

# the Mainsheet

June-July 2024

## WELCOME TO THE WINTER SEASON

### REAR COMMODORE (YACHTS) REPORT

On the water, so far we've had a bit of a tough winter series, two abandonments, three shortened courses, and wildly varying conditions, but hey, that's sailing, and power to all our boats that just love what we do and keep turning up. Your passion and enthusiasm is what CSC is all about.

I'd like to congratulate the Sailing Committee, six long months of preparations are now seeing results, with our new look 2024/2025 yacht summer program now published, along with a fresh CSC annual events calendar, updated Sailing Instructions and restyled yachting Course book.

After years (decades?) of what seemed to some to be black magic, SailSys has now been tweaked to not just transparently present race results, but starting this summer season will also track the progress of historic trophy point scores for each of our new course-based series.

This being the last Mainsheet before the CSC AGM on Wednesday 31st July 2024, I'd like to thank Commodore Paul, our tireless Board of Directors, and our focussed Sailing Committee for their dedication to our spectacular sport and for their support of my endeavours this past year. Cheers to you all.

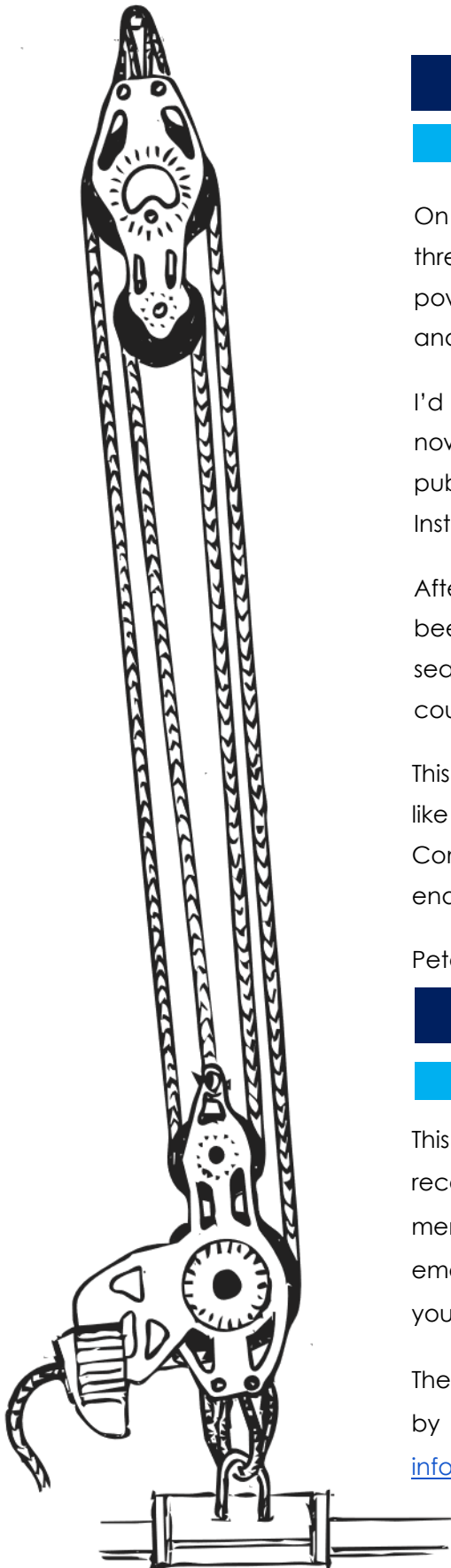
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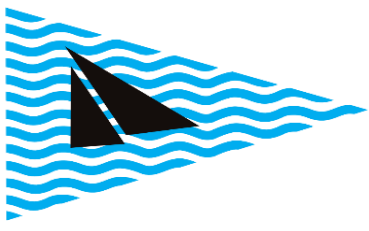
## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

### MEMBERSHIP

This year the process to renew is a little different, but equally simple. You will not receive an invoice but you should have received emails with a link to renew your membership. This process allows members to update their contact info and emergency contacts. If you do change your details during the season please update your profile or let the club know.

The CSC Membership runs from July to June. If you aren't financial, you can still do so by visiting the website. If you need assistance, please get in touch via [info@cronullasailingclub.com.au](mailto:info@cronullasailingclub.com.au)





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## RIB UPGRADE

Those that have driven it know that the old blue inflatable rib was a great boat but it was getting to the end of its life. After a few failed attempts to fix leaks in the tubes it was time to part with it. It was sold to a family who has more time to maintain it and keep it inflated.

