

UP THE RIVER



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2013-2014 Club Champions*



*Pictured are Club Champions who attended Presentation Day 2014, with Mayor Roy Maggio (4th from right).

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Cover: Presentation Day 2014 Champions.



Above: My kids Timothy and Eleanor Donovan receiving their Participation Awards for Junior Herons. Hey... any medal is a good one!

– Nicole



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2014/15 season. The Race Committee, led by our new Commodore, Duncan McRae, has developed a packed program of 31 Saturdays of competition sailing. Our Discover Sailing Centre, under the leadership of Training Centre Principal, David Loring, and our team of YA Accredited Instructors, under the leadership of David McClean, will again provide a fantastic training experience for juniors through our regular Saturday morning program and our learn to sail program for adults.

When you return to the Club you will notice that the ramp has been upgraded. A team, under the leadership of Reg Wilkins, Clubhouse Officer, has where necessary replaced damaged timber and turned remaining planks to provide us with a secure entry to the Club. Thank you to all those involved in this work.

Regrettably, the news is not as good for the beach. Although the beach is a public access to the river, it is a key resource for our Club. Therefore, a number of years ago the Club applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from the Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program to enable the first stage of a remediation program for this public asset; a hydrological

study be undertaken by a suitably qualified professional organisation. The grant requires matching funding from other sources to enable it to be released. The grant, extended for 12 months in September 2013, will expire on 31st August. During the off season Committee members met with the Honourable Anthony Roberts MP, member for Lane Cove, and His Honour the Mayor of Ryde, Mr Roy Maggio, to continue to discuss sources for matching funding, regrettably with no success. After speaking with his office, I have written to the Honourable Anthony Roberts MP seeking his intervention with the relevant Minister to again extend the grant.

Last February members approved a proposal that the boat storage area be extended. To enable funding for one of the largest projects in the Club's history a Fund Raising Committee has been formed. John Glasson and David Loring head the team this year. At Presentation Day, the Honourable Anthony Roberts MP, announced his support for the provision of \$20,000 toward our extension. Over the winter John and David submitted the required application to secure this funding through a Community Building Partnership 2014 Grant. We do not

expect a formal response to the application until December.

I am sure we are all very keen to do what we can to secure funding for the extension. For our fundraising efforts to be maximised the Club must present a consistent position to all sources of funding. Therefore, all fundraising for the extension needs to be directed through the Fundraising Committee. If you believe you have a source for funds please speak to John and David prior to taking any action.

Over the next month the Club will submit the DA for the extension. There has been significant work in reaching this first milestone including drafting of plans and engineering specifications. Approval has been

provided for the expenditure of the application fee.

I would like to congratulate all those elected to the Committee for the season, many returning from previous seasons. Our Committee is supported by many members who volunteer to take on tasks that enables the smooth operation of the Club. Our volunteering and family culture are strengths of CRSC envied by many; strengths that allow the load to be spread amongst many.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the water for our first race on 6th September, the Melrose Trophy 1.

*Regards
Chris Gildersleeve
CRSC President*

CRSC WORKING BEE Saturday 30th August - 9am

- **Sail Numbers**
- **Customised Boat Names**
- **Boat Graphics**
- **Sponsor Logos**
- **High Quality Vinyl**
- **Graphic Design**

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

At I write this, I'm sitting in my long polar fleece pants, usually reserved for the coldest of nights sandwiched between thermal underwear and foulies.

The boat sits forlornly in the front yard, huddling under a tarp gathering sap droppings and providing a warm spot out of the wind for the neighbourhood cat.

Popping out on a sunny day for a pleasant sail is farthest from my mind... then the reminders popped up. Trailer rego, boat insurance, sailing calendars, a blustery SW'ster on a crystal clear sunny day.

As your new Commodore, first let me introduce myself.

I've been sailing at CRSC with my son, Lewis, in NS14s for about four years. In previous lives (single and fancy free, DINK, you get the idea) I spent a fair amount of spare time sailing. Those times taught me a few things, such as being cold, tired and hungry can be fun (when it stops). More importantly, that sailing brings many like-minded people together from all walks of life. What they share is a love for the weather, wind, water, competition and the camaraderie that comes with it.

I am humbled to have been elected

your Commodore for this season, and hope I can follow the fine example set by our departing Commodore, Chris Gildersleeve, and his predecessors.

Race Committee

The RC met on the 24th July, reviewed and approved a few changes to the Sailing Instructions for this season, and finalised this year's Calendar.

Changes to the SI consisted of alterations posted during the course of the last season and some minor house keeping, in addition, the minimum age restriction for the use of Club Spirals in the Intermediate and afternoon races has been removed, younger members may now seek permission to use the Club boats in these races.

It is your responsibility to be familiar with the Sailing Instructions and Racing Rules of Sailing. These define the rules under which we compete and ensure fair competition.

This year's Race Committee consists of Class Captains continuing from last season:

A-Class - Ross Venner

Cadet - David McClean

Catamaran - Adrian Heap

Junior Heron - Adrian Carrick

Spiral - Les Donovan

Tasar - John Bombell

New Appointments:

Heron - Wayne Spencer

Intermediate Spiral - Jonathan Gough

with Jacquie Lindstrom as Deputy

Class Captain

NS14 - Barry Roy

Other members of the RC:

John Burwood, Andrew Hardman,

Chris Loring, Alan Swindells,

Jonathan Talbot, Gary Ormes, Murray

Dismorr.

