



KURNELL CATAMARAN CLUB

KCC June 2016 Newsletter by Leanne Gould

Hi Sailors

We had a committee meeting on Sunday 19th June. Many things were discussed but some of the key points were:

Race Calendar

The draft race calendar is on the KCC website <http://www.kcc.asn.au/> and was discussed at the meeting. The calendar will be finalized at the next meeting in one month. Thank you to our new race secretary Brian Lowder.

Youth Sailing

Yachting Australia (YA) is promoting youth catamaran sailing at present and they have employed Olympic silver medallist Darren Bundock. This is very timely for our club as some of the juniors are growing out of the Bics and are looking around at options. The YA are promoting the Nacra 15 but these are very expensive and out of the reach of most youth sailors. Many ideas have been discussed in consultation with Bundock. The starting catamaran for most youth sailors will be an older style 14 foot class but no particular class has been nominated.

To support this initiative our club is;

looking to **purchase a fiberglass Paper Tiger** to use as an introduction boat for juniors transitioning to the youth catamaran racing.

Hosting a **Youth Regatta** in February

Rescue Boats

A subcommittee has been formed to investigate the purchase of a

bigger replacement RIB that can be used for junior, youth and adult afternoon racing and regattas.

Volunteers for rescue boat

With a new rescue boat we will need more volunteers on the water. We need to have a recruitment drive. It was suggested to put notices up at various places to find more volunteers from outside the club. If anyone knows of somebody who likes motor boats and would like to get involved please contact Antony Edwards at commodore@kcc.asn.au

Defibrillator

The club is planning to buy a defibrillator and provide some training to members on its use.

Social Nights

Our new commodore would like to see more social nights at the club. It was suggested that the perfect time would be a Trivia night on Saturday 15th October, the night before a club championship on Sunday 16th. It was discussed that possibly we could do some practice sailing on the Saturday followed by a social evening and then stay at the club.

Working Bs

Barry W, Ted, Ross, Brian L, and Graham D were present at the working B on Tuesday. The boys have been working on boat and trailer maintenance and as well as many other jobs. During the last storm the finishing mark was washed onto the rocks.

Barry reported, "We managed to retrieve the finishing mark in its entirety. We had enlisted some army personnel but they couldn't move it. We finally put the tractor on the beach and, after a lot of huffing and puffing, managed to dislodge it and get it back to the club, once again with help from the army."

All club members are very appreciative of the volunteers tireless efforts to keep the club and its equipment in top condition.

Steve Brewin 3rd in A Class World Championships

Congratulations to club member Steve Brewin who recently came third in the A Class Worlds in Holland. Mischa Heemskerk won the high profile event, with Australian Olympic silver medallist Darren Bundock coming second. Well done Steve!



New Commodore - Antony Edwards

After more than ten years of service Barry Willis has stepped down from the top job and Antony Edwards has been the new club Commodore. I had a chat with Antony to find out more about him.

When did you start sailing?

When I was about 11 or 12 years old I sailed Manly Juniors for a couple of years.

When did you start in the catamarans?

I used to watch Dad sail with the Bundeena off the beach sailors which is a club that is now defunct. He sailed on a Stingray he built himself. I had a break for a while and started sailing again when I was 18. Dad and I sailed the Stingray here at KCC. My dad was Michael Edwards and he sailed here from about 1997-8 until he had a stroke and stopped sailing in about 2003-4. Dad got a Taipan and I decided that I was too good to sail with him.. *(Laughter)* What can I say... I was a teenager. I got Dad's Stingray and sailed with my mates. I then bought a beaten up old A Class in my early twenties. I got the Taipan when I was 25 years old and I have sailed on nothing else since.

Why a Taipan?

The Taipan is built for me. It is not as powerful as an A Class or an F18. I am too light for those classes. I can sail it sloop of cat rig. The Taipans have a nucleus of great people and we have lots of fun at regattas. Over the years I have made friends with many sailors and we still see each other. Now many of them have moved to different classes or don't sail as regularly as they have families. I now sail with young Will Taylor and we came 3rd in the Club Championships.

What has been your involvement with the KCC over the years?

2002-3 my Dad was club president and I was the race secretary. I started as assistant race secretary to Doug Lucock. I had a break for some time and for the last two years I have been Vice Commodore.

What do you hope to achieve in the role as Commodore?

I hope to bring new ideas to reinvigorate the club. I am focused on increasing sailing membership by getting and supporting new people sailing at the club. Apart from the juniors, I'm one of the youngest members at the club and I'm nearly forty. For the future of the club this needs to change. I want to work on promoting our regattas. I would like more social activities at the club. I want to bring a fresh approach.



Something Silly

This photo of our club champions was provided by Richard Brewin who was very keen for it to be put in the newsletter. Oh dear.....

