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Manly Junior 2006/7 State Championships



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From the Tiller

Avalon, we did it again.....Round 1 of the MJ State Championships was a showcase of the "Spirit of Avalon Sailing Club". What a great weekend. I can't think of anywhere else you would find such support.....50 volunteers from across all divisions of the club said yes to the guy with the clipboard and marshalled cars, shopped, manned the canteen, response boats and rigging deck, BBQ'd, and generally just made it happen. It looked to me that it wasn't just the competitors having all the fun. A special thanks to Nicole Koerner, Celia Craig, Lindal Jeffreys and Michelle Gale for their support at the front desk and canteen, and Andrew (clipboard) and Robyn Kendall who made it all happen. Peter Gale coordinated the fleet of response boats and provided great support to the MJ's Race Officer.

Well done to the Avalon sailors. A race report appears later in the newsletter.

What a relief that we are at last starting to get to sail. The strong southerlies have really put a dent in the program with three races abandoned thus far.....here's hoping for moderate conditions more often. I was starting to wonder whether we should be renaming the club as Avalon Social Club!

The Etchell fleet continues to grow. We now have six in the fleet and with word getting around that Avalon is becoming the Pittwater base for wet stored Etchells, I have had contact from yet another potential Etchell member. It will be a sight to see when they are all on the water together. Our Vice-Commodore, Peter Gale is also about to hit the water in an 11 metre one design and will test the speed and skill of the Young 88s and Etchells at the front of the fleet. Look out guys.

At our recent Committee meeting we had a long discussion about the need for a senior centreboard class to be supported by the club. Peter Kendall led a discussion with the Committee and gained their support to work towards the introduction of 29ers for next season. Anyone interested in playing a part in getting this off the ground should contact Peter to help plan to make it happen.

In the interests of our on the water safety, the Committee has also taken the decision to fit prop guards to our

outboards. These were fitted before the MJ States and seem to be working well.

The next major event in our calendar is the Sailing Camp over the middle two weekends in November. If you are able to assist with the running of the camp please contact either Peter Gale or Rob Wall.

See you on the water.

*Geoff Fogarty
Commodore*

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Ian and Di Lanz and family

Anne and Graham Johnson and family

Brett and Kerry Bellingham and family

Jan and Shelly Schollten and family

James Slattery

Susan and Lottie Braun

Jeff and Julie Conly and family

Tony Slavec

Michael Bell, Marnie Minslow and family

Chris and Mindy Hodges and family

Heath and Tracey Walters and family

John and Jenny Cronan and family

Vic and Sai Kennedy and family

Maurice and Tory Overy

Please introduce yourselves to our new members to help them feel welcome at the club.

In particular the BBQ on the deck after racing on the last weekend each month is a great way to get to know the membership.

Vale John Dickson

John Dickson, a Life Member of Avalon Sailing Club, passed away on 23rd September at 89 years of age.

The Dickson family joined Avalon Sailing club in 1959, sons Ian and Ross sailed a VJ called "Carry On". John would follow them around the course and, like any father, would provide an appraisal of the performance after the race. In 1965 he bought a Flying Fifteen "Flight" which he raced with Ross and Geoff Couell, winning the State Championship on their first attempt. At one stage John had two Flying Fifteens, one on Lake Macquarie which he raced on Saturdays and "Mach II" which he raced on Sundays at Avalon with (at various times) Les Westman, David Bennett and Pat McGregor. John's best results at the National level were a 3rd at Mornington and a 2nd behind John Calvert-Jones in Brisbane.

John's sailing in recent years was limited to day sailing on his Cavalier 32, "Gemava" up until December last year when he bought an Oceanis 351 with an open transom. The progression of his Parkinson's disease was making it too difficult for him to get on and off the Cav 32. He had his last sail in July.

John was made a life member for his services to the club, he was instrumental in getting CSR to donate materials to replace the clubhouse ceiling, he donated various stainless steel fittings and the marker buoys used up until recently came from John's stainless steel fabrication business free of charge. He continued to help the club, and his name is among the sponsors on the transoms of our Puffin Pacers.

