



Pittwater Sailors

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone,

Leading up to the last race of our 2025 season there was anxiety in some quarters that it would be far too windy to race. Ron, our race officer, pays particular attention to the winds in the days leading up to race day. It's ultimately his call as race officer whether we race or not. I also keep an eye on the developing weather. Given that the southerly change was going through at about 7.00am Sunday I felt that whilst we could have strong winds, they were likely to be below 25knots. Ron had a similar view and didn't contact me to send out the mass text to cancel the race. I know that several boats didn't race because of the forecast which was a shame. You are welcome to call me if you are in a dilemma and I will be happy to comment with no guarantees.

I gave the start boat my anemometer so they could measure the wind speed, and they measured gusts up to about 13knots, a long way short of the forecast!

The lone starter in yellow division got away well followed by the Blue Division boats. We all had an excellent day sailing course 4 in fresh conditions. It was good to see Jacana, who we haven't seen for a while, lead blue division from start to finish! Clean bottom thanks to No. 1 slip!

The results for the final race of the season are Yellow Division first, Tardis, Blue Division, First, Jacana, Second, Spirito, Third, Addiction.

The results of the three Series for 2025 were announced and the permanent trophies presented. The individual mementos will be presented next season complete with engravings attached for place getters in the Full Season and First for Winter and Spring Series for both Yellow and Blue Divisions.

The Full Season Series Point score result:

Yellow Division, First Tardis, Second Fleetwood and Third Nauti Girl.

Blue Division, First Rhythm, Second Nickerlyn and Third Spirito.

Winter Series point score:

Yellow Division, First Fleetwood, Second Sumomo and third Tardis

Blue Division, First Rhythm, Second Soiree and Third Spirito

Spring Series score:

Yellow Division: First Tardis, Second Nauti Girl and third Cruzen

Blue Division: First Rhythm, Second Spirito and third Nickerlyn.

We all were able to show our appreciation to Phil O'Leary for providing CE VU as our start boat for the 2025 season and our Race officer Ron Seldon ably assisted by Bernard Kennelly and Andrew Latimer who was in turn assisted by his young daughter! Our races would not be the same without their presence at the start line. Thank you guys for all your effort throughout the 2025 season.

We all enjoyed the excellent Christmas spread ably put on by Andrew and Vicky Bray and Sheree Nathan and this was appreciated by all. Thank you, guys.

I had the opportunity to outline the work done by committee members Treasurer Kim Russell and Handicapper Len Ballie. Their work throughout 2025 has been outstanding. As mentioned previously, Frans de Wilde will be our handicapper for the 2026 season.

Thanks to Frans de Wilde and Kim Russell for selling the raffle tickets and sorting them out. The raffle had its usual amusing moments; it was particularly nice that Vicky was one of the prize winners.

Volunteer Rollcall, for the Dinner for Sunday 7/12/2025.

<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>Sheree Nathan</u>

<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Richard Steel</u>	<u>& crew</u>	
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Frans de Wild</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>	
<u>Helping with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Astrid and Mathew King</u>	<u>Sheree Nathan</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.

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.

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

As you are aware we have been approached by BYRA Sailing Club to sail as an unaffiliated group with them on an attractive basis. The committee is in negotiations with them on an ongoing basis and look forward to securing an executable agreement at best before the start of the 2026 season or during the season. I will advise you further when we have a final agreement.