Kurnell Catamaran Club

CAT CHAT

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President's Report

KCC Support

Boat Insurance Sponsor

Hello everyone

The big news this month is that Sutherland shire Council has approved our Development Application to clear and fence Lots 99/100/101 at the end of Ward St. The next step will be to negotiate a lease/licence with the land owners which is the dept of Planning, but this should be a formality. Unfortunately we are tied into a time frame as the owner of the existing boat yard has given us notice to vacate by May so those with boats in this yard will have to move them out until the new yard is ready, which should be no later than June. The saver on this is we may be able to store boats temporarily in the adjacent premises south of the club.

Once we have agreement with DoP, clearing work can begin so we will need a maximum effort from all club members to carry out this work. The outcome of all this is we will have a secure boat yard with at least a 10 year lease.

When the desalination line was first discussed, the installation scheduling was such that we expected some changes to our sailing courses due to the obvious obstructions that would be in place. As it turns out, this has not been an issue and it is now expected that all work will be completed by September.

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President's Report - cont -

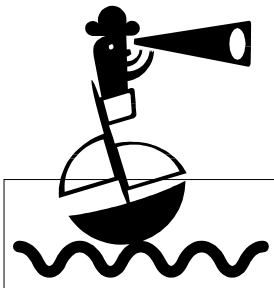
Looking at the club's age profile, it is obvious that we need to seriously consider enticing some younger people into our sailing activities and I ask all members to have a think about how we should go about this. As a start, I have placed an article in the Kurnell Newsletter inviting the Kurnell Community to come along and check us out. Given the proximity of the club, it makes sense that the locals should be involved.

It's that time of year again when we need to consider election of next season's committee. I refer, of course, to the upcoming AGM on Sunday April 26. We have some retirements and these positions have to be filled. One of these is our Cat Chat editor, Glen Billington. Glen has offered to assist the new editor to enable a smooth transition. Other positions have to be filled, so please turn up on the 26th and be counted.

Our next big function is our presentation night which, this year, will be held in the clubhouse.

Regards

Barry



Editors Note & On the lookout

G'Day all,

This edition of cat chat will actually be my last and I am signing off with many fond memories of my time editing the club newsletter.

Family commitments and a new full time career in aviation mean I won't be editing the newsletter in the future. I am now working in flight operations at Regional Express (www.rex.com.au) whilst building my own flight hours for a commercial pilots licence and flying role.

If you are interested in a scenic flight in Sydney?, drop me an email as I have already done a few of these for KCC members and can offer an 85 minute flight for 2-3 people at about one third of the normal cost. (it is this type of flight : www.airborne-avaition.com.au/joyflight/scenic.html for only $150-$200 for members on a cost share basis)

Catch you on the seas or in the skies.. All the best Glen Billington NACRA 14sq # 186
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John Goodier Series, the Club Championship 1/2/9

After a first attempt to start race one Brian had to re-lay the course to deal with the changing conditions, as a big shift to the South took place 10mins after the start.

Even after the reset it was Tricky tricky tricky, with one end of the course today in 20knots of steady southerly whilst the other end was a fluky 10 knots or so. This made picking the lay line to the top mark very challenging and I saw a boat or three have to throw in some extra tacks.

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Peter Lane and Gary Selwood had a great scrap with Doug and Mitch, so the classic Taipan vs. 5.8 battle was on again. Another Taipan not fairing quite so well today Chicka (Ross) and Kevin on Venomous did a high wire act before capsizing, Ross declaring "tally ho" before abandoning his quickly flipping ride and Kevin enjoying the whole show. The Crazies on F'N Crazy lived up to their billing with a cartwheel with Trev still strapped in. He will be limping for a few days at least and my advice is to take up some Ballet to help with the flexibility Trev!

Today was the day of the 14sq's with the 6 little Nacra's taking 5 of the top six places in race one, including a first (well done Uncle Ted) Peter and Julia of course kept us honest with good results also, and were able to pick the pressure zones in the wind to take race 2 back from the horde of Nacra's

John Goodier Series, the Club Championship 8/2/9

Do you think Bad luck comes in a group? I certainly do after today's racing. I had reset my boat over the week and all was looking great with fantastic speed upwind to the top mark in the 18-20 knot winds. All going great then until my main sheet, freshly re-rigged locked up and pulled me over for a quick swim.

