

the Mainsheet

October 2023

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CSC?

Happy Birthday!

Did you know that after the decade or two that the mainsheet was in hibernation, it has now been back for a full year already.

Congratulations to all who contributed, and thank you to all who can't wait to read the next edition.

Remember, we all love to read about our members. Why not write an editorial on an event you attended or sailing experience you had. Don't be shy,

REAR COMMODORE (Yachts) REPORT

2023-2024 summer season keeps building momentum as we continue to sail these balmy spring conditions with good breeze, resulting in great crew work and competition out on the water.

Safety certification is now mostly sorted, thanks one more time to our dedicated safety auditors Trent, Rob, Mick, Fiona and Tim, we can't race without them. And while we are thanking people, the SailSys roll-out continues under the steady leadership of Rik. Our volunteers are our greatest asset, behind the scenes our Board and Committee comradery is something pretty special. CSC's strength comes from our volunteers learning from each other and supporting each other. If you see a task needing doing, or an area of club management that could benefit from your special talent, please come forward and help.

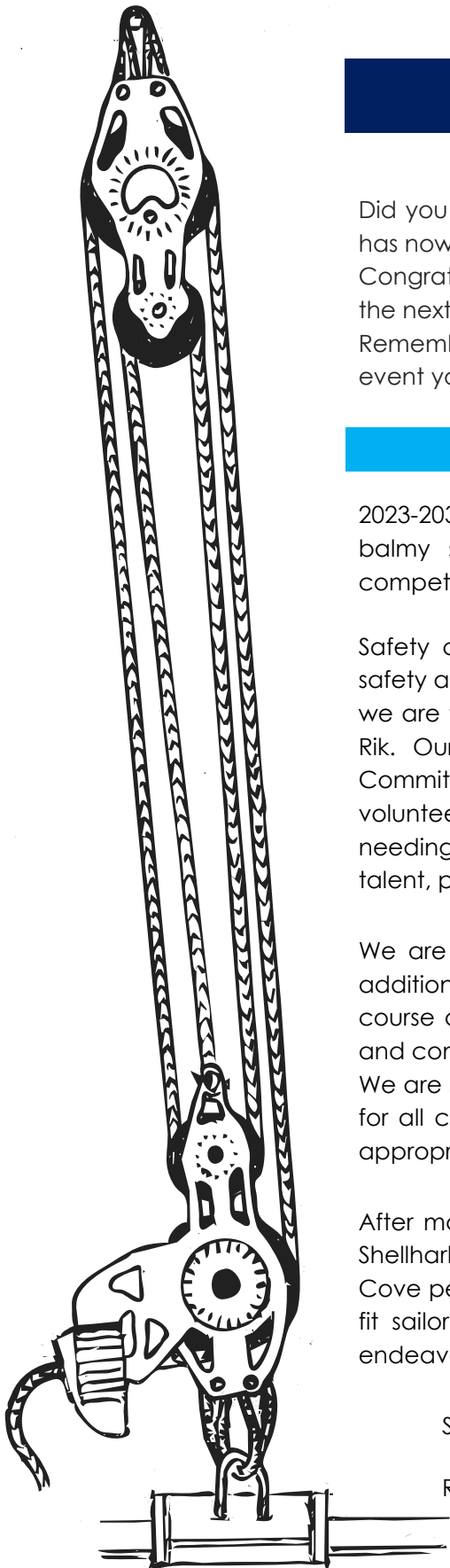
We are in a period of exciting change, a reinvention of sorts, there has been an additional Skipper's meeting, and there has been much talk about fleet sizes and course appropriateness. Skippers are keen to trial new ideas of amalgamated starts and combined point scores to make our fleet racing more tactical, more exciting.

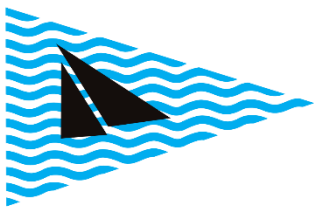
We are reinventing the Two-Handed yacht series, for this season there will be one start for all comers, RMYC-PH has been welcomed along, the course on the day will be appropriate to boats starting.

After many years of talk, in November, those up for the challenge will be sailing to Shellharbour for the weekend, more than a few boats have already booked their Shell Cove pen. There is still time to join in, we are still very much accepting boats, and any fit sailor who feels the call of the ocean is welcome to contact us and we will endeavour to place you on a boat.

