

SAILING NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021



COVID SAFE SAILING UPDATE

We have recommenced racing, and from the reports I have received, everybody is happy to get back on the water.

While the NSW Government has eased restrictions on 15 December, we still have our Covid Safety Plan. This has been kept in place due to the current Covid 19 situation. An essential element of the plan is the requirement for all boats to submit a crew declaration. Crew Declarations need to be submitted before the end of any race and certainly before the race results are being calculated. Except in extremely extenuating circumstances, the failure to submit a crew declaration will result in a DPI penalty (same as a DNF – starters in the race plus one).

If you would like to view the most recent update from Australian Sailing, then follow this [link](#).

LMYC Sailors Dominate in the 5th SheSAILS Open Regatta on Newcastle Harbour

27 -28th November 2021

Wet & windy conditions on Saturday delayed the start of the windward/leeward races on Newcastle Harbour this year, but intrepid crews were able to complete one race in the afternoon before calling it a day. With one MOB, a sail change and gear breakages, it seemed like a wise decision. Although the conditions were challenging, the tone was set for the weekend when Susie Wright, Natalie Butterworth and Katrina Killey ('Aboat Time' - representing LMYC) stormed home in a convincing win, well ahead in the fleet of Elliot 6's.



L to R : Katrina, Natalie & Susie

Sunday saw more benign conditions (a steady SSW 10 – 15 knots) and a determination to conduct as many races as possible. Five windward/leeward races were completed and a passage race along the harbour out to Nobby's & back finished the day's events.

'Aboat Time' won the regatta by scoring 6 straight wins in the windward/leewards & fourth place in the passage race.



L to R : Susie, Katrina & Natalie

In a strong second place was 'Nauti Girls' – Grace Buchan & Erin Killey (both representing LMYC) & Orla Gray (YMCA Sailing Club in Canberra). They were delighted to win the passage race after being very competitive in the windward leeward races. (3,2,2,2,4,2).



L to R : Orla, Erin & Grace

'Aqua Gals' – Antonia Patterson & Eleanor Cunningham (LMYC) & Sarah Gamble (NCYC/LMYC) came a creditable 4th. (4,3,3,5,2,5 – 5)



L to R: Sarah, Eleanor & Antonia

The impact of Covid 19 restrictions meant that interstate & Sydney based crews were unable to compete this year. Despite the reduced number of crews entering the event, there was plenty of strong competition & continuous action on the water. The cheerful camaraderie in the clubroom after the regatta was also palpable & a signature of this fabulous annual event.

If you are ever keen to watch the racing, there is a great vantage point at the Honeysuckle Hotel on the harbour. Best to book a table!

Many thanks to the race sponsors, the competitors & of course the organisers & race management team at NCYC – they sure know how to conduct a regatta!

Full results are available on the NCYC SheSAILS website.

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/22/results/series/1473/races>



L to R : Natalie, Susie, Katrina, Sarah, Eleanor, Antonia, Grace, Erin, Orla



Winners are grinners!
L to R : Susie, Natalie & Katrina



L to R : Grace, Erin & Orla

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Eleanor Cunningham
LMYC Club Captain & SheSAILS Representative

2021/22 SEASON

We haven't commenced point score racing on Wednesday yet but we have had a great fleet in both divisions for all the races in December. The results this month are:

Division 1

1 December – 1st Tow Truck (Anthony Paterson), 2nd Excess (Bruce Dobinson), 3rd Dee One (Chris Wilson)
8 December – 1st Anarchie (Paul Hannan), 2nd Sympatico (Laurie Denton), 3rd Excessive (David Nichols)
15 December - 1st Excessive (David Nichols), 2nd Excess (Bruce Dobinson), 3rd Anarchie (Paul Hannan)
22 December – 1st Pugsley (Len Lavers), 2nd Ignition (Ian Bower), 3rd Dreadnaught (Ed Hillier)

Division 2

1 December – 1st Oislet (Karl Manhood), 2nd Nymph (Keith Van Munster), 3rd Kulani (Noel Borel)
8 December - 1st The Apple (Warren Hodgkins), 2nd Beyond Cool (Mark Clement), 3rd Young and Old (Glen Picasso)
15 December - 1st Oislet (Karl Manhood), 2nd Invictus (Ross Dawson), 3rd Integrity (Michael Duggan)
22 December- 1st Another Promise (Jeff Quirk), 2nd Oislet (Karl Manhood), 3rd Kulani (Noel Borel)

The Wednesday Summer Point score will commence on Wednesday 5 January 2022

RACING RESULTS

Saturday – Annual Pointscore

With the delayed start to the season due to Covid we have only completed three races before the Christmas/New Year break. Both days have been relatively tough with some good southerlies.

In 1st Division, Fathom (David Berryman) is leading on 8 points from Ross Street (Noel Jenkins) on 9 points and Ignition (Ian Bower) on 13 points.

In 2nd Division, Echo Beach (Philip Mathews) is leading on 8 points from Beat to Quarters (Eddie O'Donnell) also on 8 points and Santana (Michael Graham) on 10 points.

In 3rd Division, Up Ship Creek (Mark Holmes) is leading on 4 points from Pentangle (Brian Varnam) on 6 points and The Apple (Warren Hodgkins) on 14 points.

Saturday racing will recommence on Saturday 15 January 2022.

SYDNEY TO HOBART 2021

I am only aware of She's the Culprit sailing in the 2021 Sydney to Hobart race. She's the Culprit will represent both LMYC and NCYC. She will be skippered by Glen "Cyril" Picasso (12 Hobarts), Navigator Robert Jarvie (2) and a crew of Dave Edwards (1), Mark Graham (9), Wade Croak, Anthony Jurd, Brad Dodds (1), Paul Dover, Mark Virtue, Oonagh O'Donovan (3), Courtney Smith, Felix Prince.

Good Luck to the Culprit team and safe sailing to and from Hobart.

The trophies that for the Sydney to Hobart for 2019, that were not presented at this years presentation night are currently being refurbished and will be available at the end of January to present to She's the Culprit and Santana for the 2019 Sydney to Hobart.

If there are LMYC sailors on other boats in the race, then please let me know and I will give them a shout out in a newsletter.

MAKING WAVES FOUNDATION

The Making Waves Foundation (previously Sailors with Disabilities) launched their Newcastle program on 2 December. Making Waves Foundation is excited to be launching their permanent Newcastle program out of the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club who have joined as a program supporter.

Their Winds of Joy sailing program supports and empowers people living with a disability or youth facing disadvantage to experience the challenge and joy of sailing. Since 1994 they have supported over 50,000 people.

Several LMYC members have already volunteered. However, like most charities Making Waves is always looking for volunteers who would like to be part of this wonderful experience. Volunteering with Making Waves Foundation gives you the opportunity to use your experience and love of sailing to make a positive impact in the lives of so many.

- Volunteers work as a crew to deliver our on water programs safely and with clients' needs front of mind.

- Volunteers self manage their volunteering schedule through our online portal (each session is approximately 4 hours).
- Membership with MWF is based on the calendar year. Any members who join the organisation before the end of 2021 will have their membership extended to Dec 31 2022.
- MWF membership is \$55/yr. This covers your insurance and administrative costs.
- All volunteers will receive safety training by MWF trainers on use of the vessels and program delivery.

If this is something you would like to be a part of, fill out the expression of interest form [here](#). For more information you can visit our website: www.makingwavesfoundation.com.au

All the best for Christmas and the New Year. Please stay safe.

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