

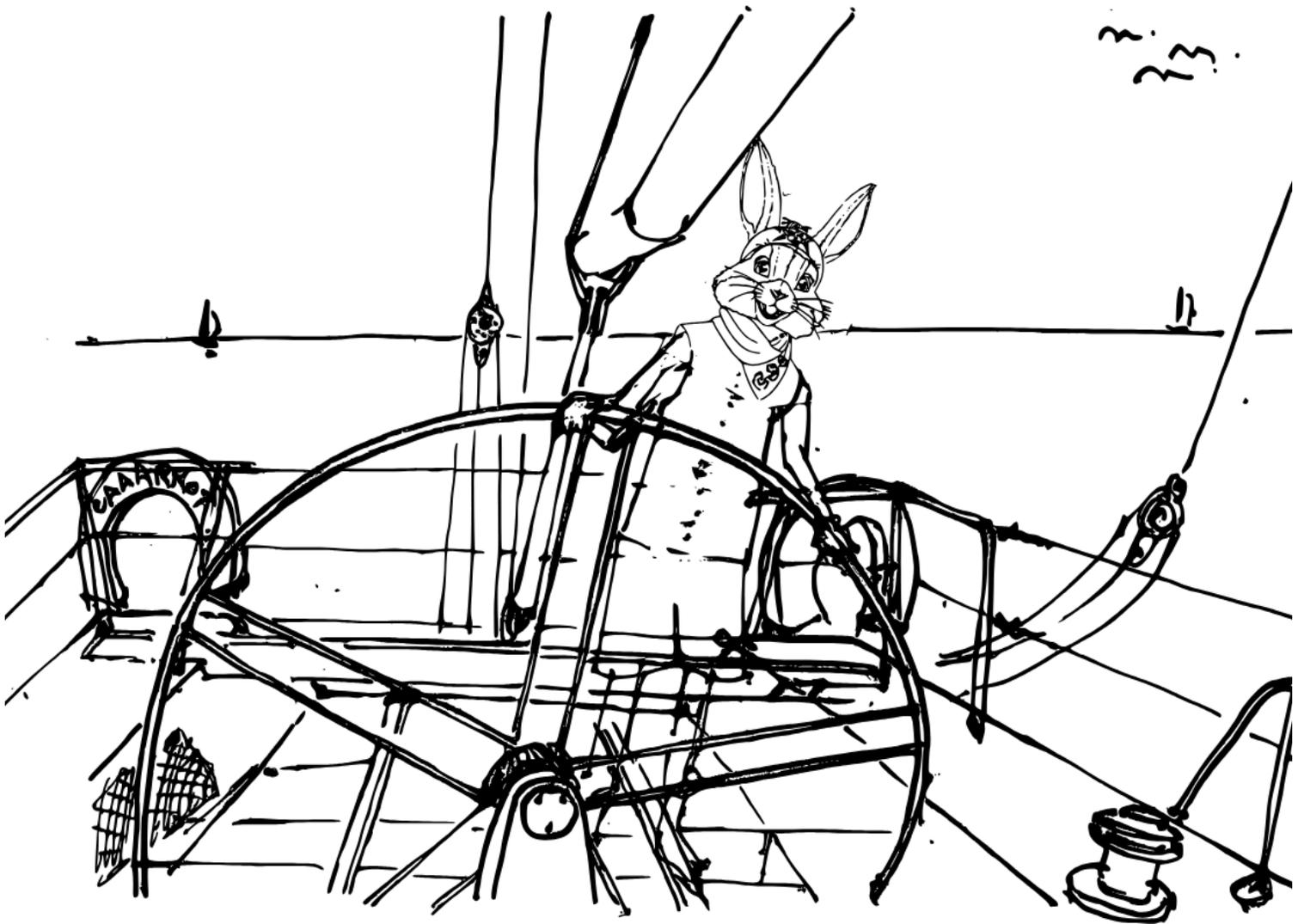


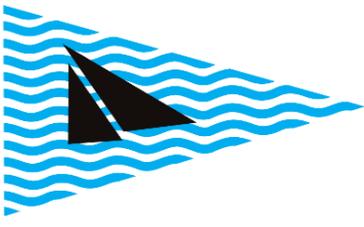
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HAPPY EASTER

We would like to wish all our members a Happy Easter. May this Easter season be filled with happiness, peace, and prosperity for you and your loved ones. And as we set sail into the cooler months ahead, may we continue to support and inspire each other in our shared love for the sea.





