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January - February 2025

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CSC?

Christmas seems so long ago already. We welcome you to this our first 2025 edition of your CSC Mainsheet. The Autumn sailing season is in full swing, point score drops are suddenly being factored in, and we have it on good authority that there are more than a few skippers with an eye on the prize. Yes, this year we will again be racing for those much-coveted sheep stations. Good luck to all contenders! Despite all our considerable effort to compete on our fabulous waterways, mother nature always has the final say, but we are all winners regardless.

Off the Beach racing and In the Bay sailing on Sunday has generally been hosted in ideal summer conditions. The MG Nationals were a huge success at Toronto, and the MG states will be hosted at Port Hunter in a week's time.

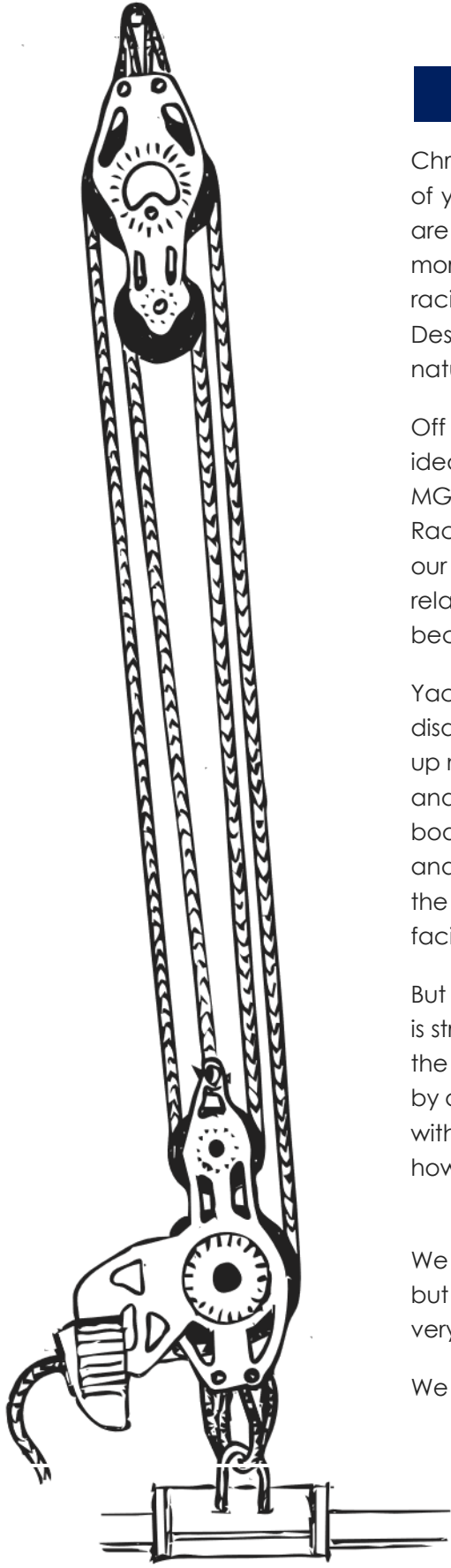
Racing in the estuary is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. We encourage our youth and our parents to progress into this action-packed sailing fleet, it's relatively inexpensive and great family fun. Become a crew, get a family boat, become a support person, just get involved, you won't regret it.

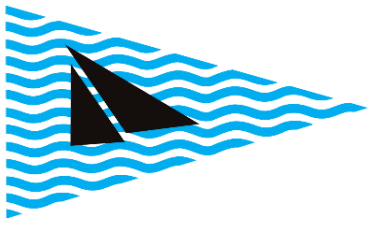
Yachts too have enjoyed some great sailing conditions, well, except for the disappointment of Navigators' Cup Regatta, but that's now rescheduled and coming up mid-March. All Series are seeing great competition, fleets are generally rebuilding, and great comradery is witnessed back at the Club after racing. The Ocean-going boats recently enjoyed a great Port Jackson weekend away, racing to the Harbour, and return, with the RMYC-PH fleet. We were all made to feel very welcome spending the evening berthed in the marina enjoying the hospitality of the great CYCA club facilities.

