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November 2023

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CSC?

CONGRATULATIONS ALICESON!

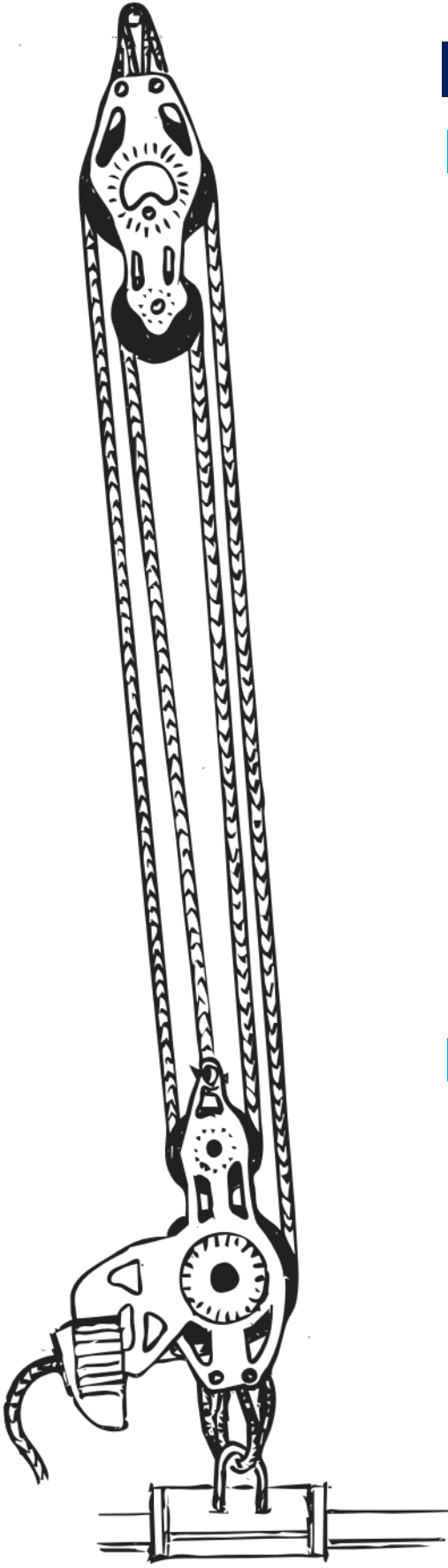
Did you know that every Sunday Aliceson Parker, mostly solo, drives the start boat, sets the courses, conducts the race, acts as official photographer, then after finishing the last straggler with her customary cheer, she packs it all up, then always comes back to the Club exhausted, but smiling.

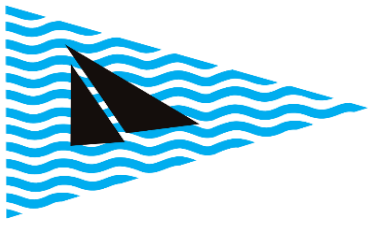
Aliceson has recently received her National Race Officer qualification as a result of her outstanding effort and hardwork. Congratulations Ali, we are all proud of you and we sincerely thank you for your time and effort!



ADULT LEARN TO SAIL

This Saturday is the last scheduled training day for our second round of 6 Adult Learn to Sail students. We will hand out graduation certificates to the participants over a drink after the race. Please welcome them to the club on Saturday and come and chat to them about your boat – we can then organise a trial with you in the next race.





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2023 SHELLHARBOUR WEEKEND

One day, over a beer, he said.. tell them there's a race to Shellharbour, and they will come.. **and they did!**

On the 18th and 19th of November a fleet of 8 boats, 6 from CSC and 2 from RMYC-PH, sailed the inaugural Port Hacking to Shellharbour race series. It turned out to be a busy weekend. Saturday saw 15 to 25 knot NE in a building swell, Sunday saw 25 to 15 knot NE in a dying swell. Saturday had all boats absolutely flying under spinnaker, arriving in about 4 to 5 hours. CSC's Flashdance easily took line honours on Saturday.

