



# CAT CHAT

Kurnell Catamaran Club

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**The brave DIVISION 4 hits the water!**

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## President's Report

Hello everyone

Welcome to another new season. I hope the off season was kind to you all and sailors were able to accumulate plenty of brownie points to have Sundays available for sailing. A number of us took the opportunity to travel interstate and internationally. As I write this, Barry Argall is just completing a five week tour of Western Australia and Brian Chapman is swanning around Britain. Glen Billington made the most of the opportunity and toured Malaysia, while I was able to tour Perth and Kalgoorlie.

Notwithstanding the above, we were able to carry out KCC maintenance and updating of Sailing Instructions, which you should all familiarize yourselves. Maintenance work included overhaul of the ride on mower, sanding and polishing of the clubhouse floor and installation of blinds on the clubhouse front windows.

The new committee laboured over the issue of club fees and finally decided they had to be increased, basically to cover our fuel costs. The big issue continues to be our quest for boat storage land as we will eventually lose the block next door. However, it looks as though we are on track to lease land at the bottom of Ward St, thanks to the representations made by our patron Malcolm Kerr, ably assisted by representatives of the NSW Dept of Planning and Sutherland Shire Council. Some of you will be aware that a Development Application is before council and we are hopeful this will be successful. This being the case, I will be calling upon all able bodied club members to lend a hand to clear this property in preparation for fencing.

The good news continues. We have had a number of inquiries from potential new members, with two already signed up. On September 14th, we welcomed our windsurfing brothers from Dobroyd Aquatic Club, who plan to sail with us on a monthly basis. This was always going to be on a trial basis to ensure all parties are satisfied that safety and both groups sailing activities are not compromised. My impressions were that this arrangement is going to work to the betterment of KCC and the windsurfers and I look forward to the next combined sail in October.

Our retirees fleet continues to grow, with Tony Wainwright and Brian Chapman joining this illustrious group, with Peter Backhouse on the horizon. Tony has decided to join the Nacra 14 ranks, bringing this fleet to six boats. Watch out Uncle Ted.



## President's Report - cont -

Dave Walkington has taken over the onerous job of managing the duty roster. This can be an easy job or it can be difficult. It all depends on the members and I call upon each of you to help Dave so that it is indeed easy.

### Barracouta Sails

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KCC would again like to thank Barracouta  
for their continued support

We also welcome Peter Lane to the position of Canteen Manager, taking over from Barry Argall. This is probably the most important position in the club according to Stoney.



Finally, we come to what it's all about, having a good time and keeping safe. Maintaining your boat in good condition and sticking to the on water rules is a good start. We have plenty of expertise to advise and assist with the former, but the latter is up to us. Rigging and unrigging your boats is always a possible source of injury, so please ask for help if required. Most of you are aware of our wind speed limit of 22.5 knots. The limit is in place for safety reasons and we intend to adhere to this dictum.

Regards

Barry



## NOTICE OF RACE

# KCC SYDNEY PORTS Top Gun Regatta

**Scheduled Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2008.**

Kurnell Catamaran Club Incorporated  
Prince Charles Parade, Kurnell. Sydney Australia.  
(PO Box 255, Caringbah. NSW Australia 1495)  
Phone: 02-9668 9295 on Sundays  
Email [race-secretary@kcc.asn.au](mailto:race-secretary@kcc.asn.au)

*This Notice of Race is issued by the Kurnell Catamaran Club Incorporated (KCC). The organising authority and officials consists of the KCC elected Committee for the current season and rostered duty personnel. The KCC Race Secretary maintains the source for this Notice of Race. This Notice of Race is dated 28th September 2008 and is valid until superseded by a later dated version as issued by the Kurnell Catamaran Club Race Secretary, Assistant Race Secretary or an authorised Committee Member.*

### Rules

The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in 2005- 2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, the special regulations of the AYF, the relevant class rules and by the Sailing Instructions.

### Alterations of Class Rules

Refer to the Sailing Instructions

### Alteration of Racing Rules

Refer to the Sailing Instructions

### Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to all "off the beach" catamarans.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter on the entry form which will be available at the KCC Clubhouse at least 2 hours prior to the start of the first race.

### Fees

Fees are payable at the KCC Clubhouse. Boats must pay their entry fee prior to competing in any race or their result will not be recorded.

Full Regatta:-

2 man boat     \$35



Single Day:-

2 man boat     \$25

1 man boat     \$20

## Schedule of Events

Refer to the Sailing Instructions,

First Briefing is at 10am Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008

There will be racing AM & PM Saturday and Sunday.

