

Pittwater Sailors

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

**Next Race Sunday 5th July. Start Time 12.00 midday
Chicken Dinner 6.00pm.**

Hi Everyone,

There was the prospect from the forecast for a gentle southerly to build up from about midday and with a strip of blue sky in the south Ron selected Course 5, and the race countdown started, but the breeze faded to almost nothing! Both divisions headed for the Stokes mark. As we staggered across the start line Nickerlyn seemed to want to sail right into the Taylors Point Pile so we gave up and tacked to the west to see the Woody Point fleet creeping away from their start at Rocky Point heading up Pittwater. As it turned out both fleets merged as we all headed for Stokes Mark. Ron decided to shorten the course at Stokes and our Start Boat "Rusty Nails" stood off so we just had to drift across the line which was about all that we could do! Everyone finished, which was a great achievement. The selection of Course 5 turned out to be inspired.

Had we sailed the Short Course, Course 8 we might have had several DNF's.

On clearing the finish line, we motored south to be met by a gentle sailable southerly!! Paul Toomey set up his iPad in the cockpit of Nickerlyn so we could watch the Australia - Türkiye match. We were lucky to see both goals, the first soon after heading south and the second when back at PAC. Navigation was a bit tricky at the exciting match moments.

We had 5 boats starting in Blue Division but only 1 in Yellow Division.

Special thanks to Paul Aizina in Rusty Nail for providing the start boat and Ron Seldon our Race Officer, Andrew Latimer and Bernard Kennelly.

Special thanks to Kim Russell for the work done in ordering and collecting the Supermarket Shopping and Steaks for our evening BBQ over and above his Treasurer duties.

It was all hands-on deck to prepare the dinner, BBQ the steaks and lay everything out.

Prior to announcing the results, I was able to remark on the sad passing of Phil O'Leary since the last race. His cheerful presence as part of the Pittwater Sailors will be greatly missed. A number of us were able to attend the Celebration of Phil's life at the Dee Why Builders Club and be a support especially for Jeanette. We were all pleased to have Jeanette join us for the BBQ dinner.

The finisher in Yellow Division was Sisu. The place getters on Blue Division were First Rhythm, second Nickerlyn and third Alfresco. (Rick missed out on his bottle of wine as unfortunately he had to fly to Melbourne for a work meeting Monday morning.)

The raffle had its usual amusing moments.

There were several important matters that I, on behalf of the sailing committee, asked members present and absent to help with please.

Could everyone please actively seek preferably a power boat cruiser owner who could be happy to come out for the next race on July 5th as our start boat and to consider if they might like to come out again. It would involve picking up the Race officer and crew total of 3 from the PAC and spending time in good company off Taylors Point. There is also the standing invitation to join us for the post-race dinner as our guests in the Club. They do not need to be a PAC Member. Please let me know by Monday 22nd if there is any boat owner who showed interest please on jem780@bigpond.com or phone 0419 764 952. Thanks.

I was able to announce that Byra is setting up a means by which casual entrants can enter our races by registering for a Sail Pass.

Rusty Nail is a large trailable cruiser which involves quite a lot of work for Paul Aizina to prepare, launch, retrieve and put away each time we race so it is only reasonable that Rusty Nail be a backup start boat subject to their availability.

Paul and Lena Aizina will be away for our next race and so we have an immediate Start Boat requirement.

Volunteer Rollcall, for the Dinner for Sunday 12/4/2026.

<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>Frans de Wilde</u>		

<u>Treasurer & many other things, Dinner Manager.</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Start Boat</u>	<u>Paul Aizina</u>	<u>Ron Seldon</u> <u>Bernard Kennelly</u>	<u>Andrew Latimer</u>
<u>Dinner Prep and Layout</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>	<u>And many more</u>	
<u>Catering etc</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Mira</u>	<u>Paul Toomey</u>	<u>John Marshall</u>
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat / Chicken order and pickup</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>BBQ</u>	<u>Bob Cooper</u>	<u>Paul Toomey</u>	<u>Cleveland Rose</u>
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Helping with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Everyone.</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 Kim Russell (0490 347 465 or kimrussell44@bigpond.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.