

# the Mainsheet

January-February 2024

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### WELCOME BACK

The CSC Autumn sailing season is well and truly underway. It seems Club racing has generally been held in milder conditions? Except maybe for a few good swells, the usual summer nor'easters conditions haven't had their usual bite? Over Christmas time, our membership has participated in Hobarts, MG Nationals, Bic championships, and more. Our yachts have already hosted the Navigators' Cup Regatta, and the Harbour weekend away and our Off The Beach fleet have just had a great weekend down the coast at Swan Lake.

Across the CSC fleets, pointscore drops are coming into play, and suddenly boats are looking a lot closer at their various series performances. Will there be upsets? You bet, every chance! The exciting thing about sailing is that you are not only competing against your fellow sailors, you are also being challenged by whatever mother nature decides to throw at you on the day.

We will all eagerly watch the season unfold, but you know what, our sailing program gives us all an excuse to chill out on our spectacular waterways, and out there, we are all winners!

See you on the water.

Pete VR

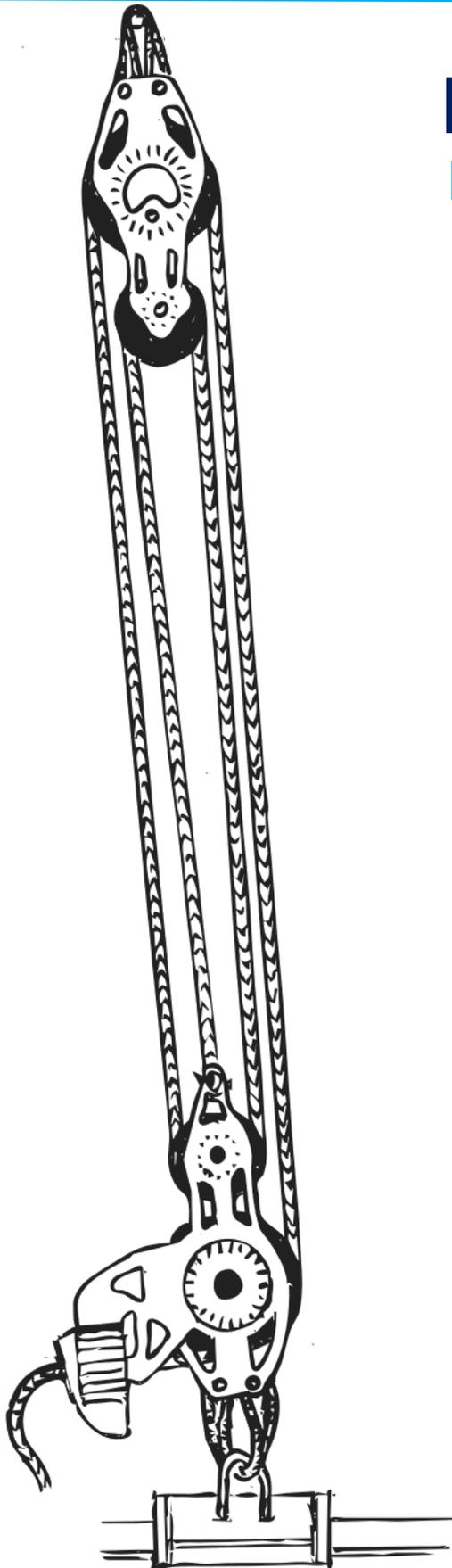
RC Yachts

### SAILABILITY

Sailability Cronulla is an organisation formed to take individuals with disabilities sailing. Sailability utilises the Hansa 303 which was designed specifically for individuals with disabilities so that the skipper sits side by side with the client.

Pre-covid, Sailability ran successful Sunday programs with 5 skippers, 2 safety boat crew and 2 dock crew to take out between 10 to 12 keen clients. Unfortunately, since then we have not been able to attract sailors who are able to give up time on Sunday morning.

If anyone can join us for Sunday sailing please contact Russell McLaren on 0412 468 542





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## FAREWELL JIM COOK

It is with a heavy heart we share the passing of past member Jim Cook. CSC would like to pass on our sincerest condolences to Ian Cook, Jim's son who sails on Midnight Magic, and the rest of their family. Thank you to Ian who took the time to share a few words about Jim below.

Jim Cook started sailing at Cronulla Sailing Club in 1946 when he was 16. He helped build the original club house. He built a VJ when he was 17 and sailed it for many years at Cronulla. He moved away from the club for a while, sailing Skates at St George Sailing Club and then a Sharpie at Port Hacking Sailing Club.

