

Pittwater Sailors

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

**Next Race Sunday 11th October. Start Time 13.00
Steak Dinner 6.30pm.**

Hi Everyone,

The forecast was for a strengthening NE breeze from midday, becoming strong in the evening. This was not the case as they got the wind direction correct, but the breeze remained light to moderate all day. I did wonder if the bank of hazard reduction fire smoke to the SW suppressed the buildup of the NE breeze.

Bernard Kennelly, in Ron Seldon's absence, acted as our Officer of the Day along with Andrew Lattimer and Kim Russell who selected course 2 NE. Myra was our start boat thanks to Richard Steel.



One can only wonder what has got the start crew so focused.

Unfortunately, Isabella was the only starter in Yellow Division, which was a shame, but they were at least rewarded with a delightful day's sail.

Blue Division, First Spirito, Second Addiction and Third Alfresco. Well, done guys

It was an excellent day's racing in the most delightful conditions.



Isabella on her way!



“Moonlight Mist off and away!

Once again, we enjoyed an excellent Chicken Dinner thanks very much to Andrew and Vicky Bray and Sue and Rick Murry for picking up the BBQ Chicken.

Prior to announcing the race results I noted that our participation had fallen off mainly due to holidays and clashes with other sailing clubs' races. Many clubs conduct their racing events on the first available Sunday of the month so clashes will occur, however unfortunately all clubs are suffering from falling participation. So, if everyone could re double their efforts to get existing, past and new entrants to come along and race with us that would be great.

I took the liberty of having the handicaps for Nickerlyn, Spirito and Rhythm in Blue Division increased by 5 minutes to open up the 26/27 series and the remainder of the 26 series. This worked OK but Spirito did not get with the program by coming in first! Let's see what happens next race.

The raffle had its usual amusing moments amongst which I won the first draw!

Volunteer Rollcall, for the Dinner for Sunday 13/8/2026.

<u>TASK</u>	<u>Volunteer 1</u>	<u>Volunteer 2</u>	<u>Volunteer 3</u>
<u>Sailing Captain</u>	<u>John Marshall</u>		
<u>Race Officer</u>	<u>Bernard Kennelly</u>		
<u>Handicapper</u>	<u>Frans De Wilde</u>		
<u>Treasurer & many other things.</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		<u>Paul Toomey (videos and editing)</u>
<u>Start Boat</u>	<u>Bernard Kennelly</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>	<u>Andrew Latimer (& race pics etc)</u>
<u>Catering etc</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>	<u>Andrew Bray</u>	
<u>Club-room table setup</u>	<u>Mira Healey, Jack</u>	<u>Paul Toomey</u>	<u>John Marshall</u>
<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Vicky Bray</u>		
<u>Meat / Chicken order and pickup</u>	<u>Rick and Sue Murry</u>		
<u>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Kim Russell</u>		
<u>Helping with cleanup is greatly appreciated</u>	<u>Astrid King</u> <u>Vicky Bray</u> <u>Sue Murry</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 before the race. 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 (SMS to 0423551948 or email aussiestarship44@gmail.com) by Wednesday evening before the race. Similarly, if you (or a partner or friend) don't have a permanent booking but would like to attend, let Andrew know your attendee names, and the boat name, by Wednesday before the race. This ensures there is enough to go around but also helps minimise waste. "

Regards,
John Marshall, Sailing Captain.