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September 2023

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CSC?

September has been another very busy month. The 2023-2024 Summer Seasons of yacht and dinghy racing are well and truly underway.

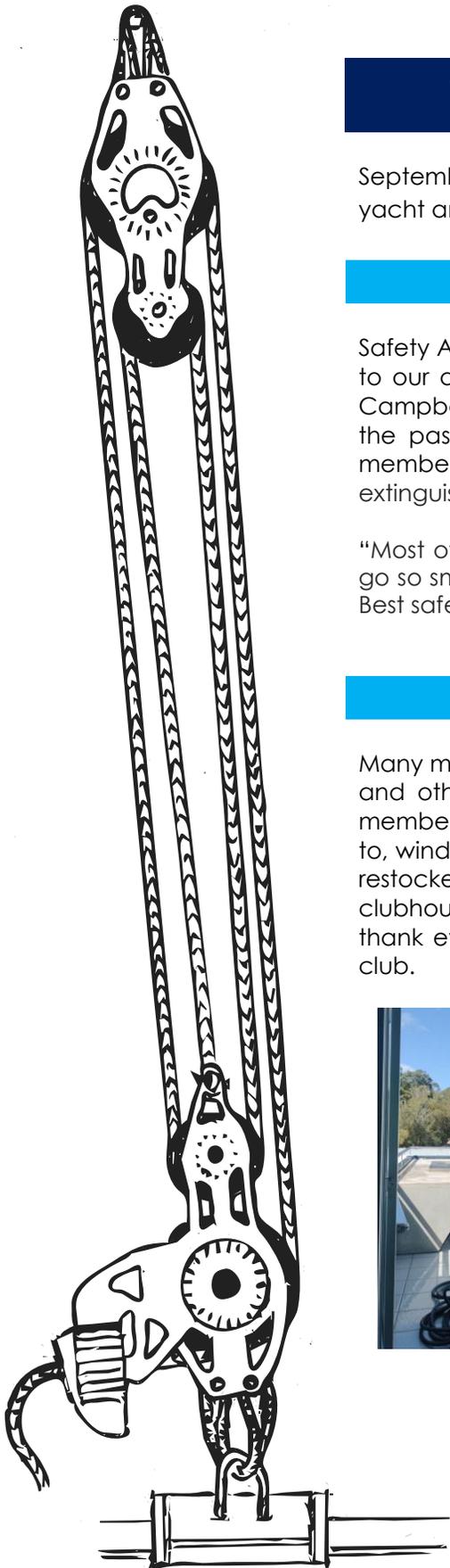
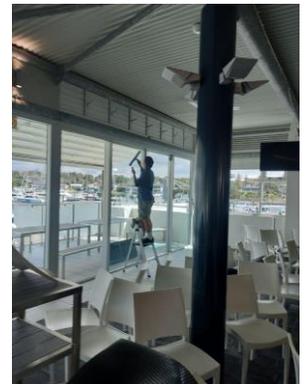
SAFETY DAY

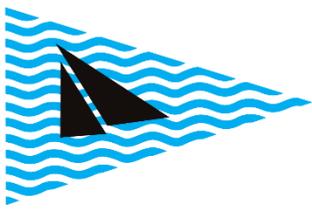
Safety Audit Day was held on Saturday 16th September. Gratitude must be extended to our amazing Safety Officer Trent Wiggins and our auditors Rob Croucher, Fiona Campbell, Mick Sloan and Tim MacGillivray who have all worked extremely hard in the past month or so. We simply can't race without the vital contribution these members make. Special thanks to Merrick Race who serviced all the fire extinguishers. From the extinguishers we have a \$50 donation towards Junior sailing.

"Most of all, thanks to the skippers for being ready and on time as it made the day go so smoothly, with no waiting about and also able to squeeze in a few late boats. Best safety day yet!" Trent Wiggins.

WORKING BEE

Many members were busy in the week leading up to the working bee with gardening and other odd jobs. On Saturday 23rd, the day of the working bee, we had 15 members show up and get stuck into the long list of jobs. The gardens were tended to, windows cleaned, galleys cleaned and organised, fridges emptied, cleaned and restocked and many other thankless jobs. Pil spent many days pressure washing the clubhouse and all outdoor areas. This was an amazing effort by all involved and we thank every single person that contributes to the maintenance and upkeep of the club.





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INTERCLUB KEELBOAT RACE

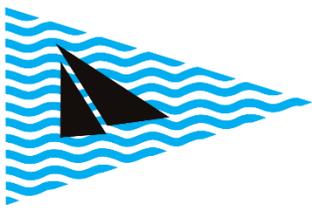
Sunday 24th September saw the first race of the 2023-2024 InterClub keelboat series, this time hosted by RMYC-PH. Held in fine spring conditions, the Inshore fleet sailed a passage course in Bate Bay, six boats entered the Boat Harbour Combined PHS series race with Pied Piper (RMYC) first, Sailmates (CSC) second, Inception (RMYC) third, and Endless Summer (CSC) fourth. Nice work CSC guys!