When his children were old enough he built a Heron "MIJ" and came back to sail at Cronulla. He sailed the Heron for 4 years and sailed in championships and regattas all over Australia. Mij finished fourth in the nationals held in Adelaide. In 1967 Jim built a VS also called "MIJ". Over the next 6 years "MIJ" won 5 club championships and 2 state championships.

Jim was on the club board for many years and was commodore in 1970. Although Jim moved on to other classes and sailed elsewhere he always talked fondly about his years sailing at Cronulla.

## APPROVED MANAGER / BAR MANAGER - POSITION AVAILABLE

The Club would like to acknowledge the huge contribution of the following people:

- Ken McKay, who has been our licensee for approximately 10 years, and
- Nathan Pinkus, our Bar Manager who has been involved in the operation of the bar for 10 years as well.

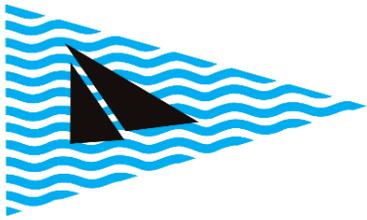
Ken has decided that he would like to travel more and is therefore unable to commit the necessary time to be licensee. In the interim, we thank Jason Thorne for stepping in as Licensee until we identify a suitable candidate.

Nathan has also indicated that he would like to take a break as Bar Manager at the end of the current Twilight Season. We understand the commitment it requires to show up every Friday during summer, taking you away from family and friends.

To simplify administration of our liquor licence the Club is also moving to a corporate licensee, versus an individual person. Under a corporate licensee we will need to appoint an Approved Manager to assume similar responsibilities as a licensee.

As a result, the Club is on the search for an individual to be both our Approved Manager and Bar Manager. Previous experience in hospitality would be preferable. We will assist you in undertaking the necessary qualifications to become an Approved Manager. Must be willing to work Friday nights through daylight savings and on Saturdays overseeing booked functions.

Up for a new challenge? Send an email to [info@cronullasailingclub.com.au](mailto:info@cronullasailingclub.com.au) expressing your interest.



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## WET TECH RIGGING NAVIGATORS' CUP REGATTA

The Wet Tech Rigging Navigators' Cup Regatta held on 20th January 2024 was a huge success. This event is part of the official Australia Day Regatta activities, the event welcomes eligible boats with Cat7+ safety or better. In a steady 10-15 knot breeze on an extremely flat seaway, all 25 yachts from CSC, RMYC-PH, Botany Bay and the Harbour sailed with relative ease over their respective courses.

Congratulations to Navigators' Cup Group 1 winner, CSC's Mick Stewart and crew on Let's Go, Group 2 winner (after a last minute rally to upgrade his safety from Cat7+ to Cat4 just one day prior), RMYC-PH's David Cartmer and crew on Majella, and CSC's Paul Booth and crew on Chillout.

Full results can be found at the LINK below, or under the **Race Results** tab on the CSC website. <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/18/results/series/3122/races/22319>

CSC would like to extend their thanks to members who volunteered their time this year. Special thanks to Bruce McKay on our official support boat who followed the Cat7+ fleets around the big water off Cape Bailey. Growth only comes with effort, with your volunteer help, and expanded sponsorship participation, next year's Navigators' Cup Regatta can continue to grow and fulfil CSC's vision to make this our cornerstone yacht event.

Sea Hawk's Bionic Bob (because of his new titanium hip), also took this footage during the Nav Cup.. [HAWKIE LINK](#)



## NEW YACHT RACE OFFICER

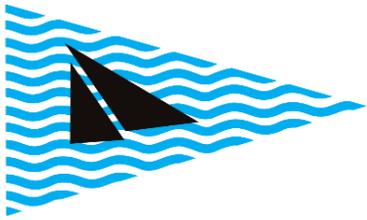
Welcome aboard Dave Johnson! January 14th saw Dave's seamless take over as our new keelboat RO. Dave is not just a very experienced sailor and familiar with race management, he is also quite comfortable around technology. Dave has taken up mastering the SailSys race management system extremely quickly and accurately.

## INSHORE DIV 1 REPRESENTATIVE

We would like to welcome Jeff Eason to the position of Inshore Division 1 Captain on the CSC Sailing Committee. Jeff comes to our committee with passion, enthusiasm and positivity. With Jeff on board, we're excited to explore fresh ideas, tackle challenges and grow our sailing numbers.