John held the position of Club Treasurer from 1974 until 1979,



Ross and Ian Dickson in Carry On

and the club promoted him to a Life Member in 1986, quite rare at ASC!

John was married 3 times, Marjorie died in 1970 Elaine died in 1988 and Evelyn survives him. To quote John "I wasn't meant to live alone" and "I have had three wonderful wives". John's grandson Nigel Horton ("Warrior") is a current member of ASC.

Ross Dickson and Julian Golding.



Some of our junior club members get creative when their sailing gets cancelled due to gale force winds a few weeks back.

Centreboard News

The Flying 11 State Sprint Championships were sailed at Hunters Hill SC over the 23/24 September. The ASC crews were Peter Kendall/Louis Halford, Matthew Mayall/Anna Kendall, Tom Koerner/Monica Hyde, Penny Kendall/Jess Russell and new members Kingsley and Nicola Forbes Smith. Forty two boats battled a wide range of conditions, from drifting, to a southerly buster which caused the cancellation of racing on the second day. Racing on the first day was delayed when a Rivercat demolished a 12' skiff in the centre of the course....another good reason to sail on Pittwater! Peter and Louis, sailing Ace, had their best ever result coming first overall with placings of 6, 1, 2. Congratulations Peter and Louis

To all the families about to sit for their HSC whether parents or the young examinees themselves - your ASC family wishes you all the best for calm sailing through this stressful time for all concerned. Remember to take time out sailing the beautiful waters of Pittwater to help de-stress.

Celia Craig

Manly Junior NSW 2006/7 State Champs



Round 1

104 young sailors in 52 boats arrived at the starting line for Round 1 of the Manly Junior NSW Championships at Avalon Sailing Club last weekend (21st & 22nd Oct) to test their boat handling skills and determination in a fresh southerly and persistent rain.

In the Open Division, Natalie Greentree and Matthew Dubery (Dog Eat Dog) were dominant in the first two heats with impressive wins in both races, leaving little doubt that they'll be serious contenders this season. Snapping at their heels were Robert & Kasha Wojcik (Rad Rat) with two 2nd places from two races.

While Dog Eat Dog and Rad Rat were carving up the course, other experienced sailors suffered uncharacteristic capsizes when a squall swept across the fleet as it rounded the first windward mark in race two.

By the start of race three on Sunday the breeze had softened considerably and moved into the SE.

Local sailors Zac Duryea and Harley Walters (Dynamic Lifter) put the previous day's results behind them to lead the Open Division around the first three marks. However in the shifty SE breeze Robert & Kasha Wojcik (Rad Rat) and Angela Bates and Ashley Atkins (Two Chances) worked their way into 1st and 2nd place on the second windward leg and those three boats finished the race in that order. A fast finishing Natalie Greentree and Matthew Dubery (Dog Eat Dog) broke away from the chasing pack for a strong 4th place to cap off their weekend.

Provisional results (without a drop) at the completion of the first three heats shows Rad Rat (2,2,1) at the top of the leader's board ahead of Dog Eat Dog (1,1,4) by a very slender margin.

In the Novice Division Avalon's Michael Koerner and Sam Nesbitt (Full Throttle) showed good form to finish the weekend with two wins and a second.

Round 2 of the MJ NSW Championships will be hosted by Middle Harbour 16' Skiff Club on 18th & 19th November and promises to showcase more great racing from Australia's future champions.

RESULTS FROM AVALON CLUB BOATS ARE CURRENTLY - OPEN DIVISION

7th - Bullet - Gemma Rasdall/Hannah Lanz (3rd heat 1)

9th - Surge - Harry Bate/Clare Costanzo

14th - Dynamic Lifter - Zac Duryea/Harley Walters (3rd heat 3)

NOVICE DIVISION

1st - Michael Koerner/Sam Nesbitt - Full Throttle 2746 (1st place Race 1&2, 2nd place Race 3)

A very special thanks to all the team that helped make this event a success.





