



# Sailing News

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This newsletter includes articles of interest to SYC owners and crews relating to club sailing activities and racing. If you have any news that you would like to provide for future editions please email to **Sailing News** on **boatingco@syc.com.au**.

## Around the Stix @SYC Winter Race # 1

The first race of the 'Around the Stix' winter series was held on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> May on a classic autumn afternoon with beautiful clear skies, brisk temperatures and light winds.

Eleven boats in Division 1 started course #19 in 8 to 10 knots of SSW breeze. Goldfinger lead to the first mark of what was a reasonably true beat to buoy #5 followed by Bullistic and the rest of the fleet. The wind started easing and went a little left and between buoys 2 and 3 the leading Division 1 boats started overtaking the shorter course Division 2 fleet, who were racing course 16. As the wind dropped out more the leading Div 2 boats kept pace with the middle of the Div 1 fleet.

First boat home was Goldfinger followed by Bullistic 11 minutes behind and 3<sup>rd</sup> across the line was Musketeer another 13 minutes in arrears.

Twenty Division 2 boats started with Run Run Run the first home followed by SS Feathersword and Watermark II in a dying breeze. The backmarkers struggled to finish in only 3 knots of wind but all boats managed to complete the course just within the time limit.

A good opening round for the series with hopefully more boats entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> round on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June which is the Alan Shields Trophy starting at 1030 hours. Nine Sandy boats competed in the ORCV Apollo Bay race on the same day but these boats should be available for the rest the season.  
(Martin Power)

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You don't have to sail to be part of the club so why not join the Race Management team. Call Vicki on 9598 7444

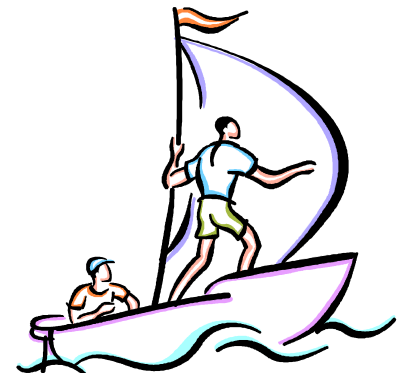
## Results

### Division 1

VYC	IRC	AMS
Bullistic	Goldfinger	Blue Chip
Blue Chip	Musketeer	Bullistic
Goldfinger	Fun and Games	Goldfinger

### Division 2

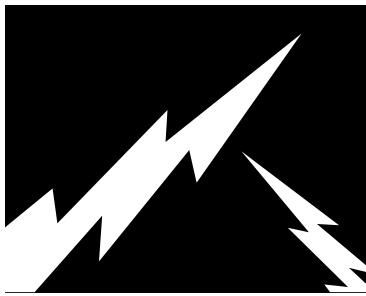
VYC	IRC	AMS
Run Run Run	Watermark II	Watermark II
SS Feathersword	SS Feathersword	Run Run Run
Copyright	Wavelength	SS Feathersword



## Osaka Trophy

Peter Blake was presented with the inaugural Osaka Trophy at the SYC Presentation Night last Friday night. The trophy is awarded to the line honours SYC yacht to complete the Melbourne – Osaka two – handed yacht race. Peter and Simon Blake successfully completed the last race in 2003.

The trophy was made by JP Macquet and displays the shell fired from the HMAS Warrnambool to start the 1991 race. The next race is in March 2007.



## Weather Seminar at SYC

Kenn Batt will be presenting a one day seminar at SYC on the 9th July 2006. This course will be taken by the famous Kenn Batt who has been with the Bureau of Meteorology since 1975 and has since worked as a meteorologist in most Australian States and Antarctica. He is an expert in marine forecasting and between 1989 and 2001 worked as a marine and severe weather forecaster. As well as all of his experience with the Bureau of Meteorology, Kenn is also an accomplished yachtsman having competed in many competitions over the years including eight Sydney to Hobart races.

This course will be focusing on general weather forecasting with a specific emphasis on Port Phillip Bay. It will run as a one day course on Sunday July 9th. The cost of the course is \$45.00 per person which includes lunch (pot & parma). At this great price book in now to avoid disappointment!

