



Sailing News

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This newsletter includes articles of interest to SYC owners and crews relating to club sailing activities and racing.

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SYC's Robyn Brooke ORCV 2006 Racer of the Year

ORCV 2006 Ocean Racer of the Year - Robyn Brooke:

- ◇ Affectionately known to her sailing colleagues and friends as 'Madam Lash'.
- ◇ Sailed with George Shaw on BOOTS in the 2003 Osaka Race (after which George was awarded Ocean Racer of the Year).
- ◇ Has sailed on BOOTS in the majority of subsequent races including skippering the boat in several races (when George was side-lined after back surgery) in this season's Offshore Championships winning performance.
- ◇ Is a major supporter of women in sailing and skippered BOOTS in this year's Port Fairy race with an all-female crew.
- ◇ Is involved in organizing sailing experiences for disadvantaged youth members (from foster homes).
- ◇ Was a major supporter of the development program (newletters, information seminars etc) for this year's Vanuatu and Mackay races.
- ◇ Was aboard BOOTS for the whole of the Boomerang Series and for the trip back to Melbourne (first boat home from those that complete the Series).

George's comments on Robyn:

"Robyn is one of the very few women to have done the Melbourne to Osaka race. She also did M2V double handed and came 2nd. I think she has competed in every ORCV race during the past 4 years except one Hastings race. She is a big component of the BOOTS crew who have been runners up for the offshore championship in 2004 and 2005 and won the latest year. During the last year she skippered BOOTS twice - with a mixed crew to Grassy and a women-only crew to Port Fairy.

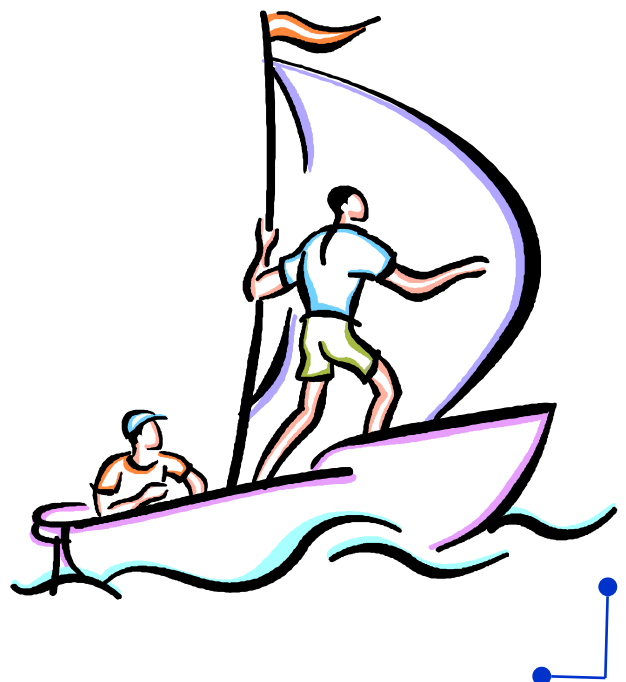
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She readily gives time to help any yacht with provisioning assistance for long races and has helped with getting 'sail-mail' organised. She is always taking people new to sailing out for their first yachting experience and is also involved in organising disadvantaged youth members (from foster homes) for sailing experiences."

Congratulations to Robyn from all her friends at SYC.



Race 8, which is part 2 of the **Alan Shields Trophy** started at 1030 hours on Saturday the 26th August. Both divisions were given the same course (#22) starting in a southerly direction towards SYC mark #5. This was an off the wind start with spinnakers blossoming just before the gun in a very, very light breeze. The wind this winter series must be the lightest on record with most races being held in less than 5 to 10 knots. Twelve division 1 boats started with 16 division 2 boats following. The wind was constantly varying in direction which kept everyone on their toes. Both divisions had their course shortened but the larger boats did an extra triangle. A *Crewed Interest* was first to finish at 1451hrs followed 10 seconds later by *SS Feathersword* and then *Watermark II*. The first division 1 entrant was again *Goldfinger* and then *Bullistic* with a well sailed *Sportscar* (the new variety) third across the line.

Martin Power

Winter Results

DIVISION 1

| VYC | IRC | AMS |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Fun & Games | Fun & Games | Fun & Games |
| Sportscar | Musketeer | Barnstormer |
| Frenzy | Barnstormer | Ultimate Tune |

DIVISION II

| VYC | IRC | AMS |
|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Mystique V | Watermark | Watermark |
| Saltshaker | Wavelength | Rhiannon |
| Rhiannon | A Crewed Interest | Wavelength |

The Alan Shields Trophy was won by Alan Edwards sailing Fun and Games in Division 1, Division 2 was KenGayler in Saltshaker.

PFD Regulations

A reminder about the regulations regarding the wearing of PFDs during adverse weather conditions.

