



Pittwater Sailors

October 2025 NEWSLETTER

Next Race start on November 2nd at 1.00 PM EST

Hi Everyone,

Well, what a race of mixed fortunes! N-NW was forecast on Seabreeze with a westerly up to 15 knots coming through before the finish. Ron selected course 7, being N-NW course, which seemed a good fit. Over the start period everyone got away in a shifting breeze. There was enough breeze on the course for most to avoid the soft patches and make good progress. That was until the westerly that morphed into a southerly came in when most of the fleet was on the last leg or approaching Clareville. I heard tell of wind speeds at times over 30 knots which does not surprise me. 5 of the 8 boats finished and all had stories to tell, none of which were tall stories.

For us we were barely in control when we approached the finish line only to realize the finish line was rapidly getting shorter as our start boat CE VU dragged her anchor! There were other dramas.

Richard Steel outlined over dinner that they were pinned along the line of moored boats with a barely in control Nickerlyn above them as he contemplated calling moored boats instead of room to tack. Fortunately, the irritating little boat finally tacked out of the way.

Poor Colin Dickins in Tardis had several gear failures including the destruction of the jib. The Start Boat on hearing the call that Tardis was in difficulty had just raised their anchor, to then see Tardis make it back under power.

Spirito was having a good race with Rhythm until her No.3 split in two!

Addiction retired to avoid damage to their gear.

I'm sure Just Magic, Nauti Gal and Sumomo had their dramas but as they led the fleet in, they might have missed the worst of the drama.

Possibly the luckiest entrant was Rick Murry who could not start the race due to motor problems so avoided the possibility of gear damaged. Just got a motor to get fixed!

The placegetters in Yellow Division were First Nauti Gal, Second Sumomo. In Blue Division we had First Just Magic, Second Rhythm and third was Nickerlyn. Well done to all the place getters.

The BBQ Steak dinner restored our spirits and was excellent thanks to Vicky and Andrew Bray. Thanks also to Sheree for selling the raffle tickets and sorting them out with Kim. The raffle had its amusing moments; however, Andrew Latimer's little daughter was a bit disappointed that she did not have a winning ticket! Maybe next time.

Volunteer Rollcall, for the Dinner for Sunday 14/09/2025.

<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>Catering etc</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>	
<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Dennis Wood</u>	<u>Mira Healey</u>	<u>John Marshall</u>
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Gerald Nathan</u>		
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Sheree Nathan</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>	
<u>Helping with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Astrid and Mathew King</u>	<u>Many others bogged 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.

Note: The post-race dinner starts at 6.30PM due to Day Light Saving.

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.