This was right at the top mark, and I got to wave to the whole fleet as they all overtook me. The racing was a lot of fun though, with the super high speed blast upon the reach from the top mark to the wing mark one of the wildest rides this year. Race two and the bad luck was at least spread around a little. Peter and Julia discovered that their tiller extension had applied for a divorce when it jumped off the boat without notice, causing a need to gybe around and retrieve the recalcitrant item.

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KCC would again like to thank Barracouta for their continued support

For me it was a little more serious as on the last work I thought a little more downhaul would be good and yanked it on. BANG the sail sheared in two and made for a interesting ride back to the beach which fortunately was downwind. Thanks to Peter and Neil at Barracouta sails for a top notch repair job done in plenty of time to get me back on the water.

Cheers

Glen Billington NACRA 14sq # 186

Notice to all KCC Members - 2009 AGM

The Kurnell Catamaran Club Incorporated Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Sunday 26h April 2009** - after Racing has completed for the day, but **no earlier than 3pm** at the KCC Clubhouse, corner of Ward Street and Prince Charles Parade, Kurnell. NSW.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THE AGM

Apologies
Minutes of the previous AGM
Business arising from the Minutes
Correspondence in and out pertaining to the AGM and Business Arising
Annual Reports
Business arising from the Reports.
Election of Returning Officer.
Retirement of Outgoing Committee
Election of Incoming Committee Members.
Motions on Notice (see below)
General Business pertaining to the AGM.

The following Motions are on Notice and have been approved by the KCC Executive:-

a) No Motions on Notice

The KCC Executive reserves the right to place further *Motions on Notice* prior to the AGM. *Motions on Notice* must be received by the KCC Executive at least 21 days prior to the AGM scheduled date and time. These will be either displayed at the KCC Clubhouse on the Notice Board or circulated via the Club's monthly Cat Chat newsletter at least 14 days before the scheduled date of the AGM.

b) Other Information

Nomination forms for committee positions are attached or available from the KCC Website (www.kcc.asn.au) or from any Executive Committee Member.

Written nominations must be received by the KCC Secretary, Assistant Secretary or a KCC Executive Committee Member by 3pm Sunday 12th April 2009. Nominations will only be called from the floor at the AGM, where 1 (one) or less written nominations have been received.
For further information, contact the KCC Secretary or any member of the KCC Executive or e-mail Commodore@kcc.asn.au or webmaster@kcc.asn.au

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Committee Nomination Form

I hereby nominate _____

For the position of (tick one):-

Executive Positions			
President		**Vice President**	
Secretary		**Treasurer**	
Race Secretary			
General Committee Positions			
Assistant Secretary		**Canteen Manager**	
Assistant Treasurer		**Boat Captain**	
Assistant Race Secretary		**Editor**	
Publicity Officer		**Cruising Division Delegate**	
Social Secretary		**Delegate (x2)**	
Equipment Officer			

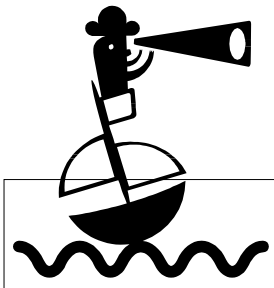
for the 2009-2010 Club Year.

Cock of the Bay - Feb 21st

Today we witnessed the emergency of "Ballistic Bazzer" with an unprecedented run downwind by Barry Argall. Let me paint the picture for you, we had a tricky start to make the line in the light and shifty southerly. Port starts were rewarded and those who took this option got a early lead. Barry didn't start on port so was well back in the fleet at the top mark rounding well after the other 14sqs and most division two boats.

All the signs pointed to better wind pressure out in the centre of the bay so this is where most of the fleet headed. Imagine the surprise of every boat in the fleet including the Taipans and Nacra 5.8s to discover as they arrived at the bottom mark they had been overtaken by "Ballistic Bazzer" on his lowly yardstick 14square. Baz had picked the course to perfection and blindsided almost all others, the only other contender being the "light day lover" - Chapo just managing to edge Ballistic from the top spot over the full course of the race.