Please support your Class Captains where possible, especially new appointments as they find their feet.

Race Management & Rescue:

I welcome the re-election of our tireless PRO, Craig Burwood, and those volunteers who spare their Saturdays to man the rescue vessels. I have little concern that they will again provide a well run season of races.

Handicapper:

Paul Gurr has again accepted the position of Handicapper. We have a robust and dependable handicap system we can be proud of at CRSC, thanks to Paul's dedication.

Yardstick Handicaps (for Cats and A-class) will be posted prior to the first race.

Season Preparation

Prior to hitting the water, I remind members to attend to the following

items, which are marginally less attractive than boat maintenance.

Insurance

All vessels must be insured for at least \$5M public liability. Apart from being a requirement of entry, it is in everyone's interest that your boat is insured appropriately.

Fees

Due on the first day of racing, although the drop-dead date of 31st October remains. Failure to pay by this date will result in you not being scored for the season.

Our first race will be the traditional warm-up Melrose Series on the 6th September. Herons are duty class for September.

I look forward to seeing you all on and off the water, for another season of firm competition.

If you have any questions or issues regarding the SI, race management, or protests, please feel free to talk to myself or another member of the Race Committee. Remember, we are there to help; and no, we're not from the Government!

Duncan McRae

CRSC Commodore

PRESENTATION DAY Sunday 25th May 2014



The most wonderful location for a picnic.



The perfect campfire circle... remember when there is nothing to burn, then pretend with an esky!



Club Secretary Sandra Donovan with long time Club Supporters Edna Wilde and Jim Hull.



Anthony Roberts MP, with 2013-2014 CRSC President Craig Burwood, John Alexander MP and Jim Simpson.



Anthony Roberts dog, whom I'm sure EVERYONE met on the day...



Cat sailor Chris Stevens with Ryde Mayor Roy Maggio.



The really boring bit of waiting around for the really fun bit. ☺
 Bryson Carew, Graysen Brettover, Lachlan Johnson, Chris Gough, Katie Dismorr and Rebecca Nash.



The Bolton Clan!



Cadet / Optimist Club Champion Sachi Clapham.



The anticipation from the Juniors...



Hanna Nash – Winner of the coveted Bailing Bucket.



It fits perfectly!



Peter Bates, winner of the Ryde Bicentennial Trophy.



Winner of the Chris Lloyd Owen Junior Heron Clubman Award Dylan Clapham.



Rachael Hardman receiving her award from Anthony Roberts and David McClean.



Trainee Encouragement Award winner Thom Hardman (M) with David McClean and Mayor Roy Maggio.



Barry Roy being the perfect Club Member – reading UTR from back to front!



Anthony Roberts with Graysen Brettover and Bryson Carew.



Anthony Roberts MP (Left) and Mayor Roy Maggio (Far Right) presenting the Canteen Assistants (L to R) Virginia Swindells, Kristina Burwood, Melinda Hardman, Sharon Carrick, Kay Williams and Kathy Gough.



The Trainers! Chris Gildersleeve with Anthony Roberts, and Lachlan Johnson, Bryson Carew, Mayor Roy Maggio, Katie Dismorr, Bec Nash, David McClean, Chris Gough and Lachlan Johnson.



Melinda Hardman and Sharon Carrick on the job.



Mayor Roy Maggio presenting to Ron Bolton.



The Juniors! (L to R) Hamish Campbell-Whittaker, Shaun Carrick, Lachlan Johnson, Lina Kayser, Sachi Clapham, Lizzie Bredhauer, Hannah Carrick.



Anthony Roberts MP, with Craig Burwood, Chris Gildersleeve and Mayor Roy Maggio (centre), presenting the Finishers with a thank you! (L to R) Ron Burwood, Roy Maggio, Ron Bolton, Ron and Virginia Swindells.



Blast from the past... Janelle Grimwood with her beautiful daughter – presenting the Charles Grimwood Memorial Trophy.

FROM THE ARCHIVES #23

During the 1971/72 season, on the water fleet numbers continued to grow. The newest Class – the NS14s – was now attracting 12 regular starters with a couple of converts from the Heron Class. One of whom was Ted Kendrick, our regular starter until a few seasons ago. It was recorded in the February 1972 UTR that Don and Ann Melrose had taken out 6th place in the NS14 Australian Championship sailed in Adelaide and was currently leading in the Travellers Trophy series.

The Heron Class now boasted the largest fleet in the Club with many new members, including current member Ron Swindells and family, bringing up the number of boats to over 20. Three CRSC Herons skippered by Chris Lloyd-Owen, Charles Grimwood and J. Crocker, also sailed in the Jax Trophy Team races at Koonawarra Bay where the last race was abandoned due to wild weather preventing the finalisation of results. Unfortunately these were not listed in later UTRs still held in archives but there are many missing issues of our magazine from the early years. There must have been a few safety issues about the buoyancy of capsized Herons as back then there was little built in buoyancy in the boats so extra was provided

with buoyancy bags. These were promoted in UTR by saying that a little extra side buoyancy can give a quick recovery after capsize and it was advised that The Heron Association had buoyancy bags for sale.

