

FORECAST

Monthly Newsletter from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

It has been a busy month at the club. Although down from January there was reasonable patronage at our club with functions and general dining on the deck.

February was quite busy on the water as well.

Our Cruising division are currently on their annual two-week cruise to Pittwater. I look forward to reading their report in the next Cruiseletter.

Plenty of racing as well with our normal Saturday racing Friday Twilight and Wednesday afternoon racing. February is also when most of the Lakefest events occur.

Lakefest is an assortment of races run by the yacht clubs on the Lake:

1. Lake Macquarie She Sails series. The final in the series to be held Sunday 29th March at LMYC,
2. WASC's Australia Day race,
3. RMYC Toronto's Heaven Can Wait (HCW) one lap dash,
4. LMYC's two-day regatta that is made up of one of the RKR's and one day of the Windward-Leewards, and
5. Two Friday Twilight Combined Club races hosted by WASC and LMYC.

HCW is a charity regatta raising funds for Cancer Council NSW and Marine Rescue. Twelve LMYC yachts started the one lap dash in very light conditions that hardly varied throughout the day. The race was shorted at Point Wolstoncroft. Those entered in the 12 hr and 24 hr races continued.

Last week LMYC hosted the 2026 Adams 10's National Championships. Twelve A10s raced over the three days Friday to Sunday. Congratulations to our David Young and crew on 'TENACITY' claiming 3rd place overall and 1st Corinthian.

The underdog, and emotional favourite, was 'SPIRIT'. Paul McEneary, Pag to his mates, put together a crew of LMYC members to race in the Championship. If my sources are correct, 'SPIRIT' was the first yacht out of the mould. 'SPIRIT' has not sailed for many years. The first time the crew sailed it was on the way out to the start line. 'SPIRIT' is one of only two racing Adams10 to race to Hobart and raced under the LMYC Burgee with LMYC sailors. There was a bit of work to get 'SPIRIT' back to class specs with removal of the inboard motor and closing off the prop shaft hole. Pag's father, Dennis McEneary, was the bowman on 'SPIRIT' for the Hobart race. It is believed Dennis, now deceased was aboard 'in spirit' and Pag thought it only fitting that Dennis was given a proper "Bowman's" send off with his 'SPIRIT' released with the first kite set on one race. RIP Dennis. Hopefully we will be able to get some more details about 'SPIRIT' for a future Forecast History file.

As I write this column, we have only 4 Saturday races left in the season. Each week will be close racing, and all point scores are too close to call at this point. Good luck to all.

My thanks to Mark Philpott, an enthusiastic bowman, for his contribution to this month's FDU column in this Forecast (see Page 13).

The LMYC courtesy bus was involved in an accident this last week. Our thoughts are with Matt our bus driver who, luckily, sustained only minor injuries and is back at work. The bus, however, is expected to be written off. The Club is currently looking for a replacement bus.

Repairs to the south side of the car park are planned to start in April. A repair strategy for the East side next to the canal are more complex and still being developed. D-E arm of the Marina is the oldest section that has not yet been refurbished. Temporary repairs to the deck have been carried out, however the complete deck is in need of replacement along with some of the supporting structure. Costings for materials are currently being sourced with the intention to start repairs as soon as possible. Too early yet to give a timeline for when work will start.

SEE YOU 'ROUND THE CLUB
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Images from Adams 10 Regatta - Credit to Beau Outteridge.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026

ADAMS 10s AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - 20TH-22ND FEB 2026

12 Adams 10s turned up to race on our wonderful lake. 4 from our lake, 1 from Pittwater and 7 from Sydney Harbour.

LMYC Director, Dave Young, 'Tenacity' performed well as usual with a third. The regatta was won by 'Gezzabelle' from Pittwater and second was former LMYC boat 'Rock Solid' now from the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club.



1	6316	GEZZABELLE	Allen Stormon	RPAYC	13.0
2	M101	ROCK SOLID	Graham Turner	SASC	20.0
3	4572	TENACITY	David Young	LMYC	28.0
4	MH192	ARTEMIS	Tracy Richardson	MHYC	30.0

A little bit of a back story here, my fellow '2xcess' crew member, PAG aka Paul McEnearney (aka The Peoples' Champion (TPC), that's right PAG isn't his only name, owns the Adams 10 'Spirit'.

Now they had a few issues during the A10 titles - they broke the forestay fitting twice, destroyed sails (that was ok as they were borrowed anyway), only had 2 working winches (crikey, how many do they want?) broke the back stay, at one stage PAGs tells me they were sinking.

PAGs is very happy with the way things went, they had a blast. PAG's dad Denis was with them for part of the regatta but they lost him overboard. They actually launched his ashes during a spinnaker hoist. I asked if the ashes went the right way? PAGs told me his niece was onboard and didn't like the dust blowing over her. She wasn't happy with Grandad's ashes blowing through her hair.



'Spirit' is the first Adams 10 ever built, 1977. Peter Rundle a legend of LMYC commissioned her from the late Joe Adams. Peter Rundle then took her in the 1978 Sydney to Hobart. It had an engine but they had to be towed to the start area as legend has it. The unconfirmed version is Peter being a frugal man didn't want to pay a Sydney mechanic to fix it as he thought it would be more cost effective back here. In the past I sailed on many A10s. Pete was also crew on one of them. This does sound a lot like him.

The Hobart crew in 1978 was Peter Rundle, Denis McEnearney (PAG's dad), Ralph Carlier (I reported in December that Ralph has just done his 40th Hobart), Alby Burgin and Rob Fielding. I have been so impressed that Anthony Paterson, Garry Van Dijk (LMYC Vice Commodore) and others went in the Hobart race on a Farr 30 but Rundle and company doing it on an Adams 10 especially after being towed to the start area, wow.

Leading up to this regatta 'Spirit' was upgraded, they took the prop shaft out.

'Spirit' received the Spirit Award at the A10 presentation.