The bigger boats in the Short Ocean fleet sailed to the Botany Bay Bell Bouy and return. Flattest ocean you have ever seen. Thirteen boats entered with Sea Hawk (CSC) coming home well in front on scratch, and the Founders Day Combined PHS pointscore saw White Noise (RMYC) first, Majella (RMYC) second, Sea Hawk (CSC) third, Kite Runner (RMYC) fourth, and BrandX (CSC) fifth. Now, these are how they read at this time of publishing, so we will run with that! All attending CSC members were made to feel very welcome at the after race drinks and results presentation back at the RMYC-PH clubhouse. Great day, great success, well done and thanks to the race day host RMYC-PH. We look forward to more racing against RMYC-PH as the season progresses.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY LEARN TO SAIL

This week we had 8 junior sailors join our club and participate in our school holiday learn to sail program. Katelyn, Tom and Sophie did a fantastic job of running the course and dealing with some unfortunate weather conditions. All participants left with a smile on their faces and the plan to return for the next learn to sail program.



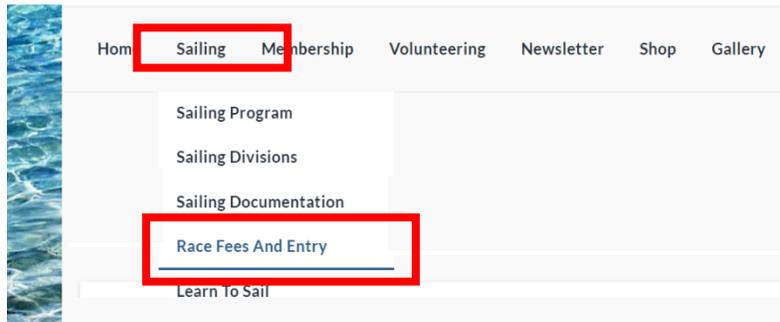


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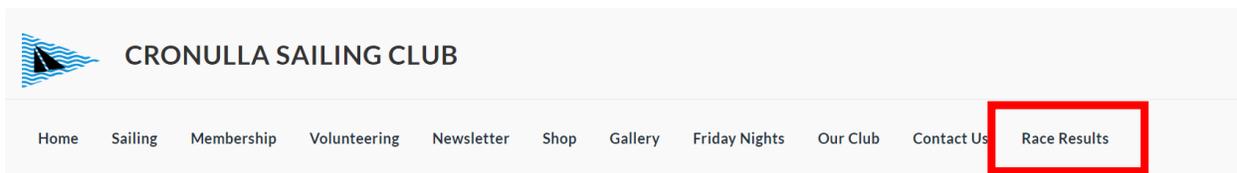
WEBSITE UPDATES

We are working on updating our website and have reorganised various menus to acknowledge our changes in administrative processes.

To pay race fees and enter the series you can follow the current 'Club News' article or alternatively find the drop-down menu under 'sailing'. Members will need to pay their race fees AND enter their boat in SailSys.



2023-2024 Season Race Results are now live. Recent past and historical racing results will be hosted later this season.



ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Over the recent past, we have had a skeleton administrative labour force responsible for almost all of CSC's key administrative roles. The CSC Board now has a strong desire to streamline these administrative processes using the capability of RevolutioniseSport and SailSys software. These portals are vital to our Club's racing and administrative future.

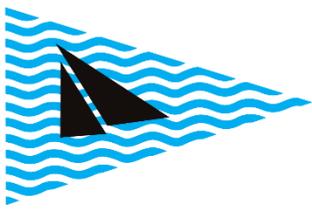
REVOLUTIONISE SPORT: The Revolutionise Sport software package is used to manage membership fees, race fees, and boatshed/hardstand/mooring invoicing. This software also has a powerful communications capability that is utilised to distribute emails to all members.

SAILSYS: For the past few years we have been using SailSys in the background to produce race results. This season we are taking the quantum leap forward to utilise this software for what it was designed; to support all race administration and race management processes.



In order for us to streamline our processes and support our administrative volunteers all keelboats need to be entered into SailSys and into the current season series. At this time we now have about a 66% SailSys take-up by our boat owners which is fantastic. Thank you to all those who entered so far and for those who have not got around to it yet please read through this information pack [SailSys entry](#) or, ring Pete Van Ryn (0419 523 222) and he will talk you through the whole process.

It's worth noting that those who have already entered their details and entered the series can unanimously see the power and potential of SailSys.



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fri 6 October Fri 13 October Fri 20 October Fri 27 October	Twilight Sailing and Friday Trading
Sat 7 October Sat 21 October	Keelboat Racing
Sat 28 October	Keelboat 2 Hander InterClub series
Sun 8 October Sun 15 October Sun 22 October Sun 29 October	Dinghy Racing
Sun 15 October Sun 22 October	Junior Learn to Sail



FRIDAY NIGHTS

With the return of daylight savings, we will see a return to twilight racing and Friday night trading from 6 October. Are you looking forward to relaxing with friends either sailing or enjoying the sunset from one of our decks? Start planning now as we are expected to have a warm summer.

