

DOWNWIND



Cruising Yacht Club
of South Australia

Racing Association Newsletter



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Diary Dates

October

- Sat 22: Inshore R2&3 / J24 R2&3 / Multi R2
Wed 26: Twilight R2
Sat 29: CYCSA Opening Day

November

- Wed 2: Twilight R3
Sat 5: RSAYS Opening Day
Sat 5: CYCSA SSSC Day 1
Sun 6: CYCSA SSSC Day 2
Wed 9: Twilight R4
Fri 11: Offshore R2 / IRC R2
Sat 12: Coaster R2
Wed 16: Twilight R5
Sat 19: Premier's Cup Regatta R1&2 / Sthn
Cross Cup R1&2 / Club Inshore
R3&4 / J24 R 4&5 / IRC R4&5 / Multi
R3&4
Sun 20: Premier's Cup Regatta R3 / Sthn
Cross Cup R3
Wed 23: Twilight R6
Sat 26: Coaster R3
Wed 30: Twilight R7

December

- Sat 3: Offshore R3 / IRC R5 / Mini 2
Sat 3: Coaster 4
Sun 4: RSAYS Ladies R2
Wed 7: Twilight R8
Sat 10: Inshore R6 / IRC R6 / Multi R5
Wed 14: Ladies Helm Standalone Twilight
Sat 17: Coaster 5 / Multi R6
Sun 18: RSAYS Ladies R3

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ahh... flukey October weather.....Umbrellas one day and air conditioners the next! Sadly, our season start was less than we hoped for, the first Inshore series race abandoned due to lack of breeze and, for the third year in a row, our first Phil Hoffmann Twilight Series race abandoned for the same reason. Fortunately our Coaster and Offshore fleet enjoyed better conditions to kick off their series.

We welcome feedback and points of interest raised by our members and recently a point came to light. Whilst perusing the Blue Book recently, a conscientious member noticed a new requirement for 150N+ PFD's from July 2011. Conscious of his obligations re on-board safety for crew and guests, he immediately went into Whitworths to purchase PFD's which meet the new criteria, only to be told that Whitworths don't hold them in stock and, at time of writing, we haven't found anywhere which does.

On the surface, it would seem difficult for anyone to conform with this regulation but we'll follow this point up with Yachting Australia. In the meantime Jess has included the information on page 5 of this newsletter, and has also posted YA Amendment No9 to the Racing Documents page of the CYCSA website for your information.

This incident brings into focus the fact that all racing members are bound by requirements of the Blue Book as referred to in our SI's. It's perhaps prudent then, at the start of the Season, that all skippers take a little time to check the changes to our SI's (as discussed at our Skipper and Crew meeting) and also changes which have been made to the Blue Book since its last publication. I also draw your attention to double check requirements for Medical Kit contents.

Speaking of safety requirements, REX will be conducting spot safety checks during the season. This is certainly not an "ambush" scenario: we'll be notifying skippers well beforehand and simply ask them to make a little time available before a race. Our representative will then select at random a few items to double check. These inspections are not intended to be a full audit as the onus is always on the Boat owner/skipper to ensure that their boat conforms to requirements. REX is more than happy to provide assistance for anyone wishing to check and see if their boat is up to scratch safety-wise, so please ask Jess if you would like to book an informal safety check at a time to suit.

As Opening Day draws closer I urge all racing members to join in the festivities at our wonderful club. Opening Day is the ideal forum to mix and mingle with the CYC's diverse membership group and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Finally, congratulations to Geoff Boettcher who was named YSA Sailor of the Year 2010/11. In awarding Geoff this title, YSA acknowledged the fact that, along with being inspirational skipper and fine yachtsman, Geoff has also "given back" to the sport of sailing by mentoring young sailors and providing facilities in the form of two "Secret Kids Business" dinghies for the use of Juniors at Largs Bay Sailing Club. Another great chapter to add to the story of a wonderful year for Geoff and his SMB 3.5 team.



TRACI AYRIS
RACING CHAIR



Welcome to the start of Season 2011-2012!

We have had a fairly unsuccessful start to the season, with Race 1 of the Club Inshore Series being postponed due to a lack of wind. Race 1 of the Phil Hoffmann Travel Twilight Series took place on a hot Wednesday evening, and suffered a similar fate to the Club Inshore Series, being abandoned because there was no wind. Luckily, we got Coaster Race 1 and Offshore Race 1 away without too many problems!

Safety Help wanted!

Racing Association Safety Officer, Brenton Pegler has put a call out for volunteers to assist with safety audits throughout the season. Any assistance is appreciated, so if you are interested in helping your Racing Association, please contact me in the Race Office.