We were made to feel very welcome by the Marina management, met with members of the fledgeling Shell Cove Sailing Club, and urgently moved to the Waterfront Bar where we heard incredulous sailing stories until it was too late.

Previously only seen before flooding, the hole that was to be a harbour then looked immense. Now with all the marina infrastructure in place, the harbour doesn't look so big. It is however very adequate to manoeuvre in, and boasts excellent facilities, making this a must see destination for all ocean going yachties.

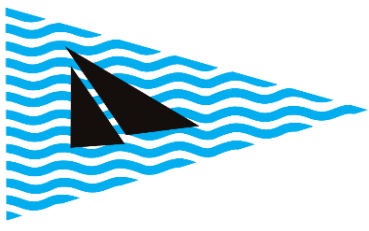
Initially in strong breeze, in a nasty short sharp seaway, Sunday saw 3 boats sail home over a period of about 7 to 8 hours. CSC's Sea Hawk easily took line honours on Sunday.

Congratulations to RMYC-PH Etre Juene who took out the PHS series win, Seahawk second, BrandX third.

Whilst the weather caused some challenges and changes to homecoming plans, the general consensus from skippers and crew was one of appreciation of this inaugural event and expression of strong interest in returning next year. Bring it on!



Skippers and crew at the Sunday morning briefing, Shellharbour marina.



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SUNDAY SAILING

November 5 - Pointscore Race 5

Scratch Results

- 1st: Skol - Bernard + Luke
- 2nd: Turtle - Jessica + Joss
- 3rd: Aquapest - Drew + Angela

November 12 - Club Championship #2

Scratch results;

- 1st: Skol - Bernard + Luke
- 2nd: Aquapest - Drew + Angela
- 3rd: Smashed - Anthony + Tom

November 19 - Pointscore Race 7

MG14 Scratch Results;

- 1st: Skol - Bernard + Luke
- 2nd: Smashed - Stuey + Hugh
- 3rd: Waverider - Mark + Jensen

November 26 - Club Championship #3

MG14 Scratch Results:

- 1st: Skol - Bernard + Luke
- 2nd: Turtle - Magoo + Joss
- 3rd: After Midnight - Adam + Craig

Open Skiff Scratch Results

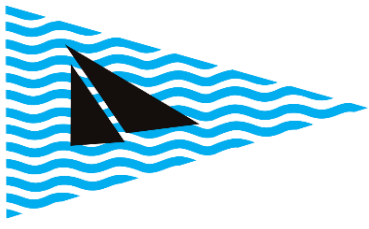
- 1st: Casey Roeder
- 2nd: Blake Scara
- 3rd: Jesse Roeder



JUNIOR LEARN TO SAIL

Our juniors have been loving their time on the water. You can see all the action on the bay each Sunday 10am-12pm.





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WHAT'S COMING UP?

1 December	CSC Corporate Day
3 December	Open Skiff Manly Cup @ Manly Yacht Club
8 December	MG14 Nats early-bird entry closes
16 December	Yachts pre-Christmas BBQ
17 December	Centrboards pre-Christmas BBQ
26 December	Sydney to Hobart Race start

CORPORATE DAY

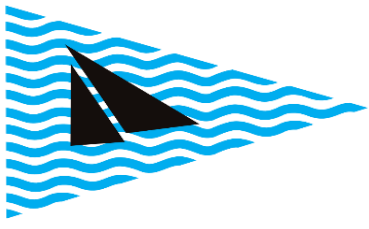


Our annual Corporate Day will be held 1st December 2023. This is a great opportunity to get your work mates together, or maybe bring a Client or three. If you have ever wanted to have a go on a yacht, what better place to start? This is a fun and relaxed event, sailing experience is not necessary, but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

CSC and non-CSC boats are welcome, bring your regular crew or your work mates, or think of it as an opportunity to engage with potential new crew by offering to host individuals or a small business group on your boat.

This memorable day starts with a briefing, then the on-water competition is on.. we already have two tradie boats registered! The following luncheon is catered by Giovenco Catering, add a few legendary CSC cold beers, and this event offers true value for money, but be quick, tickets close Wednesday.

