



Pittwater Sailors

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Next Race start on June 1st is at 12.00 Noon EST

Hi Everyone,

Another calm day on race day! The start Crew Bernard Kennelly and Andrew Latimer, in Ron Seldon's absence, wisely selected the short Course 8. They were stationed on Jason Arruzzs's boat Minder who was filling in as Lena and Paul from "Rusty Nail" because Lena's father in hospital.

Bernard and Andrew told me some of the amusing things they saw during the start and finish, which included a boat that started then went backwards across the line and then proceed forward again! In another incident at the finish one boat appeared to become rather amorous toward the start boat and had to use their motor to not make contact after getting her bow over the finish line of course. No doubt there are many other stories and frustrations encountered during the race.

Out on the course it was clear to see that all competitors were giving the race their very best. Heavier boats at times were able to keep rolling enough to make useful progress, but should they stop, a more sustained puff of breeze was needed to get them going again. On the other hand, light boats were generally able to get going with the slightest of puffs but stopped when the puff petered out due to lack of inertia. The upshot was that the distribution of the order of boats at finish was similar to previous races.

Unfortunately, Colin on Tardis, who was first home in the Yellow Division, realised when well through the race that he rounded the Towlers mark to port. He had to be counted as DNF. We have discussed the suggestion of the proposed exoneration by completing a 360 deg penalty turn later in the race and decided that the Rules of Sailing should apply being to unwind the incorrect rounding and re round the mark the correct way. Remember when correcting an infringement all other boats have rights over you.

Having said all this, don't forget all rounding marks south of Long Nose Point are rounded to Starboard and all rounding marks north of Long Nose Point are rounded to Port.

If it's any consolation I rounded Clareville, the wrong way about 4 seasons ago realised my error later in the race and I advised the start boat that I was a DNF. I was naturally a little annoyed about my error.

After a frustrating 3-hour race those who were able to make it to the dinner were treated to another excellent fresh chicken BBQ thanks to Andrew and Vicky Bray. Rick and Sue after finishing the race and packing up their boat then collected the Chicken. Thanks, guys, for putting in the extra yards.

Thanks go to the Race Officer and crew on Minder for an excellent job done. It was great that Jason and Ana Arruzza were able to join us as our guests for dinner. Phil O'Leary on CE VU will return for the June Race.

It was good to see that we had 11 boats compete in the race. Hopefully boats we haven't seen so far this season will make it to the June race. In the Yellow Division: Fleetwood was first, Sumomo was second and Cruzen was third. In Blue Division: Rythem was first, Nickerlyn was second, and Spirito was third, well done to all.

Gerald Nathan covered for Kim Russell's absence sorting out the money collections and along with Sheree sold and sorted the raffle tickets, thanks Guys. All the raffle winners were on the same table, and the draw is supposed to be random!

Volunteer Rollcall, for Race and Dinner for Sunday 4/05/2025.

<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>Gerald Nathan covering for Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Start Boat</u>	<u>Jason Arruzza</u>	<u>Bernard Kennelly</u>	<u>Andrew Latimore</u>
<u>Catering etc</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>	
<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Paul Toomey</u>	<u>John Marshall</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>Sheree Nathan</u>		
<u>Helping with cleanup</u>	<u>Everyone</u>		

<u>is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>seemed to bog</u> <u>in one way or</u> <u>the other.</u>		
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A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the many tasks not mentioned above and importantly with the clean-up.

I will be on holiday and will miss the June Race. Gerald Nathan will cover my role in my absence. Len Ballie will also miss the next race.

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.