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April - May 2024

WELCOME TO THE WINTER SEASON

REAR COMMODORE (YACHTS) REPORT

Surely this has been the busiest break between seasons we have seen in at least a decade?

Port Hacking was well represented at Sail Port Stephens, and from that came some great results from CSC members. There is a wrap-up of the event later in this Mainsheet.

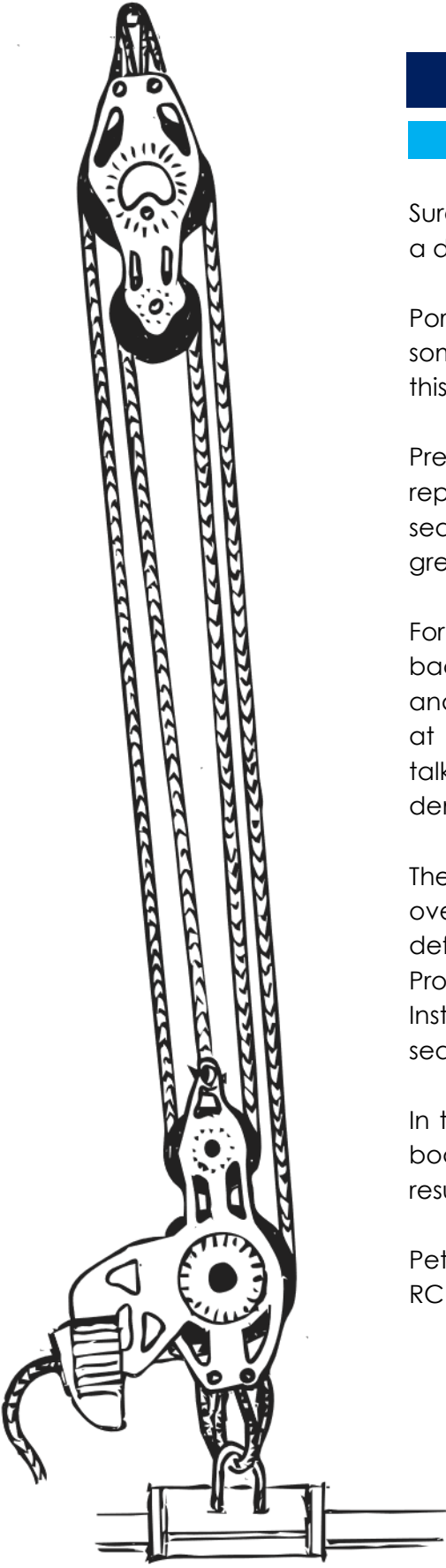
Presentation night was a big success with OTB and keel boat fleets being well represented by approx 80 members. Members mingled and celebrated our past season until very late. Thanks go to the many members who assisted in this event's great success.

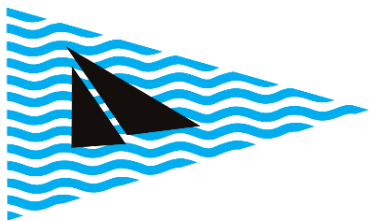
For some years we have seen restlessness amongst the yacht fleet. In the background your Sailing Committee has been exploring how best to invigorate and modernise the way we race. Rik, our SailSys manager, recently took the floor at a special Members and Skippers meeting, attended by 29 members, and talked us through the pros and cons of a range of options. To be transparent and democratic, a separate formal vote from each keelboat was then recorded.

The support vote for change to a course-based point score system was overwhelming. Your Sailing Committee now moves into a four stage process of defining the SailSys management parameters; compiling the 2024/25 racing Program; integrating the 2024/25 Course book; and updating the 2024/25 Sailing Instructions. We have an enthusiastic team, we will deliver before the summer season starts.

In the meantime, let's all enjoy some glorious Winter sailing. Don't forget each boat MUST enter the Winter series separately in SailSys to be eligible for a race result. See you out there.

Pete VR
RC: yachts





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

24-25 PROGRAM

With the help of feedback and ideas from many skippers and crew, the sailing committee is preparing an overhaul of the race program for the coming summer season. There are numerous objectives: To get more boats racing together; to consolidate some of our smaller fleets; and to encourage new boats into the fleet with shorter series. We are only part way through the overhaul with the new program aiming to be ready by mid July. Thanks to all the members who have put much time and effort into this.

MEMBERSHIP

This year our membership rollover is a little different. You will not receive an invoice but simply follow this link <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/cronullasailingclub/registration/> which can also be found on the website.

This gives our members more control over their membership and allows important details such as medical needs and contact information to be updated by the member when they renew.