For more info, check the CSC website.. [CLICK HERE](#)



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COOL DUDES

WHOA, CHILL OUT.. CRISIS AVERTED

As revealed in the October Mainsheet, the huge demand for ice on Friday nights led us to install a dedicated freezer for sailor's bagged ice. We would like to thank Rob C, Jerry S and Bernard P for helping to keep the sailor's freezer stocked with bagged ice. Legends!

KEY ISSUE

We are currently experiencing a bit of a key shortage. If you or your crew (current or retired) have keys which are no longer being used, could you please return them to a member of the board or the sailing office.

RUBBISH

You may have noticed we have new blue and yellow bins for bottles and cans to be recycled. Please be aware these bins are not for waste and any rubbish placed in there costs the club money. If there are no red bins available, please take your rubbish and boat parts with you and dispose of them in your home recycling and waste bins.

LOST ANEMOMETER

If you know the whereabouts of a blue anemometer (if you can't get your tongue around that, just call it a wind meter), please contact Pete VR. Last seen at the J24 Nationals last January. Jeez, it didn't take him long to realise it was missing!

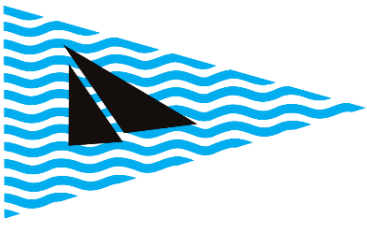
SAILING XMAS BBQ

SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS BBQ

DECEMBER 16 • AFTER RACING





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NAVIGATORS' CUP

The 2024 Navigators' Cup event is now open to enter and we are pleased to announce that invitations were recently released to all Sydney and surrounding Sailing Clubs.

Cronulla Sailing Club invites all eligible CSC and non-CSC yachts to compete in the 26th Botany Bay Australia Day Navigators' Cup yacht race on Saturday 20th January 2024.

The start and finish is in Port Hacking Estuary. A variety of courses are offered, including offshore courses to Botany Bay and Wedding Cake Island, and inshore courses within Bate Bay. All yachts holding current Cat7+ or better safety certification are welcome. A nominal \$40.00 entry fee applies to non-CSC yachts entered. There will be a presentation after racing at Cronulla Sailing Club.

The fleet can be viewed from the Bass and Flinders Monument, Cronulla Esplanade, or the many vantage points along the Sydney coastline.

For more info check this link to the SailSys Online Notice Board, this is a one stop shop for race information and documentation including the NOTICE of RACE, GENERAL INFORMATION, and List of ENTRANTS

[ONLINE NOTICE BOARD](#)

To enter your boat in the 2024 Navigators' Cup Event, [CLICK here..](#)

[2024 ENTRY FORM](#)

TWO HANDER SERIES

The first two races of the inaugural InterClub Two-Handed series have now been conducted, and whilst the fleet numbers are low, from these humble beginnings we already hear renewed enthusiasm.

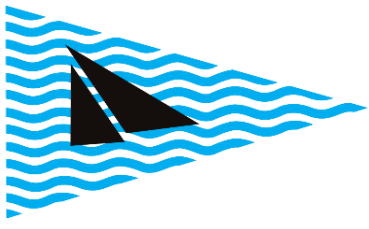
The event specific sailing instructions caters well for the current combined Cat4/Cat5/Cat7+ fleet, with provision for separate Cat4 and Cat5/Cat7+ groups should future fleet sizes warrant, but certainly no rush!

This new series offers a range of short course options, offering flexibility to best suit the participants and weather on the day. This year we offer single mixed-class grouping where autohelm is permitted, and virtual mark courses are optional at the participants discretion.

This new format has been received very favourably by both CSC and RMYC-PH participants.

With two races now run, and two more in 2024, it's not too late to enter the series, entry is at no cost to CSC and RMYC-PH boats with current season racing membership. [CLICK here](#) to enter the series..

