

Pittwater Sailors

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

**Next Race Sunday 1st November. Start Time 13.00
Chicken Dinner 6.30pm.**

Hi Everyone,

The forecast was for a gently increasing breeze from the south from midday onwards. However, prior to the start there was little to no breeze at all and so Ron Seldon, our race officer, selected Course 8 (the short course). This at least offered the prospect of everyone finishing the race. As the countdown progressed starters got away in what was then a sailable 6 to 8 knot breeze from the east!

Thanks to Rohan Smith in ACARA for being our start boat and Ron Seldon, Andrew Latimer and Kim Russell.

It was good to see Eddy Vinks in “Boomgown” sailing with us making 5 boats in Yellow Division and new boat “Ride on Time” sailed by Nick Mason in Blue Division. As the race progressed the breeze gently increased such that we were all finished by 14.42hrs. Everyone had a pleasant though short race which had the effect of denying the late starters insufficient time to catch up with the early starters. Justice, I hear you say!!



Eddy Vinks and crew looking very relaxed at their finish in Boomgown

At the risk of boring you all “Ride on Time” and “Nickerlyn” have prior form for very tight racing in the 2025 RMYC Twilight series and so it was to be on Sunday. We started on the same handicap and maintained eye contact throughout the race!!



Nick Mason and crew looking very professional in “Ride on Time”

We enjoyed an excellent Steak Dinner expertly BBQ’d by Bob, Paul and Roger and special thanks to Andrew and Vicky Bray and Kim Russell for picking up the Steaks.

Prior to announcing the race results I had the opportunity to briefly outline the “Pre-season RMYC Australian Sailing and Rules” presentation I attended. I mentioned some changes with the 25-28 RRS. The Coronial Enquiry into the crew fatality on Sydney Harbour that occurred 2 years ago has not yet been held. I noted that it was emphasized that when racing COREGs apply except for COREGs rule 12. It was supported to see if an Australian Sailing Rules session could be arranged through BYRA, I will do this and report back.

The place getters were Yellow Division, First Cruzen, Second Sumono and third Isabella 2. The place getters in Blue Division were First Moonlight Mist, Second Alfresco and Third Nickerlyn.

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

I would like to mention that even though Astrid King was not able to race her boat she again came along to help with the meal set up and clean up. Thanks Astrid.

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>Ron Seldon</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>Ron Seldon</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>Roger Mail</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>Raffle Ticket Vendor</u>	<u>Frans De Wilde</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.