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September - October 2024

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CSC?

The 2024 Summer Season is well and truly underway, with all keelboat and OTB fleets having run their first races in great conditions. Remember, if you missed the first race you don't have to despair, you can still be in the money to win one of our coveted 'sheep stations' as most series incorporate at least one drop. Likewise, twilight racing and associated socialising has got underway with excellent attendance.

MAINSHEET

Congratulations, October marks the second birthday of the reborn CSC MAINSHEET newsletter. Thank you Tayla and Pete VR for reviving this great initiative.

Remember, this is your newsletter, if you have news about your sailing achievement, or a great sailing adventure yarn, we want to hear it, get it to the Mainsheet Editor via the CSC Secretary without delay.

DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS

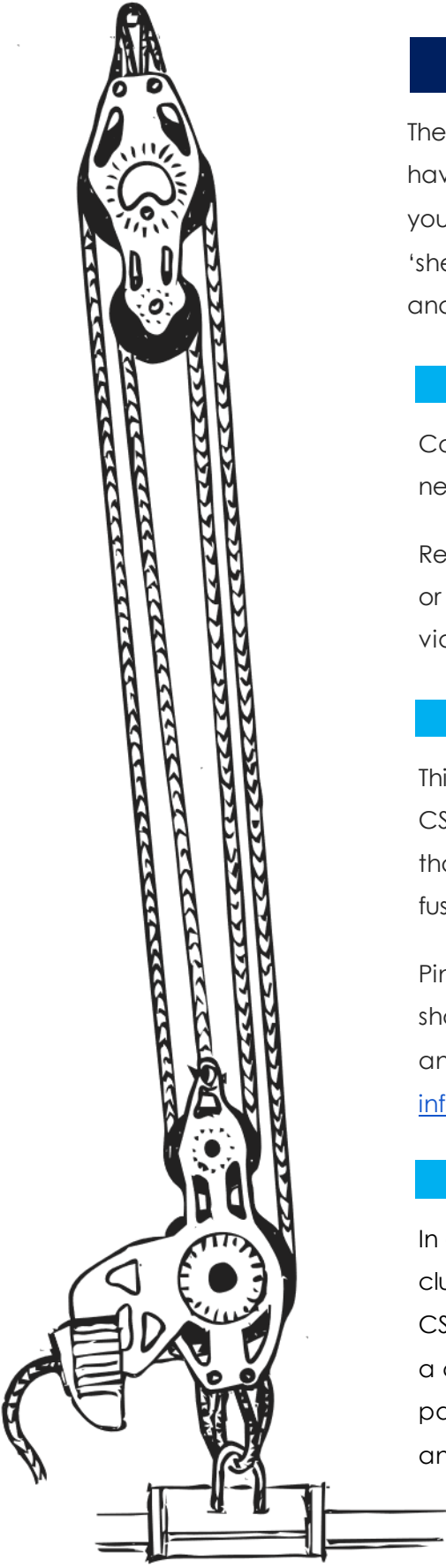
This year we are using digital membership cards exclusively. Don't forget to get your CSC membership card loaded to your phone's wallet. It's not hard, it has been heard that even one of the really old skippers managed to make it happen without any fuss at all. Well, maybe after a young person showed him how!

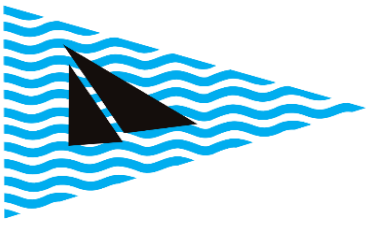
Pintuna is the company that we use to manage the digital membership cards. You should have received an email from noreply@pintuna.com. If you did not receive an email with a link to access your digital membership card please email info@cronullasailingclub.com.au.

KEYS

In an effort to avoid a very costly re-keying exercise, CSC is urgently undertaking a clubhouse key audit.

CSC requires the return of all black and orange keys held by any person other than a current Board member or active Flag Officer. Any blue keys held by inactive or past members are also asked to surrender their key. All keys can be surrendered to any CSC Board Director.





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OUTBOARD MOTOR ROOM

CSC is currently in the process of reorganising the outboard motor room and installing fuel storage cabinetry.

Before 15 November 2024, CSC urgently requires all **fuel tanks** currently in the motor room to be **clearly labelled** with its owner's name and name of the boat it services. After 15 November 2024, **any untagged fuel tanks will be removed**. Any fuel tanks not associated with financial racing yachts will also be removed.

CSC Board thanks all involved members for promptly attending to this urgent initiative.

MR COOL LIVES ON

As you know, CSC has a huge demand for ice on Friday nights and Saturday race days. To prepare for the sailing we need bags of ice to be filled before Wednesday afternoon and stored in the chest freezer near the bottom door. This means the ice machines have time to refill to capacity before Friday and can be exclusively utilised by the bar staff on Fridays to keep everyone's drinks cool.

