race.

No official racing next Sunday as most members will be at Harwood regatta. The Formula 15 group will be running a female race at our club.

Intermediate training began this Sunday with a qualified trainer Michael Batten and will continue each Sunday morning at 9.30am. It will be confirmed later in the week (based on weather forecast) whether next Sunday’s intermediate session will go ahead.

*Rod Smith is looking for crew for his Trailer-Sailer - see p2 for details
CLUB NEWS

Concrete tie-down blocks have magically appeared (with a little help from Rear Commodore Chris) along the front fence in the Mono-hull storage area. The tie-down blocks are a great convenience – eliminating the need for cumbersome water containers as weights – thanks for the hard work Chris 😊

Here’s Greg securing his new NS 14 against any rogue Southerlies blasting across the river

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RACE REPORTS

Mono report - 1 March 2020 *(thanks Duncan and Trent – Ed)*

Seven boats took to the still-muddy waters of the Richmond on Sunday, as more of her catchment washed out to sea. We raced two NS14’s, two one-up NS’s, one Impulse, one 59-er and one Laser. The tide was running out but the high tide was low and the low tide high so current was minimal.

The light sou-easter persisted as predicted, leaving Kate under-canvassed in her Laser *Bluey* sporting its 4.7m² sail (the small option). She still came home second on yardstick, sailing as usual an impeccable race.
In NS14 Aphrodite, Duncan & Daniel started with the correct fleet this week but did it poorly on port (by crossing too late).

They had passed the fleet however by the straights of Ramada. They then chased the Gennaker fleet west from the windward mark, instead of east to the (correct) wing mark. Big THANKS to Trent for highlighting the mistake!

The two NS14’s rounded the wing mark together and Trent & Daisy in Graeme Garden kept the eventual race-winners honest all afternoon.
It is even claimed that the Greek name Aphrodite translates to Graeme in Strine. GG was matching Aphrodite’s boat speed downwind and only slightly slower upwind.

Three laps saw the fleet finish in race lengths from 1hr20 to 2hours, when relative newbie Jish Dowsett brought NS1up Radical Phase home.
Jish in the foreground

Seasoned cat sailor Greg Spencer was third over the line in NS1up *Cat Rig* but gets pushed out to fifth on yardstick, by Kate and by Paul in his Impulse *Freakshow.*
Mark & Julie were the third team boat in the fleet, in 59-er *Fling*. They matched Kate around the course and then beat the smaller boat home by seven seconds.
Well done everybody. And good luck in Harwood next weekend.
Gennakers 1 March 2020  (thanks Michael – Ed)

With a light breeze and a good line, the gennaker fleet got off to as level a start as might be expected from the large fleet of four Fifteens and six RS100’s (the latter including a visitor from Brisbane who also brought a spare boat for one of our members to try).

Second Wind (Michael and Tara) committed the cardinal error of not watching the flags closely enough and was hanging back thinking there were one and a half minutes to go, instead of thirty seconds, recognising its error too late to get to the line by the gun. But it was saved from major embarrassment when it dove for the clearest part of the line near the boat and got the benefit of a starboard tack lift just moments after the start. So it was able to join Secret (Barry and Anna) and Toxic (Tom and Brendan) in soon breaking free of the pack into relatively clear wind and clear tacking opportunities.
Secret, having got the best start, was able to keep itself out of the close tacking dual between Second Wind and Toxic that developed up the first work (and continued down the next run), rounding the top mark first with Second Wind and Toxic a little behind.

Among the RS’s, Garry Scott in Hooray pretty well blitzed the fleet with a good start and a clean set of heels to lead the whole way around. The light to moderate breeze suited him and he is showing some great skill which will make him a real contender. There was a great battle for the whole race between Paul Greer in Batfink, Bill Heuchmer in Shachi and Vincent in 5 BuckaRooS. Dave Scott was not far behind, and given a bit more vang he would have been up there. John had a great first sail, getting around the course four time and deciding to call it a day after a well executed practice capsize and recovery.
Dicing back with the RS’s was Mr Bond, with Clare having her first ever race helm in a Fifteen (and actually, since she was traditionally a crew, pretty well her first ever race helm ever), with Francine as crew. They had a soft grounding on the sandbank and capsize, but sailed well and had a lot of fun.
But, up the front, Secret was on fire, opening up its lead on every leg to take line honours and first on corrected time. Second Wind scored second, with the RS, Hooray (Garry Scott) having an outstanding race to bring up third on VYC.
Bill used his many years’ experience to find the best way through the tide to claim a 2nd within the RS fleet, and Paul Greer just had better boat speed in the light conditions to take third.
RS100 commentary (thanks Dave Scott – Ed)

Sunday was the biggest RS100 fleet we’ve ever had, with six boats. This is despite national champion Duncan Dey choosing to sail his NS14 with his son Daniel. Guess he couldn’t be bothered racing against a motley bunch of wanna-be’s!

Many thanks to Paul Greer from Ipswich who not only turned up with his own boat BatFink but also brought his ‘spare’ boat Raw Speed for new local John Harrison to try out. Like many of the RS100’s north of Melbourne, Raw Speed was once owned by our own resident boat-tart Vincent Selleck!

