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November - December 2024

OH, WHAT A YEAR!

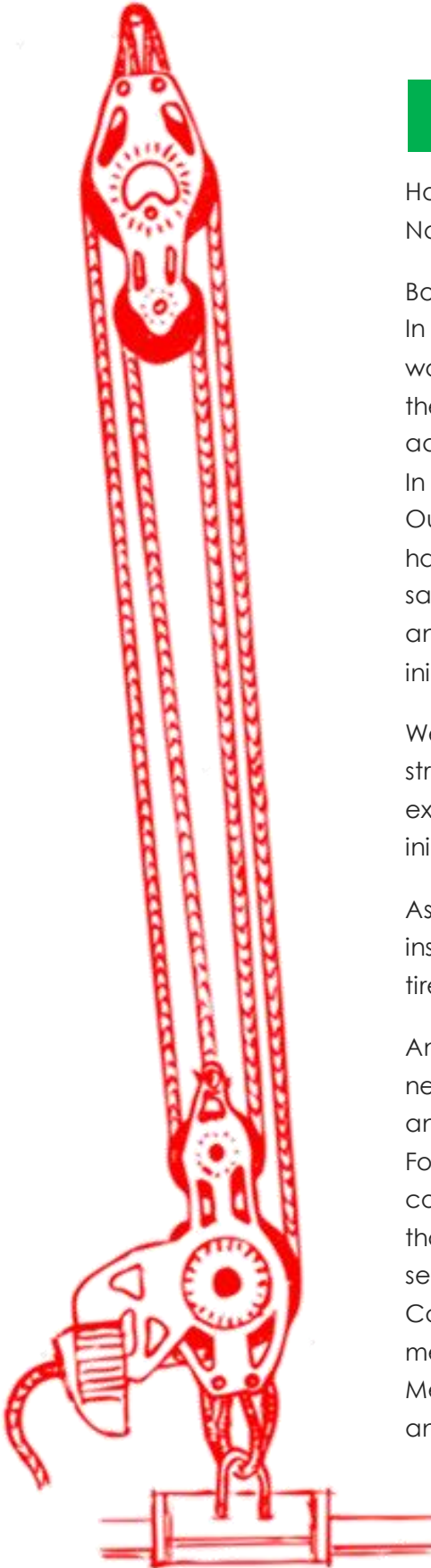
How can it be, halfway through yet another Summer Sailing Season already! No matter, the deciding second half of the season is about to start.. How good!

Both on and off the water it has been an amazing year of progress at CSC. In 2024 our members continued to represent CSC at regattas locally and around the world with fantastic results. Our ever-growing Junior Learn to Sail initiatives are reaping the rewards of a whole new generation of junior sailors and families, and with the adult learn to sail graduates come much needed crew for our skippers. In 2024 all our SIs, Courses and Program documents were simplified and modernised. Our new series based yacht program has received strong support and although we have growing pains, the ongoing adoption of the capabilities of SailSys is streamlining sailing management and improving transparency and safety. Your passionate Board and Sailing Committee are already gearing-up to deliver another year of exciting initiatives in 2025. If you can help, please do so.

We are proudly a 100% self-funded sports club. In 2024, CSC continued to trade strongly on Friday Twilight. This financial security supports the never ending big-ticket expenses of clubhouse maintenance, systems renewal, and financing big on-water initiatives such as our fleet of support boats and new training sports boats.

As members, we ask you to always think about the bigger picture, don't criticise, instead offer support to those who strive tirelessly to make your Club a better place.

And here we are, about to start an exciting new year. This will be our 90th birthday year and we will celebrate as only sailors can! For now, sail hard for your Club if you are competing in the coming weeks, or relax if that is what you need to do over the festive season. The CSC Board and Sailing Committee would like to wish all our members, friends and staff a very safe and Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous, and well-sailed 2025.





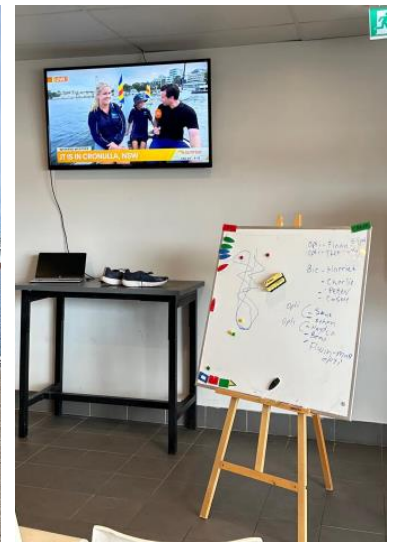
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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CSC?

CHANNEL 7 SUNRISE VISIT

On Sunday morning 1st December we had two live crosses from the desk of Channel 7's Sunrise program. It was a pretty proud moment to watch kids, parents, instructors and random members rally together very early in the day to spruce up the club and rig the boats ready for sail training. The film action all took place on the water with our juniors showing their sailing skills to the nation. An impressive in-depth interview with up and coming junior sailor Casey was followed by a stunning performance from our very own trainer extraordinaire, Tayla.