## SAILSYS CREW SIGN ON

CSC is very safety conscious, the SailSys QR code system is now the keelboat fleet's adopted crew declaration method. This software provides real time access to crew-on-water information and NOK details in emergency situations. Keelboat skippers are responsible to ensure all crew, including themselves, log on using the SailSys QR code. It is now mandatory for all yacht crew members to sign on using the SailSys QR code, no exceptions please.



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## HARBOUR RACE

The Sydney Harbour weekend on the 17th and 18th February proved successful with CSC and RMYC-PH boats competing in the InterClub series as well as their individual Club point scores.

More often than not, the Sunday trip home seems to be a solid southerly, but this time around the shorter courses were selected as sailing conditions were uncharacteristically light to windward both days. The comradery at the CYCA clubhouse after Saturday sailing was great, with CSC Sea Hawk being the last Port Hacking boat to leave the bar on Saturday night, mind you, we were impressed that RMC-PH White Noise skipper and crew put in a pretty solid effort, however back on the marina, CSC Santorini was overheard at quite some distance. No doubt a good drop was 'quietly' being enjoyed. It's pretty special to be welcomed as we are to the CYCA, thanks are extended to the CYCA team for their provision of first class amenities and great hospitality.

For those who couldn't make the trip this year, write it into your calendar as soon as the program comes out, it truly is an ocean adventure not to be missed.

Sea Hawk's Bob Sagar, new name Bionic Bob, took this drone footage at the Saturday start.. [DRONE LINK](#)



Photos from RMYC Port Hacking Sailing Club <https://www.facebook.com/RMYCPORTHACKINGSAILING>

## OUR BEST BEHAVIOUR

Under the '**Our Club**' menu on the CSC home page, you can find CSC's '**Member Protection Policy**'. This policy is based on the pillars of Trust and Integrity; Passion and Commitment; Respect and Consideration; Progression, yet true to our history and traditions; Friendship and Fellowship.

The objective of our Member Protection Policy is to promote and maintain respectful behaviour of Club members and guests so that we can all continue to enjoy the comradery of the Club in a safe and inclusive manner. We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Club Director, Mark Brady to the position of Member Protection Officer and you should feel free to contact Mark at any time should the occasion arise.



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## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### FRIDAY TWILIGHT RACING AND ENTERTAINMENT

It's hard to believe that summer has come to an end and we are approaching the end of daylight savings. This means that our traditional Twilight Sailing and Bar is drawing to a close for the season.

Given the success of last year's season closer, we again will be heavily promoting the final night of Friday 5 April with big full sailing member discounts. Full **sailing members** will be entitled to:

- **\$2 off** all standard drinks, and **\$4 off** all bottles of wine and jugs/buckets of beer.

Remember, full sailing members also have the exclusive use of the upstairs terrace area on Friday nights.

We look forward to seeing you at Club on a regular basis to enjoy our entertainment for the remainder of the season:

- 1 March – Craig Woodward
- 8 March – James English
- 15 March – Kye Brown
- 22 March – Just Mates
- 29 March – Good Friday – CLOSED
- 5 April – Max Smidth – Season Finale



### 2024/2025 SAILING PROGRAM

In an effort to encourage better skipper and sailing member participation, this year CSC race management has already started preparing the 2024/2025 CSC Sailing Program. This is much earlier than in previous years to encourage members to talk and make written submissions to their Captains right now. With this early feedback, the Racing Program preparation process will be streamlined and the earlier-than-usual up-coming Skippers Meeting can be a much more casual occasion. Please get in your Captain's ear today.

### ADULT LTS

CSC is excited to be running our third Adult Learn to Sail program in conjunction with Pacific Sailing School. Whether your dream is to crew on a yacht right here in Cronulla, hire a yacht in the Whitsundays or Skipper a yacht in the Greek Islands we have exciting sailing programs designed just for you to learn safely and enjoy yourself sailing whilst meeting new people.

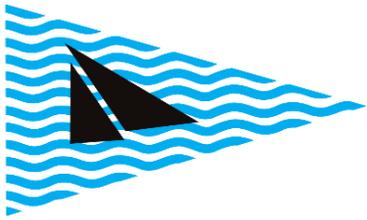
#### **Free Theory and Social evening (all welcome):**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March: 6pm – 9pm at Cronulla Sailing Club. Barbecue snacks and a few drinks are included.