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REAR COMMODORE (YACHTS) REPORT

Can you believe it, already another great summer season draws to a close. 2023/2024 summer season Friday night twilights and Saturday yacht racing each have just one more race and our Sunday Learn2Sail and dinghy racing fleets are all done and dusted. What a great year it has been!

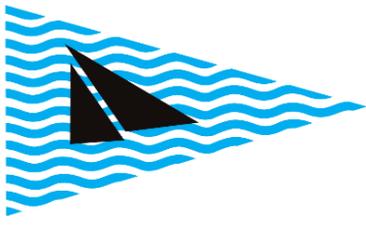
In fact, we reckon it's been such a good year, we've decided to do it all again next year! How lucky are we! Of course we still have our Presentation Night and various winter race series to help keep the salt running through our veins until then.

It seems that the only thing constant in this world is that nothing stays the same. This passing summer season we have consolidated our adoption of the SailSys race management system and from that we saw some major realignment of our smaller (or is that cruiser?) inshore yacht fleets. From this we have formed bigger fleets which are delivering more tactical racing. Your sailing committee are continuing this review process and are now making preparations for the release of the draft 2024/2025 racing program ahead of the 'Sailors Meeting' (this is a rebadge of the age old 'Skippers Meeting' where we have always invited all sailors to attend), this is coming around at the end of April or early May.

Our Club's current racing rules books, the 2021/2024 SIs and Course books have served us well, but they are now struggling to keep up with our evolution. We are currently updating these documents, the 2024/2025 Sailing Instructions and Course book will be online, ready for you to download your own paper or digital copy before the start of the 2024/2025 summer season.

Pete VR
RC: yachts





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JUNIOR SAILING WRAP-UP

What a year we have had in the Junior Sailing space! We have seen approximately 25 juniors participate in the Start Sailing 1 program with 15 of those continuing on to Start Sailing 2 or In the Bay Sailing.

We currently have a strong group of 20 juniors sailing each Sunday in a range of boats. We have our Optimists and Bics on the water as well as Manly Juniors and even a Flying 11.



Congratulations to Finan and his family who purchased an Optimist for him to sail and Takumi and his family who purchased a Manly Junior for him to sail. It is fantastic to see families committing to sailing and taking the step to boat-ownership. It has been great to watch Finan and Tak take care of their new boats and sail them with pride.

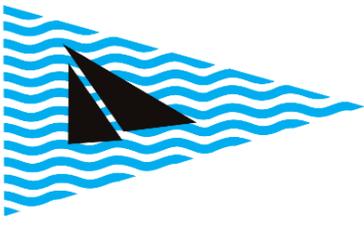
I would once again like to thank our instructors Tobie, Katelyn, Sophie and Tom for all their time and effort with our junior sailors. I would also like to thank Dave Whitten who has been helping launch and recover rescue boats each week. Finally the parents, thank you to all those friendly faces who are there each week moving the launching ramp, lifting boats in and out of storage, rigging boats, launching and retrieving boats and supporting on the water and onshore. It is great to have so many involved parents and we will continue to build on this into the future.