During the last LMYC Sailing Committee meeting it was noted that 'Spirit' had not entered the A10 regatta. Entries closed midnight that night.

An SMS to PAGs and we discovered he was having problems with Top Yacht Entry due to a clash of sail numbers. Not a problem for our Sailing Manager, Simon Turpin. Simon stayed on after our meeting finished and half an hour later 'Spirit' was in. Simon continues to impress me with his "that's not a problem" attitude. Thanks Simon.

AUSTRALIAN SPORT BOAT NATIONALS - SLMASC - 2026

It was a great pleasure to hear Bill (Towball) Young, 'One Eyed Bandit' had won the Sport Boat Nationals. It was even better when I eventually found the results and Bill had done the old picket fence thing. Won all 3 races. 'One Eyed Bandit' is a REO 7.7 which sails in first division on Saturdays at LMYC. When it's Bill's day he flies especially down wind.

Sailed: 3, Discards: 0, To count: 3, Rating system: TCF, Entries: 7, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	Class	SailNo	Club	HelmName	TCF	Race 1	Race 2	R3	Total	Nett
1st	Sportsboats LTP	One Eyed Bandit	REO 7.7	AUS2	LMYC	Bill Young	.9100	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0
2nd	Sportsboats LTP	Black Betty	Shaw 650	AUS650	SLMASC	Dave McKay	.9000	2.0	3.0	3.0	8.0	8.0
3rd	Sportsboats LTP	The Cube	Leech 650	M650	LMYC	Mal Dean	.89	6.0	2.0	2.0	10.0	10.0
4th	Sportsboats LTP	Like Oxygen	REO 850	850	CYCA	Andrew York	1.0953	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	13.0
5th	Sportsboats LTP	Deliberate Distraction	Thompson 7	7017	CSC	Burke Melia	.8816	4.0	4.0	6.0	14.0	14.0
6th	Sportsboats LTP	Crank	Egan 7	658	RQYS	Andrew Wiklund	1.0157	5.0	7.0	4.0	16.0	16.0
7th	Sportsboats LTP	Flying Circus	Thompson 7	7016	GSC	Jack Sprague	.89	7.0	6.0	7.0	20.0	20.0



'ONE EYED BANDIT' IN ACTION (PHOTO: LMYC)

AVERAGE POINT SI 3.2.6

Please read this Sailing Instruction before applying for Average Points especially the bit about giving one month notice. The Sailing Committee is going to look further into the wording of this SI however it will stay like this until next season.

Reasons applications have been rejected:-

Average points are for the boat not crew. '2xcess' crew were going to NZ to sail Wind Warrior Championships. They did really well too but "thems" the rules. The race we were missing for was abandoned due to weather anyway.

Boat going to Lord Howe Island - not a race so no proof of entry, application not received in time.

Boat requested APs to get back from Hobart - LMYC first race was 2.5 weeks after expected finish in Hobart. SC thought this plenty of time to return.

Another boat was going to ORC Nationals but again a late application. They lost their propellor anyway and couldn't go anyway. We're back on talking terms now but I'm still worried about getting a haircut.

KEEPING A SAFE DISTANCE

3.2.6 Average Points – Redress Given (RDG) may be granted to a boat by the Race Committee (RC) on application prior to it competing in an event sanctioned by the LMYC RC. Applications in writing must be received one month prior to the date of competition and be accompanied by proof of entry. The average points shall be the average of the boat's scores IN ALL RACES PRIOR to the event, rounded UP to the nearest PLACE.

3.2.6.1 A maximum of two races per year may attract average points.

3.2.6.2 Criteria for consent would be:

- 1 - Class or rating category, sports boat or manufacturer's regattas, World, National, State Championships, other events approved by the RC.**
- 2 – Events of significant status (any Cat 1 or Cat 2 races (ie Sydney Hobart Yacht Race)**

During the last Windward/Leeward race day a boat was anchored on the course. It's our course but not our lake. They were entitled to be there. The owners of that boat had cause to send RMYC-Toronto an email complaining about how close a Toronto boat went to them and about the abuse they allegedly received. Whilst there is no specific distance stated in any rules I can find, going so close as to scare someone is too close. The owner of the race boat has apologised for going too close and claims he tried to indicate this to the anchored at the time. He denies any abusive language and claims the yelling heard was heated crew to crew banter as they were leading the race after all they are 'Hooliganz'.

During our last Pulbah race an incident occurred between a LYMC div 2 boat and Heron's Nationals sailing out of WASC. The Commodore, Tony Outteridge phoned LMYC Race Committee advising of the dangerous situation that need to to have occurred.

Care must be taken to avoid going so close to none racing boats. Remember their concept of a safe distance will more than yours. When racing through fleets of dinghies especially the likes of kids out of the 16s and other clubs, they sometimes do funny things. Having been on an Adams 10 that hit a VJ many years ago no matter if you are in the "right" it's just not a thing you want to do.

WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING A LIFE JACKET?

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RACING RULES OF SAILING (RRS) - RULE OF THE MONTH

1 SAFETY

1.2 Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Floatation Devices

A boat shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item ready for immediate use, unless her class rules make some other provision.

Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal floatation device adequate for the conditions.

Refer to the Australia Sailing prescription to rule 48.

INSTITUTE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS RACE DAY IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR **THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2026.**

Please email racing@lmyc.com.au if your Boat and short crew are available for this awesome day out on the water.

FROM THE SAILING OFFICE

A SAD NOTE - WE ARE NOT SAYING GOODBYE, WE'RE SAYING CATCH YOU LATER

As you are all aware, our Sailing Administrator / Principal Race Officer, Ross Ahrens is retiring at the end of March. His last hoorah will be on Sunday March 29 with the final LMYC race day for the Lake Macquarie SheSails Regatta.

Ross has been an integral part of our LMYC Race Management Team since September 2017 and we wish him all the very best with his future travels in the grey nomads society. We know he can sail and run good races but can he reverse a caravan!?!

Thank you Ross for all of your hard work and efforts throughout the years and your legacy of Professional Race Management will continue with the systems and process's you have implemented.

