

# the Mainsheet

April - August 2025

## WELCOME BACK

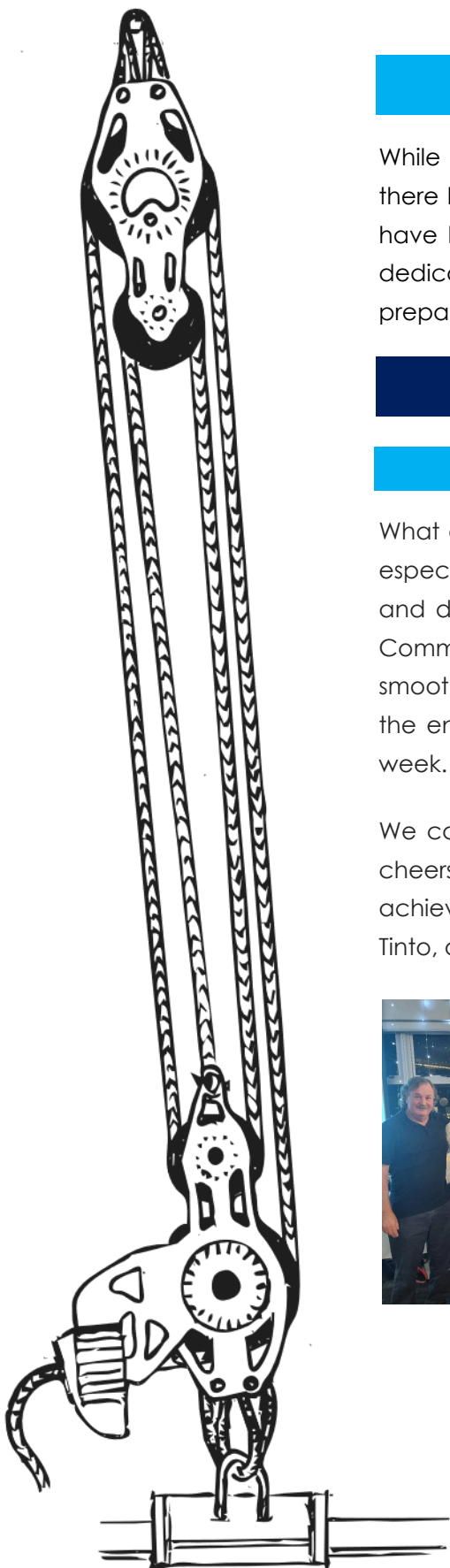
While our last edition was in May and winter is usually a quieter time on the water, there has still been plenty happening at Cronulla Sailing Club. Many of our members have been proudly representing CSC away from home, and behind the scenes our dedicated volunteers have been busy keeping things running smoothly and preparing the club for an exciting and action-packed summer sailing season ahead.

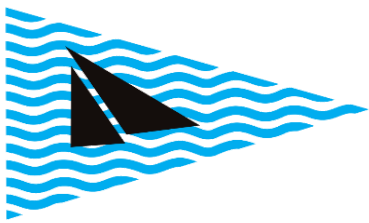
## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CSC?

### 2024-25 SEASON FINALE

What a season we had! A huge thank you to the Board, the Sailing Committee and especially Rear Commodore, Jared Macquart for energising the yacht racing format and delivering a fantastic season of competition for the Yachts. Thanks also to Rear Commodore Craig Smith for ensuring the Off the Beach fleet continued to sail smoothly throughout the year. Special mention to David Evans, Aliceson Parker and the entire Race Officer team for keeping us racing safely and efficiently week after week.

We capped off the season in style with another fantastic Presentation Night. Three cheers to the team for organising a brilliant evening to celebrate the season's achievements. Congratulations to all our winners and a special round of applause for Tinto, our Club Champion and Casey Roeder our Commodore's Award Recipient.





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## 90th ANNIVERSARY

We were thrilled to welcome 42 entries for our special race celebrating our 90th season of sailing. It was a spectacular sight, with a vibrant fleet of yachts and dinghies sharing the course in a true celebration of our sailing community.

