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August 2024

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CSC?

Spring has sprung!

Your CSC Board and Sailing Committee have been very busy preparing for the new sailing year. Our Club is strong, the AGM was very well attended and annual Safety Day was fully represented by our Safety Audit team.

Many of our members had a bit of fun competing in CSC's winter season whilst others travelled near and far for various regattas. But it's now time to get serious, time to dust off your crew and get back out on the water for a brand new summer season of racing in a great selection of brand new course-based point scores.

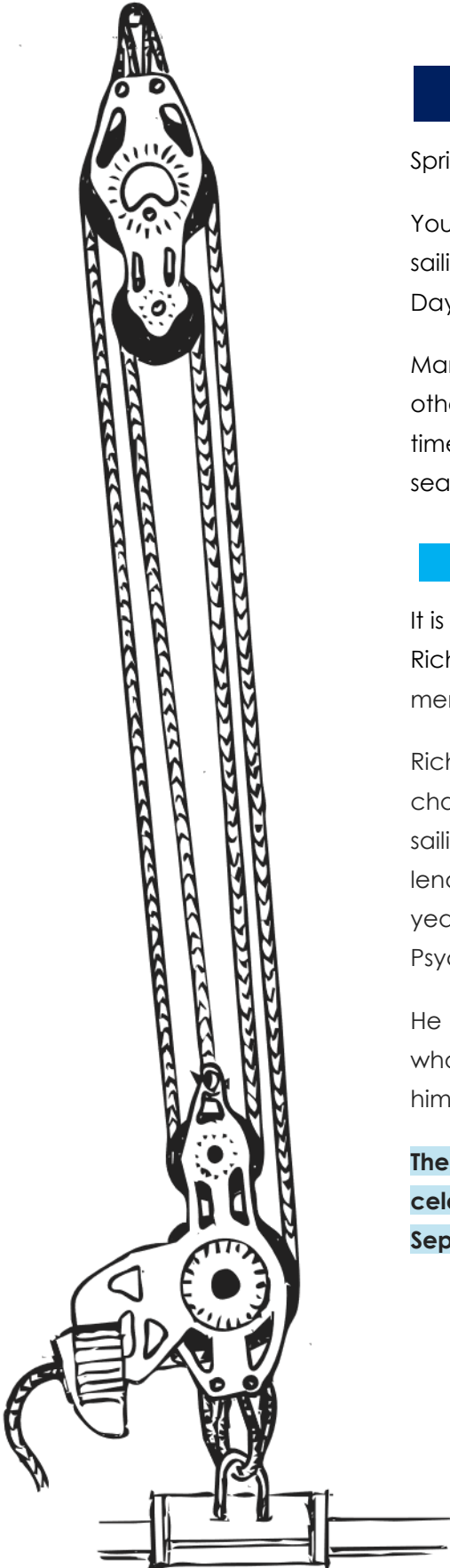
FAREWELL RICHARD NARBOROUGH

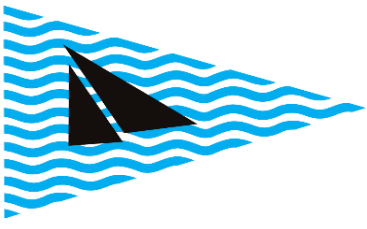
It is with great sorrow that we pass on the news of the death of Richard Narborough. Richard was a long term stalwart and supporter of the club. His wife Leanne is a life member of CSC and both his sons grew up sailing at the club.

Richard was always in for a beer and a chat. He was a huge supporter of junior sailing, always on a support boat and lending a hand. Richard spent many years sailing with Phil Bates on Psycho & Psycho 2.

He will be sincerely missed by all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

The family invites everyone to join his celebration of life at 11am, Friday 6th September at Cronulla SC clubhouse.





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AGM

The AGM was held at the end of July with approximately 40 members in attendance. The Board would like to thank all those who attended and shared their thoughts and feedback. We were pleased to share the profit for the 2023-24 season after depreciation and amortisation was \$50,613. We discussed some of the achievements of the past 12 months in terms of the club's 10 year Master Plan and some of the goals for this season.

We welcomed Jared Macquart to the Board as Rear Commodore of Yachts and we have already seen the great skills that Jared has to bring to the table.