You will be dearly missed by all of us at LMYC so please don't be a stranger when your travels take you past our Clubhouse! Catch you later!!



FROM THE SAILING OFFICE

POSITION VACANT - RACE MANAGEMENT TEAM

With the absence of Ross Ahrens at the end of March, we are seeking expressions of interest from our LMYC members who wish to join our Professional Race Management Team in the LMYC Sailing Office.

You must have a passion for sailing, keen eye for attention to detail, can do positive attitude, unrestricted recreational boat & car licence and be available to work weekends.

Australian Sailing qualifications are desirable, however training will be provided and further assistance in obtaining AS qualifications may also be provided.

If you are interested, please forward your detailed resume to our Sailing Manager Simon Turpin at sm@lmyc.com.au **ASAP**.

FOR SALE - BY TENDER - WILL BE SOLD

Do you need a new tender, or would like a new fishing boat for your family? Surplus to our needs, LMYC members are being given the first opportunity to purchase 'PLUGGA'. It is a flat bottom aluminium punt approximately 15 foot in length, with a centre console and a Yamaha 30hp. Comes with the dolly and will be sold 'as is'.

If you are interested, please forward your written offer to our CEO Mark Norden gm@lmyc.com.au **ASAP**.



RACE RESULTS

WINNER WINNERS!

With the following Series finalised in February, here are the final scores for:

GERRY WUBBELS AUTO & RAY WHITE TORONTO & LAKE MACQUARIE Combined Windward Leeward Series

Congratulations to 'THE RAGING BULL' - Andrew Turner & Crew for winning Div1 & 'MILLEWA' - Phil Darby & crew for Div2:

Series Results (PHS) for Division 1 up to Race 6

PLACE	TIES	SAIL NO	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	FROM	SERS SCORE	RACE 6	RACE 5	RACE 4	RACE 3	RACE 2	RACE 1
1		9002	THE RAGING BULL	ANDREW TURNER	LMYC	41.0	11.0	5.0	1.0	9.0	14.0	1.0
2		M3	SQUID	STEVE LIDDELL	LMYC	43.0	6.0	8.0	3.0	2.0	13.0	11.0
3		M4557	EXCESS	BRUCE DOBINSON	LMYC	44.0	13.0	4.0	6.0	9.0	6.0	6.0
4		8336	2XCESS	DAVE ANSTEY	LMYC	45.0	4.0	15.0	5.0	15.0	1.0	5.0
5		SYD39	FATHOM	NOEL JENKINS	LMYC	52.0	14.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	4.0	10.0
6		6999	WILLPOWER	SIMON FREND	LMYC	53.0	5.0	13.0	10.0	3.0	9.0	13.0
7		M69	POGUE MOHONE	SCOTT HAMILTON	LMYC	57.0	7.0	6.0	13.0	12.0	16.0	3.0
8	2.05	MH63	KICK & CHASE	ROB BRENTON	RMYC	59.0	10.0	2.0	19.0	12.01	2.0	14.0
9	4.05	M242	WALLOP	PETER HEWSON	RMYC	59.0	16.0	12.0	4.0	4.0	11.0	12.0
10	4.05	7633	SOFARR	DALE SHARP	LMYC	59.0	15.0	9.0	9.0	14.0	8.0	4.0

Series Results (PHS) for Division 2 up to Race 6

PLACE	TIES	SAIL NO	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	FROM	SERS SCORE	RACE 6	RACE 5	RACE 4	RACE 3	RACE 2	RACE 1
1		M757	MILLEWA	PHIL DARBY	RMYC	48.0	5.0	13.0	1.0	11.0	11.0	7.0
2		M80	MARILYN	IAN COULIN	LMYC	51.5	1.0	8.0	13.5	19.0	9.0	1.0
3	2.05	AUS204	THE SHED	ROGER PARKER	LMYC	52.0	10.0	4.0	11.0	17.0	8.0	2.0
4		AUS1191	LICENCE TO CHILL	EDWARD O'DONNELL	LMYC	52.0	11.0	5.0	15.0	13.0	4.0	4.0
5		M34	PENTANGLE	DAMIEN BOLDYREW	LMYC	55.0	12.0	14.0	2.0	3.0	13.0	11.0
6		4141	SOUFFLER MOI	CHRIS LIGHTFOOT	RMYC	56.0	4.0	9.0	8.0	4.0	16.0	15.0
7		6029	JOY	LINDA BRINDLE	RMYC	62.0	7.0	11.0	3.0	1.0	20.05	20.0R
8		4893	MIRAGE	DAVID KELTY	LMYC	62.5	14.0	2.0	18.0	15.5	1.0	12.0
9		M8	WILD CHERRY	MICHAEL SANDNER	RMYC	63.0	9.0	12.0	17.0	8.0	14.0	3.0
10		5741	EAU DI VIE	BRIAN JONES	RMYC	65.5	6.0	7.0	6.0	15.5	15.0	16.0

CRUSOE'S ON THE LAKE Pursuit Series

Congratulations to 'SANTANA' - Michael Graham & Crew for winning Div1 & 'YOUNG 'n' OLD' Glen Picasso & Crew (on Count back) for Div2:

Series Results (PHS) for Division 1 up to Race 4

PLACE	TIES	SAIL NO	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	SERS SCORE	RACE 4	RACE 3	RACE 2	RACE 1
1		M236	SANTANA	MICHAEL GRAHAM	13.0	2.0	10.0	1.0	ABN
2		M3	SQUID	STEVE LIDDELL	16.0	12.0	1.0	3.0	ABN
3		M4557	EXCESS	BRUCE DOBINSON	18.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	ABN
4		8362	DIRTY DEEDS	IAN HUMPHRIS	20.0	9.0	9.0	2.0	ABN
5		7633	SOFARR	DALE SHARP	21.0	10.0	7.0	4.0	ABN
6		6999	WILLPOWER	SIMON FREND	22.0	5.0	12.0F	5.0	ABN
7		9002	THE RAGING BULL	ANDREW TURNER	23.0	14.05	2.0	7.0	ABN
8		SYD39	FATHOM	NOEL JENKINS	24.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	ABN
9	3.05	8336	2XCESS	DAVE ANSTEY	33.0	3.0	20.0C	10.0	ABN
10		AUS6100	FARRSICAL	DAVID BERRYMAN	33.0	8.0	5.0	20.0C	ABN