We are happy to support you in any way we can to make this process as easy as possible. Please contact info@cronullasailingclub.com.au

ADULT LEARN TO SAIL

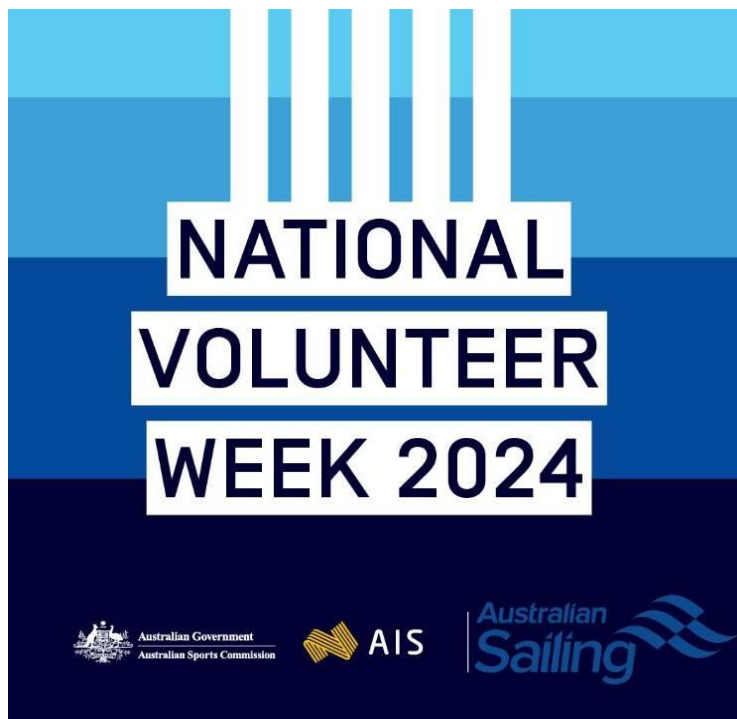
The recent Adult Learn to Sail program was frustrated by very poor weather, strong winds one week, followed by rain with no winds the next week. We look forward to welcoming just a couple of new sailors to the club – let's hope they get a better start when they join your boat for the winter series!

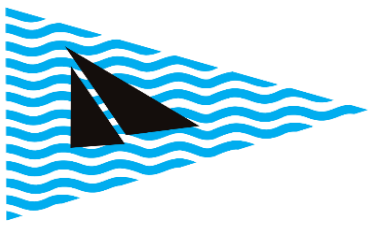
NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK

May 20 to May 26 2024 was National Volunteers Week which is extremely fitting as we look at all the amazing projects that have been achieved by amazing volunteers lately.

Our club would not be here if it was not for the commitment and support of volunteers past, present and future. To our volunteers, we say thank you.

Thank you for your passion, your dedication, and your unwavering support.





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VJ INSTALLATION

Bronwyn, Maxy, Chris and their team have been busy putting together this amazing installation of a classic VJ. The boat was purchased almost 5 years ago and this display has been in the making ever since. The boat and glass was installed in May with a few finishing touches to come. Well done to the whole team who have worked tirelessly to get to this point and thank you for your time and dedication.



NEW RETAINING WALL

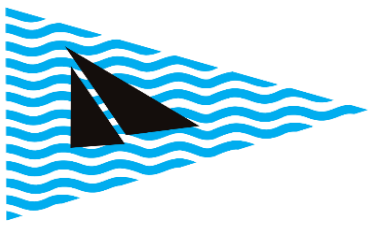
Bob and Brent have redone the retaining wall at the back of the club, adjacent to the fuel room. For those who use that door, you will know it was getting rather hard to open with the collapse of the old wall. Bob and Brent have done a wonderful job. Thanks guys!

BENETEAU FIRST 7.5's

The Beneteau First 7.5's from Sandringham Yacht Club have finally arrived. We would first like to say a huge thank you to Mick Stuart who organised the transport from Victoria. We would also like to thank all those who came down to the club and helped get the boats off the truck and down the driveway.

There is still a bit to be done to get these boats ready to go on the water and Pil is looking for anyone who would like to lend a hand. If you think you could help out in some way please contact Pil on 0413 361 999.



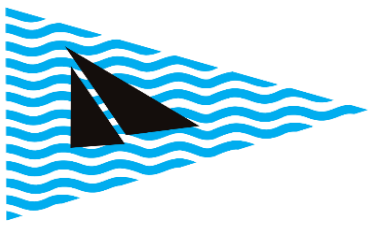


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WORKING BEE

Our Winter Working Bee was held on 25th May and it was a great success. It was fantastic to have so many members down at the club working together to get some important jobs done. Some of the jobs that were knocked off included: cleaning chairs, gardening, cleaning and fixing the floating pontoon, maintaining club dinghies, cleaning out the boatshed, cleaning the driveway/hardstand and removing rubbish from the old retaining wall. Thank you to Pil who has been pressure cleaning the deck during the week also.