The Board would like to say a special thanks to Pete VR who has worked tirelessly over the past three seasons as Rear Commodore of Yachts. Pete has been instrumental in implementing several great initiatives including the introduction of SailSys, bringing back the Mainsheet and the new course-based racing. From organising regattas and improving CSC's documentation process to mentoring new sailors and restoring relations with the RMYC, his contributions go far beyond what is visible, and we are all deeply appreciative of the time and energy he puts in.

We are grateful that Pete is staying on the Board and we know he will continue to dedicate himself to the smooth operations of the club.

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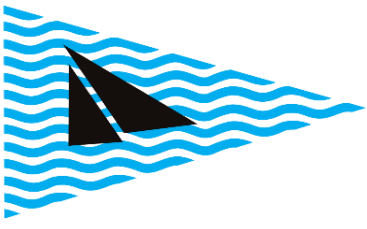
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KEELBOAT SAFETY DAY

CSC annual keelboat safety inspection day was held on 24th August. Our Safety Audit team turned up in force and got through all booked boats by about midday. Welcome Mick Lewy who recently completed the AS Auditing course and carried out inspections at the Club along with Trent, Rob and Fiona. Mike also inspected the multis upriver. Our gratitude is extended to our Safety Audit team.

The contribution our Safety Audit team makes is vital, if you are a boat owner or crew with racing and on-board equipment experience, we welcome you to join the team.

It is fair to say that Safety Audit day is a big deal for every keelboat owner. In an effort to make our Safety Auditor's task just a bit easier, over the past few seasons we have refined the online booking form. This document offers a range of important information. Bookings are now closed of course, but you can review the important boat preparation information [HERE](#).

The broader fire auditing industry is this year going through big compliance changes. Australian Sailing recognised this and have published an alteration to Special Regulation 4.04. To deal with this evolving compliance issue, this year CSC is trialling self-inspection of keelboat fire extinguishers. As part of your boat safety audit this year, a new trial extinguisher self-inspection form must be completed by the boat owner or administrator and attached to the boat's safety audit form ready for Safety Auditor ticking off. Copies of the trial form are available next to the ice machine.

The onus is on the boat owner, not the auditor, much the same as the current PFD self-inspection form process.

Remember, starting race 1, to receive SailSys points in any of CSC's series, be they any of our new ocean, bay, river, or twilight series, all keelboat skippers must now have compliant boats that are audited annually.

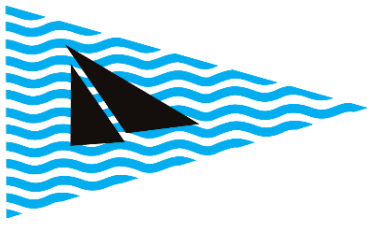
BENETEAUS

In August last year we announced the purchase of 2 Beneteau First 7.5's since then Pil and a huge number of members have been involved in getting them to the club and getting them ready to race. The first hurdle was transporting them from Victoria, which happened in May this year. Since then a team has been working tirelessly to get them ready to launch. A few projects which are currently being carried out include marinising the hardstand trolleys, rerigging the masts, checking all the running rigging, and devising a better and safer system to crane the boats in and out of the water. Please reach out if you would like to join the team coordinating these boats on and off the water.

CREW

Are you new to the area, a social member who'd love to get into sailing, or an old salt who has been lost in your own wilderness? Our fleets are growing, and both dinghies and yachts are always wishing they had more crew.

Social members should consider upgrading to full (sailing) membership so they can join a boat crew.



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

7th September	CSC Working bee, 8am (see details below)
7th September	Yachts get your Race Entry sorted so your entry and required documents can be processed
14th September	Yachts Summer season Race 1, Short Ocean or Estuary series, BBQ afterwards
15th September	Dinghies Warm-up NPS race
21st September	Yachts Bate Bay Two Hander or Sprints
22nd September	RMYC-PH Founders Day (Cat4 Bell Buoy race)
22nd September	Dinghies Summer season Race 1, Bay Sailing NPS, BBQ afterwards
28th September	Yachts Summer season Race 2, Triangle series
28th September	Dinghies Summer season Race 2, Bay Sailing race 1 and 2

MEMBERSHIP

CSC membership runs from 1st May to 30th April each year. To renew Click the **MEMBERSHIP** tab at the top of the new [CSC home page](#). From here new members can join and returning members can renew. Renewals will need to insert their AS number, there's a button here to help you find that. Your annual AS membership is included in your CSC membership.