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Series Results (PHS) for Division 1 up to Race 4

PLACE	TIES	SAIL NO	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	SERS SCORE	RACE 4	RACE 3	RACE 2	RACE 1
1	4R	3909	YOUNG'N'OLD	GLEN PICASSO	10.0	3.0	1.0	6.0G	ABN
2		M34	PENTANGLE	DAMIEN BOLDYREW	10.0	6.0	3.0	1.0	ABN
3		AUS1192	ECHO BEACH	PHILLIP MATTHEWS	12.0	7.0	2.0	3.0G	ABN
4		6619	BLUEPRINT	RODNEY SCOTT	13.0	5.0	4.0	4.0G	ABN
5		4893	MIRAGE	DAVID KELTY	14.0	1.0	6.0	7.0G	ABN
6		M80	MARILYN	IAN COULIN	16.0	2.0	9.0F	5.0G	ABN
7		AUS204	THE SHED	ROGER PARKER	27.0	20.0C	5.0	2.0G	ABN
8		6382	EVEN KEEL	PETER SHADDOCK	36.0	9.0F	7.0	20.0C	ABN
9		AUS1191	LICENCE TO CHILL	EDDIE O'DONNELL	44.0	4.0	20.0C	20.0C	ABN
10		M35	ANARCHIE	PAUL HANNAN	48.0	20.0C	20.0C	8.0	ABN

BRING ON MARCH RACING!

Well, the final races in many LMYC Series will be conducted throughout March – who will take the Podium...Series scores are close and the final races throughout March will determine the following winners, with the current Series scores being: [LMYC Summer Series](#)

Series Results [PHS] for Division 1 up to Race 7 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		SYD39	FATHOM	Noel Jenkins	24.5	[10.0]	7.5	3.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	2.0
2		AUS6100	FARRSICAL	David Berryman	30.0	7.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	13.0	[13.0]
3		8336	2XCESS	David Anstey	32.0	1.0	10.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	2.0	[10.0]
4	1.05	8362	DIRTY DEEDS	Ian Humphris	33.0	[12.0]	3.0	7.0	9.0	1.0	10.0	3.0
5		M69	POGUE MOHONE	Scott Hamilton	33.0	3.0	6.0	[8.0]	6.0	7.0	6.0	5.0
6		6999	WILLPOWER	Simon Frendo	36.0	4.0	9.0	5.0	[12.0]	9.0	8.0	1.0
7		9002	THE RAGING BULL	Andrew Turner	37.0	6.0	2.0	12.0	10.0	[14.05]	1.0	6.0
8		7633	SOFARR	Dale Sharp	38.0	9.0	5.0	[11.0]	5.0	8.0	4.0	7.0
9		M4557	EXCESS	Bruce Dobinson	40.0	8.0	1.0	[14.0]	7.0	11.0	5.0	8.0
10		M236	SANTANA	Michael Graham	43.0	5.0	11.0	2.0	4.0	10.0	[14.0]	11.0
11		M400	IGNITION	Ian Bower	46.0	11.0	12.0	4.0	[18.0C]	4.0	11.0	4.0
12		M3	SQUID	Steve Liddell	47.5	2.0	7.5	9.0	11.0	[12.0]	9.0	9.0
13		N62	SALTWATER WINE	Tom Woods	68.0	18.0C	18.0C	10.0	1.0	[18.0C]	7.0	14.0
14		AUS2	ONE EYED BANDIT	Bill Young	83.0	18.0C	18.0C	13.0	14.0	2.0	18.0C	[18.0C]
15		M224	TOCCO Di CLASSE	Rhett Hahn	96.0	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	[18.0C]	12.0	12.0
16		M77	STAMPEDE	Lattimore McDonald	103.0	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	13.0	18.0C	18.0C	[18.0C]
17		M33	MORTICIA	Geoff Gardner	108.0	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	[18.0C]

Series Results [PHS] for Division 2 up to Race 7 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		4893	MIRAGE	David Kelty	16.5	[8.0]	3.0	2.0	2.0	5.5	2.0	2.0
2		AUS1156	FAST EDDY	Holmes/Viller/ Nichols	21.5	2.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	[17.0C]	3.5	5.0
3		AUS204	THE SHED	Roger Parker	22.5	3.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	[17.0C]	3.5	4.0
4		6382	EVEN KEEL	Peter Shaddock	26.0	4.0	8.0	[12.0F]	1.0	9.0F	1.0	3.0
5		M80	MARILYN	Ian Coulin	31.5	1.0	6.0	5.0	[17.0C]	4.0	6.5	9.0
6	1.05	AUS1191	LCENCE TO CHILL	Eddie O'Donnell	33.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	[17.0C]	1.0	8.0	7.0
7		M34	PENTANGLE	Damien Boldyrew	33.0	7.0	7.0	[7.5]	5.0	3.0	5.0	6.0
8		AUS1192	ECHO BEACH	Phillip Matthews	38.0	9.0	1.0	7.5	7.0	5.5	[9.0]	8.0
9		6619	BLUEPRINT	Rodney Scott	50.0	17.0C	[17.0C]	10.0	10.0F	2.0	10.0	1.0
10		3909	YOUNG 'n' OLD	Glen Picasso	57.5	17.0C	[17.0C]	9.0	8.0	7.0	6.5	10.0
11		M4921	BINDAROO	Simon Zinader	68.0	5.0	9.0	17.0C	3.0	17.0C	17.0C	[17.0C]
12		M35	ANARCHIE	Paul Hannan	86.0	17.0C	17.0C	1.0	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	[17.0C]
13		M444	32 DEGREES SOUTH	Ross Buxton	102.0	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	[17.0C]
13		M2	RIVAL	Simon Turpin	102.0	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	[17.0C]
13		M5	PICCOLO	Simon Turpin	102.0	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	[17.0C]
13		M276	THE APPLE	Warren Hodgkins	102.0	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	[17.0C]

