



Pittwater Sailors

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone,

We arrived with a cold gentle southerly blowing that I measured at 3.5 knots at 11.45am when I delayed the start for 30 minutes in the hope that the breeze would strengthen. By 1.00pm (our normal start time) we had a little under 10 knots, but the start had been delayed by 30 minutes and yes at 1.30pm the breeze had eased to about 8 knots at best! This was my first folly as hope is not a good strategy!

The second folly of the day was to select Course 4 when Course 8 (the short course) would have been more suitable given how the conditions turned out. Unfortunately, no boat in either Yellow or Blue Division finished within the time limit, so the race has been Abandoned.

Looking on the bright side, at least it didn't rain, and we had some sun.

Phil O'Leary in CE VU was on station as our start boat with Ron Seldon and new member Bernard Kennelly along with Kim Russell as our start crew. Both Ron and Bernard plan to be our starting crew for the rest of the season and hopefully beyond. So, please make them welcome and in time hopefully Kim Russell will be free to join the races.

Our dinner was up to its excellent standard thanks to Andrew and Vicky Bray. We greatly appreciated Jim and Debbie Gordon who did the chicken run in Sue and Ricks absence.

Sheree and Kim Russell sold the raffle tickets. Thanks guys.

Unfortunately, we had no placegetters, but we had 3 skippers who raced in both divisions at the evening dinner who were all rewarded with a fine bottle of wine. The happy skippers were in Yellow Division Col Dickings on Tardis, Gerald Nathan on Fleetwood and Frans de Wilde on Cruzen and for Blue Division David Cunningham on Kama 3, Jim Gordon on Addiction and he probably didn't deserve it (too many follies) John Marshall on Nickerlyn.

This was followed by the raffle draw which led to the usual amusing moments.

Volunteer Rollcall, for Race and Dinner for Sunday 7/7/2024.

<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>Treasurer & many other things</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Start Boat</u>	<u>Phil O’Leary</u> <u>Kim Russell</u>	<u>Ron Seldon</u>	<u>Bernard Kennelly.</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>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Jim Gordon</u>	<u>Debbie Gordon</u>	
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Sheree Nathan</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>	
<u>Help with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Jenny de Wilde</u>	<u>Frans de Wilde</u>	<u>and many others</u>

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

PAC Website

It’s up and running and our documents can be viewed and printed as before thanks to Frans de Wilde.

Special Request.

I am hoping that over time that we can move to formalize the role of Race Officer on the start boat and with Bernard Kennelly, Ron Seldon and with the return of Andrew Latimer in 2025 this might be possible.

We are still seeking another volunteer on a casual and a more regular basis to free up Kim Russell to sail. The Start Boat experience is a pleasant way to spend a Sunday on Pittwater. We are looking for either a man or a woman and you don’t need any prior sailing or racing experience to be an invaluable help.

Could I press all sailors to ask your family members and friends for anyone who could be interested in coming out on the Start Boat please. If interested, please

ask them to call me on 0419 764 952 to find out more and I can answer any questions they may have.

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.