

Pittwater Sailors

JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

**Next Race Sunday 2ND August. Start Time 12.00 midday
BBQ Steak Dinner 6.00pm.**

Hi Everyone,

The forecast was for strong winds from the south and we were not disappointed. Course 5 was selected by Ron and everyone got away OK with no loitering at the start line hoping for a puff of breeze!

Unfortunately, there were a couple of early starters in Yellow Division and a late starter (new boat Allons-Y) who was told the incorrect start time. We are sorting this out but can I emphasize the start time for your boat is found on the race start sheet for the race in question with the fleet you are sailing in under the Sailors Handicap tab. Please note that your handicap start time can be expected to change for any race and so it is essential to check for each race. Division 1 = Blue Division and Division 2 = Yellow Division. I will continue to include the date of the next race, time of the start of the countdown and type of dinner and dinner start time for your convenience at the top of the Newsletter.

I think everyone revelled in the strong wind. Reefs were put in and some shaken out later, small headsails raised and large headsails partly rolled in to reduce headsail size. Others were sailing with white knuckles, feathering in the gusts and footing it in the easier patches. Both Sisu and Sumono were seen revelling in the conditions, Moonlight Mist with reef in and later reef out was going great guns.

Alfresco at speed with genoa!



Ken Bullen has done an excellent job in approaching people with boats on the marina and secured interest, particularly Rohan Smith and potentially others in helping as our start boat. Thanks, Ken, for making the approaches.

Thanks to Rohan Smith in ACARA for being our start boat and Ron Seldon our Race Officer and Andrew Latimer and Kim Russell. Rohan explained that he was happy to come out as our start boat but that he can't do every race. So, in the meantime we are looking for another boat that might be able to share the role. For reasons explained before we would like to have Rusty Nail (subject to their availability) to be the emergency-start boat given the work involved by Paul launching, retrieving and cleaning up.



As you can see it's tough work on the Start Boat!

ACARA stayed on station to time the finish of Allons-Y but unfortunately the motor failed to start when it was time to up anchor. The combined efforts of the experts were not fruitful, so Ken Bullen towed them back to the PAC Marina using his 15HP outboard in a tinny. They were lucky that the southerly had fallen to a zephyr.

In the meantime, preparations were made for the Chicken Dinner which was a little delayed.

Kim Russell, due to his late arrival off the start boat, was snowed under with administration matters such that he could not start his dinner until everyone had almost finished.

Prior to announcing the race results Kim was able to explain the tasks that need to be completed for our dinners. Please contact Kim should you be able to assist. Kim explained that Andrew Bray continues to make good progress recovering from his stroke and hopes to return in a limited role soon. So, roll up to catch up with Andrew and contact Kim regarding helping with the various tasks. I will get it in the neck when I say Kim Russell is having to cover too much, so give him a call to help please?

Rick and Sue confirmed that they were able to continue with the meat and chicken pick up, thanks guys.

The placegetters in Yellow Division were, First SiSu, second was Sumomo and third was Cruzen and for Blue Division, first was Nickerlyn, close second was Moonlight Mist and third was Rhythm.



SiSu enjoying the conditions.

The raffle had its usual amusing moments.

Volunteer Rollcall, for the Dinner for Sunday 5/7/2026.

<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>Rohan Smith</u>	<u>Ron Seldon</u> <u>Kim Russell</u>	<u>Andrew Latimer</u> (race pics etc)
<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>Roger Mail</u>	<u>Paul Toomey</u>	
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Meat / Chicken order and pickup</u>	<u>Rick and Sue</u> <u>Murry</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.

P.S. I hope you like the photos thanks to Andrew Latimer.