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Bella Group Services - Pulbah Series*Series Results [PHS] for Division 1 up to Race 3*

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Sers Score	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		M3	SQUID	Steve Liddell	LMYC	10.0	5.0	2.0	3.0
2		SYD39	FATHOM	Noel Jenkins	LMYC	20.0	9.0	9.0	2.0
3		M69	POGUE MOHONE	Scott Hamilton	LMYC	21.0	3.0	5.0	13.0
4		9002	THE RAGING BULL	Andrew Turner	LMYC	21.5	2.0	11.0	8.5
5		M4557	EXCESS	Bruce Dobinson	LMYC	22.0	4.0	8.0	10.0
6		8362	DIRTY DEEDS	Ian Humphris	LMYC	22.5	11.0	3.0	8.5
7	1.05	M236	SANTANA	Michael Graham	LMYC	25.0	1.0	19.0C	5.0
8	7.05	8336	2XCESS	David Anstey	LMYC	25.0	7.0	12.0	6.0
9		6999	WILLPOWER	Simon Frendo	LMYC	25.0	8.0	6.0	11.0
10		7633	SOFARR	Dale Sharp	LMYC	26.0	6.0	13.0	7.0
11		M400	IGNITION	Ian Bower	LMYC	27.0	19.0C	4.0	4.0
12	2R	AUS2	ONE EYED BANDIT	Bill Young	LMYC	30.0	10.0G	1.0	19.0C
13		M77	STAMPEDE	Lattimore McDonald	LMYC	30.0	10.0	19.0C	1.0
14		M33	MORTICIA	Geoff Gardner	LMYC	38.0	19.0C	7.0	12.0
15		AUS6100	FARRSICAL	David Berryman	LMYC	43.0	19.0C	10.0	14.0
16		N62	SALTWATER WINE	Tom Woods	LMYC	46.0	12.0	19.0C	15.0
17		M25	HASTA LA VISTA	Richard Grimes	LMYC	54.0	19.0C	19.0C	16.0
18		M224	TOCCO Di CLASSE	Rhett Hahn	LMYC	57.0	19.0C	19.0C	19.0C

Series Results [PHS] for Division 2 up to Race 3

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Sers Score	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		4893	MIRAGE	David Kelty	LMYC	17.0	4.0	11.0	2.0
2	1.05	4234	FLYING COLOURS	Derek Reed	LMYC	18.0	1.0	7.0	10.0
3		AUS1192	ECHO BEACH	Philip Matthews	LMYC	18.0	7.0	8.0	3.0
4		M34	PENTANGLE	Damien Boldyrew	LMYC	19.0	5.0	6.0	8.0
5		M80	MARILYN	Ian Coulin	LMYC	21.0	10.0	2.0	9.0
6		AUS204	THE SHED	Roger Parker	LMYC	22.0	11.0	10.0	1.0
7		2988	RESTLESS	Ian Gilkes	LMYC	25.0	2.0	1.0	22.0C
8		M35	ANARCHIE	Paul Hannan	LMYC	28.0	9.0	15.0R	4.0
9		1492N	TERESHENKO	Frank Cordingly	LMYC	30.0	3.0	22.0C	5.0
10		6619	BLUEPRINT	Rodney Scott	LMYC	31.0	6.0	3.0	22.0C
11	4.05	AUS1191	LCENCE TO CHILL	Eddie O'Donnell	LMYC	34.0	23.0C	4.0	7.0
12		M4921	BINDAROO	Simon Zinader	LMYC	34.0	13.0	5.0	16.0F
13		6382	EVEN KEEL	Peter Shaddock	LMYC	39.0	8.0	9.0	22.0C
14		M276	THE APPLE	Warren Hodgkins	LMYC	44.0	23.0C	15.0R	6.0
15		3909	YOUNG 'n' OLD	Glen Picasso	LMYC	47.0	23.0C	12.0	12.0
16	11.05	AUS4062	UP SHIP CREEK	Mark Holmes	LMYC	56.0	23.0C	22.0C	11.0
17		AUS1156	FAST EDDY	Holmes/Viller/ Nichols	LMYC	56.0	12.0	22.0C	22.0C
18		6290	SHEER PLEASURE	Paul Jones	LMYC	58.0	23.0C	22.0C	13.0
19		M2	RIVAL	Simon Turpin	LMYC	61.0	23.0C	22.0C	16.0F
20		SM628	LUCILLE	Stephen Manhood	LMYC	67.0	23.0C	22.0C	22.0C
20		M5	PICCOLO	Simon Turpin	LMYC	67.0	23.0C	22.0C	22.0C
20		M444	32 DEGREES SOUTH	Ross Buxton	LMYC	67.0	23.0C	22.0C	22.0C