Last season a few legends kept the freezer full of bagged ice and we are asking people to step up again and keep the system running. If you notice the chest freezer is low on bagged ice early during the week please help your fellow sailors out and fill it up.

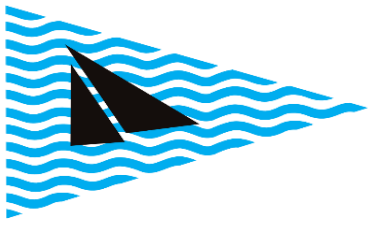
BURN YOUR BOOKS!

It is great to see so much enthusiasm out there for our new keelboat and OTB racing. We all seem to be carefully reading our new racing programs, and loving the SailSys race management and WhatsApp series guidance, but please remember that both our 2024/2025 Sailing Instructions and 2024/2025 Course Books/course sheets have been reviewed and fine tuned.

It is vital that each skipper (and crew!) thoroughly read and familiarise themselves with the new look Sailing Instructions, especially regarding risk, roundings, clearance marks, and starting/finishing procedures. You may be pleasantly surprised by a little detail you didn't know (or forgot) that may make the difference between winning or not! For new members, you might hear talk about the CSC White Book, this is the traditional name for our SI book.

Similarly, many minor anomalies have been reworded in the new streamlined Course Books. Many of last year's courses may have seen subtle changes, please carefully read your course description before every race, especially regarding coordinates and port or starboard roundings.

Please discard all old versions of the White Book, only carry a copy of the 2024/2025 SIs and 2024/2025 Course Book/sheet on board your keelboat or in your OTB kit.



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

2 November	J24 State titles at RANSA
9-10 November	Regatta Series Shellharbour weekend away
23 November	Estuary Upriver Series
29 November	CSC CORPORATE DAY

SHELL COVE WEEKEND

The keelboat fleet is gearing up for a big weekend away, sailing "Round One" of the new offshore Regatta Series, to the Shellharbour finish line on 9 November, then returning to the Port Hacking finish line on 10 November.

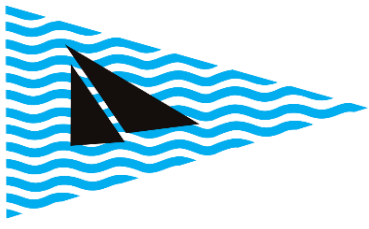
Last year's inaugural fleet of CSC and RMYC-PH boats saw a north-easter providing plenty of action, with a very fast run down the coast on Saturday, and a pretty solid bash back on Sunday. Overnight we stayed at the brand new Shellharbour Marina at Shell Cove. This fantastic venue made us all feel very welcome with its excellent new amenities, and the comradery enjoyed by all participants in the surrounding restaurants and bars was exceptional. And don't forget shops at the doorstep that made for an effortless stopover.

Boats with spare capacity are welcoming sailing members to join them on these epic voyages, and share in the festivities, so don't be shy, get in touch with race management without delay so you don't miss out on this epic ocean series experience.

Skippers are reminded to carefully read the Shellharbour Regatta Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SIs), and don't forget to get your Shellharbour Marina berth booked without delay to avoid disappointment.



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CORPORATE DAY

CSC will again host the annual Corporate Day on 29 November 2024. This is a great opportunity to get your work mates together, or maybe bring a Client or three. If you have ever wanted to have a go on a yacht, what better place to start? This is a fun and relaxed event, sailing experience is not necessary, but enthusiasm is essential!

For questions regarding bringing your boat or joining a boat, please contact yachts@cronullasailingclub.com.au or call Jared on 0479152235.

90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

With much excitement we announce that CSC and our forebears will soon turn 90 years young. A big celebration is being planned.

It would be great to use this opportunity to strengthen our historic ties. We would love to hear from any past member with memorabilia or documentation that we can borrow to photograph or scan for our growing historic archive.

Maybe you are a past or present member with a good CSC yarn? Write it down and share it with us!

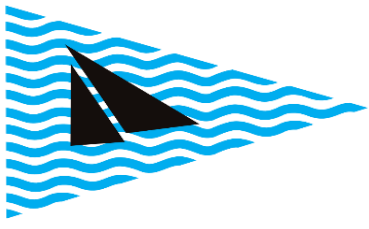
For the past few years, we have been working to transparently embed our historic trophies back into our annual point scores and series. To build on this initiative, we would especially like to hear from any members with background knowledge of our modern-day yacht and dinghy trophies.

Please send any info to history@cronullasailingclub.com.au.



