



Pittwater Sailors

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Next Race start on December 7th at 1.00 PM EST

Hi Everyone,

Before I start there are two organizational items for the end of series season race and Dinner.

1. Would those who won perpetual trophies last season please return them to the PAC Club house by Monday 1st December to allow us time to get sorted for the end of season presentation.
2. Please take note and respond to the important Notice about the Pittwater Sailors Christmas Dinner that can be found at the end of this newsletter.

It was good to see CE VU anchored at the port end of the start line with Phil O'Leary, Race officer Ron Seldon ably assisted by Bernard Kennelly and Andrew Latimer. Andrew was further assisted by his young daughter! Course 4 SE was selected.

We all got away in a rather light and at times patchy easterly heading for Stokes mark to then be followed by legs from Stokes to Mackerel and finally Soldiers to then finally escape and head down to Taylors. There was very much a mixed bag of fortunes in both fleets as boats tried to pick out the breeze which had become very patchy.

By the time the lead boats rounded Soldiers for the last time and headed down to Taylors, a light SE breeze started filling in. To help the Start Boat have some idea where Blue Division is up to, I have my WhatsApp location feature turned on with the start boat. The Start Boat announced to shorten the course at Taylors, which would have been OK but for a radio call that several boats had already rounded the mark. The Start Boat then reverted to the start line. The problem here was that those calls were from boats in another race as Nickerlyn had passed the lead boats in yellow division on our way down to Taylors! So, for next season we would like a boat in Yellow Division to also have the WhatsApp location feature turned on with the Start Boat, so the Start Boat has a better idea where the Yellow Fleet was up to.

The upshot of all this was Rhythm passed Nickerlyn! And unfortunately no boats in yellow division finished before 5.00PM.

Unfortunately, there were no place getters in Yellow Division. In Blue Division we had first Rhythm, second was Nickerlyn and third was Addiction. Well done to the place getters.

The Chicken and salad dinner restored our spirits after such a long and frustrating race thanks to Vicky and Andrew Bray.

Prior to announcing the results Ron Seldon apologized to those that did not finish in time and explained the difficulty of knowing where the fleet is up to. The lesson being that it is better to shorten the course early, so everyone has a better chance of finishing.

A bottle of wine awarded to the 3 skippers in yellow division in the order they were positioned at 5.00PM was appreciated. The usual suspects in Blue division also received their bottle of wine.

Thanks to Katie Pollard and Kim Russell for selling the raffle tickets and sorting them out. The raffle had its amusing moments.

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>Frans De Wilde</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 Latimer</u>
<u>Catering etc</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>	
<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Paul Toomey</u>	<u>Roger Mail</u>	<u>John Marshall</u>
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat/Chicken pickup</u>	<u>Rick Murray</u>	<u>Sue Murray</u>	
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Katie Pollard</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.

"PITTWATER SAILORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER"

6:30 PM 7TH DECEMBER 2025

(Not to be confused with PAC's Christmas party)

ATTENDANCE

With the overall race prize awards etc., this is usually a larger gathering than our normal monthly dinners, requiring additional purchasing and preparations - the smorgasbord will include turkey, ham, and plum pudding! Still the usual \$20/head including alcohol - \$5 for under 18's, and free for under 5's.

The earlier Vicky and I have an idea of likely numbers the easier it is for us to cater for your feast. Not a hard deadline (you can still change your mind later, or add others to your party), but it would be helpful if prospective attendees would let us know by say Sunday 23rd November - including the number of people likely to be in their "party", and their names, so we can print lapel badges and payment envelopes.

And if you know others who might be thinking of attending, please pass this request on - my contact details are included in the post-race newsletters.

Thanks

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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.