



Pittwater Sailors

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone,

We had 13 boats compete in Sunday's race, which was a great turnout but could be better given that we have 20 entrants for the 2024 season. The forecast was for a breeze tending NE around 10knots so course 2 was selected. As it turned out the breeze settled NE with gusts up to 14knots later as the race progressed with everyone finished before 4.00PM.

Everyone got away in the NE breeze and were able to enjoy great competitive racing throughout the race. The two performance boats in Blue Division reveled in the conditions passing the fleet in the first half of the race. Tardis also reveled in the conditions finishing 4 minutes ahead of Just Magic in Yellow Division, Well done Colin. There was an exciting match race between Life of Riley and Nickerlyn in which Riley was triumphant. Well-done Gemma and Jono.

Again, the finish was tight for the folk on the start boat. Thanks to Phil and Marilyn providing CE VU as the start boat and to Andrew Latimer, Gerald, and Sheree for documenting the results. If our new handicapper Len Ballie keeps this up, recording the finish will become even more challenging.

The place getters in Yellow Division were first Tardis, second Just magic and third Dancelot and for Blue Division first Spirito, second Rythem and third Life of Riley.

A big thank you to Andrew and Vicky for arranging the evening dinner, which was up to its usual excellent standard. I had several remarks that the food as it always is, was nice and fresh. Please take note of Andrew's remarks prior to the start of the dinner regarding letting him know the numbers attending by Wednesday before the race. We were fortunate that there was enough food to go round and thanks to those who took smaller helpings so there was enough to go round. Thanks to Vicky for doing the supermarket run and preparing such fresh green salads. Special mention to Rick and Sue Murray for doing the chicken run.

Thanks also to Sheree Nathan and Kim Russell for selling the raffle tickets. Yes you only get one ticket now for \$5, but this means that we spread the winnings around a bit more and the ticket sales and stub preparation is not so laborious.

By way of interest, Kim Russel and crew will again tow ROOBARB to Victoria to sail in the Marley Point overnight race. This is somewhat of a boy's own adventure and having done the race several times years ago myself, I know it's a buzz! Have a great time Kim and perhaps you might like to mention some highlights at our next dinner.

Volunteer Rollcall, for Race on Sunday 3/3/2024

<u>TASK</u>	<u>Volunteer 1</u>	<u>Volunteer 2</u>	<u>Volunteer 3</u>
<u>Sailing Captain</u>	<u>John Marshall</u>		
<u>Handicapping</u>	<u>Len Ballie</u>		
<u>Treasury</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Catering etc</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>	
<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Paul Toomey</u>	<u>Roger Mail</u>	<u>John Marshall</u>
<u>Barbecue</u>			
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Rick Murry</u>	<u>Sue Murry</u>	
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Sheree Nathan</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>	
<u>Help with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>			

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped with the many tasks not mentioned above and importantly with the clean-up.

Post Race Dinners:

The food for the dinners is purchased/ordered on the Thursday morning. If you have a permanent booking but you (or your permanently booked partner) won't be attending the Sunday evening post-race dinner, please advise Andrew Bray (0423 551 948 or aussiestarship44@gmail.com) by Wednesday evening. Similarly, if you (or a partner or friend) don't have a permanent booking but would like to attend, let Andrew know by Wednesday evening, and indicate how many people will be in your party. This ensures there is enough to go around, but also helps minimise waste.

Regards,
John Marshall
Sailing Captain.