In the feature race later in the day we had to wait for the wind to re-build to get underway. Again we saw some interesting intra-fleet action with Ted Buys swapping places with the Taipan guys aboard "Adrenaline" - Peter and Gary had seen their map jump over the side early in the race and were therefore grateful to have Ted alongside for most of the race. Peter and Graham pair up on the big 5.8 "Flat chat" and were truly motoring along so not in my sight for very long. Also quickly disappearing over the horizon under spinnaker were "Cock of the Bay" winners Ross Newman and Brad Wicht. After close to three hours on the water I was very glad to see the shorten course flag and headed home for a well earned brewski. Congrats to Caltex regatta champion Brian Chapman and team Tornado - "INOX" Brad and Ross, KCC Cock of the bay winners



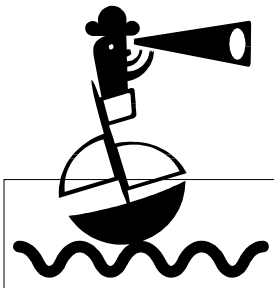
-*more*- On the lookout

Olympic Series , 22nd of March.

Autumn has arrived and the weather was following the script for the final two races of the Olympic series. The wind was undecided in what to do until shortly after the start of race one as the sea breeze kicked in and progressively built to a nice 15 knots or so. As the wind was building there were some very tricky segments to negotiate on the course. The top mark on the first work caught almost everyone out. I saw Peter and Julia have a stop to talk to the mark wedged between the hulls in trying to sneak around. Everyone else also got caught with a deceptive shift in the wind requiring extra tacks. I thought I had the lay line covered only to have to put in a EXTRA three tacks to finally make it. After this humiliation on the next work I overlaid the mark to ensure I would make it only to find I was way above it and had to reach into the mark. I guess that's what you get for having a couple of weeks off from sailing!

Once around the top mark the drama's continued, Ross and Kevin were on a fast reach when they got hit by a violent gust and heeled over, tearing the base of the sail on the process. This didn't deter the valiant campaigners who reverted to plan B (the old sail) and won the second race!

So the series is wrapped up for another year, congratulations to Peter and Julia Backhouse, winners of the series. They managed to get their rolling handicap down to a Tornado yardstick during the series. Second and Third place were hot contested by the 14squares with Barry Willis and Ted Buys taking these with a one point margin over me (well done gentlemen, there is always next year!)



-more- On the lookout

John Goodier Series, the Club Championship 25th of March 2009

"Uncle" Ted decided to use some extra ballast in the form of his fourteen year old grandson, who had the chance to get out on trapeze. Also grooming some extra crew the Phantom Menace "regular" team had some extra help also, and this didn't seem to effect the bigger boat as much as Ted's little 14sq.

The racing was extremely close in the light conditions of race one, Barry Willis bolting to the top mark first with his new top secret"" super light batten system. This does seems to work very well UNTIL racing until the wind strengthens and then he is on a wild ride to nowhere. Unfortunately this happened halfway through the first race, so we all saw the commodore make a beeline for the beach in order to

change battens

Race two again saw a close start for with Tony Wainwright and Ted Buys first to the mark, closely followed by myself. Shortly thereafter Ted's rudder extension broke in two and Tony's trap harness became a one-sided affair so they were dealt a cruel blow by the sailing gods. As always division two started to steam through the fleet in the second lap, and Peter and Julia were flying on there way to stamping their authority over the Classic championship. A good margin being defended over the horde of Nacra's in pursuit on their "Taipanic" Taipan speed machine.

In the classic division, the equipment breakage for Ted lead to only a single point separating "Team Nacra" in second, third and fourth comprised of myself/Digital Tour Guide, Ted Buys/In the Mood and Graham Dicker+Ben Graham/Flat Chat.

Hi-Performance also saw a scintillating finish with only a few points separating the F18 "F'N Crazy" of Trevor Lowder and Andrew Baglin as the champions from Noodle kranking Kez Steven and Greg Wyers in second. Top effort also to Julian Jenkins in taking third. I must say his new boat has some serious "go" and we will have to watch out for the leaner meaner Mr. Jenkins next year.

Great season. can't beat it eh?