Garry got a great start and never looked back to claim his first win in a Championship race (in the RS100’s). Not to diminish this achievement, the Man of the Match award surely must go to John Harrison who was having his second sail on a RS100 and first race. John did fantastically well and was snapping at Dave Scott’s heels for the first couple of laps. Despite retiring on the last lap John’s performance was a loud warning to the rest of the fleet.

Late news is that John has decided not to buy Raw Speed and remains uncertain whether to get another RS100 or a different class of boat. Disappointing but we hope John finds a boat he feels happy with and becomes a regular at our club.
Cat Report — (thanks Jonathon – Ed)

The course was a SE for an incoming tide, with a light breeze generally under 10 knots with gusts to 13 knots. Seven cats faced the start line, First Strike, 2 FOOT Extra, Ozspray, Neo and Shore Thing, No Waiting and 404 (Anthony).

All but one of the cats started on starboard tack, with Neo pulling off a brilliant port start to be first across the line. The breeze was just enough to allow the use of the trapezes on most cats.

The first work up through the narrows had lots of close crossing on tacks with the positions changing as the tide helped anyone who stayed on the northern side of the river. 2 FOOT Extra was clear in front at the Mobbs buoy and stayed clear until the finish. With Finely Tuned not sailing, Seamus crewed on 2 FOOT Extra, to get in some practice for his sail on the Endeavour. Which is the newer boat?
Neo, Ozspray and First Strike battled for position all around the course with not much distance between them at each buoy. At the finish First Strike was ahead with Neo only 3 seconds in front of Ozspray.
Shore Thing chased these three cats all race, but the light wind and outgoing tide was always going to make it hard for Col to beat the lighter twin sailed cats.
The two other 4.5’s sailed well and finished the race.

Congratulations to Geoff on Neo winning the championship result. 2\textsuperscript{nd} went to Phill on Ozspray with Shore Thing coming third. Many thanks to all those club members who helped, thanks to Rick and his assistant for running the rescue boat. A very enjoyable afternoons sailing.

Answer: Endeavour
TRAILER REPORT (thanks Matt – Ed)

There was a nice sou-easter blowing up to about 10 knots, the sun was out, and high tide was due about 1:45. The normal south east course was set with a start just a bit upriver from the RSL and the trailer sailers opted for 5 laps. There were 6 boats rigged up for battle in the 8th Club Championship of the season; Run Rabbit Run, eX, Treasure Island, Serenity, Incy Wincy and Spudgun. John had injured himself and couldn’t sail, thankfully Charlie was available so Spudgun could compete.

On the way to the start we noted that there was very little current, as we approached high water and it did not play a role until the last few laps. The line was well set with a slight bias towards the pin. There was even one 4.5 that managed a sneaky port hand start and crossed the fleet. We opted for a starboard start at the pin and got away well with all boats making a decent start.

Rabbit cleared out on the first work as you would expect leaving Spudgun and Incy Wincy to battle it out for second and battle we did. Graeme dumped on us every chance he had, and we soon learned that a tacking duel was not in our favour with Incy Wincy’s superior acceleration getting the better of us. First at the top mark was Rabbit, followed by Incy with Spudgun close behind, then Treasure Island, Serenity and eX with three on board.
Spudgun had more speed downwind and managed to either get in front of Incy or close the gap on each run. Serenity opted for the big (and I mean huge) blue kite and it was great to see eX with the kite up too. Treasure Island took it easy and 2 sailed the first run but must have realised that this was too slow, and the red and white kite was flown on the runs for the remainder of laps.

The wind was shifty throughout the race swinging left and right with varying pressure so Charlie’s skill at calling the shifts in pressure and direction was very welcome on board Spudgun and assisted us to almost stay with Incy on the works. During the last 2 laps the current started flowing out and this played an important role. Spudgun hugged the sandbank to avoid the current while Incy opted for the centre of the channel. This resulted in a large gain for Spudgun who rounded the bottom mark the last time with a comfortable lead.

This lead was ground down during the work and Incy rounded the top mark just behind Spudgun with just a short reach to the gate to finish. Incy Wincy pulled out all the stops to get in front but Spudgun managed to prevail by about 1 metre. Rabbit sailed their own race well out in front, but the margin was not large enough as it turned out with Spudgun winning on corrected time with Rabbit second, Treasure Island 3rd, Incy Wincy 4th, Serenity 5th, eX 6th. It was a very exciting race, thanks to the duty officer, m and of course rescue Rick.
Home & Away Events
If anyone knows of any events or would like an event posted please let me know - Ed
(markpierce2481@yahoo.com.au)

The Annual Regatta
Hosted by Big River Sailing Club
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Saturday: Registration Online and save at
Beach entry from 10 am Sat 7th
Briefing: 12.30 NSW Daylight saving time.
Race start 1.30 pm.
Long course race start and finish at BRSC
Sunday: Two or three races. First start not before 10am
Approx. 4 pm Prize presentation.

Divisions:
1. Off the Beach Cats YS under 82
2. OTB Cats YS over 82
3. OTB Monohulls YS under 113
4. OTB Monohulls YS over 113
5. Multihulls
6. Yachts and TS CBH .710 and over
7. Yachts and TS CBH under .710
8. Junior Classes
Note: Minimum 3 boats comprise a division. 6 boats for a class division.

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