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Australia Day Regatta



Perhaps early days yet, but we should all remember the Australia Day regatta is not all that far away. The 2010 Australia Day regatta is the 174th and is the world's oldest continuous regatta.

By the time you read this message, the Australia Day Regatta programme will have been distributed to all participating sailing clubs. The programme lists all participating clubs, including KCC, and mentions the 2009 winners.

Once again the course will encompass all clubs on Botany Bay and Kogarah Bay and our

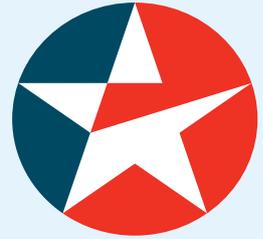
Annual KCC Marathon will be sailed in conjunction with the Australia Day Regatta. There will be a BBQ afterwards so we can all relax and get to know our new members.

The 2010 regatta will be just two days after our normal club race, so it will be a busy week on and off the water.

News Flash

We would like to also add there will be 6 Bic single Hull Boats available for trial sailing on Australia Day from Silver Beach in front of the club. Bring the kids and see if they like sailing.

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President's Report

December 2009

Hello everyone

The end of the year is always a good time to reflect on what has been achieved; the highlights and possible low lights of the year in retrospect. Taking these in order I believe our biggest achievement has to be the acquisition of our new boatyard. The benefits of this are very obvious not just from the perspective of being able to store existing club member's boats, but the encouragement this gives to new and perspective members. Already we have five new members on our books, with more in the wings. The creation of the boatyard was certainly a joint effort by just about every club member and once again my thanks to the members.

There were a number of other highlights and these were certainly beneficial to the club where members talents were utilized for the club's benefit. For instance, the organization of the Trivia Night where Doug's entrepreneurial skills came to the fore as the night's Master of Ceremonies. Doug's attire certainly rates a mention as a highlight (check out photos on the website). But the real hero(ine) of the night was Marion who carried out the research and put the whole night together.

Next of course comes the Try Sailing Day. I was away that day when, along with Graham Dicker, I was sailing in a regatta in China. More on this later in Cat Chat. From what I have gleaned, the Try Sailing Day was a great success, with at least one new member signing up and possibly more. The mover and shaker on this was undoubtedly Helen who, apart from being one of our greatest assets, is a firm believer in promoting sailing, particularly at KCC.

Then came our Top Gun Regatta. Given that the F18's were running their state titles in conjunction with the regatta, it was always going to be a success. Peter Lane is the man we have to thank for this as his enthusiasm was obvious as he went about organizing the various catering activities that were a highlight of the weekend. I can't let this item go without mentioning Peter's helpers, wife Norma, Kathy Sellwood and Sue Cicognani. These lovely ladies gave up their entire weekend for us and we certainly appreciate and thank them once again for their help. But wait, there's more. There's one fellow who, to coin a phrase, hides his light, but not his voice, behind a bushel and that's Gary Sellwood. Gary was out there working away in the background all weekend helping Peter and keeping things shipshape.

Again we have Doug. The amount of work Doug puts into the website (his baby) is enormous. Doug has adopted Ross Cicognani's new logo and revamped our website certainly making it more attractive and user friendly.

And then we have Ross himself. Apart from all the great work he is doing with Cat Chat, and it certainly is great work, Ross also lent us his power boat for the regatta weekend which, apart from the obvious safety issues, provided a mark boat and a backup if anything happened to take our committee boat away from the fleet.

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Top Gun Regatta 2009

Report by Peter Lane



Some sailors stayed the night. One guy slept on the lounge, others in their cars. All set for a big weekend, we arrived at KCC at 6.45 am Saturday and already two F18s were in the rigging area as it was the state titles. The boats started to arrive and the forecast was looking good

Set the canteen up, hopefully for a busy day, usual menu sandwiches, meat pies and sausage rolls. KCC committee decided to provide a two course dinner for the sailors, considering we had folks staying over night. This proved to be very successful with the guys hanging around mulling over the days events.