The Skate Class had 8 or 9 boats sailing regularly in Club events. Also a few sailed in Interclub race with 5 Interclub trophies being won by CRSC sailors, the Class Captain was asking for more Skate Class members to sail in these interclub events as additional skills and experience could be gained by sailing in a fleet of 30 or more boats when compared to just sailing against fewer boats in club races. The Class Captain also commented on the previous Easter Regatta at Gosford where bad sportsmanship had been shown by some of the top boats. They either went home or did not sail on the Sunday when there were only light conditions and he finished with the following *“This is bad publicity and I hope that our boats refrain from doing this kind of thing unless gear is broken. Remember to win races, you must first sail and then finish races.”* In other words, have pride in our Club’s reputation. Also I noted in the UTR of February, 1972 that there was a “Skate Boys’ Night Out” hosted by Barry Roy (current NS14 skipper) at the Western

Suburbs Rugby Union Club. This was the second such night held by the Skates at this venue and I quote from the article *“A good night was had by all”*. However it does not report on what the ‘good night’ was all about. The Skates also organised a Car Rally to be held on 19th March, 1972 with proceeds going to Club Funds.

Our VJ Class was also experiencing good fleets averaging around 11 regular starters. This Class was now run by the Vee Jay Amateur Sailing Association and CRSC had 3 members holding positions in it. The approval of the fibreglass hull was passed but the vote on the aluminium spars and wooden fin had not been resolved as at September, 1971.

The Cadets in the Manly Juniors were also going well and the first UTR of the season reported that it should be a strong class when school holidays and winter sporting activities were over – sounds a little familiar. Within the members there were two very familiar names with Malcolm Lloyd-Owen in “RUFUS” and Allen Grimwood in “ASSASSIN” sailing with crews in this class – these then boys must have loved the names on their fathers’ boats to transfer then to the MJs. Some boats sailed in the selection trials for the NSW State Titles to be held at Yarra Bay SC in late February of these Alan Broadbent sailing “URUNGA” qualified to sail in the titles. CRSC was

represented in the National Titles by 5 of our MJs and Alan Broadbent sailed well to claim a second place.

Finally for coverage on this season Tom Macey, Editor of UTR, in the November, 1971 issue was commenting on the grumbling which was going on in some areas about members who showed a marked disinclination to do their share of boat lifting. He said they should remember this little poem:-

“TRY NOT TO BE A LEANER.

There are two kinds of people of the earth today.

Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.

Not the good and the bad, for ‘tis well understood

That the good are half bad and the bad are half good.

No! the two kinds of people on earth today I mean

Are the people who lift and the people who lean.”

Please read this again as it can still apply to us today when we do not take part in some of the things we should to keep our Club functioning in a good way.

Also the February, 1972 issue of UTR had a couple of request with one being that all boats of other classes

keep clear of the starting line for 5 minutes before the start of a particular class. As well the Club was looking for someone for an interesting volunteer job for a non sailing 'man' (these days we would need to use 'person' instead of 'man') to coordinate activities on shore for each Saturday. I think currently David Loring was looking for a similar person so see him if you think you can help him. Some things never change!!!

The season finished with the Club Presentation Day which was held on 2nd June, 1972.

Not long after this the Annual General Meeting was held on 22nd June and following the routine of all AGMs the President, Secretary and Treasurer gave their Annual Reports. Some work had been carried out on our Constitution and some changes were presented to members present and they were passed. There were no changes to the fee structure for the coming season 1972/73 except that Junior Fees would be \$5 and the Cadet fee was discontinued in accordance to the revised constitution.

The election of office bearers for the 1972/73 season saw Ted Kendrick come in as President with Graeme Thompson Vice President, Arthur Jones remained Commodore with Dennis Holm, Secretary and Peter Crichton elected Treasurer. The

Management Meetings continued to be held at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club and this was the season when the Club obtained its first post box address – P.O. Box 121, Ryde which was held for 38 years up until 2010 when it was decided that a post box at Putney would be a better option for our Secretary, Sandra Donovan, to collect our mail.

This season saw more members rigging on the northern side of the river however this period was when our progress on relocation slowed right down. The Committee decided to write to Ryde Council to get Public Toilets and provision for drinking water for Kissing Point Park but was told almost immediately that the council did not think these facilities were necessary. The sailors on that side of the river then asked if portable toilets could be provided on Club Championship days but this did not eventuate. However the NS14 Association arranged for these for an Association event at the cost of \$11.24 for the two toilets.

This season saw another Class start up at CRSC – the Moth Class with 5 boats initially. Generally many new members joined the Club during the season helping raise the numbers in various classes.

During this season the Club members became incensed by the

level of pollution in the river which had been bad for some years. At the end of September, 1972 the Secretary wrote an official letter of complaint to the Pollution Control Board and sent a copy to the local State Member of Parliament, Leroy Mutton. I am not sure what good this did as there does not appear to be a record of an answer.