Due to the great enthusiasm, we will be continuing with junior sailing throughout winter. The dates for Junior Winter Sailing are:

- 14th April
- 19th May
- 16th June
- 21st July
- 18th August



See you on the water!
Tayla



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

5th April	Final Friday Twilight
6th April	Final Keelboat Summer Series race
15th - 20th April	Sail Port Stephens Regatta
4th May	Presentation Evening
10th May	First Keelboats Winter Series race
25th May	Working Bee

FRIDAY NIGHT TWILIGHTS

As we approach the end of daylight savings next week, we also sadly approach the end of our Friday Night Twilight Sailing. The last sailing event and bar date is Friday 5th April.

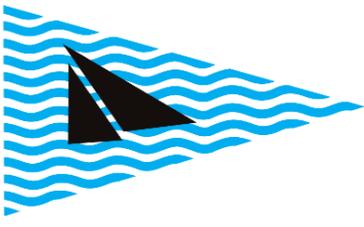
This year has seen an increased turnout of boats sailing in the bay on a Friday night and a fantastic group of people sailing and socialising. The Club would like to once again thank Jared for his organisation and initiative with Twilight Sailing.

As we did last year, we would like to end the season with a bang for all our sailing members. Max Smidt is playing so it is sure to be a great night. We encourage everyone to join us and all 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 hope to see you there!





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SATURDAY KEELBOAT WINTER SERIES

For all keelboat skippers and boat admins, from now on, every time you see a forthcoming group of races described using the word SEASON or SERIES, you will need to go online to the CSC SailSys page and join that season or series.

We are constantly updating the way we present things on our website. Currently to enter a SEASON or SERIES, **like the forthcoming Keelboat Yacht Series**, you must enter it separately in SailSys.

Once you find it, it's not so hard, see the following LINK to enter CSC's SailSys page, then press **RACE ENTRY** and follow the prompts.

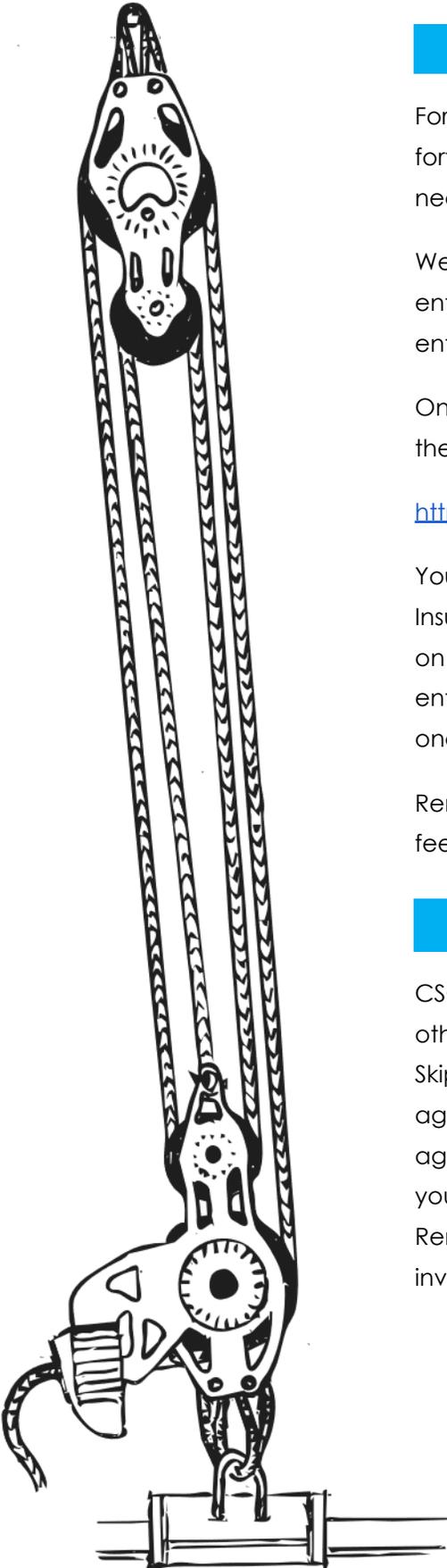
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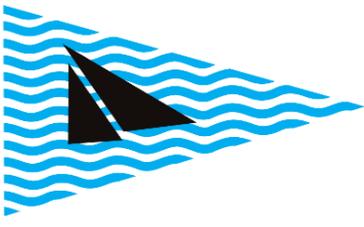
You will be prompted to go to your boat's document library and upload the latest Insurance CoC and Safety Certificate (noting of course you are keeping updated on your YOUR BOAT page because it makes life so much easier every time you enter a SEASON or SERIES. Get into the habit, it's a pretty short and sweet process once you are organised.

