

# Vice-Captains Report 2024



Last year we had a very comprehensive review of the racing activities. The details of this can still be accessed in minutes of meetings.

I am not aware of any issues or request for change, so it was not felt necessary to have a major review of the program this year.

In summary from last year.

- Starts times for Twilight to remain at 5:30pm and 6pm.
- Start times for Wednesday afternoons to remain at 3pm.
- Multihulls and monohulls to race together until enough yachts warrant separate series.
- Handicapping to remain unaltered except scoring system to be the same for all series where points for 1<sup>st</sup>=1, 2<sup>nd</sup>=2, 3<sup>rd</sup>=3 and so on.
- Request for some scratch start on Sundays. Courses added to program to facilitate, but due to a few circumstances we were unable to do these starts. The facility remains in the handbook for next season.
- We had some combined racing; however, CSC has now changed their racing format so there are several sub series which will allow combined racing. These include series for Two Handed, Port Jackson overnight, Shell Cove overnight and others. Our program allows yachts to sail in CSC series without effecting our series.

The Sunday racing program worked well with the Short Haul, Short Ocean and Boat Harbour series being well supported, particularly the Short Ocean series which now has 7 boats regularly racing.

The Wednesday twilight and afternoon series continues to have good support although we are not getting the number we enjoyed in the past. Thank you to Ken Teiffel for comparing the Twilight results and to the winning skippers for their presentation of the afternoon results.

Comments re tender rostering has been noted and a more proactive approach will be used to ensure that boats fulfill their duties.

L'attitude was not able to race many of the races towards the end of last season, so some changes were made to the racing organisation as follows.

- A roster was created for the Sunday yachts to set the marks and stand in as "Race Officer". My thanks to all the yachts that co-operated to make this possible.
- Earlier on some yachts were called upon to set Wednesday marks. My thanks to Peter Rochaix and other skippers that assisted when required.
- More recently Peter Corbett of Tobruk has volunteered to take charge of the Wednesday races. This has included not only the laying of some very good courses and managing the on-water organisation but also doing the results and updating the web. Peter has also been very good at understanding the "sail100" system that we use and capable of managing the "WordPress" sailing web. Peter, your assistance has been very much appreciated.

A special thanks to all our sponsors whose contribution adds to the enjoyment of our sport each race day and to the success of the awards night.

We encourage all our members to support the sponsors whenever possible.

Most of our sponsors have agreed to continue their support next season except BoatCrewGear who has declined due to business pressures.

However, we welcome "the galley" who has agreed to sponsor the Short Ocean series.

The racing could not happen without the support of skippers and their crews, so thank you to all of the sailing members for contributing to the success and camaraderie we all enjoy and finally, thank the management of the RMYC Port Hacking for their support over many years.

The "Racing Handbook" has been updated with next seasons race program and other minor changes. Our advertising sponsors have offset the cost of publication for the handbook.

## Extract form "Racing Handbook 2024-2025"

### 12 Summer Program 2024-2025

Race	Start	Date	Course	Start	Cat	Comment
SH1	Pursuit	8-Sept-24	9/10/Alt	12:30 AEST	5	Combined PHS fleet
SO1	Scratch	22-Sept-24	20/46	11:30 AEST	4	Founder's Bell Buoy/CSC
HBR1	Pursuit	22-Sept-24	9/10/Alt	12:30 AEST	5	Founder's race with CSC
SH2	Pursuit	6-Oct-24	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct Daylight saving
SO2	Scratch	20-Oct-24	26/21	12:30 AEDT	4	Marley/Wattamolla
HBR2	Pursuit	20-Oct-24	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	Boat Harbour series
SH3	Pursuit	3-Nov-24	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	Combined PHS fleet
NPS		9/10Nov24		10:00 AEDT	4	Shell Cove with CSC
SH4	Pursuit	17-Nov-24	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	Combined PHS fleet
SO3	Scratch	1-Dec-24	23/20	12:30 AEDT	4	Yellow mark or CCBuoy
HBR3	Pursuit	1-Dec-24	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	Boat Harbour series
SH5	Pursuit	8-Dec-24	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	Finish Spring series

#### Christmas – New Year's break

SH6	Pursuit	12-Jan-25	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	Start Autumn Series
NPS		18-Jan-25	CSC			Navigators Cup (CSC)
		26-Jan-24				Australia Day
SH7	Pursuit	2-Feb-25	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	Combined PHS fleet
SO4	Scratch	15-Feb-25	30/53	12:00 AEDT	4	Combined with CSC
SO5	Scratch	16-Feb-25	25/27	12:00 AEDT	4	Combined with CSC
HBR4	Pursuit	16-Feb-25	9/10/Alt	13:30AEDT	5	Boat Harbour series
SH8	Pursuit	2-Mar-25	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	Combined PHS fleet
SH9	Pursuit	16-Mar-25	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	Combined PHS fleet
SO6	Scratch	23-Mar-25	64/21	12:30 AEDT	4	Burning Palms/Wattamolla
HBR5	Pursuit	23-Mar-25	9/10/Alt	13:30 AEDT	5	Boat Harbour series
NPS		31-Mar-25	to	5-Apr-25		Port Stephens Regatta
SH10	Pursuit	13-Apr-25	9/10/Alt	12:30 AEST	5	7 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2025 ESTime
		18-Apr-25	to	21-April-25		Easter weekend

### 13 Winter Program 2024

Race	Day	Date	Course	Nominal Start	Cat	Comment
WTR1	Sunday	4May-25	9/10/Alt	13:00 AEST	5	
	Sunday	11-May-25				Mother's Day
WTR2	Sunday	18-May-25	9/10/Alt	13:00 AEST	5	
	Saturday	24-May-25				Presentation Night
WTR3	Sunday	1-Jun-25	9/10/Alt	13:00 AEST	5	
	Monday	9-June-25				King's Birthday
WTR4	Sunday	15-Jun-25	9/10/Alt	13:00 AEST	5	
WTR5	Sunday	29-Jun-25	9/10/Alt	13:00 AEST	5	
WTR6	Sunday	13-Jul-25	9/10/Alt	13:00 AEST	5	
WTR7	Sunday	27-Jul-25	9/10/Alt	13:00 AEST	5	

### 14 Two Handed series

Race	Day	Date	Course	Start Time	Cat	Combined
TWH1	Saturday	21-Sep-24	TBA	12:30 AEDT	5	With CSC starter
TWH2	Saturday	30-Nov-24	TBA	12:30 AEDT	5	With CSC starter
TWH3	Saturday	8-Feb-25	TBA	12:30 AEDT	5	With CSC starter
TWH4	Saturday	5-Apr-25	TBA	12:30 AEDT	5	With CSC starter

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