Commodore Pil did some research and found us the perfect replacement. The new white Mercury Rib is comfortable to drive, has great steerage and is low in the water which is great to come alongside our juniors.



## HISTORY



The photo here was taken after winter race #5 when proud skipper Nathan Palmer (right side) dropped in for a beer to admire his prized VeeJay VUKA J, now taking pride of place at the entry of the CSC clubroom.

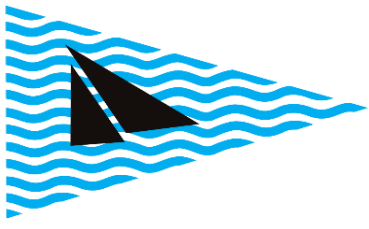
We are gathering memorabilia and documenting the history of this remarkable sailing boat. Stay tuned.

With all the recent research gone into reviewing our yacht trophy collection for the forthcoming course-based racing format for the 2024/2025 sailing season, we were reminded just how important our Club's

dinghy and yacht history is. If you hold documents recording any of the history of these trophies, or remember stories of the donors, we urge you to please start writing it down.

We have started to create a formal archive with the plan to build a library that all members will ultimately be able to access online. Start gathering your family records. We will soon set up an email address so members present and past can send us all their memoirs and memorabilia, or we will offer to photograph or scan them for you if you need such assistance.



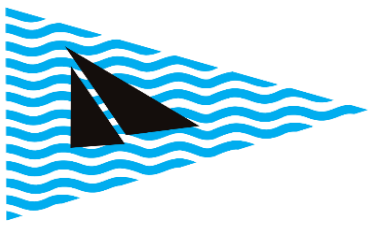


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## WINTER SAILING - YACHTS





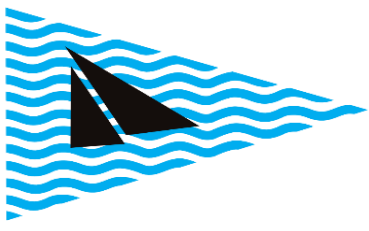


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## WINTER SAILING - JUNIORS

Our juniors haven't been scared off by the cold. They have been sailing once a month to keep their skills sharp.





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## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### RACE FEES

With the Summer season coming soon, all boats will soon be invited to register for their season racing and pay their race fees through the SailSys portal. In the near future our yacht skippers and boat administrators will receive additional information to guide them through the new course-based series registration.

### SAFETY AUDIT DAY

The 2024 Keelboat Safety Audit Day is programmed on 24th August. This date is two weeks after the last 2024 winter race, two weeks before the pre-season working bee, and three weeks prior to the first summer series race on 14th September.

All boats are urged to start planning now by printing off your Audit Form found on our new CSC website under the [SAILING/SAILING DOCUMENTATION](#) link. Before safety day all boats must restock expired items like EPIRBS, flares, first aid items, batteries and please complete a self-inspection form for each of your PFDs. On the day, make sure your fire extinguishers are on the dock first thing in the morning as testing is only offered by CSC on Saturday morning; all your safety equipment must be laid out in audit form order prior to your booked inspection time. Boats not ready will be reallocated an inspection time later in the day.

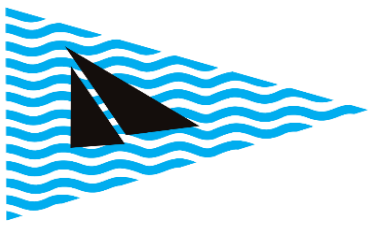
Boat owners will receive booking times and other details in the coming week.

Once you have your completed audit form, it will be up to each boat owner to post their completed Safety Audit Form and Insurance Certificate of Currency in their Boat's document library on SailSys.

### SAFETY AUDITORS

The same CSC Safety Officer team has fulfilled the vital service of yacht and CSC support boat safety inspections for at least two decades and it is vital that we start planning for orderly succession. We now need you to help build the next generation of Safety Auditors. It's your time to support these legends. Whether you have a boat or not, with some basic online training and CSC mentoring, we welcome you to become one of our next generation of CSC Safety Auditors. Speak to the Rear Commodore: yachts for further information and support.