[TWO-HANDER ENTRY](#)



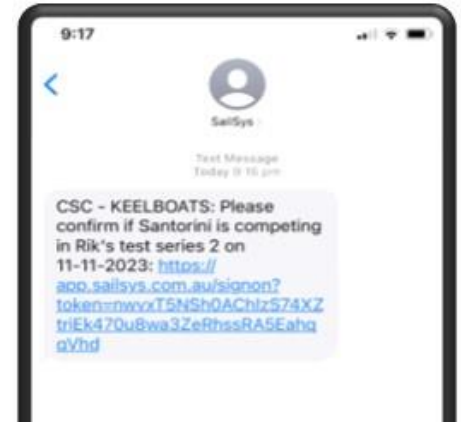
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SAILSYS - ARE WE THERE YET?

Firstly a huge WELL DONE to those skippers and crew who have adopted our new Boat and Race Management system. Many skippers and crew are realizing how convenient it is to use.

Reminder for Race Day: Skippers (or whoever is doing your SailSys Admin): You must logon your BOAT for the race to get your pointscore points. Look out for a text 3-4 hours before the start which looks like this. ----->
Click the link and then confirm Yes / No if you are racing today.

Everyone on the boat (including the skipper) needs to use the QR code on your boat to register themselves for the race. This manages the PEOPLE on the boat for safety reasons.



PHS HANDICAPS

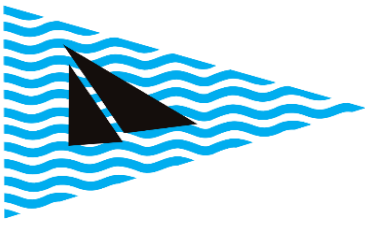
Let me start by admitting that I am a handicapping dummy – but I'm learning fast. Sailsys does the most of the work using a 20 year data base of previous handicaps.

At its heart handicapping aims to equalise each competitor's chance of winning. Core to the thesis of SailSys's proprietary PHS handicapping is that every compliant yacht (paid up and safe) should be eligible to win on the day. Importantly this is not subject to the competitor's ability versus other competitors in the fleet, but **relative to their past performance**. If the conditions and the course suit the yacht, and the crew sail the boat above their norm, they should enjoy a good result.

SailSys handicapping is the oldest "algorithm-driven" logic in Australia, starting with a concept in 1971. Over that time, the methodology has been refined into one of the simplest and most reliable handicapping methodologies, trusted by many. SailSys has been responsible for the successful Sydney Harbour Combined Winter racing for five years and has been running such "Combined" events as the Australia Day Regatta on Sydney Harbour for over 20 years.

At its heart, there are several core tenets:

- Every boat deserves its day - if the course and conditions favour a particular yacht, then we should not be attempting to handicap them out of contention;
- Changes in handicaps week-to-week should not be aggressive. Not only does this dis-incentivise competitors, but it can also encourage sandbagging. Our setting (recommended by Sailsys) is to average the last rolling 7 races to work out a boat's handicap for the next week. So **handicaps will adjust slowly**.
- Handicaps don't have to move every week. Light and changeable winds, strung out fleets or below-par performance can be automatically excluded from weekly updates with ease using SailSys, be it, a single boat, a division or the entire fleet;
- It is founded in sound mathematical logic and not arbitrary weekly movements;
- Executed correctly, a handicapping system should remove the weekly burden from the sailing office and the long-suffering volunteer, who, as a handicapper, is all too often a target for all competitors to harass.



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Underpinning the platform's handicapping is the most extensive and trusted data centre of historic handicap data, which can be searched while processing entries, whether it is the yacht's past handicap at your club or another, or the past handicaps of a similar yacht discoverable by name, sail number, make or model. Notably, all of these handicaps adhere to a consistent scale, not too dissimilar to how IRC adheres to a scale. This means that handicaps for a competitor sailing at multiple clubs are more consistent, that divisional allocation is more straightforward and handicaps from other clubs are transferrable to yours and visa versa. Below is an example of the PHS handicap results for Brand X over the past few years:

