



Pittwater Sailors

July 2025 NEWSLETTER

Next Race start on August 3rd is at 12.00 Noon EST

Hi Everyone,

There was an air of optimism as we started in a 12 to 15 knot breeze from the North. Course 1 was selected by Ron Seldon and crew on the start boat. The breeze was not the 7knots that was forecast. We all enjoyed the work to Stokes or Mackerel marks though the early handicap starters had the best of the breeze. The breeze died and dropped out altogether on rounding the top mark as we watched the early handicap starters make steady progress down to Clareville and Taylors. By the time the late starters made it to Clareville the early starters had made some progress back up the course and spread out.

It was clear that we needed to shorten the course at a mark where boats had a chance of finishing. As a scan of the location of boats in both fleets that I could see, I concluded that the mark most boats could make it too was Long Nose. So, we had a race with everyone that remained in the race finishing at a mark that was not a mark of the course!!

A reminder that when the start boat hails you, they are not being friendly or encouraging you to do well they are calling you that you are over 1 minute early and you are required to do a restart. We will be changing the start recall procedure and other matters relating to starting signals and shortening the course in the sailing instructions to make matters clearer for all. I'll let you know separately when this has been done and can be viewed on the PAC website.

Thanks go to the Race Officer Ron Seldon and crew Bernard Kennelly, Andrew Latimer and of course Phil O'Leary on CE VU for an excellent job done.

The place getters in the Yellow Division were Tardis was first, Sumomo was second and Fleetwood was third. In Blue Division: Soiree was first, Spirito was second, and Nickerlyn was third. Well done to all.

Thank you to Vicky and Andrew Bray for another excellent dinner. Andrew kindly did the chicken run as Rick and Sue couldn't make it.

It was good to have Sheree back efficiently sorting out the raffle which when drawn ended up with the usual suspects doing well. Colin ended up wearing a track to collect his various bottles of wines.

Volunteer Rollcall, for Race and Dinner for Sunday 6/07/2025.

<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>Phil O' Leary</u>	<u>Ron Seldon</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>Roger Mail</u>	<u>John Marshall</u>	
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>		
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Sheree Nathan</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.