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## IN OTHER NEWS

### 18FT SKIFF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2024 18ft Skiff European Championships were held in Lake Garda last month. Past member, Phil Marshall sailed on Finport Finance and finished 3rd overall. Jacob Broom and Josh Feldmann on Fisher & Paykel finished 6th and Tom Quigley on Shaw & Partners finished 8th. Well done guys. Great regatta by all!

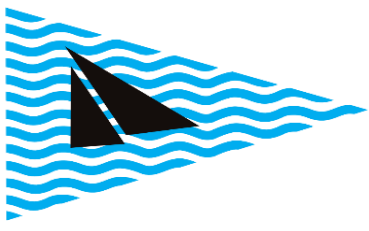
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## WELCOME BACK FLASHDANCE

We are extremely pleased to welcome Flashdance back to Cronulla. We can't wait to see the guys on the water again soon.





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## FAREWELL DOUG

Unfortunately we lost an active sailing member (and all round great guy) this month. Doug Surmon, owner/skipper of Blue Amber has been involved in the club for many years. Doug and his children Shinead and Thomas both sailed MG's at the club for a number of years before Doug made the step to the yacht fleet and purchased his catamaran. Doug's family celebrated his life at the Club after his funeral and shared many stories of his adventures. It was clear that the Club was a big part of his life and we feel extremely lucky to have had Doug as part of our history.



## FAREWELL FLEMO

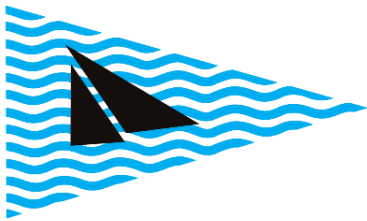
Sadly we also lost Keith Fleming, a past member of the Club. Keith sailed VS's with his brother Bob at the club for many years before moving to St George Sailing Club. Keith's parents Val and Harold were integral members of the club and volunteered in many other roles over the years. Harold was a life member and known for his fantastic efforts starting races at CSC for over 20 years.



Below is an excerpt from a historic edition of The Mainsheet written by the Commodore at the time, Bruce Swane.

Our deepest sympathies go out to both families whose worlds will never be the same.





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## *Commodore's Comment continued....*

the need to make membership of the club attractive not only to entice new membership for the club, but of course, to retain the existing members.

Somewhat related to, but not directly linked, to the matter of the licence is the building of the upstairs. There have been several meetings of the newly formed building committee. The members of the committee consist of Max Turner, Andy Britton, Bill Tuite, Peter Van Ryn, and Mal Jones. A lot of effort has been put in by these members, we have had talks to the Council, and the design and construction materials are now just about finalised. Of course the plans that were approved previously were based very much on achieving the desired end, that is, to get a building approval based on the original development approval, and now we are moving to achieve what we would really like to build.

I would expect that shortly we will be putting before the members a final design proposal for approval with a view to construction work commencing very shortly thereafter.

It is sad to note the passing away of Harold Fleming, one of our life members.

Harold was the starter at the club during the glory days in the 1960s when I first started sailing in a Vee Jay.

It was nothing to see Harold getting away, by himself, fleets of twenty five Vee Esses, forty Herons, thirty Moths, and fifteen Vee Jays each Sunday. With there being so many boats on the water that on club championship days two classes would hold their club championship races in the morning and the other two classes would hold their club championship races in the afternoon. Somehow Harold managed to get all of the boats away and finished and record the times in a very mixed fleet. I am sure that one of the reasons that the club was so strong in that time was that Harold was such a good starter that the racing was run very efficiently and so more and more

people wanted to race at the club.

Whilst Harold was doing this, of course, Val worked tirelessly in the canteen and Bob and Keith sailed their own Vee Ess.

In the late sixties Bob and Keith moved to the 16 foot skiff class at St. George and Harold moved also where he acted as the starter again for many years.

In all Harold was the starter at Cronulla for twenty years and then the starter at the St. George Sailing Club for twenty-three years.

Harold was made a life member of both the Cronulla Sailing Club and the St. George Sailing Club and for his efforts a greater reward was deserved.

Our sympathies go to Val, Bob and Keith.

See you at the cubby house,

Bruce



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1. Access chain to be unlocked by key holders ONLY.
2. Boat and trailer activity to be confined to daylight hours.
3. On race days, last person to use crane must ensure arm is positioned correctly and power turned OFF at mains.
4. All halyards to be tied off securely.
5. Water hose to be returned to inside of Clubhouse.
6. All garbage and other refuse to be placed in receptacles provided.