But the life blood of any sailing club will only pump strong into the future if Junior sailing is strong. It is such a pleasure to see the enthusiastic sailor contingent participating in the Junior Learn to Sail Classes and In The Bay Races on Sundays, all now being taught by a large cohort of our very own youth who are now qualified instructors, all the time with parents eagerly waiting to help wherever they can! Wow, what a great vibe, how good is that.

We have been lucky to see this cycle of youth roll over decade after decade at CSC, but you know what, it's not luck, it happens through the hard work and passion of a very precious few members.. you are legends.. cheers to you!

We can't wait to see you on the water!





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JUNIOR SAILING UPDATE

Over the January school holidays we ran a Learn to Sail program with 9 participants. We spent time learning to sail, communicate, work as a team, care for our boats and respect the environment. We had 3 days of fantastic weather and all 9 participants have continued on to the next stage of Learn to Sail on Sunday mornings.



We are excited to have Thomas and Sophie Woodrow, previous CSC Learn to Sail participants, become qualified instructors and join our team. Blake Scarra has also recently become qualified and is assisting on Sunday mornings. This progression for these CSC junior sailors is testament to the hard work that has been going into junior sailing in the past few years and it is extremely promising for the future of CSC.

We welcomed Josh Elkin from Port Hacking Open Sailing Club (PHOSC), also a qualified assistant instructor, to join us and gain some experience instructing. We hope this collaboration strengthens our relationship with PHOSC and keeps the spirit of sailing alive in our community.

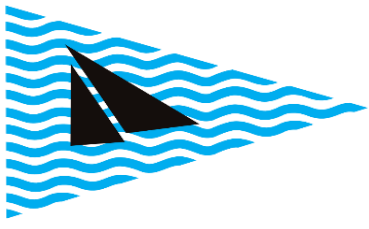
One of the most exciting comebacks is Ashley Atkins, a previous junior sailor, who returned as an assistant instructor to help with the holiday course. We are so happy to see Ashley back at the club and we are looking forward to working with her more. Many of the Atkins family have all played huge roles in the club in the past and we are sure that Ashley will follow in their footsteps.

SAILABILITY CRANE

The Sailability crane that is used to put keels in their boats and assist in getting people out of boats, needed some urgent repairs, done to the base that is mounted on the dock. We would like to thank all who helped get this project sorted quickly. Special thanks to Paul Kelly for removing the existing base plate and fitting a new one. Thanks to Brian Evans for his assistance. Also thanks to Blue Water Barges for supplying the aluminium plate, and the welding. Thanks to Southern Fasteners for supplying the nuts and bolts for the fitting and thanks to BC Coatings for supplying the paint. Well done to all who helped on contributing to a worthwhile cause.

WELCOME HAYDEN

The CSC Board has operated with a vacancy this season, until now. We are pleased to welcome Hayden Airey to the CSC Board. Hayden brings youth, enthusiasm and skills that we know will be a huge asset to the team. Hayden has vast experience from racing on TP52's to Hobart twice, C&C 30's and J24 state title winner on handicap in 2024. Welcome aboard Hayden!



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YACHT POINTSCORE

1st of March, saw the last race for our Triangle Series. The J24s dominated this series, with Ambush nipping at their heels. The J24's were given a generous handicap this season, but that has caught up with them all for next season.

Season Pointscore Results For Triangle Series

Scratch

- 1st - Sea Hawk - 5 points
- 2nd - Brand X - 13 points
- 3rd - Ambush - 13 points

PHS

- 1st - Tinto - 4 Points
- 2nd - Elfideldo - 9 points
- 3rd - Sail Mates - 10 pints

CBH

- 1st - Tinto - 4 points
- 2nd - Elfideldo - 10 points
- 3rd - Ambush - 12 points

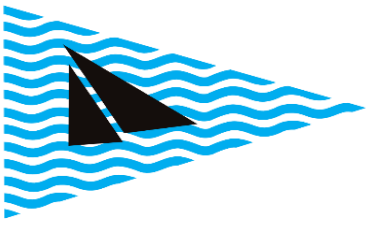


Well done to all who competed in our first triangle series.