Race Results:

COASTER RACE 1 15 OCT 2011	
1st	Carioca - Beth Hutton
2nd	Outrageous - Phil Newton
3rd	War & Peace - Stefan Marcel

OFFSHORE RACE 1 ORONTES—15 OCT 2011 PHS	
1st	Asylum - Derek Morrison
2nd	White Knight - David Knights
3rd	Two True - Andrew Saies

OFFSHORE RACE 1 ORONTES—15 OCT 2011 IRC	
1st	Secret Mens Business - Chris Tillett
2nd	Two True - Andrew Saies
3rd	Asylum - Derek Morrison

Reminder of Safety and Sea Survival Certificate

Another reminder for those of you intending to compete in the Sydney to Hobart, please confirm with your crew who needs to update their SSSC (these certificates last 5 years). The next SSSC Course at the CYCSA is scheduled for the 5-6 Nov 2011. Book in early as this course will fill up quickly.

Opening Day - Saturday 29 October

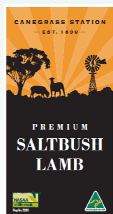
Don't forget to contact reception for you guest passes for Opening Day - these can be ordered up until the day itself. Invite your friends and family down to the CYCSA to show off our fantastic facilities, be involved in the Sail Past, have a crack at the Unbelievable Challenge (great prizes for winners!) and congratulate our very own Volunteer of the Year Traci Ayris! It will be a great day, so make sure you're there!

Premier's Cup Regatta

The 'Premier' Yachting event in South Australia will be held this year over the 19-20 November at the CYCSA. Established in 1976 by Premier at the time, Don Dunstan, the Premier's Cup will this year celebrate it's 34th Anniversary! The first winner under IRC was WAR GAMES sailed by David Urry, and last's year's winner was Secret Mens Business 3.5, skippered by Geoff Boettcher. This year the Premier's Cup is proudly sponsored by **Sportsmed.SA**, with supporting sponsors **Penfolds** providing prizes. Registrations are available at the Race Office.



JESS HARGREAVES
RACING MANAGER



As outlined in the August edition of Downwind, the Racing Association has introduced a couple of new sponsorship concepts: Race Day Sponsorship and Regatta Sponsorship.

These new schemes were developed in order to facilitate the upcoming 2011/2012 Racing Season and to encourage members of the Club and local business owners to support the sport of yacht racing whilst promoting and gaining exposure for small and local business owners within the sailing community.

Race Day Sponsorship:

\$500 (+GST) per Race Day

Benefits of Race Day Sponsorship

- Naming rights of the race chosen (eg: “**ABC Electronics**” Club Inshore Race 3)
- Business name and logo associated on all Racing Association promotion material for that race (including Race Course (if applicable), Race Day information promoted on the notice board, etc)
- Business name and information included on the CYCSA Website directory—free for 12 months (value \$250 + GST)
- One colour advertisement and promotional write up of your business in *Downwind*
- The opportunity to present the awards for that particular race, with the chance to promote your business during your speech (audience of approx 120 for Inshore Series, approx 70 for Coaster series, and approx 15 for Short-handed Series)

Race days available for sponsorship may be chosen from the Club Inshore Series, Coaster Series, Short-handed Series and the Chairman’s Cup.

Regatta Sponsorship:

The **Queen of the Gulf** Regatta (Saturday December 10 2011) **\$1,000 (+GST)**

The **Great Southern** Regatta (Saturday March 31 and Sunday April 1 2012) **\$1,500 (+GST)**

Benefits of Race Day Sponsorship

- Naming rights of the race chosen (eg: “**ABC Electronics**” Great Southern Regatta)
- Business name and logo associated on all Racing Association promotion material for that race (including Race Course (if applicable), Race Day information promoted on the notice board, etc)
- Business name and information included on the CYCSA Website directory—free for 12 months (value \$250 + GST)
- Two colour advertisements and promotional write up of your business in *Downwind*
- The opportunity to present the awards for that particular race, with the chance to promote your business during your speech (audience of approx 120 including members of other South Australian based Sailing clubs such as RSAYS and PASC)

Please contact Jess in the Race Office for more information on these exciting Sponsorship Concepts!

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OFFSHORE RACE 1 - ORONTES (16 OCT 2011)

Race 1 of the Offshore Series for 2011-2012 was Orontes (approx 55 nautical miles). Course took us from a start in the mouth of the Port River to the Orontes Beacon, northeast to Long Spot, and home to the Offshore Finish Line. On Asylum (Skippered by Derek Morrison), we were stretched to the limit by two factors: one, being short handed with only seven crew and the other by the weather pattern giving us strong winds (20-30 knts w/s/w) and high seas as a 'low' passed over Adelaide.

