



Pittwater Sailors

February 2025 Newsletter

From Kim Russell (Roobarb)

G'day everyone...

You have a temporary scribe this month as John Marshall is on holidays so this letter will be shorter if not sweeter.

Sunday was a No1 sailing day with clear sky and smooth water The highlight of the day was a new member, Andrew Plumley, sailing a 'Sheerline 747' called 'Sumomo'.

Unfortunately, 'Top Yacht' handicapping does not mention a Sheerline, so our handicapper, Len Baillie, listed it as a 'Northshore 27' and will handicap it according to performance.

It was interesting to note that in the blue division, handicap results matched elapsed time results, whereas, in the yellow div. It was almost reverse.

Personally, I had a great sailing day against Gerald Nathan, (Fleetwood). I could see his stern for most of the race, but on the last work to Stokes, I was able to point higher than Fleetwood rounding about 100mtrs ahead, but to no avail, as he ran me down to finish 12 seconds ahead.

Vicky and Andrew's dinner was as good as ever and the steaks, although expensive, were really good..... Thank you to all the people who came to the dinner, you made it a good night

I would recommend the dinner to all our members and friends, whether you sail that Sunday or not.

It is held for the cost of the food and drinks alone ... All we ask is that you book a spot with Andrew Bray by the Wednesday before the dinner at aussiestarship44@gmail.com

During the "off" season your committee has not been totally slack with a lot of housekeeping being brought up to date, such things as (but not limited to) 'Aquatic License' obtained. Up to date Start Boat, Safety and Emergency Procedures written, mostly with the help and guidance of Ron Seldon (a member of our essential Start Boat Crew) .. The review of trophies from last year have been completed. And to-date we have 17 entries for this year's racing.

The one person who never gets a mention in this letter is our Fleet Captain John Marshall

I am not going to elaborate on what he does ... you all know...

I am not sure what we would do without him ... Thank you, John.

Regards, Kim