



# Pittwater Sailors

## NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone,

Our next race is on December 1<sup>st</sup> followed at 6.30PM by our Christmas dinner and end of season presentation. I hope those we haven't seen so much this season are able to sail and join us for the evening activities. We will be emailing everyone who holds a perpetual trophy from the 2024 season asking them to kindly return the trophy(s) to the clubhouse prior to 1<sup>st</sup> December. There is pressure on the committee members to calculate and verify the season's results and ensure we have the correct trophies to hand for the presentation.

Whilst I have your attention it is particularly important to email Andrew the numbers attending the evening by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. It would be a disappointment if potentially to be a recipient of a trophy on the night and to miss out on dinner through failing to let Andrew know of your attendance by the due date.

Now back to November's Race and Dinner.

The start boat CE VU crewed by Phil O'Leary, Bernard Kennelly and Ron Seldon selected Course 1 which I thought was a good selection given the forecasts stated North some NW until at least 5.00PM before some NE breeze. It was a chance to sail our revised course 1 and hopefully prove that we have a proper work to windward.

All looked good at the start as boats headed for the Long Nose mark, but when Wright Magic and Nickerlyn started at 01.27pm on starboard track we found that we were able to ease the sheet a little and still lay the mark. Was there a little east in the breeze already? On sailing out from Long Nose mark and back onto Starboard it was a one beat leg to Mackerel Beach mark. The breeze was swinging a little to the East! So, it turned out that with the absence of a work for the remainder of the race it basically became a case of follow my leader and trim, trim, for maximum speed. There were however, distractions for the lead boats answering calls from others who found they were sailing the old course 1! Everyone was home by 3.10PM making it a fast race with about 2 hours of racing. It is clear to me that we need to again look closely at course 1, so more on this for 2025 season.

Notwithstanding the lack of a work to windward, there was some excellent sailing, and all boats made good speed throughout the race. All 11 boats finished inside 30minutes.

Well done to the placegetters who showed a good turn of speed. In Yellow Division First, Tardis, Second, Isabella and Third Turning Point. In Blue Division First Unlimited, Second Alfresco and Third Soiree.

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 Kim who sold and sorted the raffle tickets. Hon treasurer clearly was not going to let the revenue slip in Shree's absence so, thanks Kim.

This was followed by the raffle draw which was a rather orderly affair on this occasion.

Volunteer Rollcall, for Race and Dinner for Sunday 3/11/2024.

<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 &amp; 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>Roger Mail</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>	<u>Bob Cooper</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>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Help with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Sue Murry</u>	<u>Astrid and Matthew King</u>	<u>Bob Cooper</u>

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

## **Committee Work**

In addition to their normal responsibilities the committee members are this month attending to:

Treasurer, Kim Russell - Rounding up the perpetual trophies presented in 2024 and ordering and collecting the individual trophies for presentation on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Handicapper, Len Ballie – prepare to finalise the season's results prior to the start of the dinner at 6.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> December. On the night there is little time to do this work and be ready in time. Len and I are reviewing the criteria for the Top Yacht Trophy holder. Generally, those who sail almost all the races in the season feature the season and minor series results and also pick up the Top Yacht Trophy. So, we may have a new criterion for the Top Yacht trophy.

Sailing Captain – reviewing our documentation for the coming 2025 season. Ron Seldon has kindly offered to help me in this regard. This documentation is required to support the application for our 2025 Aquatic License that I will be doing later this month.

Ron Seldon has also offered to work with Gerald Nathan and me to develop the role and duties of the Race Officer on the Start boat starting with formalising the procedures should there be an accident. In addition to this, review the documentation covering the Race Officers' duties associated with the conduct of our races.

## **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](mailto: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.