



# *Pittwater Sailors*

## **OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER**

Hi Everyone,

The start boat CE VU crewed by Phil O'Leary with Bernard Kennelly and Ron Seldon selected Course 2 as we had the promise of a building NE breeze. This was the first time for a while that we were not sailing the Short Course 8.

The numbers were down possibly in part due to the PAC 100-year celebration the night before. There were 4 boats in the Blue Division and 2 in the Yellow Division. The lack of entrants did not diminish the level of competition however as far as I could see.

Ron Seldon reported that all boats finished within 7 minutes of each other. That's a great outcome for the handicapping, well done Len! Ron also raised the need to be able to contact myself to see if the race should be shortened. The start boat did not see how the race was progressing until we all appeared before the finish.

We were lucky that Rick and Sue on Alfresco were able to race as they needed crew who they found at the 100 year Anniversary dinner the night before.

The NE breeze slowly increased during the afternoon. Soiree and Nickerlyn had some excitement with the approach to Towlers for the first time. We were both on starboard with Soiree on the inside. A RMYC yacht approached also on starboard below us yelling Starboard. I think they meant get out of the way. Tim's raised his strong baritone voice saying STARBOARD to which the RMYC yacht dutifully rounded close on Nickerlyn's transom. Nickerlyn hardened on and went high and the RMYC yacht fell away sailing below Soiree.

All the boats in Yellow and Blue Divisions came together for the last rounding of Stokes mark, which was quite exciting. Spirito rounded first with Nickerlyn in hot pursuit. Tardis was next followed by Alfresco then Fleetwood and Sioree if I remember correctly. Then started the run to the finish as everyone tried to protect their air with the NE behind them.

Our dinner was up to its excellent standard thanks to Andrew and Vicky Bray who were rewarded with a 100yr Celebration balloon, just what they wanted! Special thanks to Rick and Sue for doing the meat run.

Thanks to Sheree who sold and sorted the raffle tickets. Oops you didn't get a 100yr Celebration balloon you lucky thing.

Special thanks to Gerald Nathan who stood in for Kim Russell for handling the entry payments and raffle proceeds.

The placegetters in Yellow Division were First Fleetwood, Second Tardis. In Blue Division First Spirito, Second Nickerlyn and Third Alfresco. All of which were most happy to receive a 100yr Celebration balloon!

This was followed by the raffle draw which led to the usual amusing moments - on this occasion the lucky winners received a bottle of wine plus a 100yr Celebration balloon!

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 &amp; many other things</u>	<u>Gerald Nathan</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>PAC Board Members</u>		
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Rick</u>	<u>Sue</u>	
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Sheree Nathan</u>	<u>Gerald Nathan</u>	
<u>Help with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Sheree Nathan</u>	<u>Sue Beavis</u>	<u>Sue Murry</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](mailto: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.