



Pittwater Sailors

August 2025 NEWSLETTER

Next Race start on September 14th at 12.00 Noon EST

Hi Everyone,

Well! What a weekend of awful weather. I lived in hope that we could race as planned but it was not to be. Consultation with Gerald Nathan, Ron Seldon and Phil O'Leary led to the cancellation of the race by a mass text at 9.00am.

I had to have two mass Text lists as Telstra seem to limit the size of a mass Text to be 20 recipients. Please let me know if you didn't receive the text that the race was cancelled at about 9.00am on Sunday so I can correct phone numbers.

Let's hope that we have great sailing conditions for September's race.

It was pleasing to have a good roll up for the evening dinner given the effort put in by Vicky and Andrew Bray. Col Dickins, Paul Toomey and Roger Mail could not attend so the BBQ was done by Gerald and myself under supervision by Bob Cooper.

The BBQ dinner was excellent thanks again to Vicky and Andrew Bray. Thanks also to Sheree who got the raffle tickets sold and sorted in no time flat. The raffle started off in good form with Vicky by chance picking out her own ticket! She was somewhat embarrassed and had to be pressed by us all to select a bottle of wine. The remaining winners were from the same table! I like the randomness of the raffle draws!

Ron Seldon, Phil O'Leary, Gerald Nathan, Kim Russel and I took the opportunity to discuss and confirm the procurement and use of a second small buoy for the start boat to use when shortening the course. We concluded that when the fleets do not have a convenient common course buoy rounding or when there is almost no breeze a second buoy is needed.

We also agreed that for early starters, completing a 720deg turn was onerous especially as we have some long keel boats. The 720deg turn will stand for the remainder of the season but be reviewed for amendment in the 2026 season Sailing Instructions.

Many hands helped with the clean-up so thanks to all.

Volunteer Rollcall, for the Dinner for Sunday 3/08/2025.

<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>Catering etc</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>	
<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Gerald Nathan</u>	<u>Sheree Nathan</u>	
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>		
<u>BBQ</u>	<u>Gerald Nathan</u>	<u>John Marshall</u>	<u>Bob Cooper</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.