SUMMER SERIES YACHT ENTRY and RACE FEES

It's time for boat owners or their administrators to register in the 2024-25 CSC keelboat series-based race program and pay their race fees. No matter what your boat size, experience level, boat size, or fun factor, there is something for everyone.

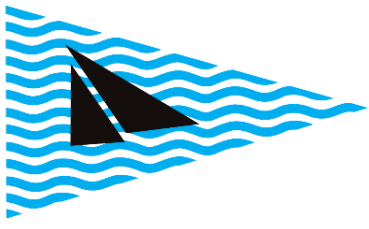
To enter your boat and pay your fees, Click the **SAILING** tab at the top of the new [CSC home page](#), then choose **RACE ENTRY** from the dropdown menu. From here select **Yachts** and you will be transported to the CSC SailSys page where you can register your new season **Race Entry** (and here you can also check out Entrants and Results).

2024-25 CSC SEASON

We have made it pretty simple, for those keelboats that turn up on the start line for just about every race, all you need to do is enter the **2024-25 CSC Season**. This entitles your yacht to choose to race in any of the CSC summer and winter series races.

2024-25 CSC SERIES

CSC recognised that some keelboats can only commit some of the time. With the new course-based program, those boats can select individual series in the disciplines that they prefer to race. Each series consists of roughly 5 races spread out over the summer season.



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On the traditional fortnightly format, the new program offers cycles of Offshore **or** Bate Bay Passage series; Short Ocean **or** Estuary series; and Bate Bay Triangle series. On the same fortnightly format, the roughly 15 races of the Cruising Short Course series will also be held.

Blended into this, the new Regatta series combines the results of a selection of challenging Cat4 races.

In between the fortnightly cycle the new program offers a Two Handed or Sprints series; and a weekend off.

Reach out to any Sailing Committee member or Director if you need advice, they will steer you in the right direction.

Your Race Management team needs time to process entries and check SailSys handicap allocations. Please help them by having your Race Fees paid a week prior to the first summer race. Yachts please register by 7th September.

Remember, yachts must upload their Insurance CoC and approved Safety Audit form to their boat's SailSys boat library before the Race Management team can fully process your race results.

WORKING BEE

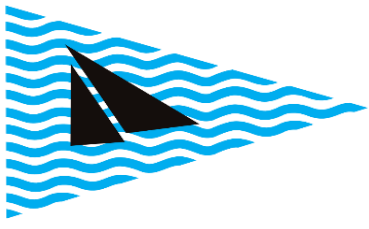
The next working bee is scheduled for this Saturday 7th September, from 8am.

We are always grateful to all our dedicated members who come along and make our working bee days such a great success. We have an awesome club, we are proud of it, but it needs regular TLC.

For those who missed out on the last working bee, do not fear.. we welcome you to come on down and help for a few hours. Some jobs include polishing the stainless steel, cleaning the windows, furniture, BBQs, fridges, bar and galley floors, boatshed floors, gardening, launching ramp pressure cleaning and a range of other little jobs.

There are plenty of jobs to go around., bring a few tools if you know which task you would like to assist with. Let's continue to nurture everything that makes our club special.





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IN OTHER NEWS

OPEN SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hi, I'm Casey and I'm going to tell you about my Italian trip. It was a really hard time down there with lots of moments of goodness and badness. I'm going to tell you all about my trip and my beautiful time being there, and I really hope I go there again so I can get another chance of winning. Let's head to day 1!!!

Day 1 was not really that good, same with the next couple days but in the first race it was good at the start and I made a horrible choice of tacking and lost heaps of positions but still got 31st. In the second race I had a horrible gybe and capsized and lost my centreboard and had to get a new one but I was still coming 42nd so I got a DNF so that was not a difference of coming 52nd. And for the 3rd race I DNF because I lost my centreboard.