Thank you Bron for these great shots.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

8-9 March	MG14 State Titles @ Port Hunter SC
15-16 March	BIC O'pen Skiff State Titles @ Belmont SC
15 March	CSC Navigators' Cup Regatta
30 March-5 April	Sail Port Stephens
3 May	CSC Presentation Night
17 May	CSC 90th Anniversary Celebration
24 May	RMYCPH Sailing Presentation Night



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MUDGEE CONCRETE NAVIGATORS' CUP

Due to adverse conditions in January, the Mudgee Concrete 27th Navigators' Cup Regatta was postponed to 15th March. It's not too late to enter, but please register without delay.

Entry is through SailSys, under the **RACE ENTRY** tab on the [CSC website](#), or [click here](#) and then press Race Entry.

This year we will see three divisions contesting for prized Australia Day Regatta medallions. All races will offer a Two Handed sub-series.

Division 1 will be Cat 4 sailing course 73 for the coveted Navigators' Cup perpetual trophy.

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

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

Proudly supported by Mudgee Concrete, Multihull Central, Barracouta Sails & Macquart Marine.

PRESENTATION EVENING

3rd May - Save the date. Our presentation evening is always a great night to relax and see all fleets come together to celebrate sailing. More details will be available soon but for now, put the date in your diaries and get ready for a great night.

90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

May is looking rather busy! Plans are also well underway for the celebration of our 90th Anniversary. The festivities will take place on **17th May** and will feature a sailing event for all fleets. We look forward to seeing every type of boat on the course, from dinghies to yachts, and Optis to Beneteaus.

The sailing event will begin around midday and conclude at 3pm, with spectator boats on the water to enjoy the spectacle. After sailing, we'll celebrate at the club with stories from the legends of the club. There will be a BBQ, music, and the festivities will continue into the evening.

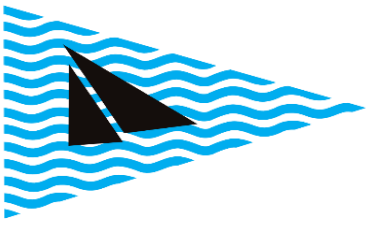
If you have any history or photos to share, please email

history@cronullasailingclub.com.au.

To help with planning for this special event please rsvp here.

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/cronullasailingclub/events/rsvp/280943>





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CSC ADMIN EXPLAINED

Over the recent years, the CSC Board has been working hard to streamline the administration of membership and race management. To aid this, CSC has integrated several processes, each with their own powerful but specific management tools. Here is a run-down to de-mystify each process.

RevolutioniseSPORT - This program was developed by Australian Sailing specifically for Australian sailing clubs to manage matters of membership communications and membership fees. RevSport efficiently manages our member database, annual renewals for all our membership types, and also provides the structure for the distribution of member emails and texts.

SailSys - This very comprehensive and powerful program was developed by an Aussie guy who dreamed of an efficient way to manage sailing club activities and events.

All sailors (crew, skippers and boat owners) need to register with SailSys and create their own profile. You can do this here → app.sailsys.com.au. This is free. It is important that each sailor sets up their own account, you can then add and alter your details using your personal dashboard. This dashboard will contain basic information about yourself, contact details, Sailing Club details, emergency NOK details.

