THE RICHMOND RIVER SAILING CLUB

IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR THE 2019-20 SEASON

With the Coronavirus cases growing exponentially in Australia at present the Government has asked everyone to stay at home and avoid all unnecessary social contact.

Although sailing is a safe sport and outdoor sporting clubs are not officially required to shut, it is difficult to avoid some social closeness around the club before and after sailing.

For the containment measures to be successful in Australia, the more people that can stay at home the better. In light of this, we have decided it is the right thing to do the close the club down for the season.

We will advise you if this situation changes and decide about Presentation night and the AGM at a later date.

Stay safe and let’s hope we can go sailing again in the near future.
Trailer Report 22-3-2020 (thanks Matt)

It is a different world now as we experience a pandemic. I was expecting the car park to be empty, but it was one of the busiest Sundays for some time with many pwc’s and powerful hot water boats on the water. Sailors did not turn up in the same numbers, but sailing was had, and the weather was very pleasant. The briefing was held from the veranda to increase social distancing and no food or money was handled which had previously been wisely decided by the committee.
It was just the 2 regular RL 24’s; *Spudgun* and *Treasure Island* who were willing to take the risk of contracting COVID 19 for a sail. At 11:00 there was a 1 knot westerly, but it filled in nicely from the east about 12:15 resulting in a nice breeze gusting to 10 knots and swinging NE and increasing at the end of our race.

There was a strong ebb for the entire race, so the current was going to play a big role. Paul was asleep at the start so *Spudgun* got a reasonable start unchallenged in the middle of the line. From then on, we had a soldier’s procession but it was a very enjoyable day on the water. The low tide had us waiting to retrieve the boats, so a few cold ones were enjoyed on the balcony, 2.0M apart with no food, of course.

Our whole way of life is uncertain for the foreseeable future but I hope that we can still go sailing even if it is informal. I’m sure we can come up with procedures to adhere to.
The Corona Cup Monohull division report – sponsored by Fourex

From Graeme Garden’s perspective:

After a briefing outside held from the club deck where all participants maintained a safe distance from each other a SE course was set with a fast outgoing tide. The wind was light and it took a while to get to the starting line – a visiting father/daughter crew sailing one of the new pacers only just making the start.

Paul in Impulse ‘Freakshow’ got the best of the start with Graeme Garden (Trent and Daisy) and visiting NS14 ‘Impulsive Matt’ (Matthew and Igor) from Tweed hot on his heels.

Moments after the mono start
Also racing were Des in Impulse ‘Olde Golde’, 

Graham Hodgins in ‘Retro’, 


and Jish and his crew in NS14 ‘Radical Phase’.

Visiting ‘Impulsive Matt’ was doing very well, adapting their Tweed river tide techniques to the Richmond, leading the monos to the first mark at Mobbs. By the way, Phill and Jonathan set a great course, the Mobbs mark set beyond the entrance, making for a longer challenging work, the next mark near the green buoy set close to the shore to try to prevent two works in a row. Rounding the green channel marker buoy the first time ‘Retro’ was hot on the heels of ‘Graeme Garden’ however this wasn’t to last, as the two two handed NS14s went goose wing and left the fleet behind. The two impulses were having a mighty tussle, Des ahead of Paul on the second work – really good to see two close races between two different classes in the same division.
Des opening up an Impulse lead

Paul catching up
The second work brought about a change in the lead as Graeme Garden stayed on the Northern side of the course and picked up a massive shift in the Straits of Ramada taking them all the way to the Mobbs mark as the wind started shifting towards the North. ‘Impulsive Matt’ shadowed ‘Graeme Garden’ as much as possible, adapting their course, learning fast as they followed. The third work changed things a bit. In trying to avoid the Ramada wind shadow ‘Graeme Garden’ chose to travel on the Southern side of the channel – a little too long it seems. ‘Impulsive Matt’ cruised up the middle and came out on top when tacks brought them together. A chase ensued until the green channel marker mark (which required some tacking to get there).

The Run to the Finish

‘Impulsive Matt’ rounded the final mark and didn’t venture right into the shallows and tried to set a whisker pole in a breeze which had switched to the North to the point where goosewinging was not possible. ‘Graeme Garden’ using nearly three years of local racing experience reached straight to the shallows and hugged the sandbank to a level not normally comfortable with Trent (with a non dagger centreboard), realising this was the final chance to take the race.
This paid off, Graeme Garden taking the lead by about fifteen metres coming into the final few hundred metres of course. ‘Impulsive Matt’ finally dispensed with the whisker pole and clung onto GG’s line, trying for a blanket. It looked all set for GG to win until the typical headers approaching the club in a NE breeze came to fruition. Twice GG almost came to a stop, bringing in sheets in the header, but still the lead looked unassailable. However, in the final fifty metres, the wind died for the shore hugging GG, as ‘Impulsive Matt’ picked up a private gust further in the current to take them to a victory of a few seconds. What a race! On shore Graham in ‘Retro’ was witnessed crossing the line and not too far behind, the Impulsive duo finished with Paul pipping Des by around thirty seconds? Well done for all coming to the club and participating in a wonderful sport in testing times.

Post-race the committee awarded the monohull division Corona race prize - a Fourex six-pack, to the visiting winning combo of Matthew and Igor. Matthew and Igor generously and graciously joined Trent and Daisy post race (at a safe distance) at the back of the club with an offer to share the beer. For such a close race Trent opted to take one home for later.

Well done to the committee for proceeding with racing and setting the guidelines for a safe and wonderful sailing experience. Many thanks to Phill and Jonathan for sacrificing their own sailing experience and operating the start/rescue boat. Thanks also to Vince for manning the tower!
CLUB NEWS

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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 earnt 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

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