The volunteers Sue, Kathy and

Norma, were there at 9am, to prepare for the meals including dinner / dessert (peeling apples), making all the salads, preparing baked potatoes, making sweets, as well as serving all the sailors and their families. They all worked very hard throughout the weekend.

All the members of KCC would like to thank them for their enormous contribution to the Regatta being the success that it was.

First Race was 9 to 12 knots with 31 boats attending. The second race started with the breeze kicking in around 15 knots. A nor' easter was the perfect to finish the afternoon.

A couple of folks stayed in tents and it was about 11.30pm when

the last people left the club to get some sleep. Gary was waiting outside Coles at 7am on Sunday morning for much needed supplies, then helped cook breakfast for some 35 hungry sailors. Thanks again to Gary for all his help.

Sunday the wind did fizzle in the end but the fleet still managed to finish the courses set. Steve Brewin took the regatta out, followed by Andrew McPherson and Grant Pellen on their F18. Andrew Williams with Petra finished in third place on his Taipan.

After all the comments and emails I have received, I am sure next year will be even better and hopefully a few more boats participate.



Try Sailing Day

Hosted by BIA and the YA



The day started with a Nor'West breeze at 15 to 18 Knots. This took some enthusiasm out of the day initially, however the breeze did ease enough to take out a few contenders. We had nine people experience the catamarans plus numerous people with newly purchased boats also wanting to join our

ranks. David Wilkington, Barry Argall, John Riley and Kevin Bessell all helped to give these people the experience. Helen and Doug backed up with Rosasco directing people to the boats. All the people on the day I thought were all genuine about wanting to know more about sailing.



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Race Notes

Olympic Series

Race 3 - 7 to 14 Knots

The day started rigging the boats with a light southerly blowing. Peter Backhouse choosing to sail Cat rigged, Graham Dicker and David teaming up on *Flat Chat*. It was good to see Roger on his A class giving Julian a hard time. The first race started with wind shifting towards the east blowing 7 to 14 knots. Barry Willis sailing off the pace in Div 1. Div 2 Venomous got caught in a wind shift taking an extra 2 minutes to cross the line.

Race 4 - 7 to 14 Knots

Second race started with Taipans round the top mark ahead the big Nacra's. The wind picked up to steady 10 to 14 knots SEast with F18 coming out on top.

Olympic Series

Race 7, - 17 to 23 knots

Arrived at the beach with a nice Nor' Easter just picking up which just kept building. 7 boats competing with the wind winding up to 23 knots. It was rumoured to be blowing up to 28 knots at the top mark. I thought this was survival racing. We had a triangle race, not that we needed any more risk to stay upright, not to mention trying to manoeuvre through the gate. This made it interesting due to the fact a Taipan, not mentioning any names, decided to capsize in the middle of the gate. The other excitement was the fact the skipper lost hold of the boat and was stranded in the middle of the bay clutching to a yellow clearance marker. Help did arrive eventually from the KCC boat after been ignored by other vessels

Race 8 cancelled.

John Goodier Challenge

Race 13 - 15 to 20 knots

11 boats raced in a strong southerly breeze. We had two new sailors on the beach with Daniel with his new Windrush 14. The other was Francis Masson crewing with Graham on the 5.8. Thanks to Ross Newman for looking after Daniel, demonstrating how to sail his new craft in the strong southerly. Julian received a rude shock during the race losing his mast. Julian did manage to find it again with the assistance of the KCC boat. Thanks to Allan and Brian for their efforts. The two F18s battled hard with Trevor and Richard coming out on top.

Race 14 - 15 to 20 knots

Wind peaked at the start, up to 23 knots. Due to the dramatic rescue, the powers that be shortened the course (thank goodness) with the four 14 squares battling away. Good to see Glenn sailing with us giving the rest of the fleet a little bit of hurry up. The F-18's won the day.