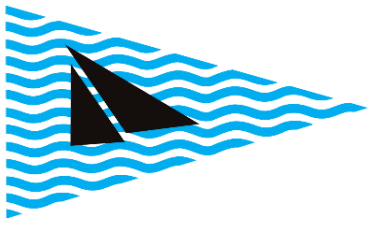
SailSys Continued

Boat Owners (or boat admin personnel) are able to enter race series (either at CSC or elsewhere) and create "New Boat". This is where you can enter the details of your boat. Once a boat is created you will be able to register that boat into multiple series at any club or event using SailSys without re-entering information. Once your boat is set up, you can monitor race participation, mandatory boat documentation, and crew lists.

The other side of SailSys is then Club administration. Put simply, the host Club inputs their forthcoming series, events and regattas and then invites sailors to register their boat to participate. Race fees and boat details are recorded when you enter. The program does its magic from there, boat details appear in race registers, including on your boat owner's SailSys dashboard. Boat logon (not the skipper), crew logon (including the skipper), race communication, handicapping, race results, series scoring and aggregate results presented online are all then processed sort of automatically. Genius!

Other invoicing

CSC then has EFTPOS and invoicing through an accounting software package to manage all the other day to day club monetary matters like buying a beer; leasing a sports boat for the day; merchandising; leasing a boatshed rack, hardstand space, or club mooring; and any other miscellaneous payment you may need to make from time to time.



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IN OTHER NEWS

WELCOME ANOTHER FIASCO



The CSC yacht community welcomes Tim Savage's new acquisition "Another Fiasco", a Jutson 43, designed by Scott Jutson (who also designed Brindabella), she has a kevlar and foam core hull, and a fin keel with 2.8m draft.

Another Fiasco was launched in 1994 and straight away commenced her impressive succession of Sydney to Hobart entries. She competed from 1994 to 1997 as Maglieri Wines, 1998 and 1999 as Esprit de Corps, 2000 as Frontier Economics, then 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2015 as Another Fiasco. She won PHS overall in the 2006 Hobart. Another Fiasco has also regularly raced campaigns at many other high profile sailing events in Australia and beyond.

Tim is known to us as a long-time member of the Colortile Racing Team, and more recently as the owner of "Straight Lace". Tim promised himself he'd never take on another 'project' boat but couldn't resist buying this boat knowing she needed some urgent routine TLC. Now that all that is sorted,

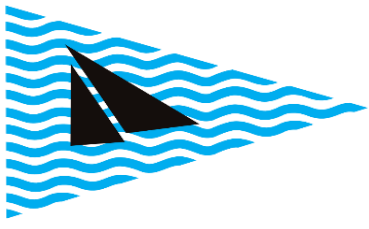
expect to see Another Fiasco on the CSC racecourse in the coming weeks. Rumour has it that a certain band of seasoned sailors are reforming to throw her around the Sail Port Stephens racetrack. We can't wait to see that!

MODULAR MEDICAL KITS

In an amendment prescribed under AS Special Regulation (Reg 4.07.9), effective 29 Feb 2024, revision is forthcoming for all Australian Sailing Cat1 to Cat7 First Aid Kits. The grand plan is to transition over a 4 year period (2024-2028) from the classical Cat3, Cat4, Cat7+, Cat7, etc First Aid Kits that we all know and love, to what is described by Sailing Australia as "simple and modular replacements".

Every boat owner needs to look into this new initiative as they will need to make an economic decision as to when to switch over to the "modular" Medical Kit(s). That is, boat Owners need to plan as to when to stop buying long expiry items for their classical first aid kits, and instead bite the bullet and start assembling their new modular medical kit(s).

The four year lead time allows boat owners to time-out existing long expiry medications rather than have to buy new ones immediately. The new Medical Kit will be up to four separate modules, so that as the race duration increases, additional medical kit modules are added.



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The modules are:

- **Inshore Kit** This kit will become the go-to day kit for all race categories (CSC Cat7, Cat7+, Cat4, etc).
- **Coastal Kit 1** This additional kit will be carried for all Day-time Coastal races (CSC Cat4 boats).
- **Coastal Kit 2** This additional kit will be carried on all Night-time Coastal races (Cat3 boats).
- **Offshore Kit** This additional kit will be carried where medical evacuation is expected to be over 24 hours.