The start was memorable as a freighter came up the river at precisely the same time as our start which was not delayed. Thankfully the ship slowed to walking pace as we sailed out to sea. Asylum did well at the start, timing it perfectly sailing just behind Secret Mens Business 3.5, Two True and Lucette.

Crossing of the Gulf was a stiff work to windward with the maximum sail we could carry. The fleet of around ten yachts split as some tacked to n/w, as we did, while others continued on south of the rhumb line. We followed Secret Mens Business 3.5 on the northerly tack as it was a lift and noticed that they tacked several times, chasing minor wind shifts whilst we held our course.

The main game for us was to do our best against our nearest competitors—Two True, White Knight and Patrice IV. We were all so close at Orontes it was still anyone's game. The second leg of the race was a shy spinnaker run and with our hounds spinnaker finally up, we were hitting speeds of 14 knts which required expert helmsmanship in handling the numerous gusts—many over 25 knts. The winds were generally consistent all day from the southwest to more westerly at times with the occasional cool, rainy patch.

The last leg from Long Spit was a welcome reach home with the fleet battling to improve their positions which remained the same. Out in front was Secret Mens Business 3.5 followed by Two true, then us. Behind was White Knight and Patrice IV as far as we could make out. This was another tough sail that was rewarding as it was demanding.



The race times were amazing with Secret Mens Business 3.5 scorching around the 55miles in only 5 hours 22mins with an approx average speed of 11knts.

Asylum took 7hrs 5 mins, with an approx average speed of 8 knts. We were extremely HAPPY to win on PHS and take out 3rd in IRC.

TOM ABBOTT—ASYLUM

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CHANGES TO

Yachting Australia

2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing

Issued on 28 June 2011 as Amendment no. 9



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- (b) A vest type PFD Type 1 of less than 150N for each member of the crew will be permitted until 07/2011
- (c) (i) PFD Type 1 not less than 150N or AS4758 PFD (minimum level 150) (for persons of larger than average build Level 275 PFD should be considered).

The CYCSA Marine Academy recently became SA's only Royal Yachting Association / Yachting Australia shored based Training Centre for all your internationally recognised courses to sail in the world!

Boat Licence Course Recreational Powerboat Operator Course

This YA course involved theory and basic practical components. On successful completion of the theory test, you will be eligible for the **SA Boat Licence**.

Members \$180 / Non-Members \$190

31 January 2012



Essential Navigation & Seamanship

A sound intro to coastal navigation covered over 5 evening sessions. Feel confident navigating in all conditions with chart, pencil, rulers and dividers plus electronic aids such as GPS and plotters.

Members \$290

Non-Members \$300

8 November 2011

Small Keelboat Introduction

Sunday Sailing Wednesday Twilights Sailing

October - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th	October - 19th, 26th
November - 6th, 27th	November - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
December - 11th, 18th	December - 7th, 14th, 21st
January - 22nd, 29th	January - 11th, 18th, 27th
February - 12th, 19th, 26th	February - 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th
March - 11th, 25th	March - 7th, 14th, 21st

Come and join us and enjoy being out on the water with our qualified instructors for an addictive sailing experience. 3 hours of hands on sailing and get a taste of what our full courses have to offer.

All safety gear provided.

Members \$180 Non-Members \$190

School Holiday Program (8-16yo)

Held during the January Holidays, this course is a fun, informative and practical experience for school age kids.

For more info please see the website

Members \$240

Non-Members \$250

16 Jan 2012

Sea Safety & Survival Course (SSSC)

Presented by Teki Dalton (YA Instructor and Examiner), this course is a requirement for Category 1 Offshore Racing.

Members \$270

Non-Members \$290

5-6 November 2011

J24 Keelboat Weekender

A two day learn to sail course on a J24

Members \$350

Non-Members \$375

19 November 2011



IRC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Great news! We have had a record fleet of 13 yachts entered into the 2011-12 IRC State Championships—7 from CYCSA and 6 from RSAYS.

We welcome 5 new yachts into the series—Patrice IV (Beneteau 45), White Knights (Sydney 38), Vulcan (Beneteau 44.7), Aikin (Ker 11.3), and Enchantress (Muihead 11).

Should be some hot competition this season!



IRC DIV 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

More good news! Due to the increased interest and numbers of IRC Certificates, we have decided to introduce the

'IRC DIVISION 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS'

This new series will consist of 8 inshore races, including 3 x Premier's Cup Regatta and 3 x Great Southern Regatta races.

The response for this series has been excellent and well supported by other Clubs such as PASC (Peer Gynt, Bolistik, Deja Vu, Blue Max and Jumpin Jack Flash), RSAYS (Take 5 and Freedom). CYCSA is currently being represented by Young Einstein. So far we have 8 starters and are hopeful Seahawk and Poppy may join in.

Looks like exciting times ahead for IRC in South Australia!