On shore it was a carnival atmosphere, we managed to get the TV working just in time to watch the live crosses. Here is the link to both live crosses <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/182XXUoikr/>



TWILIGHT SERIES

The CSC twilight series is a fun-filled non-spinnaker event held most Fridays during the daylight saving months. It is open to all CSC member skippers and crew on Cat7+ certified boats. Newcomers can join in for free as crew members for their first three races using a [SailPASS](#), after that they need to commit to sailing membership.

The Spring sub-series of the 2024/25 twilight series has now been run. Congratulations to Mick Stuart's **Let's Go** in first place, then Bob Sagar/Brent Rae's **Jargon** in second, and Tony Landers/Jared Macquart's **Jazz Bar** coming in third. All skippers and crews are reminded that we return after the Christmas break, on January 10th.



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BENETEAUS UPDATE

After a monster effort taken on by Commodore Pil, Paul Kelly and Bruce McKay, the CSC Beneteau 7.5 training boats have now been re-rigged, re-cradled, adapted for handling and haul-out by our crane, kitted out for Cat7+ racing, completely checked over, and insured.

CSC has two main goals for the boats, the primary use will be CSC hosted adult learn to sail activities during the week. CSC is working on some exciting new sail training initiatives, learn more in the next *Mainsheet* edition.

These boats will also be available for charter to experienced CSC skippers and their crew to sail any CSC programmed Bate Bay Cat7+ and Port Hacking Cat7 series race, as well as CSC Friday twilight and RMYC-PH Wednesday twilight races. These boats are to be sailed with a minimum of 3, and maximum of 6 POB. The boats are insured on a no-alcohol basis.

As we go to press, final costs are still being resolved, but usage fees will consist of the usual race day Sailing fee; boat Charter fee; and a refundable security deposit. Fees may vary for spinnaker and non-spinnaker races. An online booking system will be created, but initially bookings can be made through Jared.



CORPORATE DAY

Corporate Day was held on 29th November. Despite the wet conditions, all sailors and their guests had a great time. Congratulations to Jared for a fantastic event and thank you to Bronwyn and others who helped bring the day together.





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WHAT'S COMING UP?

26th December	Sydney to Hobart Yacht race - CYCA Sydney Harbour start
6th-10th January	MG14 National Championships @ Toronto Amateur Sailing Club, NSW
8th - 11th January	J24 National Championships @ Sandringham Yacht Club, Victoria
10th January 2025	First Friday Twilight for 2025, weekly hereon
11th January	Triangle Series
18th January	Navigators' Cup Regatta

YOUR STORIES

Your Mainsheet newsletter reappeared in October 2022. Next month is our 20th edition and we want to make it a bumper edition telling stories about your sailing antics, adventures and achievements experienced in 2024 or over the Christmas season. Please write it down, gather a few good pics, and contact our editors Tayla or Pete VR.

HOUSE KEEPING

The north-side door is a designated fire exit. For all our safety, sails and any other boat equipment, including CSC equipment, must not be left in the aisleway. Storage of sailing gear in the boathouse is not condoned, if you must leave an item temporarily, please place it thoughtfully.

WARNING, WARNING

Be reminded that it is a very important aspect that the club knows at all times who is on the water racing. SailSys is a powerful tool used by CSC to manage all aspects of our yachts on water.

Yacht skippers will be prompted by text message on the morning of each race if their BOAT intends to race or not. No response is deemed to be a NO, and the boat will resultantly and automatically receive a DNS.

To avoid a DSQ, yacht skippers, just like their crew, are also required to personally sign on using the boat's SailSys QR code prior to your starting time. Each member's SailSys profile must include all required information such as NOK details, DOB, and for your own safety, any relevant medical information.

Thank you to **Tayla** for making a set of QR codes for each yacht. Keep yours handy, and log on prior to racing.

And while we are offering reminders, prior to the warning signal, all boats racing Cat4 courses are required to radio in on VHF73 to the start boat (or designated starter) to confirm you are racing, stating how many POB.



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SAIL PORT STEPHENS



Sail Port Stephens' Commodores Cup, now reputed to be any NSW sailor's favorite week away, is growing in popularity year on year. Accommodation is getting harder and harder to book, and space in the d'Albora marina gets trickier and trickier. If you can't get in the marina, there may be an opportunity to lease a temporary mooring a little way further up the Port. Hosted by NCYC,

Sea Hawk has done just this in the past. Yes, depending where your accommodation is it might be a bit inconvenient, but surely it's better than missing out! Hosted by NCYC, it's well organised and economical. If this sounds like an option, speak to Pete VR without delay.

- Newcastle to Port Stephens race is 30th March 2025
- Sail Port Stephens Commodores Cup race from March 31 to April 5th, 2025.
- 52 Super Series, Fast40+ series, and Inter Club 40 series on April 25 to 27, 2025.

See Newcastle Yacht Club website or SPS2025 announcements for details.



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NAVIGATORS' CUP



CSC will again proudly host the Mudgee Concrete 27th Navigators' Cup Regatta, 2025.