## Measurements

Measurement is not required, but the Race Secretary & Assistant Race Secretary at KCC reserves the right to inspect any individual boat for compliance to the relevant class rules.

## Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (final copy) will be available before 10am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008 from the KCC Clubhouse.

A draft copy may become available on the KCC Web Site ([www.kcc.asn.au](http://www.kcc.asn.au)) prior to this time.

## Racing Area

Botany Bay, Sydney Australia with courses as shown in the Sailing Instructions.

## Courses

Refer to the Sailing Instructions

## Scoring

Refer to the Sailing Instructions.

## Alternative Penalties

Refer to the Sailing Instructions

## Prizes

Refer to the Sailing Instructions

## Further Information

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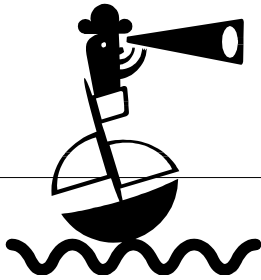
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## On the LOOK Out

### Olympic Series Race 1&2, 14th Sept 2008



**KCC Support**

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The season kicked off with a bang!

Queue powerful winds, threatening storms and large chop on the bay and there were fewer cat sailors than the average sailing day on the water. Balancing the small numbers we had our first co-sail with the great crew from Dobroyd Aquatic Club on sailboards. Integration with the cats worked nicely with the new division leading the starting sequence and it was interesting to observe the relative performances of the sailboards and cats on the water, with big differences upwind and on reaches. The windsurfers I saw were very quick on the reaches

With the standing chop and twenty knot wind, conditions were very challenging! especially for the first race of the season. More than once I saw sailors swept off the side on their boats and struggle to regain a foothold and punch forward into the chop. I think another common theme was discovering that part of the rigging had been forgotten in the off season and quick rigging changes were needed on the water. This was certainly true of the 14sq's who both needed changes to the downhaul rigging on the water.

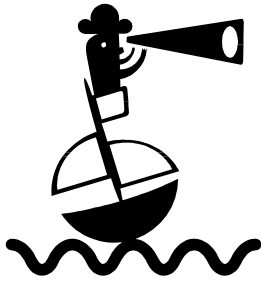
The race committee wisely decided to abandon race two due to threatening weather and this was quickly seen to be an excellent decision with lightning strikes hitting home shortly after all boats had exited the water. I'm glad all sailors avoided a major shock and only left the beach with the BUZZ of frenetic first days of the season. We also had some entertainment on the beach with the Kurnell animal farm on display in front of the clubhouse. (see photo) I guess people take their dogs a walk, so why not a pig? ——>

Glen



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for



## John Goodier series, 21st of Sept,

Well I bet there were quite a few sore arms, legs and other bits the day after the first round of the club championship. The Nor-Easter delivered some good punch for the first races of the John Goodier series. With championship points on offer there was a good turnout, even those (Jeff?) nursing a sore head from a few too many on Saturday night were on the sand bright and early.

Being the first serious race of the year I spotted a few errors on the course, for example I badly misjudged the layline to the top mark and had to out in two extra tacks to make it. At least in this error I had some exulted and highly experienced

company as I note Peter and Julia Backhouse on the same tack below the layline. Other experienced campaigners such as Ted Buys, in not making the same mistake reaped the rewards and picked up the win in race one. (Peter and Julia on Taipanic didn't take long to recover snaffling race two)

There was a good turnout of the A class guys, perhaps something we will see a lot of this season with the worlds to be held in Belmont in early 2009. I'm sure NSW waters will be popular in the lead up to the Worlds. Appropriately King of the bay today was former World champ Steve Brewin who got home just in front of the Tornado fleet on outright time -- Cool!

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A special thanks goes to Peter and Gary on Adrenalin who kept us all entertained before the start with a spectacular slo-mo cartwheel near the line. I'm told that with four capsizes today Peter and Gary will be the fastest "righting team" around. They were also pretty quick on the water when upright so keep an eye on them this season.

Glen Billington, NACRA 14sq # 186





## What did the dedicated KCC volunteers get up to during the off season?

### Operation B. S. - that's what

*The story so far..... Reported by Baz*

Due to copious quantities of belching black smoke and a very lethargic disposition, it was decided to overhaul KCCs ride on mower whilst the grass was in its dormant winter state..