See you on the water.

RC: yachts, Pete.





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FRIDAY NIGHT TWILIGHTS

As the weather warms up, so too is the entertainment that is planned for the month.

- This Friday, 3 November – Just Mates
- 10 November – Craig Woodward
- 17 November – James English
- 24 November – Steve Gambuzza

As a member, please take advantage of your ability to enter the Club at 3.30pm to secure your preferred seating before the general public.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club.



DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We are excited to launch the Club's digital membership cards.

Hopefully by now you've received an email and had the opportunity to load your card on your phone. If you're having difficulties, please reach out to us and we will be happy to assist you.

The next phase of the transition is your ability to electronically scan your card at the bar to receive your member's discount. This process is intended to speed up the service in the member's line. Please have your electronic card ready for use in your dedicated member's line at both the upstairs and downstairs bar.

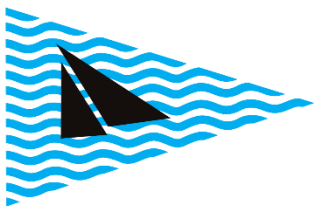


INSHORE DIV 2 & CRUISING DIV 1 MERGER

In recent times, the cruising division numbers have decreased as some boats move to Cruising Division 2 and others move up into Inshore Division 1 or Offshore. Following feedback from the remaining 2 boats, we've spoken to Inshore Division 2 boats and agreed that these two divisions will merge. This will kick off from this coming Saturday as Midnight Magic and Endless Summer join Inshore Division 2. There are a number of benefits:

- This creates a division of around 6-7 boats which makes for much better competition – and let's be honest, that's why we are here – to race!
- Both divisions still race the same course
- Race management becomes a little simpler with one less start to manage.

It's not forever. If we can grow the cruising division again, we would be happy to split it out in a future year, but for now, CSC aims to provide a competitive environment in which to enjoy racing against numerous participants. Thanks to all the guys who provided feedback through this process.



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SAILSYS RACE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

CSC has gradually been replacing *TopYacht* with *SailSys*. As we roll it out *SailSys* will be used for:

- Boat Registration, Safety, Insurance documents
- Crew Registration for racing
- Signing on for races
- Race Management, Handicapping and results
- Series and Race fees



This coming Saturday, 4th November, we'll be shutting down *OnBoard* and going live with *SailSys* for signing on.

To see how easy the process is, please watch the instructional video [Click here to watch.](#)

In summary, on race day:

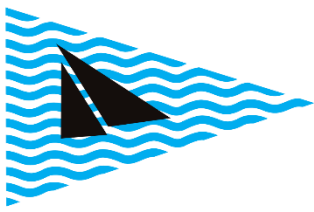
1. Skippers (or boat admin) will receive a text on the morning of the race.
2. Skippers click the link and choose 'YES' to sign on.
3. All crew (including skipper) scan the QR code to sign on.

Crews can register and set up their personal dashboard now to make things quicker on race day if they choose. [Crew Registration Link.](#) This only needs to be done once. If you have sailed at CYCA, Sail Port Stephens or a recent J24 regatta you may already have an account. Use the 'Forgotten your password' option at the login page to reset your password.

Everyone who uses this system says it's just so fantastic and easy to use so we can't wait to roll it out.

Rik Arendsen, Director & Private Wealth Adviser at Aspiration Wealth, is sponsoring a \$50 Whitworths voucher after every regular Saturday race between now and Christmas 2023. To enter, all you need to do is be a *SailSys* registered crew member and be logged on as a crew member racing each race day. The winner will be drawn after racing.





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ADULT LEARN TO SAIL

Following a very successful recent Adult Learn to Sail in July 2023, we are running another 4 week program starting on Saturday 11th November. CSC and Pacific Sailing School ran an information night recently which has resulted in 5 new registrations for the upcoming program. There are still 2 places remaining so move fast if you want to grow your skills and get crewing on one of our yachts.

Whether your dream is to crew on a yacht on Sydney Harbour, hire a yacht in the Whitsundays, or skipper a yacht in the Greek Islands, we have exciting sailing programs designed just for you to learn safely and enjoy yourself sailing whilst meeting new people..

