



# *Pittwater Sailors*

## **MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER**

**Next Race start on April 6<sup>th</sup> is at 12.00 Noon EST**

Hi Everyone,

What a great day's sailing we had! A strengthening SE breeze that some measured at 20knots towards the end.

The start boat CE VU crewed by Phil O'Leary, our Race Officer Ron Seldon, Bernard Kennelly and Andrew Latimore with family selected SE (Course 4).

Everyone got away ok, and we all enjoyed some excellent sailing. The strengthening breeze favoured the fast boats at the back of the fleet, and they duly came through at the finish line. Now the finish perhaps was a little too exciting given that most boats finished within a few minutes. The crew on the Start Boat certainly had their hands full recording times. To reduce possible congestion at the finish in the future, the Start Boat is going to set a longer finish line.

We were a little delayed starting our dinner before Rick and Sue made it with the chicken. Thanks to you both and especially cheerful Sue sporting her foot boot following a recent fall. Given we will be starting at 12.00Noon next race, that should give them a bit more time to make it to the dinner by 6.30PM. Thanks to Andrew and Vicky Bray for the dinner which was up to its usual excellent standard.

Well done to the placegetters In Yellow Division, First was Nauti Girl, second was Tardis and Third was Fleetwood. In Blue Division, First was Rythem, second was Life of Riley and equal third were Spirito and Nickerlyn. When it came to handing out the bottles for Blue Division Alfresco scored the bottle for 3<sup>rd</sup> place as it didn't feel right to hand out 2 bottles for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. It put a smile on Rick's face.

We were all able to express our appreciation for Phil O'Leary, Ron Seldon and the crew on the Start Boat for an excellent job done. Phil and Janette will be away for the next 2 races, and I am happy to let everyone know that Lena and Paul are currently available to use their Cruiser "Rusty Nails" as our start boat until Phil and Janette return from holidays.

The raffle for the 5 bottles of wine went quite smoothly. Thanks to Katie Pollard for selling the raffle tickets and working with Kim Russell to sort out the stubs.

Volunteer Rollcall, for Race and Dinner for Sunday 2/02/2025.

<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>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Start Boat</u>	<u>Phil O'Leary</u>	<u>Ron Seldon Bernard Kennelly.</u>	<u>Andrew Latimore and family</u>
<u>Catering etc</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>	<u>Shree Nathan Sue Beavis</u>
<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Roger Mail</u>	<u>Paul Toomey</u>	
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>	
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Rick and Sue Murry</u>		
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Katie Pollard</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>	
<u>Helping with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Frans and Jenny de Wilde</u>	<u>Sue Murry, Astrid and Mathew King</u>	<u>Sheree and many others</u>

**A big thank you to all 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.