#### **Course Dates**

0930 to 1600 each day

Saturdays - 20<sup>th</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> May



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## Here's the program

Our Fast track Competent Crew program combines the Keelboat *Start Crewing* and *Start Helming* Courses. This program is inclusive of:

4 x 6 hour practical lessons out on the water

1 x Theory and social evening

1 x 3 hour Discover Sailing Experience to gift to a friend

6 weeks of practice sails for free on a standby basis after course completion (only available on Sydney Harbour)

Australian Sailing Insurance, Registration, Certificate, Textbook and Log Book

From day one: You will have hands on instruction on helming (steering the boat), main sheet (controlling the power of the boat), winches (turning the boat through tacks and gybes etc.) and the foredeck.

## Transition of course participants

Participants will be offered the opportunity to join the crew of one of the sailing boats within the CSC fleet.

At the conclusion of each course participants are encouraged to become an active member of the CSC community.

CSC will offer a discounted membership of 50% in the first year to course participants if membership is taken up within 3 months of course completion.

On course completion, PSS will present the Certificates of Completion to course participants. In addition, you can apply for your NSW Power Boat Licence with RMS, the certificate is valid to gain a licence without additional theory.

For questions or to register, please contact Rik Arendsen on 0422 465 000 or email [rik@aspirationswealth.com.au](mailto:rik@aspirationswealth.com.au).

## IN OTHER NEWS

### MG NATIONALS

The MG 14 nationals were run at Darling Point Sailing Club in Manly/Brisbane, over the New year period from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. They consisted of an invitation race and 8 heats with the ability to drop 2 heats. Cronulla had a good turn up of boats especially considering that we had to travel to Brisbane for the titles.

Some notable results, Skol (Bernard Parker & Luke Johnson) getting 3<sup>rd</sup> scratch (1 point off second) and Turtle, (Jessica Parker & Joss Dal Vera) 2<sup>nd</sup> Handicap/8<sup>th</sup> Scratch, they both performed very well in very trying circumstances.

As all would know over that period SW Queensland had some big storms and the first 3 days poured rain so much we thought we would be washed away. After this it settled down a bit but the waves were nothing more than a chop with multiple directions and a very short back on each wave. The wind was not the usual Queensland fair and was more light than heavy with multiple days not really getting above 12 knots.

On the last day the wind finally decided to play ball and get up around the 18-20 knot range, Rum Rage Dannielle & Brendon had a spectacular crash under full spinnaker when the tiller snapped and launched them further than the top of the mast as the boat turned 90 degrees and flopped hard onto the water. Smashed Katelyn and Thomas had some bad luck on the last day with gear breakage and as such had DNF&DNS which is one of the perils of back to back racing.



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We probably should mention that the old fox Neil Tasker turned up the heat with Josh Tasker on board and sailed a great series to win the Trophy.

The following boats competed from CSC and their results at a glance  
Skol, Bernard Parker & Luke Johnson 3<sup>rd</sup> Scratch/16<sup>th</sup> Handicap  
Turtle, Jessica Parker & Joss Dal Vera 8<sup>th</sup> Scratch/2<sup>nd</sup> Handicap  
AquaPest, Drew Van Ryn & Morgan Hind 10<sup>th</sup> Scratch/8<sup>th</sup> Handicap  
Smashed, Drew Van Ryn & Morgan Hind 19<sup>th</sup> Scratch/20<sup>th</sup> Handicap  
Rum Rage, Dannielle Parker & Brendon Yiu 22<sup>nd</sup> Scratch/6<sup>th</sup> Handicap



Scratch Results [2023-24 DPSS MG POINTSCORE Final Provisional.xlsx \(revolutionise.com.au\)](https://www.revolutionise.com.au/2023-24-DPSS-MG-POINTSCORE-Final-Provisional.xlsx)

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Dress as your boat name theme night