Our 90th Anniversary event was a fantastic success and we want to once again extend a heartfelt thank you to Bronwyn, Jared, and Tayla for their incredible efforts in organising such a memorable occasion.



If you haven't already, make sure to check out Jenna Searle's stunning photos which captured the spirit of the day beautifully. <https://searvisuals22.pixieset.com/cronullasailingclub90thcelebration-1/>

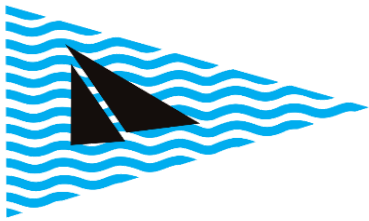
## WINTER SAILING

This year's Winter Series for yachts has been a great success, with an impressive fleet of 14–17 boats taking to the start line each race. A huge thank you goes to RO Dave Evans and his assistants, Rick and Richard, whose efforts on the water ensured the series ran smoothly and safely for all competitors.

Our junior sailors also made the most of some spectacular winter conditions, with 10–12 boats joining in each month. The fleet included Open Skiffs, Optimists, and Manly Juniors, and we were especially excited to see two Flying 11s out on the water in August. It's fantastic to see such strong participation and enthusiasm across all levels of sailing at CSC, even in the cooler months.







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## HARDSTAND AND DECK UPGRADES

Over the winter months, much of the focus has been on maintaining and improving our facilities to ensure they remain safe, functional, and ready for the busy summer season. Behind the scenes, the Board and sub-committees have been carefully reviewing the structure of the hardstand, investigating ways to strengthen and future-proof this vital area of our club. Progress has also continued on repairs, with Hayden providing valuable support and expertise to ensure that high-priority items are addressed efficiently and safely. These works are essential in keeping our facilities in top condition for members, visitors, and the wider sailing community.

The upgrades to our hardstand and deck not only improve day-to-day operations but also reflect our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible environment for sailing at Cronulla. We thank all those involved for their time, effort, and dedication in bringing these projects to life.

## LIQUOR LICENCE

As you know we are currently in the process of updating our liquor licence, with the application now awaiting approval. The change aims to remove the current limit of 52 events per year, allowing us to host more frequent and diverse events to better support our sailors and the community.

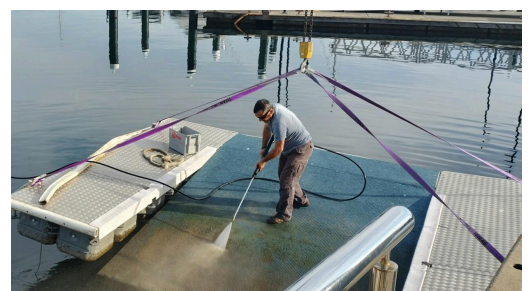
We understand that many members are eager for updates. Please be assured that we will share information with you as soon as it is appropriate. At times, we may need to wait until certain application processes are complete before communicating more details. We're excited about the opportunities this will bring and appreciate your support!

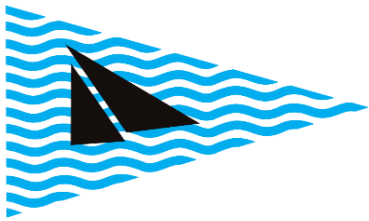
## WHAT'S COMING UP?

6 Sept	Working Bee
13-14 Sept	Summer Racing Begins
30 Sept - 2 Oct	Junior Learn To Sail Holiday Program
10 Oct	Twilight Sailing Friday Nights

## WORKING BEE

Our next Working Bee is this Saturday, 6th September, from 8:00am. We would love to see all skippers, crew and supporters come down and lend a hand. There is plenty to do: cleaning, repairs and general maintenance to get us ready for another great season of sailing.





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## SUMMER SERIES

Our Yacht Summer Series kicks off on Saturday, 13th September, with most yachts racing every second Saturday and select classes racing more frequently. The Yacht program includes a mix of course based series' to suit all boats and experience levels.