Remember, if last year you entered the 2023/2024 season and paid your race fees, then the 2024 Winter series comes at no additional cost to you.

UPDATED DISCLAIMERS

CSC is ever-mindful of our individual responsibilities to look after ourselves and each other when we are out on the water enjoying our racing. When our boat owners / Skippers / SailSys administrators next enter a race series, they will be prompted to agree to a disclaimer regarding racing rules and other skipper responsibilities. In agreeing to these requirements, please stop and think about the ramifications for your safety; for your crews safety; and for your fellow fleet racers safety. Remember, insurance companies have a near zero settlement history for incidents involving alcohol and drug consumption.





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TWILIGHTS JOINING SAILSYS

Twilight Captain Jared is working towards next year introducing the SailSys system to Friday twilight sailing events. This formality will ultimately make Friday twilight sailing safer for all participants and easier for CSC to manage administratively. It will come with boat safety certification and insurance requirements, bringing this fleet in line with all other CSC fleet sailing policies.

If any Twilight boats wish to join in the 2024 Saturday Winter Series commencing 18th May, you are most certainly welcome. We have a fleet of boats that would love to see you on their short passage course.

Contact

info@cronullasailingclub.com.au

and a sailing Committee member will be happy to talk you through the necessary formalities.



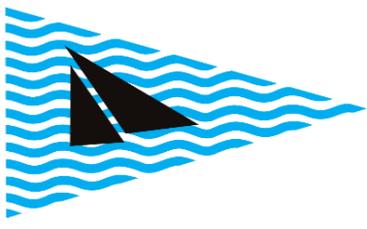
NEWBIE CREW

The general public see us racing yachts and dinghies around beyond the Cronulla Beach's breakers, and folks coming along for a drink on Friday arvos see our Twilighters having a pretty relaxed time on the water (well, except for those damn southerlies!).

From this, the Club is getting regular inquiries. We are being approached by people who used to sail and would like to get back into it, and others just inspired by the beauty of what they see, wanting to get out there and see if this is the activity and sporting community they have been looking for.

We ask that all members please keep an ear out for these people. If you have a conversation, please make sure you get their name and contact number and forward it to Rik or Rear Commodores Pete and Craig or any Race Committee member. We are all happy to contact them and find their crewing niche.

And on the other side, can skippers please be nurturing and if space and boat safety allows, can you please take one of these people on when they are offered. You never know, you or another skipper might just gain a new loyal crew member, or in the near future, we might even end up with another boat on a start line.



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PRESENTATION EVENING

Save the date! Our 2023-2024 sailing presentation will be held on 4th May at the club.

Our presentation is a great place for all fleets, yachts and dinghies, to come together and celebrate a fantastic season. Put the date in your diary. You don't want to miss this awesome night.



IN OTHER NEWS

BIC OPEN SKIFF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 17-17th March, 2 CSC boats travelled to BYRA to compete in the Open Skiff State Titles. Casey in *12665 Bic Sharky* and Tom in *Sea Dog*, both sailed incredibly well in their respective fleets. Tom was only able to sail on Saturday meaning he finished 19th overall in the Gold Fleet. Casey had two cracking days of sailing in the Silver fleet. He won Line Honors in the final heat and finished 2nd overall in his division. Casey also won the Under 12's in the Silver Division.

Well Done to both Tom and Casey. We can't wait to see what you guys get up to next!