During this season lot more of the Committee's time was taken up with the problem of relocation from the south side of the river. An on site meeting was organised with the State Planning Authority, Ryde Council, Maritime Services Board and the local member and it was reported that this went well. The Planning Authority was to reconsider the matter and said an answer would be forthcoming within two weeks but repeated contacts with that Authority could not produce an answer. So a letter was written to the local State Member to get his assistance. He advised that the delay had been due to the Authority attempting to find an alternative site in private ownership but had been unsuccessful. The Club was informed that a decision would be made by 1st December, 1972. During January, 1973 we were informed that the Authority had advised Ryde Council that it had no objections to the modified proposal for the Club House subject to certain conditions.

A further on site meeting was arranged for 26th February, 1973 to which local residents were invited, this apparently went well with our Development Application to go before the Ryde Council's next meeting. However things did not go the Club's way as a local resident, Miss Gwen Johnstone, had written a letter with an accompanying petition signed by 22 residents objecting to the proposal. A public meeting was then proposed to be held on 2nd April, 1973 and notice to this effect was placed in The Weekly Times. Our Club Representative, B. Fryer, then reported to the Management Committee Meeting on 18th April that the last council meeting was not favourable as certain Aldermen had withdrawn their support for the Club. The Council was taking legal opinion on a rescission motion. So CRSC held an extraordinary Management Committee Meeting on the northern bank of the river opposite the Club House and decided to engage a solicitor to act for us in this matter. Also during the course of this meeting it was observed that this particular site did have possibilities for a new Club House.

The February, 1973 issue of Up The River reported that at the Club Meeting just prior to this issue Don Melrose had given an excellent lecture "*on wind patterns and behaviour, and*

his tips on where to find this sometimes elusive element amongst the headlands and sheltered bays of our sailing course, certainly gave us plenty to think about. Perhaps, to many of us, a Northeaster is just a wind that blows from the north east only, but with Don's demonstration of a typical wind pattern graph, we learnt something of the cycles of variation in a wind direction and strength, plus many more finer points of wind behaviour."

I guess all of what about talked about 41 years ago would not be fully correct today due to the fact we now have more trees which have grown taller as well as the additional taller buildings around the river which as many long time members would know has made changes as to how to sail our North East #2 Course.

Also to improve the Club Members' sailing abilities the Management at the Club Meeting promoted the use of 16 m.m. sound films on aspects of sailing, boating and safety and also registered with the Film Council of NSW which had over 5,000 films on a wide range of topics. These were screened at Club Meetings. The item said "*The films will be chosen from such that deal with sailing technique, competitive spirit, training, rules, coordination, fair play, general allied sporting interest and others.*" So after all the skippers viewing this wide ranging selection how could they not

become good sailors who were quite competitive on the waters away from the Club's river courses.

At this time two Club improvements were announced with the first being that the starting boat would now have a Class Insignia Flag to fly when each Class started. The second was the availability of white "T" shirts with our Club's name or initials on the back at a price of \$2 each with some of the profit going to the M.J. Association. This was considered as a good promotion for our Club and also a help in fostering sailing among our Cadets.

Also during this period on 3rd February, 1973 the fleet from Dobroyd Aquatic Club paid a return visit to CRSC and on the same day a fleet of Contenders also sailed with us. One comment written was "*I heard from a couple of these skippers (who had been used to sailing in fairly open water) that they found our sailing course rather tricky, but appreciated the change*". It appears that in total 7 Classes started in the races this day and there had to be a shortening of the countdown times between classes. The first Contenders got back to the starting buoy half a minute behind the start of the last class.

The various Class Reports in the UTR were quite full of bits and pieces and one comment of interest came in

the Heron report – "*Bad luck for our NSW Titles – no petrol and a reported shortage of drinking water – no titles. Very bad luck for those who went down early, but ... no comment.*" No reasons were given for these problems and it was not recorded at which venue this catastrophe took place although it said that an impromptu race took place for the sake of having a race! Also the Heron Captain Noel Abel reported that the Heron Class was not too popular within our Club as its duty class duties were neglected. He wrote that a roster had been handed to all Class members but was virtually ignored except by a few who did their share. Obviously they were not like the very responsible Heron Class members these days.

There was also an issue of UTR in April, 1973 that started off with the usual end of season message that members would be looking at new ideas or fittings and painting of boats to get them ready for the next season. Also a mention that some may get into a winter sport together with the other winter duty that we all know so well – tasks to be done around our homes before the new season commences. There was not a lot to pass on now from the Class reports except the Heron Class managed to persuade the Heron Association to hold a Metropolitan Trophy Race at CRSC the following season and that

Malcolm Lloyd-Owen had taken out the Junior Heron Championship. A good piece of sportsmanship was reported when an unfortunate chap had a fatal heart attack whilst out in his small power boat and Norm Livingstone (Heron Skipper of "Beth") immediately went to his aid and got him ashore. He worked on him for 30 minutes until the ambulance came but apparently the gentleman did not recover.

The Moths captain wrote that this Class started the season slowly but got stronger and hoped for 10 Moths on the water for the following season. The Cadets captain indicated that some of the young skippers would be sailing at Belmont during the May school holidays in the Combined High School Regatta which shows that CRSC has had a long association with this event. In his report he wrote telling these juniors to remember that as well as representing their schools they were also representing CRSC.

