

SAILING NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2022



COVID SAFE SAILING UPDATE

While the NSW Government has eased of restrictions on 15 December, we still have our Covid Safety Plan in place. This has been kept in place due to the current Covid 19 situation. An important element of the plan is the requirement for all boats to submit a crew declaration before the race. Except in extremely extenuating circumstances, the failure so submit a crew declaration will result in the boat being given a DPI penalty (same as a DNF – starters in the race plus one).

RACING RESULTS

Wednesday Summer Series 2

The Wednesday Summer Point score commenced on Wednesday 5 January 2022 and we have had two races.

In 1st Division, Excessive (David Nichols) is leading on 4 points from Pugsley (Len Lavers) on 7 points and Three Stooges (Steve Liddell) on 8.5 points.

In 2nd Division, Karma (Bruce Currall) is leading on 7 points from Mirage (David Kelty) on 11 points and Scramouche (John Skillicorn) also on 11 points.

Saturday – Annual Pointscore

With the delayed start to the season due to Covid and the Christmas break we have only completed four races.

In 1st Division, Ignition (Ian Bower) is leading on 14 points from Ross Street (Noel Jenkins) on 16 points and Fathom (David Berryman) also on 16 points.

In 2nd Division, Echo Beach (Philip Mathews) is leading of 12 points from Beat to Quarters (Eddie O'Donnell) on 14 points and Excess (Bruce Dobinson) on 16 points.

In 3rd Division, Up Ship Creek (Mark Holmes) is leading on 5 points from Pentangle (Brian Varnam) on 12 points and Wedgewood (Roger Geary) on 18 points.

SHE SAILS REGATTA

On Sunday 16 January we delivered our first ever SheSails Race. We had 20 yachts on the water representing NCYC, RMYC, WASC and LMYC. The race was held on a bay course with a handicap start in front of the LMYC clubhouse. The day was a great success and with over 100 women sailors participating.

While all of the teams had to have a female skipper and at least 50% female crew the teams on Fathom, Sofarr and The Shed raced with all-female crews.

A big thank you to Club Captain and She Sails Rep, Eleanor Cunningham and her team for all their hard work in pulling this event together. Thanks also to all our boat owners who got involved and provided their yachts for the event and to the crews that came from all the local yacht clubs to join us for the day.

Congratulations to our race winners on Ruffian from Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club helmed by Lyn McAllister.

In second place we had Dreamweaver helmed by Erika Markanen-Haire, another Wangi team.

In third place, we had our local team on Sheer Pleasure helmed by Mandy Maddox.

The fastest time was Fathom helmed by Jan Howard from NCYC.

We appreciate our media team Jack Buchan from Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and Gemma Burns from Australian Sailing - NSW & ACT for capturing the great footage! The footage and photos are all on the LMYC Facebook page.

Check out the full results here -

<http://www.lmycraceresults.com.au/results/2021/tyregattas/shesails2022/01RGrp1.htm?ty=00242>

The next She Sails event will be the RMYC Toronto She Skippers race on Sunday 13 February. We encourage all LMYC boat owners to participate in this event. For more details please follow this [link](#).

SYDNEY TO HOBART 2021

Well done to She's the Culprit in the 2021 Sydney to Hobart race. She's the Culprit represented both LMYC and NCYC. She was skippered by Glen "Cyril" Picasso (12 Hobarts), Navigator Robert Jarvie (2) and a crew of Dave Edwards (1), Mark Graham (9), Wade Croak, Anthony Jurd, Brad Dodds (1), Paul Dover, Mark Virtue, Oonagh O'Donovan (3), Courtney Smith, Felix Prince.

In a tough race that saw only 40 finishers and 32 retirements from a starting fleet of 72 boats, The Culprit had a great race and finished 29th on Line Honours in 4:18:39:23 and 2nd in PHS Division. They arrived just in time to celebrate New Years Eve in Hobart and the boat and crew are now back safely in Newcastle.

The trophies for the Sydney to Hobart for 2019, that were not presented at last years presentation night are currently being refurbished and will be available soon to present to She's the Culprit and Santana for the 2019 Sydney to Hobart.

She's the Culprit will be the winner of both Wal Russell Trophy and The Bosuns Trophy for 2021/22. Well Done.

HEAVEN CAN WAIT REGATTA

Just a reminder that the annual Heaven Can Wait Regatta will be held at RMYC Toronto on Saturday 5/6 February. For details, follow this [link](#).

LAKEFEST 2022

Lakefest 2022 is just around the corner with a month of sailing events designed to promote Lake Macquarie.

Lakefest kicks off with the Wangi Australia Day Race on Wednesday 26 January – for more details please follow this [link](#).

We then have the combined twilight race at LMYC on Friday 28 January. Details are on the LMYC website, please follow this [link](#).

The RKR Interclub will be held on Saturday 29 January.

Heaven Can Wait is on Saturday 5 February. For details, follow this [link](#).

The Combined clubs Windward Leeward races will be on Saturday 12 February.

The Combined Pulbah race will be on Saturday 19 February.

Another RKR Interclub will round off Lakefest on Saturday 26 February.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

I would like to make special mention of our sponsors for the 2021/22 season. These people support sailing, and if you can support them as well, that would be appreciated.

- Marmong Point Marina (Wednesday Series/Corporate Sponsor)
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- Newcastle Skin Check (Pulbah Series)
- Coastal Shipwright Services (Combined Windward Leeward Series)
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All the best and please stay safe,

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