



Pittwater Sailors

AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone,

We were delayed on Nickerlyn and arrived at the start boat CE VU manned by Phil O'Leary with Ron Seldon and Bernard Kennelly to hand over the race paperwork and to see they had sensibly selected course 8. I asked them should it be necessary to make the call to shorten the course where the 2 fleets come together.

The start was a leisurely affair as boats raised sails and milled about close to the start line. Nearly everyone started within 2 minutes or less of their start time which was quite an achievement.

The leg to Taylors Point for yellow division and Clareville for blue division was a very stately affair. However, it all got a little exciting as most of the boats in Blue division arrived at Clareville including one yellow division boat to round the mark together in essentially no breeze.

The reach/run to Rocky Point and the by now shortened course was very sedate indeed especially the second half of the leg where I suspect the incoming tide carried the fleet over the line. Thanks to the Start Boat crew for bringing our agony to an end.

It was a shame that Kim Russell was not able to sail due to outboard failing to start and Frans de Wilde again unable to start the motor due to a flat battery. Hope to see you both at next race.

Our dinner was up to its excellent standard thanks to Andrew and Vicky Bray, (more about this later). Special thanks to Richard Steel for doing the meat run on Saturday in Rick and Sue's absence.

Special thanks also to Colin Dickins, Bob Cooper and Gerard Mak for BBQing the steak. I had an excellent rare steak thanks guys.

Thanks to Katie, Stu Pollard, Astrid King who sold the raffle tickets.

We were able to have Andrew and Vicky Bray out the front and invite them to select a bottle from the table. The catering manager looked a bit uncertain for a moment until we all put our hands together in thanks for their continued taking responsibility to see to it that we have such excellent dinners.

The placegetters in Yellow Division were First Just Magic, Second Dancelot. In Blue Division First Nickerlyn, Second Soiree and Third Spirito.

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

Volunteer Rollcall, for Race and Dinner for Sunday 4/8/2024.

<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>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>John Marshall</u>	
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Richard Steel</u>		
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Katie & Stu Pollard</u>	<u>Astrid king</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>
<u>Help with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Jenny and Frans de Wilde</u>	<u>Astrid King</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 the return of Andrew Latimer in 2025 this might be possible.

We are still seeking another volunteer on a casual basis. 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.