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL BOAT OWNERS WITH CRAFT IN THE KCC BOAT YARD ADJACENT TO THE KCC CLUB HOUSE

Due to the Land Owner continuing with their development, KCC must vacate the KCC BOAT YARD by 5pm 10th May 2009, meaning all owners must have their craft out of the yards by that date. Boats still in the yard on that date may be removed to the street. Your Club is seeking alternative arrangements but at this stage owners should count upon privately storing their boats from that date. It is strongly recommended that you exit the Boat Yard on the final days sailing (26th April 2009). The Club will be organising refunds of Boat Yard Fees/Bonds on a pro-rata basis and further advice on how to claim and return your keys will be forthcoming.

KCC Executive Committee

31/3/2009

Photo courtesy Chris Lunay

Kurnell Club had a earlier than usual start with three races planned, weather permitting. A great roll up with 22 boats registered, a strong representation from division three, F18 and A Class boats. We also had a few more division one 14 ' Maricats, giving division one a boost, really good to see. As Brian mentioned at the briefing, people will come if you offer free beer and a sausage sandwich.

After a delayed start, the Nor East wind machine arrived just after midday with three races back to back was decided. First race started out with 5 to 8 knots still shifting around deciding which direction to blow. At the briefing the course laid was sausages, two windward returns and a reach to the finish with comment and quote "BORING" from a certain participant who will remain nameless. Chris and Richard Brewin winning the first race

Second race started with the wind getting up to 12 to 18 Knots with still the odd hole to fall into as we found out. There was a lot of vocals at the top mark in Division two something like the word "starboard" normally not big deal only that the boat yelling was on Port, nice bluff guys! Trevor and Andrew winning overall

Third race starting about 15 to 22.5 Knots. Around the top of the course became interesting with navigating around the new dredge markers . Some people had a little fun with those little obstacles. Steve Brewin taking this one out

It was really good to see that Trevor Lowder and Andrew Baglin won the day after 11 years trying with his Capricorn F18 managing to hold the Brewin racing team at bay. Well Done Trevor and Andrew

Winners -Trevor and Andrew (F-18)

Second – Steve Brewin (A Class)

Third- Peter and Julia (Taipan)

Thanks all for your participation and special thanks to Brian and family for their contribution to the Kurnell Catamaran Club and the sport

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday 25th April 2009
ANZAC Day Regatta

Yarra Bay 16 ft Sailing Club

An ANZAC Day Memorial Service will be held, near the flagpole before sailing at 9 am. All are welcome to attend.

RULES
All races shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the AYF prescriptions and safety regulations and the rules of each class of craft.

ORGANISING
The organising authority is the Race Committee of Yarra Bay 16' Sailing Club. The Race Committee shall have the power to add additional persons for specific purposes.

ELIGIBILITY
The Regatta is open to all multihull, dinghy and skiff classes. All races will be conducted under the VYC yardstick (or other suitable yardstick if no VYC yardstick is available on the day). Five or more craft of one class will constitute a separate race.

STARTING TIMES

Skyrider Class	Starting Signal not before	10:30 a.m.
Junior Classes (Sabots, Lasers, Ants etc)	Starting Signal not before	11:30 a.m.
Senior Classes (Skiffs, Hobies, Nacra etc)	Starting Signal not before	12:30 p.m.

Separate starts may be arranged for some classes depending on the number of starters. This will be announced at the pre-race briefing.

ENTRIES
Beach entries will be accepted. There is no Entry Fee for Skyriders.
All others Classes will have a $5 entry fee per sailor.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration desk on the race day.

PRESENTATION
Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each class and to some minor places depending on the number of starters in each class. Presentation of awards will be made as soon as possible after the race in the beach bar.

CONTACT John Rogers (02) 9349 8393 or jrogers45@optusnet.com.au

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Mercury Outboard Motor	4 HP , Long Shaft, Used 5 times, Contact: Chris 02 95233301 (Ad posted 28/1/2009)	$800 ONO
F18 - Hobie Tiger	I have a Hobie Tiger F18 4 sale , It's a 2003 2nd gen boat in A1 cond., Spare mast – near new main + 2x jibs + 2x spins, Trailer has just been registered. sell for under value. Paul D. Phone. 0413361999 (Ad posted 28/1/2009)	$10,000

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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