



Pittwater Sailors

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone,

The start boat CE VU crewed by Phil O'Leary with Ron Seldon and Bernard Kennelly sensibly selected the short course 8, there being less than 5 knots to no breeze at all. By the time the last boats started it was dead calm! Crews diligently trimmed their sails and changed tacks trying to capture the slightest of air movement in the almost vain attempt to make progress to the first mark. The fact of the matter was that the outgoing tide was carrying us to the first mark!

The boats in Yellow Division rounding Taylors Point had the worst of the conditions, Tardis rounded first by standing well off, to then be carried towards Long Nose away from Rocky Point. Fleetwood apparently took an hour to round the mark, Cruzin just found themselves going backwards when attempting to round the mark and were carried towards Clareville and ultimately gave up while Roobarb showed how it was done and probably caught the slightest of puffs and rounded without drama and proceeded straight to Rocky Point!

The boats in Blue Division were a little more fortunate in that the tide took them past Taylors Point mark on the way to Clareville.

Before anyone made Clareville the Start Boat announced the race would be shortened and finished at Rocky Point, so we only had 2 legs to complete, which at the time looked doubtful.

The crew on Spirito were rewarded for their energetic trimming and tacking by slowly creeping through the fleet and when a light NE breeze appeared were able to sail away towards the mark. Not to be outdone, when clear of Spirito's dirty air, Nickerlyn was able to take the mark inside Spirito which then made Nickerlyn a marked boat!

Luck had it that the Blue Division boats had a very light variable NW breeze to carry the fleet to Rocky Point and yes Nickerlyn was duly sorted for having the temerity to nip inside Spirito at the Clareville mark.

Roobarb was first to finish in the best of the NW breeze with the bizarre situation of the moored boats near rocky point sitting in a southerly!

Thanks to Phil, Ron and Bernard for conducting the race from CE VU and being very charitable to finish the race after the first 2 legs.

Our dinner was up to its excellent standard thanks to Andrew and Vicky Bray. Special thanks to Rick and Sue for doing the chicken run.

Thanks to Sheree and Katie who sold and sorted the raffle tickets.

The placegetters in Yellow Division were First Roobarb, Second Fleetwood and Third Tardis. In Blue Division First Spirito, Second Nickerlyn and Third Rythyem.

This was followed by the raffle draw which led to the usual amusing moments - on this occasion a missing ticket holder!

Volunteer Rollcall, for Race and Dinner for Sunday 4/8/2024.

<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 & many other things</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Start Boat</u>	<u>Phil O'Leary</u>	<u>Ron Seldon</u>	<u>Bernard Kennelly.</u>
<u>Catering etc</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>	
<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Paul Toomey</u>	<u>Mira</u>	<u>Roger Mail</u>
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Rick</u>	<u>Sue</u>	
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Sheree Nathan</u>	<u>Katie Pollard</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>
<u>Help with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Jenny and Frans de Wilde</u>	<u>Roger Mail</u>	<u>and many others</u>

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped with the many tasks not mentioned above and importantly with the clean-up.

Important Notice: The October race will be held on Sunday 13th October and the start time will be 1.00pm.

Special Request.

I am hoping that over time that we can move to formalize the role of Race Officer on the start boat and with Bernard Kennelly, Ron Seldon and with the anticipated return of Andrew Latimer in 2025 this might be possible.

We are still seeking another volunteer on a casual basis. The Start Boat experience is a pleasant way to spend a Sunday on Pittwater. We are looking for either a man or a woman and you don't need any prior sailing or racing experience to be an invaluable help.

Could I press all sailors to ask your family members and friends for anyone who could be interested in coming out on the Start Boat please. If interested, please ask them to call me on 0419 764 952 to find out more and I can answer any questions they may have.

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) 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.