This brings us to the end of season 1972/73 with nothing resolved on our Club House problems. I will pickup from here in next issue.

Good Sailing!!!!
Ron Burwood
Archivist

SAIL FOR CANCER *THE CURE STARTS HERE*

Once again CRSC is supporting this very worthwhile cause by sailing a heat of the Club Championship under its banner. For our new members who would not know about this, each season CRSC sponsors a Sail for Cancer Day to support the Cure Cancer Australia Foundation's research work and this will be the 20th season our members have contributed to this wonderful organisation which is doing tremendous research into finding a cure for cancer. Many Sailing Clubs around Sydney support a Sail for Cancer race in their racing calendar with some of the bigger and richer Clubs asking for \$50 race entry fee.

This year our **Sail for Cancer Day** will be held on **8th November, 2014** in conjunction with the 3rd heat of our Club Championship. To help this worthwhile cause your Committee is asking you to make a minimum Race Entry fee the amount of \$7.50 for each adult skipper with \$2.50 per crew or junior skipper, so for all two handed boats the entry fee requested is \$10.00. If you can assist with a larger amount it would certainly be put to good use by the Cure Cancer Australia Foundation to expand on its research.

The usual sheets and sponsorship forms will be available from your Class Captain during October to enable you to get behind this very worthwhile

cause. Hopefully you will be able to get additional donations from family, friends and workmates! This is also a good way for our younger members to help as well. A receipt for tax purposes covering any amount over \$2 donated can be requested by ticking the appropriate column.

On the day a specially marked container will be placed near the sign on sheets and you will be able place your donations in this. Also there will be a box nearby holding red pennants with "SAIL FOR CANCER" on them and for this race you can promote this cause to the general public by taking one and affixing it to your mast, sail or somewhere else on your boat. It would be appreciated if after the race pennants are returned to the box to put aside until next year's event.

Once again your Committee asks for your ongoing support and if you are a new member wanting more details of this fund raising day please do not hesitate to talk to your Class Captain or to me. Just remember the greater the amount we raise will assist additional further research into a cure for the scourge of dreaded cancer.

Last year we raised \$670 so let us beat this amount this time around.

Good Sailing!!!
Ron Burwood

PUTNEY

Protect shed's heritage

HISTORY OF OUR TIMES



Gregory Blaxell

EVERYONE travelling by Rivercat to and from Meadowbank Wharf will know the Halvorsen boatshed – a large, riverside building on the north bank at Putney.

When it was built by the Halvorsen family in 1937, Lars Halvorsen had recently died.

His son Harold, at age 28, had just taken over the management of the business and the responsibility for building the new boatshed.

The project was a state-of-the-art boatbuilding factory. Throughout World War II, it built many wooden craft, as long as 35m, that were fitted out as torpedo boats (known as Fairmiles).

It was also the site where the famous Halvorsen cruisers were built and where Australia's first competitor in the America's Cup, the Hood-designed yacht *Gretel*, was crafted.

The Halvorsens sold the site in 1988 to the Royal Australian Navy/Australian Defence Industries, which



Drawing of James Squire's Malting Shovel Inn and Brewery plus his hops plantation and wharf. This was later the site of the Halvorsen boatbuilding complex.

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remained there until 1997. The complex was classified as a naval refit centre.

When the boatshed reverted to private ownership, it became known as the Putney Marina.

The historical and heritage significance of the site was noted in the Sydney Harbour Catchment Regional Environmental Plan in 2005.

The Halvorsen boatshed was built on the remnants of another nationally significant industrial project.

That was James Squire's Malting Shovel Inn and Brewery at Kissing Point (now Putney), where the first licence to sell liquor was granted in 1798.

Squire may have brewed beer before that date, but Squire's Malting Shovel Brewery was the first com-

mmercial brewery built in the colony of New South Wales.

He was also one of the first growers of hops – on land adjacent to the brewery.

Plans for the redevelopment of this site are already well-advanced.

However, there is little evidence of the provision for a serious archaeological study of these two important industrial enterprises – Squire's Wharf, Inn and Brewery, and the 20th century Halvorsen boatbuilding complex – that shared this site on the Parramatta River.

Ryde Council is the consent authority for the redevelopment of this site. It must ensure that it is protected against the destruction of its heritage.

Next week: More about James Squire

From the Northern District Times, Wednesday July 23, 2014.

WINTER RAMP WORK



*The mid-week helpers on the Ramp during winter 2014. Thank you gentlemen for your efforts, and for working under such dangerous conditions... no side rail, no boards, no hats and the Danger sign to prove it! At least the Safety Things were left at home this time.
Photos supplied by Reg Wilkins.*



Check out this link for the Discover Sailing footage featuring CRSC.

<http://www.yachting.org.au/participation/discover-sailing/australia-wide-discover-sailing-day-27-oct-2013-club-resources/>

2014 DISCOVER SAILING DAY AT CRSC IS SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 10AM TO 4PM

CLASS REPORTS

Junior Heron

Hello again it's me Adrian Carrick reporting in for the new season 2014-2015. Last year was a good year – hopefully this season will be as good as last season.