ASC Christmas Party

Saturday 9 December, 7pm - midnight



- Live music ■ Includes nibbles, main with salads and dessert. BYOG
- The big Rescue Boat Raffle will be drawn - over 40 prizes to be won!
- Dress - Xmas theme ■ No pre-allocated seating
- Tickets limited, so book early - ticket bookings accepted with credit card authority or cheque ■ \$50 per ticket



ASC Christmas Party Ticket Order Form

Send this form to Celia Craig, 29 Duff Street, Turramurra 2074. Phone 9488 7416

Here is my cheque/credit card authority for \$_____ Please reserve _____ places for me.

Name _____

Phone _____

Avalon Sailing Club Credit Card Authority

Please circle type of card Mastercard Bankcard Visa Expiry

Signature _____

Guess Who, Don't Sue!

👉 The wind strength gauge has gone beyond the lost hat scale to include split mains as well. That well known "Owl" boat went out to test the elements when the only other boat out there was a Manly Junior. Suffering a "Gung-Ho" presence of mind they decided to reduce the main reefing from two to one resulting in leech tear in about 40 knots of breeze. No problem, start the motor, plenty of crew and furl the main. BIG problem, the key snaps off in the ignition housing. The discussion then must have gone something like this. O.K. we will sail back on to the mooring and Ritchie you pick up the mooring 'cos you broke the key. In the photo sequence taken by Brett Stapleton and with advice from all the experts on the deck (much polite applause) you will notice Ritchie (the one with the long arms) at the bow and the rest of the crew standing around like road workers at a hole in the ground, adding to the windage blowing the boat away from the mooring. Guess who found the spare key in his jacket pocket after the mooring. Gee, Ross!

Reflection. Why "the OWL boat" for new readers. Well, Klaus requested a translation of "Incahoots" and the obvious answer was a South American Owl.

👉 How many corners does a spinnaker have and how many attempts to get it set? Three corners and FOUR goes, but then you did have three skippers on board Don. Welcome back Jeff. Reminds me of a frightening experience on a Boeing 707 once when we were a bit short of First Officers and had three Captains on the flight deck .

👉 With the "Eggshell" fleet again. Which new owner was asked if he was going to do the Quartet Bowl and answered, Etchell sailors don't do handicap starts!

👉 How to be embarrassed! Usual discussion before the drive to the committee dinner at St.Ives. O.K., who is driving. Right, I will. Pull up outside and "Bugger" I have left my wallet (and licence) in my other shorts. (I do have two pair). Oh yeah, says she cynically. Anyway, now the replacement driver, she cunningly arranges a lift back to Avalon and we enjoy the B.B.Q. to the maximum. Just as well, as blowing the breath machine on arrival home she was point one and I was point 08. Thanks for the lift Peter and Claudie and great party Geoff and Jennie and the car was still outside your house next day.



👉 Where is the missing shorten course spear marker? I built it years ago so we could position it next to a mark of the course and go directly to the finish from "N" or "K" in the B.W.S. series, and it was never used. At last it proved useful in the M.J. States as a mark of the course over the weekend, but if you read para. 21.2 of the mainsheet you will have to be a submersible to pass it, as it is resting peaceably on the bottom in a vertical position, pennants flying, somewhere in Pittwater. Anyone got scuba gear?

Norm Field

RESCUE BOAT RAFFLE

The unreliability of our two older response boats, Retriever and Bosun, has increasingly become a drain on the Club's maintenance budget, and on the time of the volunteers who endeavour to ensure that the boats are functioning and available each weekend. At a recent Committee meeting we resolved that it was now time to give priority to finding and purchasing a new rescue boat. This will ensure our continuing ability to support all our on-the-water activities and to teach our juniors the wonderful sport of sailing in the safest possible environment.

Our major raffle this year aims to raise \$10,000 towards a new rescue boat and we would like to ask all members to help us achieve that goal.

We are delighted to have received many valuable and exciting donations as prizes for our biggest ever raffle. All members will have received by mail 2 books of raffle tickets and a list of the prizes donated to date. We would be most grateful if you could try to sell these tickets to your friends and family (or to yourselves of course).