TWILIGHT SAILING

Each Friday night the Club will be conducting twilight sailing. If you are keen to get involved please contact info@cronullasailingclub.com.au for further information.

LIVE MUSIC

We've booked all your favourite bands during October

- 6 October - Red Light Ruby
- 13 October - Craig Woodward
- 20 October - Max Smidt
- 27 October - James English

FOOD

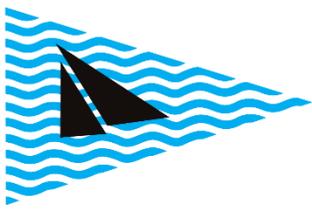
We're excited to announce we have a completely new food offering. The Club has partnered with Giovenco Catering for a more extensive, more exciting and refreshing food offering. We've also introduced a new ordering system allowing you to order from your table. You'll be notified when your meal is ready for pick up at the cafeteria.

IMPROVEMENTS

Over the winter season we've looked to make some improvements to the venue that will start to be delivered over the coming weeks. The biggest improvement being some new tables and chairs that will increase the seating numbers within the venue.

We've also upgraded our point of sale system in an attempt to reduce the wait times for the bar. We look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.





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CREW WANTED

One of the difficulties we are having this season is getting crew on our CSC yachts and dinghies. Of course experienced crew are gold, but there are opportunities for enthusiastic beginners to train and crew as well. If you would like to know more, drop us an email to yachts@cronullasailingclub.com.au



MANAGEMENT TEAMS

With the sport of sailing universally in decline and administrative burden of running a Club increasing, your Board and Sailing Committee are working harder than ever to develop strategies to help grow our membership and racing boat fleet.

The current Board and SailComm are moving to internet based administrative systems to optimise remote working capabilities, and with that we have the opportunity to break the cycle of burning out our members.

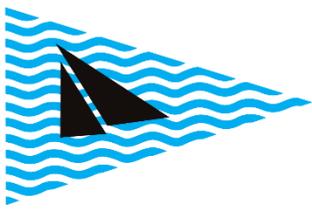
By introducing small teams, we can work collaboratively, share the workload and maintain continuity, particularly in times when a key member is absent for a period of time. We can better utilise individual volunteer personal skills, and very importantly, create a knowledge base that is mindful of planning for succession as our volunteer's lives evolve.

Your Club could now more than ever use your talent to participate in a small part of running our club. Talk to any Board Member or Sailing Committee member about what small or large contribution you could offer.

Your Sailing Committee presently needs leaders and helpers for:

- Safety Auditor team
- CSC Keelboat Race Management team
- Race Officer (Startboat) Management team
- Sail Instructors and training boat management team
- Regatta Hosting team
- Protest Hearing team
- Sponsorship and promotions team
- Publicity, Social media and Editorial team
- Clubhouse maintenance team





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IN OTHER NEWS

HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEK

Congratulations to all our members who sailed at Hamilton Island Race Week.

Wazza Red Boat (it used to be red) was chartered by Jared Macquart with Steve (Spike) Jones, Dean (Dog) Bowness, Matty Jones, Jason Thorne, Julie Castle (McKay) and Fiona Campbell as crew. *Wazza Red Boat* finished 1st in Division 3 IRC and according to Fiona "What a ride! Pretty hairy at times".

No Mercy was helmed by Burke Melia with David (Magoo) McKay, Ross Bull and Dean as crew. They finished 3rd in the Purple division.

Panther helmed by Steve O'Rourke with crew Bruce Swane, Tim MacGillivray from CSC finished 6th in the Purple division.

Calibre 12 crewed by Christine Short finished 2nd on ORC in Division 3.

Wedgetail crewed by Matt Pearce finished 1st on EHC in Pink Division



Photos by @SaltyDingo more photos available here

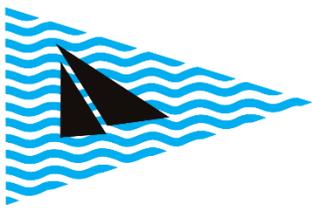
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MAGNETIC ISLAND RACE WEEK

2 CSC boats competed at Magnetic Island Race week in the Sports Boat division. *No Mercy*, with Burke, Magoo, Ross and John Minter finished 2nd. *Panther* with Steve, Bruce and Tim finished 3rd overall. Congratulations to all those who competed.

J24 WORLD TITLES, THESSALONIKI, GREECE

Congratulations to Steve Wright, Karen Grover, Alex Cawsey and Ian Goodbury who competed in the J24 World Titles in Greece in early September. The team finished 25th overall after 10 races.



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LADY LIBERTY CUP

Well Done to Fiona and the Australian crew who travelled to New York to race in the Women's Lady Liberty Cup. Fiona extends thanks to Only a Journey (Max Sellars) and Sailmates (the Arnolds) who helped them on their way.