This season I am looking forward to seeing more boats and newer skippers and crew. Hopefully this season we



will have a more consistent breeze and sometimes a stronger breeze. It would be great to see some of the Cadets move up into a bigger boat and let's hope there are more boats out sailing.

The first race of the season is on the 06-September-14. Hopefully this is your year to win Junior Heron Champion.

Adrian Carrick
Junior Heron Class Captain



Club Champions for Junior Herons 9235 Billy Blue Lachlan Johnson with crew Katie Dismorr. Pictured with MP John Alexander.



Junior Heron Class Captain Adrian Carrick (L) with John Alexander MP and Shaun Carrick.



John Alexander MP with Thom and Andrew Hardman.



Graham Carrick, John Alexander MP with Brendan Carrick.



MP John Alexander and Wayne Spencer with his two daughters Kimberley and Katherine Spencer.



Intermediate Spirals



Hello everyone, it's time to stretch the legs after our winters hibernation. Traditionally September has been a great time to sail despite it being a little cool on/in the water. Wear some warm clothing or a wetsuit and work hard to keep warm. I recommend bringing a dry change of clothes for when you retire back to the Clubhouse for a cuppa.

The sailing season starts on the 6th of September, the first race being the Melrose Trophy. This is a handicap event comprising of the first two weekends giving those who are organised and ready for the sailing season a chance to fill the trophy cabinet.

I have taken over the role of Intermediate Class Captain with the able assistance of Jacquie Lindstrom as Deputy Class Captain and hope to help you achieve your goals before the

season ends. It is my hope to help you build upon skills that you have learnt in your training and coach members as much as possible so that you get the most out of sailing at CRSC.

I would like to see everyone preparing for their race (knowing the course) and getting a competitive start but more importantly having a good time on the water. Make sure all boats and equipment are put away before leaving and don't forget to sign on properly.

As Class Captain I would like to be sending emails with information regarding the Club and also relevant bits and pieces to help with your sailing progress. Email me at jgoughjg@hotmail.com with any inquiries or on 0424535222. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me whatever the question is, I will be happy to help answer it.

Jonathan Gough
Intermediate Spiral Class Captain



Anthony Roberts MP with 2014-2015 Deputy Class Captain Jacquie Lindstrom and 2013-2014 Intermediate Spiral Class Captain Bryson Carew.



Sophie Bredhauer.



Warren Brettover.



Graysen Brettover.



Lizzie Bredhauer.



Anthony Roberts MP with 2013-2014 Intermediate Spiral Class Captain Bryson Carew, presenting Lizzie Bredhauer with her Club Champion Trophy.

Catamaran



Hello, all I hope that everyone has had a good off season. I'm happy to announce that I, Adrian Heap, is Class Captain again for the 3rd year running for 2014/15.

On the June long weekend the Maricats had their National Titles at the Toukley Brass Monkey. There were 16 Maricats from CRSC, with Mark Backer representing the Club. Over all Mark got 6th out of 10 Cat rig Maricats. It was a very windy and wet long weekend. On the first day half of the Cats pulled out because it was too windy. Over all everyone had

a good weekend.

I hope that everyone is ready to start the season with all the boat repairs done (PS Jim it's about time you fix your rudders so you can go fast and make it easier on your arms). I know that I've been busy working on mine trying to make it water tight and lighter.

I'd like to say this will be my last season of being Class Captain, so start early thinking who is going to take over for next season.

*Adrian Heap
Catamaran Class Captain*



Steve Levi Cat Club Champion, with Jim Hull and Cat Class Captain Adrian Heap.



Jim Simpson (L).



Paul Scotland (M).



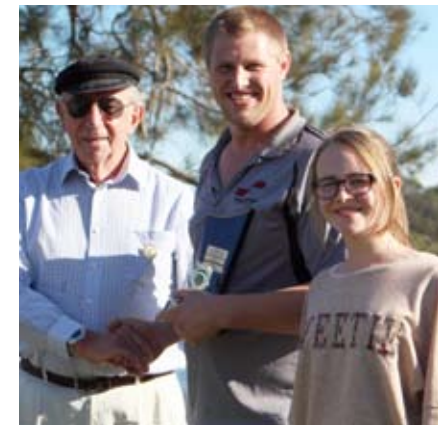
Chris Stevens with his crew Christian.



Malcolm Wiedemann (L).



Rick Prowse with Jim Hull.



Adrian Heap with Lina Kayser.

Tasar

As I sit down to write this report, I think now how many years have I been sailing the little Tasar that is now part of the landscape in my backyard. I seems that this will be my seventh year in the Tasar, and I have enjoyed every one of those years. The thing I find surprising is that I am still learning what makes them go fast.

That lead me to think of the death last year of the Tasar designer Frank Bethwaite and in reading about this remarkable man, I discovered some interesting history.



Frank was born in New Zealand and started his sailing at Wanganui Sailing Club. During the Second World War he joined the RNZAF and quickly became a Test Pilot. He rose to the rank of Squadron leader and was later decorated with a DFC. After the war he became a commercial Pilot with TEAL Airlines.

Frank moved to Sydney where he joined the CSIRO and was involved in "Cloud Seeding".

He joined Northbridge Sailing Club and formed a group that designed first the Northbridge Junior and then the Northbridge Senior (now NS14).