Proudly supported by Mudgee Concrete, Multihull Central, Barracouta Sails & Macquart Marine the 27th Navigators' Cup Regatta will be hosted by CSC on 18th January 2025. Entry is now open. All boats are requested to get their entry in ASAP to assist with general organisation and catering numbers.

This year we will see three divisions contesting for prized Australia Day Regatta medallions, Division 1 will be Cat 4 sailing course 73 for the coveted Navigators' Cup perpetual trophy.

From the starting line, proceed to Botany Bay and turn after crossing the "Captain Cook Transit Line", to Wedding Cake Island (STB), then to the Port Hacking Finish Line

Division 2 will be Cat 5 sailing course 74, and will feature a sub-series for multihull yachts.

From the starting line, proceed to Botany Bay and turn after crossing the "Captain Cook Transit Line", to the Waverider Buoy (STB), then to the Port Hacking Finish Line

Division 3 will be Cat7+ sailing course 10, and will feature a sub series for multihull yachts.

Bate Bay Passage Race

Start at E, to B (p), K (p), C (s), E (s), C (s), to finish at E.

All races will offer a Two Handed sub-series.

Entry is through SailSys, under the **RACE ENTRY** tab on the [CSC website](https://cscsailing.com.au), or [press here](#) and then press Race Entry.

- Start and finish in Port Hacking Estuary
- Viewing from Bass and Flinders Monument or Cronulla Esplanade
- Presentation and prize giving after racing at Cronulla Sailing Club

<https://cronullasailingclub.com.au/2024/12/18/navigators-cup-18-jan-2025/>



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IN OTHER NEWS

J24 STATE TITLES

On the 2nd and 3rd November 2024, the J24 NSW State Titles were held at RANSA, Sydney Harbour. Three boats from Cronulla Sailing Club attended. And we're happy to say, all three boats won trophies. A pleasing result for Cronulla Sailing Club.

- **"El Fideldo"** skippered by Keats Broom, won the PHS, in a close result.
- **"Stamped Urgent"** skippered by David McKay, came Third on Scratch.
- **"Tinto"** skippered by Steve Wright won the regatta, (beating the current National Champion), to be our new State Champion. It is also pleasing to note, "Tinto" won five out of five races. (I don't think a perfect score has been done before in the J24 Class).

What's coming up...

The J24 National Championships will be held in Victoria @ Sandringham Yacht Club, 8th - 11th January 2025. So far, Cronulla Sailing Club will be represented by "Tinto" and "Stamped Urgent". The National Championships are also the selections for the World Titles, which will be held in Plymouth UK, 6th - 14th September 2025. We are also hoping to have Cronulla Sailing Club representation at the 2025 Worlds.

We also note, the J24 World Titles after Plymouth (for the year 2026), will be held in Australia, at Sandringham Yacht Club, Victoria. Therefore, we are hoping for an influx of interest to compete at the 2026 Worlds in Australia..

Alex Cawsey





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SHELLHARBOUR WEEKEND



Over the weekend of 9th and 10th November, the CSC Offshore fleet and friends from the RMYC-PH, participated in races #1 and #2 of our new Cat4 Regatta Series to Shellharbour and return.

Except for the 'hole' Sea Hawk found herself in for an hour off Port Kembla's Five Islands, good down hill breeze was experienced by all boats, leading to the fleet finishing closely together on Saturday. All boats settled easily into the impressive Shellharbour Marina infrastructure and amenities and convenient Shell Cove shopping precinct.

On Saturday evening, all boat crews and friends gathered at the Tavern restaurant to enjoy the many tales and tall stories that always seem to emerge during such occasions. On Sunday, a strong south-easterly saw boats reef-down and two-sail reach home in record time.

Overall it was a very successful weekend-away, we thank the RMYC-PH boats for their comradery, and CSC's Tony Landers for offering his cruiser as our start boat and support boat.

FLYING THE FLAG



Recently a group of our yachties chartered a mothership up in the Whitsundays. Yeah, good on you Gerry, Deb, Bob and Jenni, I'm sure we'd all be happy for you if we weren't all so jealous!

Anyway, they redeemed themselves a bit by flying the flag. Salute.



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QLD MG14 STATE TITLES



On the weekend of 14th and 15th December, our very own CSC MG FIFO sailing team took to the skies to deliver a harsh lesson to all Queenslanders that NSW Manly Graduates' teams have them in their sights.

Sailing their new MG14 **Cin Cin**, Bernard Parker and Luke Johnson flew in and then walked away with a 1st place victory on scratch at the MG14 2024-25 Queensland State Titles. Plus a 3rd place on handicap. Love your work boys.. Congratulations.

The National Championships will be held at Toronto Amateur Sailing Club, NSW, 6-10 January 2025. We wish all the attending CSC MG teams the best of luck, and don't forget to have fun!

2024 ROLEX SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

Good luck to all our members and friends who are heading to Hobart this year in the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. So far we have eyes on the following boats:

Antipodes - Tim MacGillivray

J-Bird - Jason Thorne

URM - Tim Sellars, Paddy Bannon, Phil Marshall

Wild Thing 100 - Matt Pearce

Please let us know if there's others members we should be tracking.





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