The Briggs and Stratton engine, first needed to be removed from the chassis before being stripped down to reveal its presumed black cholesterol clogged heart. The first operation was undertaken by Ted and Glen and after some hours, some lost skin from knuckles and some swear words they had the engine out and on a gurney. From there it was raced by station wagon into surgery for the second but more exacting procedure,(seeing there would be more parts to lose and only one specialist and one intern on duty.)

*The story continues.....*

It was **8.45am** when the phone startled me from my pensioners sleep in. A quick glance towards the beautiful blonde I had sleeping next to me, instantly morphed into my dear wife.

I immediately realised that I was not dead and in heaven, but rather here, and alive in the real world. I snatched up the phone to cease its incessant moo-cow ring tone.

“Barry Two”, I croaked into the handset “Barry One here”, was the reply, “I’ll be down to your place in a nano minute or two so we can start dismantling the old “BS” engine.

(Knowing that BI had the necessary expertise and technical know how to tackle the “BS” problem, (skills he had picked up whilst maintaining WW I Biplanes while in Egypt some years ago,) I naturally made him the “BS” team lead leader).

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**8.48am.** I flew out of bed, tripped over my half off bed socks, bumped into the bed which completely woke “Her Highness”...The day had only just begun and I was already in “DS” i.e. .big trouble.

**9.17.am** I’m dressed and fed in a flash, shoot into the garage, rummage around and grabbed the

cold knurled Sidchrome stainless steel ratchet and clip on a 14 m/m socket. Ready to go.

**9.28am** BI arrives with an overflowing “army green” toolbox and dressed in desert fatigues ready to attack the sucker. I’m obviously not dressed suitably so slip on a pair of khaki King Gees over my shorts and tee shirt. We plan our dismantling procedure thoroughly over a cup of coffee. “Time spent on recognisance is never wasted”, as the old drill sergeant use to say.

**10.05am.** In a flurry of ring spanners, sockets, screwdrivers, WD40 and dare I say a big hammer and lump of wood, there was “BS” strewn all over the floor. That is after a few or more hours .....but definitely less than 4 days. To say we were up to our ankles in “BS” would not be an exaggeration and in keeping with good work practices, all nuts, washers, bolts screws and other weird bits along with unknown “tinky tookies” were placed in a jar for safe keeping or disposal.

Whoops, I’ve kicked over the jar of bits. Gone everywhere, under the bench, across the floor and maybe some went down the laundry drain hole. Just as well BI has gone home, I don’t think I’ll tell him, it might stress him out. I scrap up all I can see and put them back into the jar. I just hope there’s some smart bugger at KCC who can put the old “BS” back together now we’ve done our dismantling bit.

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See Peter at Kurnell Catamaran Club on Sundays



### *The conclusion*

Fortunately the brains trust at KCC, Barry Willis, Brad Wicht and Ross Newman were up to the task and we now have a complete mower again! Watch out grass here comes the beast ably piloted by our new mower master—Tian Walkington



**Kurnell Catamaran Club annual “Night of Might”** held at Taren Point Bowling club was attended by 55 members and guests with a well catered and presented evening.

A few notable absentees thinning the crowd, but that’s the way it goes. The food received a very favourable mention, and it was personally a pleasant change to be able to sit and enjoy the night at the table instead of being in KCCs kitchen, though at a financial cost to our club.


Thanks to all the helpers, including Brian Chapman, Brad Wicht, Ross Newman, Trevor Lowder, and Helen Herbert who organised trophies and help set up for the night, ensuring the smooth running of the evening. The lucky door prize won by Ross Newman. (ed’s note: doesn’t Ross win every year?)

Raffle prizes to Brian Chapman, Rhonda Wainwright, Ian Ford, Gail Argall, Jeff Reid, Rossanna Avenia, Ann Willis and three prizes to Mitchell Lucock ,(a good return from his ten bucks worth of tickets).

As you may or may not know, this year KCC heavily subsidised the cost of catering and venue for the evening, which members should acknowledge and appreciate though not regard this as necessarily setting a future precedent of this scale.

Barry Argall.