PHOYC SANTANA

We have gathered a bit of interesting and tragic history about the crew of PHOYC yacht 'Santana' which sank off Kurnell during a passage from Sydney Harbour to Port Hacking on 26th September, 1975. We will bring that story to you in a future issue of the Mainsheet. If you have any photos of Santana, or recollections, please forward them to history@cronullasailingclub.com.au.



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IN OTHER NEWS

OPEN SKIFF LAKE MACQUARIE REGATTA

This name is one to remember: Casey Roeder! We are very proud of Casey's progress over the last two years and his commitment is paying off. Casey finished 1st in every race in the Silver Fleet at the Lake Macquarie Regatta on the 26-27 October.



KEELBOAT INVITATIONS

CSC has been invited to participate in a number of up-coming sailing events.

2025 AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA

Wollongong Yacht Club invites all Cat5 (or higher) boats to participate in their Australia Day Regatta based out of Shellharbour Marina from 25-27 January 2025. Expressions of interest are requested prior to 31/10/2024.

See flyer attached to this *Mainsheet* for more details.

2025 SAIL PORT STEPHENS REGATTA

Newcastle Yacht Club will again host the 2025 Newcastle to Port Stephens feeder race on 30 March 2025, then the Sail Port Stephens Commodore's Cup five race series will be hosted from 31 March to 5 April 2025.

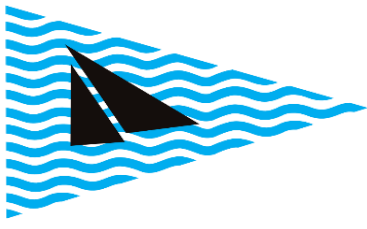
Details will be posted by the NCYC host club website.

2025 IC40 REGATTA

Newcastle Yacht Club is excited to announce their new Inter Club 40 series.

CSC has been invited to send one or more teams-of-three 35-45 foot boats to join the proposed Inter Club 40 series conducted concurrently to the professionally crewed 52 Super Series and Fast40+ series from 25-27 April 2025, Teams are invited to pre-register with NCYC.

See basic info below for more details.



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Australia Day Regatta

Expressions of interest are sought for a three day regatta to be conducted by the Wollongong Yacht Club at the Shellharbour Marina over the Australia Day weekend 2025, 25th - 27th January 2025.

All keel boats (cat 5 minimum) are invited to compete in 4 "round the cans" races and 1 ocean race of approximately 3 hours.

The PHS Sallsys handicap system will be used for scoring.

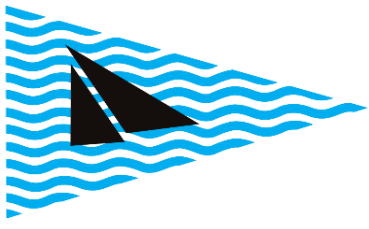
This annual WYC regatta is being held for the first time at the Shellharbour Marina boasting a tavern, several restaurants, a supermarket/liquor store and all amenities. Please provide your EOI by 31st October 2024 at: wyc.org.au/events



RSVP

Expressions of interest by 31/10/24
Wollongong Yacht Club
wyc.org.au

To book marina berths:
shellharbourmarina.com.au
Ph: 02 4250 4100



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IC40 Class – Inter Club 40 25-27 April 2025

The Concept

Club teams of three in highly competitive but mostly Corinthian sailors racing in similar boats. Where sailors can represent their club and where skill is more important than the boat.

While not grabbing the headlines granted to the 52 SUPER SERIES or FAST40+ Class which attracts the elite professionals and highly refined race boats, the idea remains the same behind the IC40 Class: define the racing characteristics, in both vibe and boat type. It is an opportunity for family and friends to get a taste of Grand Prix style racing.

IC40 fleet will be approx. 40 foot, racer/cruisers with symmetrical kites within a tight ORCc band. Class rules will ensure easily accessible, similar speed yachts. Racing will be scored using ORCc, Time on Time.

There will be a combination of Passage, W/L, Inshore and Offshore Racing under Safety Cat 5.

The Boats

LOA approximately 35ft – 45ft

ORC DLR band, 4.0400 – 5.9800

ORC All Purpose

Time on Time band, 1.1670 – 1.2656

Max Draft 2.8m



For reference, a Beneteau First 40 is at the bottom of the band and a Farr 40 OD is at the top of the band. This encompasses, but is not limited to; J111s, J122s, J133s, J121, IMX40s, Grand Soleil 43s, Arcona 41s, Corby 41s, X44s, Mills 39s, Matt 12s, Farr 40s, King 40s, Azuree 46s, Beneteau First 40, Sydney 38 & 40 etc.

The boats will display the home club burgee on the bow preceded by the team number 1,2 or 3.

The Clubs

The event is designed to allow sailors an opportunity to represent their home club, displaying pride and loyalty. The Club has the opportunity to show support to its most competitive and loyal yacht racing crews. Interstate Clubs can charter local boats.