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BUYABOAT - Bay Series

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		SYD39	FATHOM	Noel Jenkins	15.0	5.0	3.0	7.0
2		M236	SANTANA	Michael Graham	17.0	1.0	2.0	14.0
3		M3	SQUID	Steve Liddell	20.0	2.0	13.0	5.0
4		8336	2XCESS	David Anstey	21.0	8.0	11.0	2.0
5		M4557	EXCESS	Bruce Dobinson	22.0	3.0	8.0	11.0
6		6999	WILLPOWER	Simon Frendo	22.5	14.0	5.0	3.5
7	4.0S	M69	POGUE MOHONE	Scott Hamilton	24.0	4.0	7.0	13.0
8		7633	SOFARR	Dale Sharp	24.0	6.0	9.0	9.0
9	1.0S	AU56100	FARRSICAL	David Berryman	25.0	12.0	1.0	12.0
10		9002	THE RAGING BULL	Andrew Turner	25.0	9.0	6.0	10.0
11		4572	TENACITY	David Young	31.0	19.0C	4.0	8.0
12		M33	MORTICIA	Geoff Gardner	34.0	19.0C	14.0	1.0
13		M77	STAMPEDE	Lattimore McDonald	35.5	13.0	19.0C	3.5
14	6.0S	N62	SALTWATER WINE	Tom Woods	36.0	11.0	19.0C	6.0
15		8362	DIRTY DEEDS	Ian Humphris	36.0	7.0	10.0	19.0C
16		AUS2	ONE EYED BANDIT	Bill Young	38.0	10.0	12.0	16.0F
17		M224	TOCCO Di CLASSE	Rhett Hahn	57.0	19.0C	19.0C	19.0C
17		M400	IGNITION	Ian Bower	57.0	19.0C	19.0C	19.0C

Series Results [PHS] for Division 2 up to Race 3

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		4234	FLYING COLOURS	Derek Reed	10.0	1.0	8.0	1.0
2		M4921	BINDAROO	Simon Zinader	11.0	3.0	5.0	3.0
3		4893	MIRAGE	David Kelty	12.0	6.0	2.0	4.0
4		M34	PENTANGLE	Damien Boldyrew	16.0	2.0	6.0	8.0
5		M80	MARILYN	Ian Coulin	22.0	19.0C	1.0	2.0
6		AUS204	THE SHED	Roger Parker	23.0	9.0	4.0	10.0
7		3909	YOUNG 'n' OLD	Glen Picasso	32.0	7.0	18.0C	7.0
8	3.0S	AUS1191	LCENCE TO CHILL	Eddie O'Donnell	34.0	19.0C	3.0	12.0
9		AUS1192	ECHO BEACH	Philip Matthews	34.0	5.0	18.0C	11.0
10	6.0S	6619	BLUEPRINT	Rodney Scott	35.0	11.0F	18.0C	6.0
11		M35	ANARCHIE	Paul Hannan	35.0	19.0C	7.0	9.0
12		6382	EVEN KEEL	Peter Shaddock	40.0	4.0	18.0C	18.0C
13		M276	THE APPLE	Warren Hodgkins	42.0	19.0C	18.0C	5.0
14		AUS1156	FAST EDDY	Holmes/Viller/ Nichols	44.0	8.0	18.0C	18.0C
15		M5	PICCOLO	Simon Turpin	47.0	19.0C	10.0F	18.0C
16		AUS4062	UP SHIP CREEK	Mark Holmes	51.0	19.0C	18.0C	14.0F
17		M2	RIVAL	Simon Turpin	55.0	19.0C	18.0C	18.0C
17		M444	32 DEGREES SOUTH	Ross Buxton	55.0	19.0C	18.0C	18.0C

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SEASPRAY FABRICATIONS - Lady Skipper Series

Series Results [Keel TOT HC] up to Race 5

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		M389	DULCI BELLA	Paulette/Sue Van Vliet/Brown	9.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0
2		M34	PENTANGLE	Sarah Petherbridge	13.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	4.0	1.0
3		4234	FLYING COLOURS	Susan/Ingrid Taylor/Souter	14.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
4		M360	ALIBI	Antonia Patterson	18.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	8.0C
5		M2	RIVAL	Belinda Davey	37.0	8.0C	6.0F	8.0C	7.0F	8.0C
6		M5	PICCOLO	Simon Turpin	39.0	8.0C	8.0C	8.0C	7.0F	8.0C
7		M25	HASTA LA VISTA	Susan Grimes	40.0	8.0C	8.0C	8.0C	8.0C	8.0C

RK Robertson Shield + Div2 (Top 10)

Series Results [RKR_SHIELD] up to Race 4

Place	Ties	Sail No	Division	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Sers Score	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		M80	2	MARILYN	Ian Coulin	LMYC	36.0	29.0	ABN	2.0	5.0
2		M400	1	IGNITION	Ian Bower	LMYC	40.5	14.0	ABN	18.5	8.0
3		M236	1	SANTANA	Michael Graham	LMYC	41.0	16.0	ABN	3.0	22.0
4		8362	1	DIRTY DEEDS	Ian Humphris	LMYC	43.0	20.0	ABN	7.0	16.0
5		4234	2	FLYING COLOURS	Derek Reed	LMYC	45.5	23.5	ABN	16.0	6.0
6		5079	2	BARNACLE BILL	Phil Iles	RMYCT	50.0	39.0	ABN	9.0	2.0
7		4893	2	MIRAGE	David Kelty	LMYC	54.0	34.0	ABN	13.0	7.0
8		8336	1	2XCESS	David Anstey	LMYC	55.0	15.0	ABN	4.0	36.0
9		5708	1	KERINDA	Len Payne	RMYCT	56.0	42.0	ABN	1.0	13.0
10		M35	2	ANARCHIE	Paul Hannan	LMYC	57.0	4.0	ABN	26.0	27.0

RK Robertson Shield (Top 10)

Series Results [Div 2] up to Race 4

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Sers Score	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		M80	MARILYN	Ian Coulin	LMYC	24.0	15.0	ABN	1.0	8.0
2	1.0S	5079	BARNACLE BILL	Phil Iles	RMYCT	26.0	21.0	ABN	4.0	1.0
3	3.0S	4893	MIRAGE	David Kelty	LMYC	26.0	17.0	ABN	6.0	3.0
4		4234	FLYING COLOURS	Derek Reed	LMYC	26.0	12.0	ABN	8.0	6.0
5		3221	SAPPHIRE LADY	David/Peter Smythe/Dewsbury	RMYCT	36.0	27.0	ABN	7.0	2.0
6		5148	AGENT 88	Rod Carter	LMYC	38.0	3.0	ABN	24.0	11.0
7	2.0S	M35	ANARCHIE	Paul Hannan	LMYC	39.0	2.0	ABN	16.0	21.0
8		AUS204	THE SHED	Roger Parker	LMYC	39.0	19.0	ABN	5.0	15.0
9		M34	PENTANGLE	Damien Boldyrew	LMYC	40.0	14.0	ABN	19.0	7.0
10	2.0S	AUS6928	FIRSTY WORK	Greg Searles	WASC	41.0	23.0	ABN	2.0	16.0

