



Pittwater Sailors

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

Next Race start on May 4th is at 12.00 Noon EST

Hi Everyone,

It was nice not to get stressed out trying to decide which course to sail as the decision was in good hands thanks to Race Officer Ron Seldon and crew Andrew Latimer and Kim Russell. They selected Course 7 in contrast to the short course, Course 8, which was a good call in the hope that the breeze would hold up. Rusty Nail was our start boat in Phil O'Leary's absence crewed by Lena and Paul Aizina.

Hope sprung eternal that the breeze would hold as we all started in a sailable but patchy 7 to 8 knot NW breeze. We all made our way to the Stokes Point mark, making the best that we could of the fresh patches. The leg to Mackerel was a test for all, some stood out to the North while others tacked straight to the mark. The net effect was that there was little gained, and the fleet rounded in a similar order it left the Stokes mark. So now we were heading for Clarendville and in our case we had Soiree and Alfresco ahead. We stood out liking the line Alfresco took and soon the crew was holding the No. 1 out to starboard to great effect. Rick on Alfresco kept us in check and rounded the mark tightly but on this occasion, we were able to squeeze to windward in clear air. As we slowly passed them, we enjoyed as expected some good-natured banter. By now we had heard on channel 72 that the race was being shortened at the Soldiers mark. The work to the finish line was a test for all, we all ended up struggling over the line in next to no breeze.

Thanks go to the Race Officer and crew on Rusty Nail for an excellent job done. It was a shame that Lena and Paul Aizina were unable to join us for dinner. I had a call from Phil O'Leary from Darwin before the race hoping that things were arranged for the race. I was happy to assure him all was in hand, and that we were looking forward to their return for the June Race.

Alan asked me to ask any members that have not paid their annual fees to do so ASAP. I had a very red face when announcing this as he had pointed out to me that I had not paid my fees. My Fees are now paid!!

The fleet size unfortunately was down with only one starter in the Yellow Division and 6 boats in the Blue Division. Fleetwood DNF in Yellow Division but collected a bottle at the presentation for being the only entrant in Yellow Division! In the Blue Division Nickerlyn was first, Soiree was second, and Spirito was third, well done to all.

All those who have entered this year and we haven't seen yet and anyone else wishing to sail please turn up for the next race on May 4th and attend the evening dinner.

Thanks again to Andrew and Vicky Bray for the excellent dinner which was up to its usual excellent standard. Paul Toomey, Roger Mail and Bob Cooper did an excellent job BBQing the steaks to specification, (well done, medium and rare).

Kim Russell sold and sorted the raffle tickets, thanks Kim. The raffle had its amusing moments especially when the Sailing Captain won a bottle!

Kim as Treasurer was able to briefly report having completed the annual accounts that our bank balance was much the same as last year thanks in no small part for the support we get from the PAC Board.

Volunteer Rollcall, for Race and Dinner for Sunday 6/04/2025.

<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>Lena and Paul Aizina</u>	<u>Ron Seldon</u> <u>Andrew Latimore</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>
<u>Catering etc</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>	
<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Roger Mail</u>	<u>Paul Toomey</u>	
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Rick and Sue Murry</u>		
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Helping with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Everyone seemed to bog in one way or the other.</u>		

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

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.