What will it be like? Check out the Youtube link below: https://youtu.be/hitkZSxdUFo?si=6PGrKq7VahLe_L1R

This program combines the **Australian Sailing** Keelboat **Start Crewing** and **Start Helming** courses. This program is inclusive of:

- 4 x 6 hour practical lessons – typically 1 hour of theory and then lots of time spent on the water practicing
- 1 x 3 hour Discover Sailing Experience to gift to a friend
- 6 weeks of practice sails for free on a standby basis after course completion (only available with Pacific Sailing School at Cruising Yacht Club on Sydney Harbour)
- Australian Sailing Insurance, Registration, Certificate, Textbook, Log Book and practice rope for knots

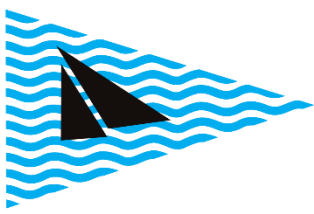
From day one: You will have hands-on instruction on helming (steering the boat), main sheet (controlling the power of the boat), winches (turning the boat through tacks and gybes etc) and the foredeck.

Feedback from our last course was that it was exceptional in its training and excellent value for money in terms of the depth of knowledge and capability that the students came away with.

The next course is conducted on Saturdays – November 11th, 18th, 25th and December 2nd from 9.00am till 4.00pm each day. The cost of the course is \$1,653 pp

To register, please contact Pacific Sailing School on (02) 9326 2399 or info@pacificsailingschool.com.au and inform them that you are interested in the Cronulla Sailing Club Adult Learn to Sail





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OFF THE BEACH SAILING

Off the Beach Sailing has had a great start to the season with all the regular MG14 sailors enjoying some fantastic racing. As always, we thank our starter Aliceson for laying some great courses and our support boat driver Nathan W for being on the water.

Our Laser fleet is making a comeback with 3 lasers competing in Race 2. The club has a fleet of lasers which are available for hire on a Sunday. If you are interested in sailing one, come down on a Sunday and check them out.

Congratulations to Zac G, a L2S junior, who has sailed two races on an MG14 and did an "awesome job" both times. Thank you to Pete VR for taking Zac and assisting with the progression of juniors into afternoon sailing.

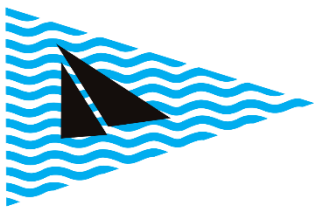
It has been great to have a Bic fleet sailing on Sunday afternoons also. Congratulations to Casey and Jesse who have progressed from 'In the Bay' sailing and are handling the challenging conditions famously. It's great to have Tom and Blake back again showing their skills in the Bics.



JUNIOR LEARN TO SAIL

We currently have 18 juniors sailing on Sunday mornings in our Start Sailing 1 and Start Sailing 2 programs. The first two weeks have been perfect conditions. As always, we thank our amazing coaches Tobie and Katelyn, as well as Craig. We are fortunate enough to now have Thomas and Sophie Woodrow as assistant coaches who are both doing an amazing job with the students.





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WHAT'S COMING UP?

4-5 Nov	J24 State Titles
18-19 Nov	Dolphin Chasers Regatta - Open Skiffs
18-19 Nov	Shellharbour weekend - Keelboats
25 Nov	Two-Handed Series race 1 - Keelboats
1 Dec	Corporate Day

TWO HANDED SERIES

Cronulla Sailing Club is pleased to announce the strengthening of big fleet keelboat racing off Cronulla with a four race Two Handed InterClub mini-series programmed for 28/10/2023, 25/11/2023, 10/2/2024, and 9/3/2024.

Race 1 of the series was sailed on 28th October in a dying southerly breeze, which proved a great opportunity for crew to test their equipment, procedures, and stamina! It's not too late to join this exciting series, the next Two Handed race is programmed for 25th November.

We are introducing an all-new format, race information including FAQs, Program details, InterClub (combined) racing Principals, and SIs can be found at the following LINK: [Two-Hander INFO](#)

We welcome keelboat skippers to register on the SailSys portal here: [2023-2024 Two-Handed series](#).