It's not clear yet as to how (or if) these changes will be incorporated into the 2025-2026 Safety Audit Forms. Keep an eye on the AS website for its release. CSC will endeavor to keep skippers informed on its release and ramifications.

For FAQ's relating to these new Modular Medical Kits, [Click here.](#)

For amended Special Regs Appendix D contents of these new Modular Medical Kits, [Click here.](#)

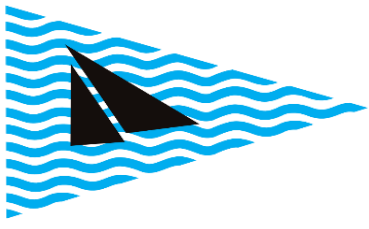
SAFETY & SEA SURVIVAL COURSE

All our members participating in Cat1, Cat2 and some Cat3 races will be familiar with the Safety and Sea Survival Course prescribed under Sailing Australia Special Regulation (Reg 6.01.1). These days the course is generally conducted in two parts, on-line theory and on-water practical assessment. Topics include:

- Care and maintenance of safety equipment
- Storm sails
- Damage control and repair
- Heavy weather - crew routines, boat handling, drogues
- Man overboard prevention and recovery
- Giving assistance to other craft
- Hypothermia
- SAR organisation and methods
- Weather forecasting
- Liferafts and lifejackets
- Fire precautions and use of fire extinguishers
- Distress communications equipment (VHF, GMDSS, satcoms etc.)
- Pyrotechnics and EPIRBs.

Whilst not compulsory at CSC, there is not a topic here that does not relate to our Cat4 Short Ocean and Offshore/Regatta Series. This Sailing Australia initiative is a very rewarding experience and well worth consideration by our Skipper's and core crew's.

Special Reg 6.01.1 amended SSSC expiry periods effective from 26 March 2024. Training shall have a five year validity period. Revalidation shall be achieved by completing an update course in accordance with the SSSC. A refresher course may be taken to renew a certificate if the refresher course is completed within 2 years (previously no time limit) of the expiration of the individual's most recent SSSC certificate.



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2024 ROLEX SYDNEY TO HARBOUR YACHT RACE

The 2024 Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race was a challenging event, showcasing the resilience of the sailing community. This year's race tested the endurance of every participant. Our club is immensely proud of all our members who took part in this prestigious race, each one embodying the dedication and determination that this iconic race demands.



- Tim MacGillivray – Antipodes
- Jason Thorne - J-Bird
- Tim Sellars & Paddy Bannon – URM
- Matt Pearce - Wild Thing 100



J24 NATIONAL TITLES

The J24 Australian Championships were recently held at Sandringham Yacht Club, Victoria. A fleet of nineteen boats, including five past National Champions, with six boats travelling to represent NSW.

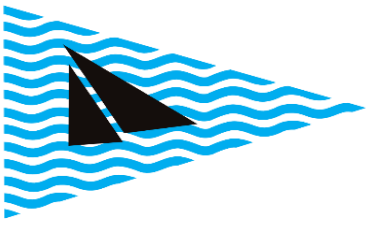
The series included 10 races over 4 days. Racing was extremely close, with the fleet compressed on short, windward - leeward courses. Often only seconds separated the first five boats. Every race was very different, with wind speeds between 1 and 25 knots. There were huge variations making the series very challenging.



We are pleased to advise, that our representative boats from CSC did very well. Tinto (skippered by Steve Wright) coming 3rd, ... and Stamped Urgent (skippered David McKay) coming 6th, overall. Both boats have now qualified for the next World Championships. The crew of Tinto are keen to represent CSC and Australia at the 45th J24 World Championships, to be held in Plymouth (UK), in September 2025.