RK Robertson ORCc

Series Results [ORCc] up to Race 4

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Yacht Type	Sers Score	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		7633	SOFARR	Dale Sharp	LMYC		4.0	1.0	ABN	2.0	1.0
2	1.0S	8336	2XCESS	David Anstey	LMYC		8.0	3.0	ABN	1.0	4.0
3		5148	AGENT 88	Rod Carter	LMYC		8.0	2.0	ABN	4.0	2.0
4		N62	SALTWATER WINE	Tom Woods	LMYC		10.0	4.0	ABN	3.0	3.0
5		M236	SANTANA	Michael Graham	LMYC		15.0	5.0	ABN	5.0C	5.0C

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LMYC Annual Pointscore

Series Results [PHS] for Division 1 up to Race 20 (Drops = 2)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 20	Race 19	Race 18	Race 17	Race 16	Race 15	Race 14	Race 13	Race 12	Race 11	Race 10	Race 9	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1	
1		SYD39	FATHOM	Noel Jenkins	93.5	8.0	[10.0]	7.5	3.0	3.0	8.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	ABN	[10.0]	9.0	8.0	4.0	4.0	9.0	6.0	ABN	2.0	7.0	
2		M4557	EXCESS	Bruce Dobinson	95.0	7.0	8.0	1.0	[14.0]	7.0	10.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	ABN	7.0	7.0	[15.0]	8.0	2.0	5.0	7.0	ABN	10.0	10.0	
3		M236	SANTANA	Michael Graham	96.5	1.0	5.0	11.0	2.0	4.0	11.0	[14.0]	11.0	9.0	ABN	[18.0C]	1.0	2.0	10.0	7.5	2.0	2.0	ABN	5.0	13.0	
4		M3	SQUID	Steve Liddell	98.5	4.0	2.0	7.5	9.0	11.0	12.0	9.0	7.0	1.0	ABN	2.0	2.0	[13.0]	11.0	[13.0]	10.0	3.0	ABN	3.0	5.0	
5		9002	THE RAGING BULL	Andrew Turner	99.5	3.0	6.0	2.0	[12.0]	10.0	[14.05]	1.0	3.0	6.0	ABN	11.0	8.0	5.0	6.0	11.0	1.0	9.0	ABN	8.5	9.0	
6		7633	SOFARR	Dale Sharp	102.0	5.0	9.0	5.0	11.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	ABN	[12.0]	4.0	[12.0]	9.0	3.0	4.0	10.0	ABN	7.0	8.0	
7		8336	2XCESS	David Anstey	109.5	9.5	1.0	10.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	4.0	10.0	[18.0C]	ABN	13.0	10.0	6.0	12.0	1.0	6.0	[14.0]	ABN	6.0	2.0	
8		M69	POGUE MOHONE	Scott Hamilton	110.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	[18.0C]	ABN	3.0	14.0F	10.5	5.0	7.5	3.0	[17.0F]	ABN	13.0	12.0	
9		8362	DIRTY DEEDS	Ian Humphris	110.5	9.5	12.0	3.0	7.0	9.0	3.0	11.0	9.0	7.0	ABN	4.5	3.0	1.0	3.0	12.0	[13.0]	8.0	ABN	8.5	[18.0C]	
10		6999	WILLPOWER	Simon Frendo	111.5	6.0	4.0	9.0	5.0	[12.0]	9.0	7.0	2.0	11.0F	ABN	9.0	5.0	[14.0]	2.0	6.0	11.0	11.0	ABN	11.0	3.5	
11		AUS5100	FARSSICAL	David Berryman	129.0	[18.0C]	7.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	13.0	13.0	5.0	ABN	8.0	[18.0C]	3.0	1.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	ABN	14.0	11.0	
12		M400	IGNITION	Ian Bower	161.5	18.0C	11.0	12.0	4.0	18.0C	4.0	10.0	8.0	18.0C	ABN	4.5	6.0	4.0	18.0C	18.0C	[18.0C]	4.0	ABN	4.0	[18.0C]	
13		AUS2	ONE EYED BANDIT	Bill Young	182.0	11.0G	18.0C	18.0C	13.0	14.0	1.0	18.0C	18.0C	[18.0C]	ABN	1.0	14.0F	7.0	7.0	14.0	12.0	1.0	ABN	[18.0C]	15.0F	
14		N52	SALTWATER WINE	Tom Woods	189.0	11.0	18.0C	18.0C	10.0	1.0	18.0C	8.0	14.0	18.0C	ABN	18.0C	[18.0C]	9.0	[18.0C]	5.0	7.0	13.0	ABN	15.0	6.0	
15		M77	STAMPEDE	Lattimore McDonald	206.5	12.0	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	13.0	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	2.0	ABN	18.0C	14.0F	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	9.0	14.0	12.0	ABN	1.0	3.5	
16		M33	MORTICIA	Geoff Gardner	209.5	18.0C	[18.0C]	ABN	6.0	[18.0C]	10.5	13.0	10.0	8.0	5.0	ABN	12.0	1.0								
17		M224	TOCCO DI CLASSE	Rhett Hahn	276.0	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	12.0	12.0	18.0C	ABN	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	ABN	[18.0C]	[18.0C]