Day 2 was not good as well since it was my birthday. In the first race my foot strap came off so I had to go to shore and fix it. In the second race I came 42nd. And for the last race of the day I got knocked out with my head between my boat and someone else's boat so I could've died but luckily I didn't.

Day 3 was a hard day as it was windy up to like 25kn-30kn so it was difficult but I still came 34th. In the 2nd race I came 35th. And for the last race of the day I came 42nd again.

Day 4 was not really hard. There was only one race because of a big storm that was about to hit, (Just saying the storms there are really bad!) And in my last race of the day, the only race of the day, I came 37th.

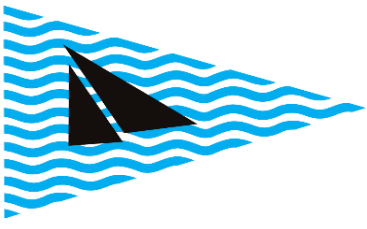
On the last day it was really good actually and I got 9th after leading the fleet all the way to the first mark.... just before the storm hit and we were all called back to the shore so only 1 race was held on the last day.

That's my sailing adventure in Italy. It was amazing, especially the ice creams/gelatos. They were amazing too. I really recommend that anyone go there to that beautiful place. (It's worth going on a 14h plane trip and 11h plane trip back).

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(Just saying next year is supposed to be in Japan. And then maybe Australia in Yeppoon in 2026.)





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AIRLIE BEACH and HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEKS

This August saw many members and a few boats make the pilgrimage to the Whitsundays to compete in the race weeks. At Airlie Beach race week we had Jason Thorne sailing on Zen and ended up 2nd overall in IRC Div 1. Jerry Schriever sailed on *Wobbly Boot* and finished 2nd on PHS in Performance Cruising Div 2. *Wazza Red Boat* was campaigned by Jared Macquart and Kate Leeson, Kate recently acquiring the Adam's 10 to be kept in Airlie, they finished up 4th overall in IRC Div 2.

Now the best has been left last for the Airlie Race week recap, Burke Melia, with his Melges 24, *No Mercy* won the sports boat division, Burke had Zali better known to us as the friendly bartender at our club, sail with him on the first day of racing and on the last day of racing, she would claim it was herself that made the difference on the last day as Macca had to fly home a day early. He was also supported by David McKay, Dean Langton and a mate of his from the Sunshine Coast. We are absolutely so proud of your achievement Burke.



Jared at the helm of *Wazza Red Boat*



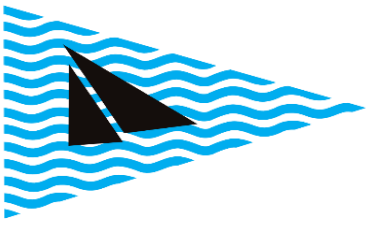
Jason on the grinder aboard *Zen*



Burke – 1st in the Sports Boat Division



Jerry and the crew of *Wobbly Boot*



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A few days after Airlie, Hamilton Island race week took off in full swing, Jason again on Zen, ended up 3rd overall in a challenging week of racing against 7 of the best TP52s in Australia. Kate joined the crew who had arranged to borrow her Adam's 10 before she acquired it, they sailed hard and fast and ended 1st in IRC Div 2 on the first day. They sailed as well as they could but couldn't keep the XP45 Toy Box away from pole position on the podium and ended up finishing a very credible 2nd overall.

Luke Payne sailed on Calibre which finished 7th overall in the Hamilton Island Yellow division. Their best race was race 3 where they took 1st place.

Greg Brand and his crew on Brand X, found themselves in a very tight and competitive fleet racing in the Hamilton Island orange PHS division. They gave it their all and had a fantastic week. They ended up in the middle of the fleet overall.

The next regatta on the horizon, starting on Friday the 30th of August, is Magnetic Island race week. We have Jason Thorne again racing on Zen. Jared and Hoody are racing on a Seawind 1190, called Second Wind. Burke is racing his Melges and has Dean 'Dog' Bowness, Steve Jones (Spike), Mr McKay, Matt Jones, Dean Langton.

I'd like to wish all members competing a happy and safe race week.

Jared Macquart



Luke trimming aboard Calibre



Luke's shiny 1st place medallion