If you need further information or help setting up your SailSys entry, email us at yachts@cronullasailingclub.com.au

SHELLHARBOUR WEEKEND

An invitation is extended for yachts and their crew to join the CSC fleet in the inaugural Port Hacking to Shell Harbour weekend on 18th and 19th November 2023. Participating yachts shall berth at Shellharbour Marina overnight. The course from Bass and Flinders lookout to Shellharbour is approximately 36NM.

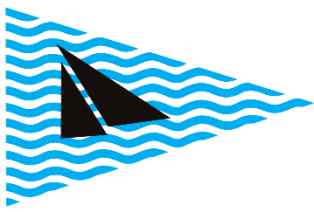
The concept of the weekend is for boat owners and crew to experience an offshore passage, whilst racing in company, in relative safety. Sailors not regularly racing at the current time are invited to register their interest to crew, we will do our best to match you with a participating yacht.

Frequently Asked Questions can be reviewed here: [Shellharbour Weekend FAQs](#)

Detailed Sailing Instructions can be reviewed here: [Shellharbour Weekend SIs](#)

A number of boats have already booked their pen in the marina, quite a few more have expressed strong interest. Please register without delay so that we can in good time assist boats, sailors, and finalise handicaps. We welcome keelboat skippers to register their boats, and sailors interested in an offshore yachting experience to please register your interest here: [Register my interest](#)

For questions regarding the Shellharbour weekend please contact yachts@cronullasailingclub.com.au



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CORPORATE DAY

Start organising your Corporate Day experience today. Cronulla Sailing Club will again host the annual Corporate Day on 1st December 2023. This is a great opportunity to get your work mates together, or maybe bring a Client or three. If you have ever wanted to have a go on a yacht, what better place to start? This is a fun and relaxed event, sailing experience is not necessary, but enthusiasm is essential!

\$80.00 per person - includes 2 hours hands on sailing experience, seafood buffet (vegetarians also catered for) and includes 3 drink vouchers per person.

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

Schedule for the Day:

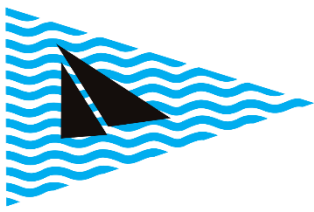
1215 hrs	Briefing
1300 hrs	First Boat away
1530 hrs	Approx time back to club house
1730 hrs	Drink Vouchers expire (3 per person)

Proceeds go to the CSC Sailing Academy. We will have several boats with spaces available, ready to welcome you on board. For questions regarding bringing your boat or joining a boat, please contact yachts@cronullasailingclub.com.au

Can you help out?

Corporate Day is an important day in the CSC Program, it is a great social event; it promoted membership; it generates crew; it raises funds for our training program; and perhaps most of all it just plain fun in a world that is often all too serious. To do this event justice, we need a team of volunteers to help beforehand with promotion and publicity and on the day to help organise participants and catering. If you can help, please right now email yachts@cronullasailingclub.com.au





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SPONSORSHIP

For the past year we have talked a bit about creating relationships between local businesses and Cronulla Sailing Club. Whilst it remains early days, and we still require a member or team of volunteers to manage this emerging venture, a number of businesses have approached CSC about partnerships and sponsorship opportunities. To kick off this exciting new endeavour, we would like to introduce to you a number of businesses supporting our Club this season. More details will be published in ongoing editions of the Mainsheet and other media sites.



Wet Tech Rigging is your local one stop shop for running rigging solutions, splicing, cordage and hardware at great prices. Wet Tech Rigging use only the best quality cordage and hardware and prides themselves on customer service, attention to detail, and fast turnarounds.

Drew at Wet Tech Rigging is initially coming onboard as a sponsor of the 2024 Navigators' Cup event.



Aspirations Wealth Group are a local passionate boutique team of professional advisers focused on delivering proactive, strategic advice on investments, tax and insurance to help our clients build and protect their wealth over their lifetime.

Rik at Aspirations Wealth is initially coming onboard as a sponsor of our new SailSys race management system.



Macquart Marine's mission is to make owning a boat easy, by providing management & maintenance solutions to suit all types of vessels. Their high-quality service team provide prompt, reliable and meticulously detailed solutions to the Sydney area.

Jared at Macquart Marine is initially coming onboard as a sponsor of the 2023-2024 Friday Twilight series.