1. Marine (Personal Flotation Devices and Other Safety Equipment) Regulations 2005 came into effect on 1 December 2005. These regulations mandate the wearing of PFDs under certain conditions. The full text can be obtained from <http://www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au/>
2. In addition, Sandringham Yacht Club strongly recommends that a personal flotation device (PFD) be worn by all crewmembers while racing in club events in strong winds, during the hours of darkness or at

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other times when it is deemed prudent. This recommendation is the responsibility of the owner / skipper to enforce, not the Race Officer.

3. Sandringham Yacht Club mandates that all crew sailing boats not fitted with lifelines must wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times.

Source: SYC Safety Manual, Section 3.7 'Wearing of Personal Flotation Device (PFD) During Adverse Weather Conditions'

Safe Sailing

Marissa McManus

YV Measurement Handicaps Weighing Day Sunday 17th September From 0830 at SYC

The Annual Weighing Day for boats that have not been weighed for AMS or IRC Handicaps or which have made changes that affect their weights, will be held this Sunday 17th September at SYC.

The cost is \$120 and a time slot can be booked through Heather at YV on 9597 0066 until Friday afternoon. If you wish to weigh your boat and have not booked a time slot then call John Chatham on 0419 369 971 and he will give you a time slot and fix up the paper work on the day.

All new sails (largest headsail, mainsail and largest spinnaker) or any altered sails **must** be re-measured by a **Measurer** before they are used in an AMS or IRC race. Sails may not be measured by sailmakers.

John Chatham

Around the Stix Winter Race 9

ORCV Queenscliff to Westernport

Around the Stix race 9 was started at 1330 hours on Saturday the 2nd of September in a variable breeze of about 2 knots. At 1335hrs the sixteen division 2 boats drifted through the line towards SYC mark #1, intermingled with the eleven Division 1 boats. The wind slowly increased to 10 knots ESE, allowing boats to gather speed. Again a very slow race of light breezes with *Goldfinger* first across the line at 1522, Bullistic second and a very good third from John Chatham's newly acquired *38 Degrees South* who was the 1st boat to the 1st mark. Due to the light conditions several of the Division 2 starters did not complete the course in the required time but *SS Feathersword* was first, followed by *A Crewed Interest* and *Wavelength*. The last race of the series, race 10, will be run this Saturday and the scene is set for some close series finishes as there are a number of boats who could win if they have a good race.

In VYC Div 1 *Fun and Games* will be trying to hold on to their slim lead over *Musketeer* and *Ultimate Tune* and in VYC Div 2 *Decisive* will need to hold off *SS Feathersword* to win the series.

In IRC Div 1 *Musketeer* will be battling *Fun and Games* again while in Div 2 *Wavelength* will have to contend with *Watermark II* to win the series.

In AMS Div 1 *Blue Chip*'s series win could be under threat if *Bullistic* beats them while in Div 2 *Wavelength* looks to have a more comfortable lead from *Watermark II*.

Good luck to all boats and thanks for a great season.

Martin Power

Winter Results

| DIVISION 1 | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| VYC | IRC | AMS |
| Anna | 38 Degrees South | Blue Chip |
| Blue Chip | Fun &Games | Ultimate Tune |
| Ultimate Tune DR Unc | | Fun &Games |
| DIVISION II | | |
| VYC | IRC | AMS |
| Copyright | Wavelength | Wavelength |
| SS Feathersword | Watermark | Watermark |
| Revenge | A Crewed Interest | Revenge |

The Esplanade Hotel in Queenscliff saw a large contingent of ORCV members on Friday evening 'preparing' for the following days race to Westernport.

A very civilised start time of 0830 hrs was appreciated by many – in particular those boats that found themselves aground in the Queenscliff cutting in the morning. It's always much easier to deal with such mishaps in daylight.

The sou/south-east breeze of 20 to 30 knots had the fleet beating away to Cape Schank. This combined with the 2 – 3 metre swell made for a wet and bruising ride, in particular for the smaller boats. Eleven boats decided enough was enough and retired.

Once around Cape Schank, cracked off sheets meant things settled down a little for the run to the finish.

The hospitality provided by the navy at Cerberus was wonderful. Hot showers, plenty of food, and dryers for wet gear!!

Sandringham boats that had podium finishes were *Veloce*, *INSX*, *A Crewed Interest*, *Young Ones* and *Vapour Trail*.

Anthony Micheletto

Race Winners

Division A

IRC Fuzzy Logic
AMS Fuzzy Logic
PHD Spirit of Downunder

Division B

IRC INSX
AMS Vapour Trail
PHD Young Ones

Overall Winners

Division A

IRC Shogun
AMS Toecutter
PHD Secret Men's Business #1

Division B

IRC Vapour Trail
AMS Vapour Trail
PHD First Act