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**Wanted: NACRA 14<sup>2</sup> or NACRA 4.5** -Looking for a well maintained Nacra 4.5 or 14sq located in the Sydney region, in good condition, and preferably on a trailer. Contact Matt 0413 414 926 or [mfisher1@ihug.com.au](mailto:mfisher1@ihug.com.au)

(Ad posted 7/09/2008)

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**Experienced Skipper / Crew** looking for a position on the helm or crew of a boat for between now and December 08. Previously raced at the club an F18, Tornado and Nacra 5.8. Height – 178 cm, Weight – 78kg, Contact: Stephen Medwell Ph: 0417 409 412 Email: [tornadoalive@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tornadoalive@optusnet.com.au)

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**ABOUT KCC**

The Kurnell Catamaran Club Incorporated (KCC) was established in 1972 and encompasses off the beach racing and a cruising division. The Club sails most Sundays from September until May each year.

Boats include:- Tornado, NACRAs, F18, F16, Taipans, Windrush, Maricat, Hobies, A Class, Stingrays, Mosquitos, Prindles and others. In addition the club has a considerable cruising division of larger catamarans. The Club also has on-site storage for boats long term.

KCC operates a "state of the art" Webster's 5.2 metre aluminum boat with a high powered 90hp Yamaha outboard to act as "start boat" and "support vessel" from the commencement of the 2002-2003 season. **KCC is a friendly, family oriented Sailing Club** located on the corner of Prince Charles Parade and Ward Street, Kurnell on the shores of Botany Bay, Sydney, NSW Australia. 2231





## APPLICATION or RENEWAL of MEMBERSHIP 2008-2009

## Kurnell Catamaran Club Incorporated



PO Box 255, Caringbah NSW Australia 1495

Phone: 02 9668 9295 on Sundays September to April.

Web Site: <http://www.kcc.asn.au>E-mail: [Webmaster@kcc.asn.au](mailto:Webmaster@kcc.asn.au) or [Commodore@kcc.asn.au](mailto:Commodore@kcc.asn.au)

## Member or Applicant Details

Full Name			
Full Address and Postcode			
E-mail Address			
Home Phone Number		Mobile Phone Number	
Power Boat License Number		Do you wish to receive Cat Chat by post or e-mail	Post? <input type="checkbox"/>
Occupation		Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> →	E-mail? <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominated by (New Members only)		Seconded by (New Members only)	

## Boat Registration Details (if applicable)

Note: Boat Owners must have, as a minimum, 3rd party insurance with Racing Cover to sail at and with KCC.

Class of Boat		Sail Number(s)	
Hull Colour		Boat Name	
Usual Skipper's Name		Usual Crew(s) Name <small>(Usual and regular crews unless covered by "Family Membership" still need to pay membership and complete a separate application form)</small>	
Insurance Company / Policy Nos / Expiry Date		Boat to be stored	Privately <input type="checkbox"/>
		Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> →	KCC Yard <input type="checkbox"/>
			SSSC Yard <input type="checkbox"/>

## Fee Details (Read this before filling out fees below!)

Tick relevant fees and write totals under Summary. Life members are exempt from all Fees except, if relevant, those marked \*. "Pre-Pay" "Off the Beach" and "Cruising" entitles Members to all races excluding regattas and special events. Members who have not pre-paid will be charged \$10 per day. Only the Skippers membership application needs to record the Race Entry "Pre-Pay" fee. Usual Crews must be full members. Crews who are not members will be charged an additional \$10 per day for "pre-pay" applicable sailing. Visiting Boats will be charged \$20 per day for "pre-pay" applicable sailing. Member's Boats stored in a boat yard having paid the boat yard fee are exempt from the Pre-Pay Race fees marked with R- and are considered to be pre-paid.

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Membership Fees	Family	\$ 90		
	Senior	\$ 80		
	Student / Junior / Associate	\$ 40		
Other Fees	R- Race Entry Pre-Pay Off the Beach Catamarans R-	\$ 150		
	R- Race Entry Pre-Pay Cruising Multi-hulls R-	\$ 60		
	* Boat Yard Fee + Pre-Pay - KCC Yard (12 months)	\$ 425		
	* Boat Yard Fee + Pre-Pay - SSSC Yard (12 months)	\$ 470		
	* Boat Yard Bond & Key Bond (refundable on exit)	\$ 105		
	* Yachting Australia (NSW) Fee (Optional)	\$ 55		
	Donation (Thank You!!)	\$ n/a		
Total SA				

Note: All boats stored in the KCC or SSSC Boat Yard, by signing this form, agree to the KCC Boat Yard Policy listed on the Membership page of the KCC Web Site.

Payment Method (Tick )

Cheque made out to Kurnell Catamaran Club Inc.		Office Use Only	
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Direct deposit		Year Joined (if new)	

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## Signature of Member or Applicant

Signed		Date	/ /
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