At the 1972 Olympics in Germany, he was the Meteorological adviser to the Australian Sailing team and met the Canadian designer of the Laser Ian Bruce. This pair spent the next 6 months in Canada and developed the design for the Tasar which has now more than 3000 boats and fleets in Australia, USA, Britain and Japan.

In 1997 he was involved with his son Julian Bethwaite in the design of the 49er, which made its debut as the Skiff Class for the 2000 Sydney Olympics. The 49er design was followed by the very popular 29er.

Frank was not a Naval Architect but had an innate sense of the Physics involve in sailing. When describing his designs one of his catch phrases was "a foil in the air, a foil in the water and a bit of low drag flotation in between".

In his 92nd year he was seen in the car park at Woollahra Sailing Club with a section of mast hanging out of the car window, running Air Flow tests.

I hope everyone has had a happy winter break and are as keen as I am to be back on the water in September.

*John Bombell
Tasar Class Captain*



Frank Bethwaite in testing mode, courtesy of Woollahra sailing Club.



Anthony Roberts MP, with Bryce Ellis and Tasar Class Captain John Bombell.



Anthony Roberts MP, with Keith Leslie and Tasar Class Captain John Bombell.

Spiral

The CRSC Spiral Class had their traditional pre-season dinner at the Star of Thailand in Gladesville on the first Saturday in August. It was sobering to see that the tanned, happy faces that I remember from last season were replaced with the pale-skinned, glassy-eyed visages that seem to be an inevitable consequence of the ravages of the off-season. Fortunately, after many consultations with the likes of Dr Lindeman, and frequent visits to Jacob's Creek, colour was restored to the cheeks of the attending Spiralers, and the world seemed a much happier place.

If the up-beat talk that reverberated around the table is any indication, next season promises to be as good as the last. I don't know if we will see any new boats or tricky gadgets in September, but I suspect that if the odd breaks of eye contact I noted in some of the tete-a-tetes around the table are



an indication, some Spiral sailors are keeping their cards close to their chests.

At the beginning of the season I will send out an email to all I have on my current list to make sure it is complete. We will continue to have brief, informal Spiral meetings at about 1:30 pm prior to each race, so please let me know at one of these meetings if you have not received email contact so I can update my list. Alternatively, you could send an email to me, but please note that I am no longer contactable at my previous Brien Holden Vision email address. All emails should be sent to our home address: **LNSDONOVAN@bigpond.com.**

So make sure you and your boat are ready for the cut-and-thrust on the water and the camaraderie on the shore that has become part of the CRSC Spiral scene.

See you in September...

Les Donovan
Spiral Class Captain



Mid-Winter Spiral Dinner at the Star of Thailand, Gladesville.



Mayor Roy Maggio and Spiral Class Captain Les Donovan presenting to Russell Shields.



Christine Carew (R).



John Burwood (L).



Tiane Burwood (L).



Glenn Hammond (R).



Steve Gough (R).

Heron



Welcome everyone back to Heron sailing for the 14/15 season at CRSC. By the time you read this the commencement of the season will only be a few short weeks away. I'd like to congratulate and thank Geoff Nash for the job he has done over recent seasons as Class Captain and also thank him for the confidence he has shown in me (Wayne Spencer, 10157 Cirrus) in passing on the baton as Heron Class Captain. Geoff will obviously still be sailing at the Club and also busy in his new role as Race Secretary for the NSW Heron Association.

I hope you've all enjoyed a relaxing off season and been able to catch up on a few jobs around the house and on the boat. I've ordered new sails for Cirrus and I'm hoping that they will be ready for the 1st weekend in September. I've done a few small jobs on the boat but still have more to do so it looks like weekends in August will be busy.

The new season is going to be a cracker for the Heron Fleet. The first events to look forward to are heat 1 of the interclub series at DAC on 1 October

and then the NSW State Titles on 22/23 November at Wangi on Lake Macquarie. Again in the second half of the season CRSC will be hosting heat 2 of the interclub series and also the 1st weekend of the Junior States. Also just after Christmas the Nationals are on in Hobart and I know some families are gearing up to make the journey south for that event.

Closer to home at Club level things look good with the 1st weekend of the two week Melrose Series on 6 September, followed by the 1st Spring Point score on 20 September and 1st Club Championship on 27 September. Herons will be on Duty Class for the first four weeks of the season, and again for another four weeks in January/February.

If anyone has any suggestions for things we could do differently as a class please feel free to approach me and let me know. I'm particularly interested suggestions aiming to build and maintain the Heron fleet size, also to increase and sustain the already strong camaraderie and enjoyment amongst the fleet.

Wayne Spencer
Heron Class Captain



Katie Dismorr and Lachlan Johnson.



New Class Captain Wayne Spencer with daughter Katherine, with Edna Wilde and 2013-2014 Class Captain Geoff Nash.



Heron Club Champions David McClean and Bec Nash, with Geoff Nash along with members of the Grimwood Family presenting the Charles Grimwood Memorial Trophy.



Thom, Andrew and Rachael Hardman with Edna Wilde.



Patrick Sullivan with Chris Gildersleeve and Edna Wilde.



Edna Wilde with Hanna Nash and Geoff Nash.