Alex Cawsey (J24 Class Captain)



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SKATE NATIONAL TITLES

Congratulations to David Crawford who competed in the Skate National Titles at St George Sailing Club in January. Dave crewed on "Any Which Way" with skipper Dave Luck. They finished 3rd overall and walked away with a win in heat 5. Thanks to Bron for the photos.



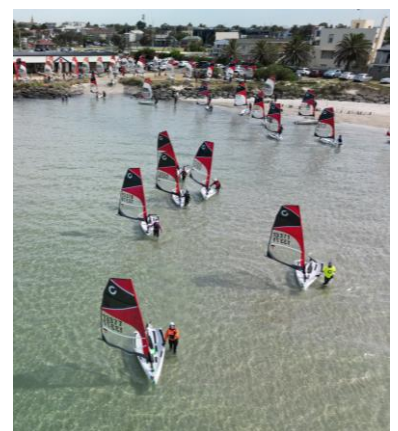
MG14 NATIONAL TITLES

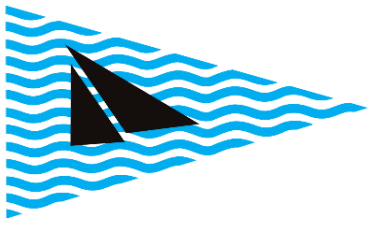
Congratulations to Drew and Angela who competed in the MG14 National Titles at Toronto Amateur Sailing Club in January. Their best race was Heat 4 which they won and they finished 6th overall after 9 races.



BIC O'PEN SKIFF NATIONAL TITLES

Congratulations to Casey who competed at the BIC O'Pen Skiff National Titles at Mordialloc Sailing Club in January. His determination and passion for sailing is evident as he pushes himself and the port-end of the start line. If you haven't seen his port-end start at the Nationals, get on Facebook now and check it out.





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CSC HISTORY CORNER



Last of the old styled hulls to win the Australian Title — "Freycinet" with Alan Myers (helm), Colin Myers (sheet) and Bruce Swain (forward) won the title for Cronulla in 1966/67. Les Myers sailed forward in two heats of the series.

With the Club's 90th Anniversary coming up, it's a great opportunity to again ask if any member or friend of CSC can share any historic documents they may hold relating to sailing at CSC or Port Hacking generally. Please delve into your old records box and scan (large format is preferred) and email any info to history@cronullasailingclub.com.au or you can loan it to any Board member and we will scan it and return it promptly.

One such resource is the 21st December, 1972 Observer newspaper 'centrefold' supplement featuring Cronulla Sailing Club. The Observer was published and printed by our very own McLachlan family of Macprint fame.

Australian Vee Ess Titles

An Australian Title has eluded Cronulla yachts since Colin and Alan Myers with Bruce Swain won the title in 1966/67 with "Freycinet", there have been a number of local yachts knocking at the door.

Welcome to all Competitors and Friends

The sailing program set down for the period between the 26th December, 1972 and the 4th January, 1973 is destined to be one of the most important events in the history of Cronulla Sailing Club. During this period, we are hosting two major sailing events on the sailing calendar.

They are, firstly, the "Vaucluse Senior" class Australian Championships for which visitors will come from all other States, and secondly, the Heron Inter-Association Challenge between New Zealand and Australia. For this series, a group of 10 Kiwis including four crews will be visiting us.

Competing in these series will be approximately ninety crews consisting of well over 200 persons.

As Commodore of Cronulla Sailing Club, I, together with my Flag Officers, Keith Messer (Vice Commodore) and Bill Sims (Rear Commodore), the Committee and Members of the Club extend a most hearty welcome. We hope your stay with us will be most enjoyable and invite you to join us in several functions we have arranged for your pleasure, knowing that some of you are many hundreds of miles from home during the Festive Season.

Finally, we wish you good sailing and success in your quest for honours in the coming season.

STAN WYMER, Commodore.

WHAT THE..

A crew member new to ocean racing asked the old sea dog "what is more important, the journey or the destination?" Without hesitation, the old sea dog replied "always the company".