If you have any further questions please contact the office on 9598 7444 or office@syc.com.au

## Farewell to Rolls Ross

Rolls Ross travelled to Tin Can Bay for the Bay 2 Bay on the weekend and we did quite well. We were able to race in a class race (12 Ross 780s) as well as in our division (48 entries) and for the overall title (just over 160 entries). This year the organisers had both a CBH (Class Based Handicap) and a PBH (Performance Based Handicap) result so we naturally aimed at the CBH (similar to the AMS calculation) which is the more challenging and they gave us a very high PBH.

We did bring home some silverware with the following results:

Ross 780 line honours 1st

(won line honours both days)

Ross 780 PBH 2nd

Division CBH 1st

Overall CBH 2nd

(beaten on rating by a 'modified' Sonata)

Both days were very challenging this year with no opportunity to fly a kite on the Saturday and the wind gusts getting up above 25 knots at one stage in choppy conditions with wind against tide. We did get to fly a kite on the Sunday albeit for a total of around 10 minutes - so 10 minutes under a shy kite for over 7 hours of racing. Not exactly what I had published in the brochure for the crew who travelled up from Victoria - it was t-shirts and shorts however.....

This was the last race we will be competing in under the SYC sail number, that will be changed this week to reflect her new home at RQYS. We have loved representing the club at so many events over the last 18 months and look forward to returning on May 26 for the presentation night.

Happy sailing!

Rod Caldwell

## Race Abandonment

## What constitutes an abandonment

It is the decision of the Race Officer to exercise the option to abandon a race or event. This decision will be based on existing and forecast weather, sea state and water temperature conditions with due regard to time limits on races where time limits are specified in the notice of race. The Race Officer will also take into account the Race Safety Category under which the event is being conducted. Race abandonment may be decided prior to the start of a race or, when able, decided during a race event and communicated via radio where the race safety category mandates the carrying of radios. (SYC safety manual -3.3 Race Abandonment)

### Guide for SYC races Category 4 and 6 races

<i>Race Category</i>	<i>Race Type</i>	<i>Wind Speed</i>	<i>Wind Description</i>
<i>Category 4</i>		<i>More than 34 knots</i>	<i>Gale Warning</i>
<i>Category 6</i>		<i>More than 34 knots</i>	<i>Gale Warning</i>
<i>Category 6</i>	<i>No Extras</i>	<i>More than 34 knots</i>	<i>Gale Warning</i>
<i>Category 6</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>More than 25 knots</i>	<i>Strong Wind increasing trend</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>More than 25 knots</i>	<i>Strong Wind increasing trend</i>
	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>More than 25 knots</i>	<i>Strong Wind increasing trend</i>
	<i>WISC</i>	<i>More than 25 knots</i>	<i>Strong Wind increasing trend</i>
<i>Group K Boats</i>		<i>To 25 knots</i>	<i>Wind increasing</i>
<i>Class Boats</i>	<i>One Design</i>	<i>Per class limit</i>	

*‘THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A BOAT’S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RACE OR TO CONTINUE RACING IS HERS ALONE.’* (YA RACING RULES OF SAILING 2005-2008 FUNDAMENTAL RULE 4)

(Marissa Mc Manus -from SYC Safety Manual 2006 –2007, 3.4 A guide for Race Abandonment)

## Safety and Survival Course

June 22nd, 2006

This course is composed of two modules - Theory and Practical.

THEORY component dates are: June 22nd, 23rd and 29th from 7.00pm - 10.00pm at Sandringham Yacht Club.

The PRACTICAL component will be at SYC on Saturday June 29th from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

The ‘wet drill’ will then be held off site at a local pool during the afternoon.

If a student has a First Aid Level II certificate and a Marine Radio Operators Licence then the SSS certificate will be ISAF compliant.

Completion of this course is required for 50% of all crew in Cat 1 or 2 ocean races and highly recommended for the remainder of the crew.

The cost is \$270 for both components.

For further information please contact the Boating Academy on 9598 7444 or office@syc.com.au

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