The Off the Beach Program also begins on Sunday 14th September. Don't forget our start time is 1:00pm as it is pre-daylight savings. In the Bay sailing is back on the 21st September with a 1:30pm briefing in the club.

Check the calendar, get your crew sorted, and join us on the start line!

<https://cronullasailingclub.com.au/sailing-menu/sailing-program/>

## JUNIOR LEARN TO SAIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Our *School Holiday Learn to Sail* program will be run over 3 days, from Tuesday 30 September to Thursday 2 October. We are hoping to introduce some new members to the club and increase our junior sailing fleet.

Some spots are already filled. If you have friends or family wanting to participate please email [training@cronullasailingclub.com.au](mailto:training@cronullasailingclub.com.au) asap.



## FRIDAY NIGHT TWILIGHTS

Get ready for Twilight Sailing, kicking off after the October long weekend! Enjoy relaxed evening sails followed by Friday night festivities featuring live local bands, great food, and good vibes. It's the perfect way to wind down after a long week.

We will continue to have a sectioned off area for our sailors on the balcony to enjoy after racing. Stay tuned for more details and get ready to join the fun!

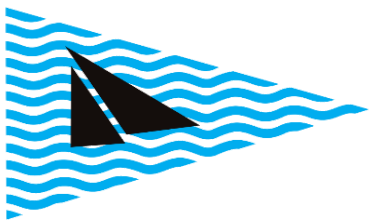
## IN OTHER NEWS

### SAIL PORT STEPHENS

It was another great year with CSC represented at Sail Port Stephens by a number of boats. It was a strong start for Sea Hawk, leading the charge for Cronulla with a win in Division 2 PHS on Day 1.







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Congratulations to all our crews who flew the flag and represented the club with pride!

Division 2 – PHS

1st – Brand X

3rd – Sea Hawk

6th – Yknot

7th – Another Fiasco

17th – Jazz Bar

Division 2 – ORC

9th – Jazz Bar

Division 4 – PHS

6th – Marri Nuwwi

17th – Mach 1



Teams Trophy: 8th – Sea Hawk + Yknot, 13th – Brand X + Jazz Bar, 16th – Another Fiasco + 51st Project

## ADMIRAL'S CUP

Jason Thorne has wrapped up an incredible tour, finishing second in the world-renowned Admiral's Cup onboard the TP52 "Zen" – one of the most prestigious yacht race series on the calendar, including the Rolex Fastnet Race. Congratulations, Jason – an outstanding achievement!

Look out in the next edition of the Mainsheet for a full brief from Jason himself.

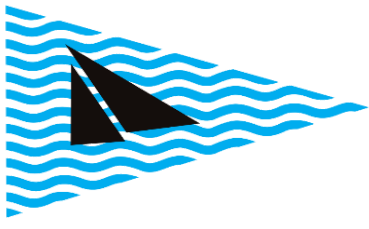


## OPEN SKIFF WORLD TITLES

Casey was chosen to represent Australia in the Open Skiff World Titles in Nishinomiya, Japan in July. Unfortunately the conditions did not favour him but he did not give up and over the course of the week, he showed fantastic improvement and finished strong on the final day of racing. He finished 14th overall in the U13 division and was the 1st U13 for Australia.

We're incredibly proud of Casey's efforts on the world stage and we can't wait to see what he gets at the 2026 World Champs in Australia in Yeppoon!





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## AIRLIE BEACH RACE WEEK

A huge congratulations to our members and friends who competed at Airlie Beach Race Week! It was fantastic to see you representing the club on such a big stage, and we hope you all had a great time both on and off the water.

### Our entrants included:

**Harmony** – Paul Degan, Josh Tasker

**No Mercy** – Burke Melia, David McKay, Jacob Broom, Keats Broom

**Jazz Bar** – Jared Macquart, Clinton Hood, Troy Pascoe-Webbe, Jeff Eason, Glenn Smith, Michael Stuart

**Wobbly Boot** – Jerry Schriever