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PRESENTATION

Our presentation evening was a huge success with approximately 80 members attending. Thank you to all those that came along and supported their competitors and the club. If you have any feedback please let us know here <https://forms.gle/SGzXgHzEH8BJnfsC7>

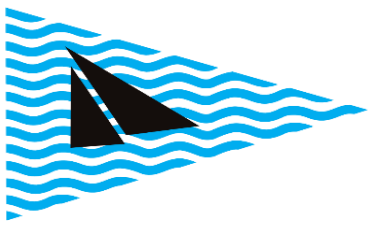


WHAT'S COMING UP?

AGM

Our AGM date has changed. The AGM will be held on the 31st July. We hope this will accommodate our members who will be away representing the club in various regattas.

We encourage all members to think about what skills they could offer at a board level or as a sailing committee member. There are plenty of opportunities to contribute to the everyday running of the club and the sailing that we all enjoy. If you are interested and you want more information please feel free to contact any of the board or sailing committee members for a chat.



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IN OTHER NEWS

MG14 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The MG14 state titles were held at Toronto Amateur Sailing Club over two days from Saturday 9th March to Sunday 10th March. There were four Cronulla boats (Skol, Turtle, Smashed and Rum Rage) who made the trip up to Newcastle for the regatta.

Day 1 consisted of 3x back to back races. The winds were light with not quite enough wind for most to get out on trapeze but the sun came out for a treat and gave us a beautiful sunny day to start the series. It was close racing but a favoured side of the course saw some of the local boats come out on top.

Day 2 consisted of 2x races and after waiting for the wind to come in, it was smooth sailing from there. In race 1 Turtle pulled out a feat we haven't seen in months with Turtle finishing a race in front of Skol (with Skol remaining unbeaten this season until now) and Smashed not too far behind. Rum Rage had some unfortunate hardware malfunction which made for a tough series for them.

CSC Results;

Skol - Bernard + Luke

8th scratch / 23rd handicap

Turtle - Jess + Joss

10th scratch / 15th handicap

Smashed - Katelyn + Thomas

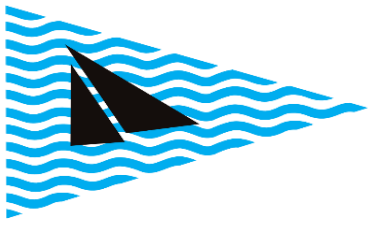
17th scratch / 6th handicap

Rum Rage - Neil + Claire

19th scratch / 9th handicap

Well done to all Cronulla boats.





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SAIL PORT STEPHENS REGATTA

To our mind, the 2024 Sail Port Stephens regatta retained the title of New South Wales premier yachting event. This year four CSC boats and four RMYC-PH boats made the pilgrimage north. Sea Hawk represented CSC in the feeder Newcastle to Port Stephens ocean race, before joining Brand X, Jazz Bar, and Let's Go in the week-long Sail Port Stephens Commodores Cup Regatta. The fleet sizes were near record levels with 42 boats sailing the Nc2PS ocean race, and about 115 boats sailed across four divisions in the SPS Commodores Cup Regatta.

As is typical for that time of year, the breeze was generally light and fickle, the current strong, the sandbanks ever present, and the weather mostly clear and sunny. However some fortitude was needed on the last day of racing where miserable rain doused the smile off the face of every sailor. But for those sailors, a strong sense of personal achievement prevailed, and as is often the case in the sailing world, with that resilience comes upheaval of the final series results. We all certainly earned a beer after that last race!

Newcastle - Port Stephens feeder race

Sea Hawk

PHS 4th

Scratch 7th

2024 SPS Commodores Cup

Sea Hawk

PHS Div2 1st

Jazz Bar

PHS Div2 4th

Brand X

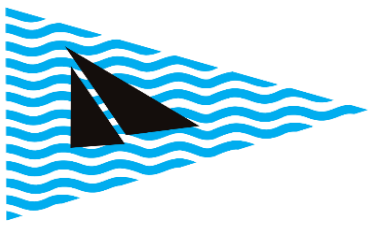
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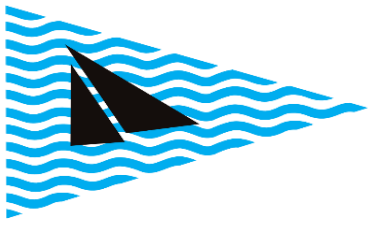
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Jazz Bar



Let's Go





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