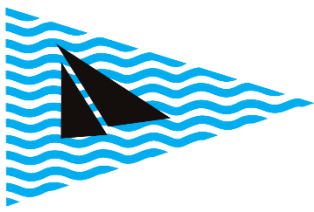
Go Electrical wholesalers offer a wealth of experience in the Electrical, Data and Lighting Wholesale Industries. Conveniently located locally, they pledge premium service at the best possible prices in Lighting Design, Energy Efficient Lighting, Industrial and Commercial Products.

The local Go Electrical team are initially coming onboard as a sponsor of our much-anticipated Beneteau First 7.5m training boats.



International Moulded Plastic is your experienced local plastic custom moulding company offering leading plastic injection moulding services. IMP support their commercial and industrial customers from concept, to design, prototyping, tool making, and then production.

Paul and the team at IMP are initially coming onboard as a sponsor of the 2023-2024 Summer series.



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IN OTHER NEWS

COMMUNICATION IS EVERYTHING

CSC doesn't have a techy office with full time admin staff like most other clubs around. We all know it is sometimes difficult to make contact with the right Board or Committee member. Craig has been reinventing our communications and we now have a new email addresses network.

General enquiries: info@cronullasailingclub.com.au

Keelboat matters: yachts@cronullasailingclub.com.au

Centreboard matters: centreboards@cronullasailingclub.com.au

Adult and Junior Sail Training: training@cronullasailingclub.com.au



DOCK USE ON THURSDAY WITH SAILABILITY



Cronulla Sailing Club is quite unique with its wheelchair accessibility right to the water. Sailability Cronulla is equipped with a personal hoist for assisted entry into the five Access Dinghy 303's. On every second Thursday over the summer season Sailability Cronulla provides a safe environment with the help of their volunteers.

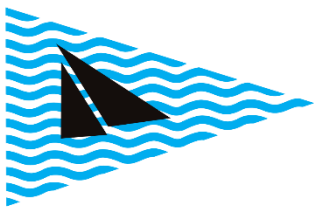
All boats are reminded to respect the room these sailors need on the water. Sailability Cronulla uses all of the floating pontoons to launch and retrieve their boats and crew. In the name of safety, other than for quick pick-up and drop-off, all boat owners are asked not to dock at the CSC pontoon from 10:00am, every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, during daylight savings. Refer to the program to confirm dates.

MR COOL

CSC likes to pamper its members. Who else provides ice so you can have a coldy on the water?

We have huge demand for ice on Friday nights, so a dedicated freezer for sailor's bagged ice has been installed next to the downstairs ice-maker. We urgently need a volunteer to come to the club on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning to bag ice to fill the freezer. Talk to us if you are our special Mr Cool?





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J24 WORLD TITLES

J24 World Championships were held recently in Thessaloniki Greece. Cronulla boats Tinto and Ace competed, along with 4 other Australian teams, Sailpac & Innamincka from Sydney, and Bruschetta & JAB from Melbourne.

We all had a great time but mostly didn't do as well in the results as hoped. Ace came 24th and Tinto 25th. The best Australian boat was current Australian Champion Sailpac who also only managed a 16th place.

The fleet was smaller than some years, 36 boats, but obviously they were the good 36 boats! It was very tough close racing with the whole fleet usually finishing within a short space of time, and no place for the faint hearted. Interesting sailing conditions with a light sea breeze every day, but not settling in till late and races starting after 3pm. It never got over 10 knots, and usually was starting to fade from around 5pm. The result was that on several days we were sailing home after the racing with the sun setting at 7:30!

Every race started under U or (most often) a Black Flag, so there was no room for getting too adventurous! Also, the general trend with the wind was to shift gradually to the left so those who got a good start at the pin end, and could keep sailing high for a long time, did the best up the first work.

It was a memorable series for all competitors; the Nautical Club of Thessaloniki is a great venue, with lots of space, excellent food and facilities and welcoming and helpful staff.

The series was won by Keith Whittlemore in "Furio" from USA, with "La Superba" from Italy second and "Bangor Packet", boat No 58 (yes the actual 58th J24 built) coming 3rd. Winning the Corinthian Division was the young Irish team of "Headcase" who won the European Championships in Hungary 2 weeks before, and were actually second overall in the Worlds up until a bad last race dropped them to 4th.

Looking forward to doing it all again in 2 years' time at Plymouth!

Steve Wright