Winners who are present at the Xmas party on 9 December can choose their prize from what's available. So you may like to nominate the preferred prize(s) on each butt for winners who are not at the function. Butts and money need to be returned to Celia by 3 December to be included in the raffle. Any questions, please contact Toni (0416 006 088) or Celia (9488 7416).

PRIZES INCLUDE:

- Slipping fees and labour for boat up to 40ft.at Careel Bay Marina. (Mark Humphery Shipwright)
- Boat shoes. (Lamoore Yacht Sales)
- Dinner for 2 up to \$120 at Clareville Kiosk. alcohol not included (The Deer Family)
- Mooring service labour - replacement parts excluded. (Pittwater Mooring Services)
- Green vegetation bin. (United Resource Management)
- 3-4 hour cruise on Pittwater for up to 4 adults on Accountability, a 42ft Jeanneau. (Thompson Family with hamper from Gourmet Tarts)
- Autographed book by James Morrison and CD pack featuring James Morrison and Emma Pask. (James Morrison Enterprises)
- Luncheon cruise on MV Trina (The Kidners and Mahers) including food hamper from Village Delicatessen.
- Framed historic sailing print. (Avalon Art & Framing Gallery)
- 6.5m flagpole; Australian flag. (ACE flagpoles)
- Hood carry-all gear bag. (Hood Sailmakers)
- 3 subscriptions to 'Australian Sailing' magazine; 2 subscriptions to 'Cruising Helmsman'. (Yaffa Publishing)
- Gourmet Dinner Service gift voucher to value of \$65.
- Original painting by Meredith Rasdall, local artist.
- Hairdressing voucher valued at \$65 for Mason Anthony Hairdressers.
- Two-hour Computer Health Check by SuperGeek technician valued at \$99. (Deer Family)
- 2 organic food hampers valued at \$50 and \$30. (Dynamic Organics and Avalon Organics)
- Hot Air Balloon Flight - Parramatta or Hunter Valley
- 1.5L Margaret River Shiraz. (The Zwolenskis)
- Dinner for 2 at the Pittwater RSL Brasserie to value of \$45
- 2 vouchers for Avalon Beach RSL Club restaurant valued at \$50 each.
- Sydney North Entertainment Book. (Entertainment Publications)
- Cut & Blow Dry worth \$50 at Avalon Hair Design.
- Home cooked Xmas cake. (Anne Roughly).
- Dee Why RSL Club voucher worth \$20.
- \$30 gift voucher for Spot Music, Avalon.
- Glass platter worth \$19.95. (Village Living)
- 2 cinema tickets for Warriewood United Cinemas
- 3 anchors.
- Various boating items. (Whitworths)
- Bombay Gin, wine and more!

TICKETS - \$5 each, 5 for \$20, 10 for \$30

Raffle drawn 9 December 2006 at the Christmas Party

Running by the Lee

Etchell or Young 88. Manly Junior or Nipper. Spiral or Laser.
Whatever vessel we claim as our passion a common thread prevails. Having fun and sailing with friends.

Last week our MJ sailors demonstrated how much fun we have at ASC. When the wind was light and the course was changed laughter and the odd spray of water was heard through the fleet and when the AP came down everyone was back in the groove.

Congratulations to all the competitors and many thanks to our volunteers for making this a successful regatta. Very special thanks to Nicole Koerner. I believe Nicole spent most of Monday relaxing.

We have collected lots of photos from both days and these will be available on disc. Send me an email and I will drop a disc into the club with your name on it available at registration on Sundays. avalonvillage@ozemail.com.au

If anyone has additional photos to add to our archive please let me know. The best photo prize goes to Dynamic lifter Zac Duryea/Harley Walters. C/O Chuck Bradley.

Dynamic Lifter leaping out of the water. This shot made it to the YA website well done Zac & Harry.

We do have other sailing anarchists on the water. Two Etchells chasing a Young 88 last Sunday and the question was raised by Mr Maher on our blogg this week. Which boat sails best? A Young 88 or an Etchell? All responses welcome.

MB



Dates to Remember

9th December
Christmas Party

November
Sailing Camp



Mooring available

The Club currently has one mooring available. Be quick as it will not last long. For details or to get on a waiting list call Ross Trembath on 9983 9824

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