SailSys PHS

Past Handicaps for this Boat

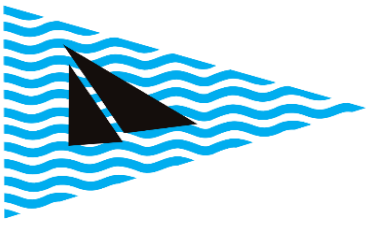
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Sail Port Stephens Passage Series (24-29 April 2023)	SPS	Spinnaker	29/04/2023	1.0194	<input type="radio"/>
2022-2023 Summer Series	CSC - KEELBOATS	Spinnaker	15/04/2023	1.0132	<input type="radio"/>
2022-2023 Interclub Series	CSC - KEELBOATS	Spinnaker	21/01/2023	0.9923	<input type="radio"/>
2022 Port Stephens Commodore's Cup	SAILSYS	Spinnaker	06/04/2022	1.0072	<input type="radio"/>
2023 Winter Series	CSC - KEELBOATS	Spinnaker	-	1.0132	<input type="radio"/>

Past Handicaps for a Similar Boat

Manual Entry

Cancel **Save**

Feel free to come and talk to me if you feel your handicap is incorrect and we can research it together.
Rik Arendsen



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IN OTHER NEWS

J24 YOUTH CHALLENGE

On the 3rd of November my crew (Mitchell Backhouse, Jack MacGillivray, Tiarne Wittey and Andrew Allt-Graham) and I participated in the J24 Youth Challenge out of RANSA. It was an opportunity to have a good crack at something we haven't done before. It was our first time sailing as a group and even my first time steering a J24 yacht because my dad hasn't invited me out when he goes sailing. It also helped having Tiarne on the boat and I thank her for the work she did and knowledge she shared about racing. The weather wasn't on our side in the morning but throughout the day the breeze filled in and it became a bit more competitive. We had a great day out sailing and ended with a 3rd place finish. The culture was really good, and the club served us sausage on arrival back in. It was a highlight and great way to debrief the day. We had a really enjoyable day. A big thank you to all that supported us.

Connor Hood
14 yrs

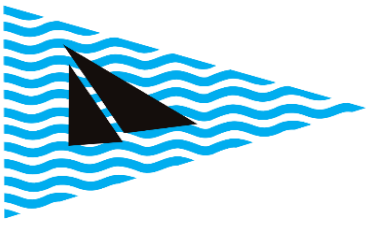


Congratulations Conner and crew! It's great to see the future of sailing is in good hands!

All Divisions Overall Handicap type: Subseries:

Place	Name	Skipper	Club	1	2	3	4	5	Points
Overall									
1	Ace (JAUS 4801)	David West	CSC - KEELBOATS	1	(2)	1	1	1	4
2	Kaotic (JAUS 4770)	Caleb Cooper	MYC	2	1	(4)	2	3	8
3	El Fidelity (JAUS 4859)	Connor Hood	CSC - KEELBOATS	3	3	3	(3)	2	11
4	Okavango Delta (JAUS 44361)	Lily Klijn	MYC	(6)	4	2	4	4	14
5	Innamincka (JAUS 4793)	John Crawford	MHYC	6	6	6	6	(6)	24

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J24 NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2023 J24 NSW States were held at RANSA on 4th to 5th November.

With miserable weather – overcast, rainy – but a consistent SE 15 knot breeze the battle was on across Sydney Harbour, dodging commercial traffic and pleasure craft. 3 windward/leeward races per day with frequent changes in the top positions. Taronga Zoo to Rose Bay – Go left? Go right? Big decisions to be made. Ultimately, Sean Kirkjian on Sailpac from CYCA won through (previous winner of 2023 Nationals at Cronulla). Dave West on Ace (formerly of CSC) and David McKay on Stamped Urgent (CSC) came equal second with Ace winning on countback. No protests, no damage, just nice clean racing.

RANSA proved to be a very welcoming host club, with a well-run series. They will also be hosting the J24 Nationals 4th to 8th Jan 2024. News just at hand – J24 Worlds 2026 will be held at Sandringham, Melbourne. Sailors, get your act together!!!

Many thanks to Jared Macquart for the support boat.

Fiona Campbell

For all results [Click Here](#)



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