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Half Boat Sailing

Some of you may be aware that a number of KCC members and friends sail in the Port Hacking RMYC's Twilight Series each Wednesday evening. The yacht we sail on is a Northshore NSX38, which is the racing version of the famous Northshore 38 cruiser.

Regular sailors in this event are Graham Dicker, Barry Argall, Glen Billington, Kevin Bessell and Barry Willis. Irregular sailors are Brian Chapman and Ross Newman. Members on other boats include Chris (Postie) Wilkins, Ross Newman and Tony Wainwright.

The course sailed is an around the buoys triangular course and the race time varies from forty minutes to just over an hour. Start time for summertime is 6.00 pm. We start on a handicapped basis and we are currently off at 6.22 pm. We are currently laying about mid fleet in the placings, but are slowly moving upwards thanks to some fine trimming by the KCC blokes.

We usually leave the wharf, which is off Wil-larong Rd about 5.45 pm and get back around 7.30 pm. If you would like to join us, please see any of the members listed above and join in the fun.



Julia Backhouse's Sailing Innovation

One of Julia's subjects for the HSC was Design Technology. Although we don't have all the details, it appears that Julia came up with the idea of an improved trapeze harness, so she set to work to design and build a harness to her specifications. The result was that Julia won an award for this endeavour which was selected to be exhibited, along with winners from other schools, at the Sydney Powerhouse Museum. Also, we understand that this is the first time a student of SCEGGS has won this type of award. Congratulations Julia from all your mates at KCC.

RACE CALENDAR FOR START OF 2010

Date	Time	Event	Officer of Day	Skipper	Crew
Jan 17	13.00	Olympic Series	Greg Wyers		
Jan 24	13.00	John Goodier Challenge			
Jan 26	12.00	AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA			
Jan 31		Sprint Challenge			
Feb 7	13.00	John Goodier Challenge			
Feb 14	13.00	John Goodier Challenge			
Feb 21	13.00	Olympic Series	Greg Wyers		
Feb 28	Refer NOR	COCK OF THE BAY Regatta			

Please volunteer for Duty, refer to Chris Wilkins Ph 0418 979 921 to put your name onto the roster

KCC at the China Cup 2009

China Cup 2009

The Third China Cup International Regatta (CCIR) was held in Hong Kong and southern China from Friday 30 October to Monday 2 November. The biggest division in the Regatta was the Beneteau 40.7 One Design fleet. One of the two yachts entered by Australian crews was named “Sydney Whale Watching” and included two KCC members in its crew - Barry Willis (Mast) and Graham Dicker (Mainsheet Trimmer).

The One Design Division was the hot division – with thirty identical yachts on the start line. The first race started just outside Hong Kong Harbour. The skippers were naturally very eager to get a good start and there was a General Recall. The race eventually got underway in a light and variable head wind and finished 30 miles up the coast in Daya Bay.

“Sydney Whale Watching” came 13th out of 30 overall in the One Design fleet. The Division winner, from South Africa, won every race – but by narrow margins. Other competitors came from Hong Kong, China, Taipei, Russia, Israel, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Turkey, Singapore and France.

Wow! Do we want to do it again? You bet we do!



Boat Review

The Hobie Wildcat F18

Hobie Cat Europe asked a panel of esteemed naval architects, Olympic sailors, and sailmakers to design and build an F18-class category killer. The result? The all-new Hobie Wild Cat F18. This no apologies racing cat will unquestionably make its presence known in F18 racing. Wave-piercing hulls, integrated wing mast section, and

minimal drag from its high-aspect rudders and centerboards contribute to outrageous lift when sailing to windward. Downwind is a sleigh ride with the full spinnaker rig. Whether fleet racing or blistering across the water for the sheer thrill of it, the Wild Cat will most certainly satisfy your need for velocity.



Specifications

Length	5.46 metre
Mast	8.99metre
Weight (with spinnaker):	180kg
Draft w/Rudder Up:	0.18m
Beam:	2.59 metre
Sail:	42 sq m
Hull:	Fiberglass Foam Sandwich



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