Series Results [PHS] for Division 2 up to Race 20 (Drops = 2)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 20	Race 19	Race 18	Race 17	Race 16	Race 15	Race 14	Race 13	Race 12	Race 11	Race 10	Race 9	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1	
1		4893	MIRAGE	David Kelly	63.0	3.0	8.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	7.0	ABN	[10.0]	5.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	[8.0]	4.0	ABN	2.0	3.0	
2		M80	MARILYN	Ian Coulin	76.0	4.0	1.0	6.0	5.0	[18.0C]	7.0	9.0	[10.0]	9.0R	ABN	5.0	7.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	5.0	ABN	8.0	1.0	
3		AUS204	THE SHED	Roger Parker	78.0	7.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	[18.0C]	6.0	9.0	4.0	ABN	8.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	ABN	1.0	[9.0]	
4		M34	PENTANGLE	Damien Boldyrew	80.5	1.0	7.0	7.0	7.5	5.0	3.0	8.0	8.0	3.0	ABN	4.0	1.0	[8.0]	4.0	[8.0]	7.0	1.0	ABN	7.0	7.0	
5		AUS1192	ECHO BEACH	Philip Matthews	110.5	10.0	9.0	1.0	7.5	7.0	2.0	7.0	3.0	1.0	ABN	6.0	4.0	6.0	17.0C	[17.0C]	[17.0C]	[17.0C]	ABN	3.0	10.0	
6		AUS1191	LCEENCE TO CHILL	Eddie O'Donnell	113.0	18.0C	6.0	5.0	6.0	18.0C	1.0	5.0	7.0	[18.0C]	ABN	3.0	[18.0C]	11.0	6.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	ABN	6.0	11.0	
7		3909	YOUNG 'n' OLD	Glen Picasso	120.0	18.0C	18.0C	[18.0C]	9.0	8.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	ABN	9.0	6.0	[18.0C]	17.0C	5.0	3.0	2.0	ABN	10.0	6.0	
8		M4921	BINDAROO	Simon Zinader	131.0	8.0	5.0	9.0	18.0C	3.0	18.0C	18.0C	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	ABN	1.0	10.0T	9.0	2.0	7.0	5.0	3.0	ABN	13.0F	2.0	
9		6619	BLUEPRINT	Rodney Scott	143.0	2.0	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	10.0	10.0F	4.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	ABN	2.0	3.0	2.0	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	ABN	17.0C	5.0	
10		M35	ANARCHIE	Paul Hannan	155.0	5.0	18.0C	18.0C	1.0	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	ABN	13.0R	8.0	7.0	5.0	2.0	6.0	6.0	ABN	4.0	8.0	
11		6382	EVEN KEEL	Peter Shaddock	161.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	12.0F	1.0	9.0F	4.0	2.0	6.0	ABN	7.0	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	ABN	17.0C	17.0C	
12		AUS1156	FAST EDDY	Holmes/Villier/ Nichols	178.0	9.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	18.0C	2.0	6.0	18.0C	ABN	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	10.0	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	ABN	17.0C	17.0C	
13		M276	THE APPLE	Warren Hodgkins	231.0	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	18.0C	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	ABN	13.0R	11.0F	4.0	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	ABN	5.0	4.0	
14		AUS4062	UP SHIP CREEK	Mark Holmes	262.0	18.0C	ABN	18.0C	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	9.0	ABN	9.0	13.0F								
15		M5	PICCOLO	Simon Turpin	274.0	18.0C	ABN	18.0C	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	9.0F	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	ABN	17.0C	17.0C									
16		M2	RIVAL	Dale Sharpe	278.0	18.0C	ABN	18.0C	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	ABN	13.0F	17.0C									
17		M444	32 DEGREES SOUTH	Ross Buxton	282.0	18.0C	ABN	18.0C	[18.0C]	[18.0C]	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	17.0C	ABN	17.0C	17.0C									

Good luck all Skippers & Crews and we look forward to celebrating your Series wins and all of your Sailing results at our end of season Annual Awards Presentation Night on Saturday May 16th.

Tickets for Presentation Night will go on sale from Saturday 28th March 2026 at LMYC Reception.

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Bow work - things I've learned the hard way

I don't consider myself an expert; I've learned a lot from great skippers and crewmates. I started sailing as an adult when the club had a sailing school with a fleet of Elliot 5.9s. I fell into bow work when no one else wanted to do it, and I learned everything the hard way. I'd regularly visit the sailmaker on Monday mornings with a torn spinnaker. When the spinnaker was beyond repair, the crew even framed up one clew, which still hangs in my office.

Here are some random lessons I've learned:

Bow work is a team sport. At the other end of every line you're connecting or disconnecting is another crew member. They can work with you or against you. Just cranking on a winch without knowing what's happening to the line on the other end can hurt you or rip a sail.

Listen and learn. I've worked the bow on multiple boats with different skippers and crew mates, and they've all contributed to my knowledge. There are different opinions on how to rig up or carry out a manoeuvre, and some or all of them might be right. Different boats are rigged differently.

My current boat, 'SANTANA', is a Swan 43, a heavy racer cruiser. Our spinnaker poles are a two-person lift, so we have multiple crew members working the lines to set and drop a spinnaker. One person looks after the pole topping lift and kicker, another is on the mast to adjust the butt end of the pole and bounce the spinnaker halliard, someone tailing the halliard, and yet more crew members manning the brace and sheet. Of course, the skipper at the back steers the boat hopefully to the advantage of the crew where possible or otherwise carries on like a pork chop. :-)

Work together and coordinate. Visualise your lines. Talk through the next manoeuvre, who's doing what, and who's calling the actions that need to happen. Check and double-check.

Packing is crucial for setting a spinnaker. If it's not packed well, it won't set regardless of the bow's actions. I used to like to pack my own spinnakers but sometimes you're too busy and need to rely on crew mates.

Pre-brace. It pulls the foot of the sail out flat, so it's less likely to have a wine glass if the spinnaker was packed properly.

Ensure your crew understands that if you move forward they must support you. While setting up, someone might need to help pull a sheet or halliard forward. They should relay your requests to the skipper or the crew aft. If you're on the bow, your crew mates need to stop discussing footy scores and focus on what is going on in the bow.

Mistakes will happen, but there are no sheep stations. Provide honest feedback when things go wrong to prevent a repetition of errors.

All the best,
Mark Philpott

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