Turtle



Rum Rage



Aqua Pest



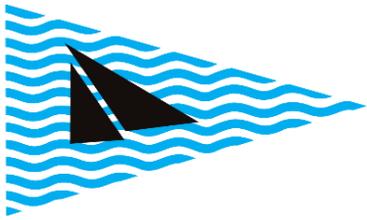
Skol



The Greatest Supporters



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## KURNELL CUP

I'm Harriet Jones and I started sailing a few months ago. Recently I went to my first regatta, the Kurnell cup. It was forecast to be really windy on the first day so I was a bit nervous. I registered for the green fleet, where it was all beginners and had a friendly atmosphere to it. We were instructed to have a few practice runs before we did any races, and when I got out there I struggled a lot in the windy conditions and capsized almost instantly. I lost my confidence and ended up returning to shore. We had a break for lunch and when we returned I rigged my boat up with a smaller sail so that it would be easier for me to control. It helped a lot and I felt more comfortable in the boat. We paired up with other kids from the green fleet to have a two-up race. In the race we had to drop one person at a time off on a giant stand up paddle board before picking them back up and swapping, then returning to shore. It was a lot of fun and I really enjoyed it. That was pretty much all the activities we did on Saturday.

I returned on Sunday ready to sail and there were much lighter conditions, so quite the opposite to Saturday. We started the morning with an adventure race where we got paired with another person, from the gold and silver fleets as well. We had to sail around a mark then into shore where one sailor had to retrieve a wooden block from the other beach. There were three blocks that were marked with an X. These blocks would secure you a first, second or third place. The other blocks were marked with numbers which would be drawn in a raffle later. My team didn't end up getting an X or winning the raffle but we still had fun together. Then everyone split into the fleets again and in the green fleet we had a few races on our own and then another two-up race then we even attempted to have four people in the boat. It didn't go very well but it was a good laugh. On Sunday afternoon there was a presentation and prize giving where they drew raffles, announced the winners for the drawing and acronym competition. I ended up winning one of the raffles. Much to my surprise I also ended up getting a 5th place medal which I was quite proud of for my first regatta. Overall I really enjoyed the whole event and hopefully will be going again next year. I learnt a lot from this experience. Thanks to those who helped me along the way.

Harriet (Junior Sailor)

As a parent the regatta experience was excellent, with the organisers making the most of challenging conditions. The short events were great for developing the basic skills like getting on and off the beach. The charter boat was reasonably priced and good quality too. I would highly recommend this regatta to any families new to sailing. Even the parents got a sail, both one up and with the kids - serious stuff!

Chris (Harriet's Dad)



Harriet



Sophie



Tom



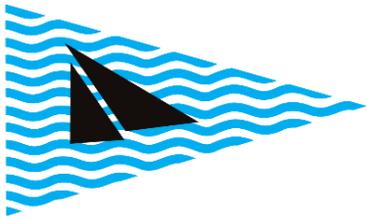
Blake



Jesse



Casey



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## ETCHELLS AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Paul Minter who competed at the Etchells Australia National Championship 2024 at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on 6th-11th January. Paul and his crew on *Crews Control* finished with an impressive 7th in the last race and finished 24th overall in the series.



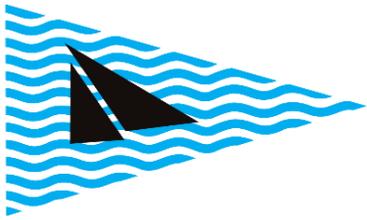
Photos by AeroMedia

## MELGES 24 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2024 Melges 24 National Titles were held at Royal Geelong Yacht Club from 26-28th January. Steve O'Rourke on *Panther* and Burke Melia on *No Mercy* represented the CSC. *Panther* won the 7th heat and finished 4th overall and *No Mercy* finished 6th overall. Congratulations those that sailed in very trying conditions.



Photos courtesy of Salty Dingo



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## SWAN LAKE WEEKEND AWAY

A little known secret at CSC is that each year the MG14's go away for a weekend of leisure, eating, sailing and maybe a little drinking (well maybe a bit more than little). This takes place on the last weekend of February, and if the organisers get their act together either several MG14's or Lasers make their way along and we get some good sailing in on Saturday. Where we stay is Lakeside Caravan Park on the shores of Swan Lake (just behind Sussex Inlet), cabins and plenty of camping are available!

Saturday night is a BBQ in the grounds of the Caravan Park and Sunday is a sleep in, then a swim in the pool, leisurely walk, surf, paddle on the lake or beach and a casual drive home.

The people that go all have a great time and usually there is plenty of drinking, and board games. With lots of talk about the masterful sailors sitting around the table, how they could've won, or the massive crash, or "I nearly died stories".

So Juniors, next year put the date away and come on down and maybe you will get to crew on the Mg's like these! ----->



This is where we go!

Cudmirrah Lakeside Cabins and Holiday Village