Hannah Carrick with Murray Dismorr.

NS14

Hi NS14 sailors and others.

I sort of fell into the Class Captain role as I was the only regular NS14 skipper not elected into another more 'official' roles, such as Duncan becoming Commodore, Sandra reprising her long-standing role as secretary, and Paul again agreeing to continue with his battle and skill with numbers in his continuing role as handicapper.

That left me, so I couldn't really avoid, hide, or otherwise subtly back out, hence my writings now, and hopefully not too much ramblings in future writings.

As you are most likely aware, big things are occurring in the Club, mainly the extension, and of course



the training; support on both of these will be required in the coming season.

This about sums up my report; as usual my winter layoff did not produce much in boat maintenance, the major event was putting a new cleat on my whisker pole, I hope others fared better. This was partly due to other household requirements to be attended to, and less obviously to the somewhat freezing conditions outside the house or in the garage.

I hope and pray that a due order has been placed for warmer conditions and reasonable breezes for the first few races, as winter silently slips into spring and summer.

Wishing you all a good season and happy sailing.

*Barry Roy
NS14 Class Captain*



Edna Wilde, with 2013-2014 Class Captain Duncan McRae presenting Barry Roy and his crew(S). Kristina Burwood, Kimberley Spencer, Barry Roy, Katherine Spencer and Sophie Bredhauer.



Edna Wilde, with Sandra Donovan and Duncan McRae.



Duncan McRae with son Lewis.

'A' Division

A is for Amiable - CRSC's A Class offers racing for any monohull that doesn't belong to the regular Club classes. In the 2013/14 season it was reduced to the two Firebugs, Gum Leaf and White Dwarf, of Phil Sullivan and Ross Venner. The Club also owns two donated Firebugs.

The significance of the Firebug design is that it allows adults to race a very small boat on relatively even terms with children transitioning from Optimists. It is as short as an Optimist, but has a more powerful rig, so it provides a stepping stone to other

classes for those who would be too light to compete in say, a Spiral, on stronger days during the season. 'Bugs are easily built at home, which is very much part of the A Class philosophy of promoting sailing as more than a mere sporting competition. Sailing offers a complex web of skills that can shape a life. In the A Class, a boat is a "Life time education package – with a point at one end."

What's more, the A Class can truly say, everyone is welcome.

Ross Venner
'A' Division – Class Captain



Phil Sullivan, with Mayor Roy Maggio and Class Captain Ross Venner.

Handicapper

Another season, another challenge, what will this one hold. In the handicapping world, all is the same as last year. For the Cats there is a major change to yardsticks, as Yachting Victoria, whose yardsticks we follow and now using SCHRS (ISAF rating method) as part of their calculations. The new yardsticks will be posted on the noticeboard, as the official notification.

Yardstick

Paper Tiger	92
Maricat Cat	96
Maricat Sloop	92
Maricat Super Sloop	88.5
Nacra 430	91.5
Nacra 430 + Spin	87.5

The Firebug, which doesn't have a published yardstick, will be 160.

Below is a quote I came across and thought it appropriate to gybing on a windy day.

"Whether you think you can or you can't, you're right."

— Henry Ford

Good sailing one and all

Paul Gurr
Random Number Generator



Duncan McRae presenting Handicapper Paul Gurr (Middle) and Lachlan Johnson their awards.

From the Starter's Boat

At the time of writing this report, the wind is gusting quite strongly outside, with the wind chill factor dropping the temperature down to what the weather reporters are saying is the lowest temperature recorded in recent years.

And to think that we only have about four weeks before we start the season again!!!

Given that there have been some quite windy days in the last couple of weeks, I am hoping that there is still some wind left for the season.

Whilst the usual gang will be manning the rescue craft again this season, I would like to encourage any members or partners of sailors of the Club who would like to assist, to come and discuss with any one of us if they

would like to help out. We are willing to pass our knowledge on to anybody who is willing to assist.

It would be great if we could get some additional assistants, in case that some of the usual team would like a week off occasionally.

Please feel free to come and discuss with myself, John Glasson, Ron Bolton or either Chris Gildersleeve or Duncan McRae if you are interested.

I am hoping that you have had a good off season and got all those little repairs completed on your boat.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the water shortly, where hopefully it will be a lot warmer and the winds will still be around.

See you soon on the water.

Craig Burwood
P.R.O.

The Curious Case of the Missing Kettle...

The kettle in question went missing during the mid week Winter work groups at Concord and Ryde Sailing Club – sometime between end of April 2014 and mid August 2014. Five to seven men varying in age, appearance and personalities all claimed the same fact – the Kettle was absolutely, positively nowhere to be found.

Despite a thorough search by those in attendance on various days, it was reasoned that the Kettle was either Misplaced or Stolen. This, of course, was very upsetting and painful to those present, as they had to wait until they were at home to have a cup of tea.

The case was so disturbing that it was raised at the monthly Committee Meeting in August, causing quite a heated discussion.

However, after a quick 2 minute search by Kathy Gough, thankfully the Kettle was found! Alas, it was hiding in a cupboard. Right underneath the bench where it usually sits.

GOOD ON YOU Kathy Gough! You are the saviour of many and the hero of the night. Or should we say heroine!





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