



TIDELINES

Newsletter for members of Palm Beach Yacht Club Inc

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From the Helm

Jim Gordon, Commodore

Well, winter is finally here and that means a slowdown in our racing program, but not necessarily the social program. Plans are set for the 21st Birthday Dinner and everyone would have received their invitation by now. This will be THE social event for the season so we are anticipating a good turn out. Geoff Boorman is busy putting together the souvenir DVD for the evening so if you have any photos or memorabilia that relates to the club please let us know so it can be included.

It was great to see a number of members attend the Rules Night and Mark Pryke gave us plenty to think about. I thought I was well versed, but there were a couple of areas where my understanding was in error. Look for a re-introduction of some interpretations in the upcoming editions of Tidelines.

Also make a note in your diary for Sunday 28th August for the cruise to Hardie's Bay for lunch. Further details will follow on the website when they are confirmed.

As we come to end of another season I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for their unwavering support. It certainly makes life easier to have a band of committed workers who each take on some of the load and make sure the club functions as a whole.

Simon Mayall as Race Secretary, Steve Clarke and Patrick Brown as Committee Members are stepping down this year and their contributions will be missed.

I would take this opportunity to welcome James Skeen onboard as a Committee Member and John Bacon who has "volunteered" to fill in as Race Director. Fortunately we have a dedicated group of volunteers to keep things running, but there is always room for more help. If you have ever considered giving something back to your club, this is the year.

Enclosed with this issue (or posted direct) you will find a personalised invoice of your fees for the 2005/2006 season. Cruising membership is now \$ 120. Full racing membership is now \$ 205 plus \$ 45 for your AYF fee (total \$250). This is due for payment now so please take the opportunity to fill it in and return along with your payment to the Treasurer. This will ensure you are financial for the new season.

Roll on the 21st Birthday Ball – see you there !!!

FAIR WINDS

Gosford Cruise Report

The berths were booked , eskies filled and the flotilla set out on our Annual raid to Gosford Sailing Club. After last year's heart stopping moments under the Rip Bridge, the Commodore elected to take the "pocket rocket" 11 meter for sailing so the Admiral organized a berth on "Bad Habits" with Michael & Janelle (hot showers and a TV - pretty comfortable!).

"Jandu" was there to represent the cruising division with Hans & Elizabeth in fine form. "Incorrigible" was re-assembled in time for Darren, Sam and Thomas to make the voyage. Of course "Happy Hour" couldn't be held back, even though Bob was coughing and spluttering like a diesel engine running on salt water. Ian Lehman also joined us in his new cruising vessel so the fleet was complete.

After a rather uneventful voyage up to the Brisbane Waters we made our way to Gosford Sailing Club where Bob Swan made us welcome. Using the "Mediterranean Mooring Method" we managed to get 4 vessels parked stern-to across the end of the pontoon, much to Bob's amazement. It was then time for a Q.L.D. and inspection visits to "Jandu" before heading up to the club for dinner.

As it turns out, Hans & Elizabeth's son Helmut lives 5 minutes away from the club so he came down with family in tow to join us for dinner. After a pleasant evening's dining it was time to repair back on board and settle in for the night.

Next morning dawned bright and clear with a light 10 knot breeze. Time to take the challenge to the GSC fleet. Unfortunately for us , GSC had their AGM that morning so the start was delayed by almost an hour leaving the PBYC fleet ploughing furrows up and down the start line (at least we knew which end was favoured). To be courteous, we gave them a 10 minute head start then it was on.

To make it feel like home, the 5th Element team gave "nicknames" to the GSC boats. Their Northshore 369 immediately became "Kokalot" and a sports boat was "On the Blink". You can guess what the two Etchells were called !

As the afternoon progressed, so the wind strengthened making conditions a little tricky.

"Incorrigible" elected to cruise around with the fleet and then headed off early to make it back to Pittwater before dark (after exploring Ettalong).

With five on board (Jim, Debbie, Janelle, Michael & Ian) we elected to use the spinnaker on the 11-meter (it hasn't been out of the bag since last year's national championships) and Hans was on hand to catch some great video of us in action. (No, we didn't qualify for the 007 award).

Meanwhile Bob and Kimba on "Happy Hour" was busy outsailing all their competition and not only caught the GSC boats, but sailed past them and made it look so easy.

In the end PBYC finished 5th and 14th over the line - would have been different if we'd all started together !

Time to pack up, have a late lunch and head back to Pittwater. By now the wind had dropped to almost nothing and we had a spectacular sunset while crossing Broken Bay. It's pretty hard to imagine anything better !

YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2004-2005

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Secretary:	Kimba Searle	9913 8752		Darren Skinner	9918 7493
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YOUR NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2005-2006

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AGM

Wednesday 13th June 2005 was the Annual General Meeting for Palm Beach Yacht Club. The turnout was down on what was expected. As you can see by the new committee we say farewell and thank you to several old committee members and welcome to the new committee members and a big thank you to those who have chosen to stay on.

Following three years of running at a loss, it was resolved at the meeting to increase the Race Entry Fee to \$ 85. This will help to cover our Insurance and Racing costs.

Considering most clubs that award prizes and trophies for every race charge over \$ 200 for a Race Entry fee, this still represents good value.

In addition, the membership fee has been raised to \$ 120 to cover the costs of the Club moorings.

Also, keep in mind that this is the first fee increase in 5 years and has only been done to ensure our financial future as a club. Clearly we need to expand our membership base at the same time.

The next most important issue to come out of the meeting was a proposal to adopt the standard AYF starting sequence (which was introduced in 2000).

The new start procedure will be (5-4-1 go) i.e. five minute gun and flag followed by a four minute gun and flag followed by a 1 minute gun and flag followed lastly by the start gun and flag. Please note for the Twilight Season there will be a five minute gap between the Start gun for first division and the five minute gun for second division.

This standard procedure will come into effect for the first race of the Spring Series and the details will be included in the new Program and Sailing Instructions.

The other issue was that since we have lost Darrell and Rosemary Ford as our Sunday Race Starters, we will have to revert back to our old system of each boat taking a turn to do the start. This has already been started so we would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has already done a start (or in some cases more than one).

A volunteer roster will be sent out shortly so you can select which races you would like to help with.

21st Birthday

July 23 sees the 21st Birthday of Palm Beach Yacht Club, so for members new and old and any in between here is a chance to dust of the party frocks and suits and leave the winter blues behind for an evening of fun and frivolity.

So it's Jacket & tie for the boys (black tie is optional) and evening wear for the ladies.

CLEARANCE SALE

PBYC caps (\$5.00) and white polo shirts (\$20.00) selling at well below cost! Ring Sam Skinner on 9918 7493 to get yours before they go!

Winter Woollies

As Winter is now upon it is now a great time to talk to Sam Skinner about our range of Polar Fleece Jackets, Jumpers and Vests. Ideal for keeping that Winter chill at bay.

PBYC RACE RESULTS

Palm Beach Yacht Club

Pittwater Series Race 3

The Great Wackers Race Race

19th June 2005

Start/Finish 7/7

Start Boat "Incorrigible" - Darren, Sam & Thomas
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Line Honours "Flying Colours"

Yacht	Member	Elapsed Time	Line Place	H/C	Correct. Time	H/C Place
Moonmist	Michael Crosby	1:34:06	4	1.015	1:35:29	1
Happy Hour	Rob & Kimba	1:38:58	7	0.977	1:36:44	2
Flying Colours	Jim & Debbie Gordon	1:21:15	1	1.215	1:38:42	3
Ariki	Simon Mayall	1:36:56	6	1.029	1:39:45	4
Free Spirit	John Buggy	1:36:24	5	1.046	1:40:50	5
Tere Moana	Patrick Brown	1:31:28	3	1.115	1:41:57	6
Kokalot	Ken Berkeley	1:21:52	2	1.280	1:44:47	7

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Pittwater Series Race 1

Lady Skippers Race

17th April 2005

Start/Finish 12/12

Line Honours "Kokalot"

Yacht	Member	Lady Skipper	Elapsed Time	Line Place	H/C	Correct. Time	H/C Place
Flying Colours	Jim & Debbie Gordon	Debbie	0:45:16	2	1.182	0:53:29	1
Happy Hour	Rob & Kimba Searle	Kimba	0:57:05	12	0.959	0:54:45	2
Back in Business	Don Curchod Sam/Darren Skinner	Dianne Lanz	0:45:20	3	1.227	0:55:37	3
Incorrigible	Skinner	Sam	0:53:06	8	1.055	0:56:01	4
If	Damian Gould		0:46:34	4	1.205	0:56:07	5
My Girl	Dan Nolan	Janelle	0:46:54	5	1.212	0:56:51	6
Kokalot	Ken Berkeley	Martine	0:44:25	1	1.289	0:57:14	7
Tenacious	Lammert/Moore	Margaret	0:47:10	6	1.225	0:57:48	8
Moonmist	Michael Crosby	Vicki	0:56:57	11	1.031	0:58:43	9
Cool Change	John Baird	Sue Muller	0:54:35	9	1.083	0:59:07	10
Ariki	Simon Mayall	Helene	0:56:11	10	1.074	1:00:21	11
Dragon Lady	Bob Bennett		0:47:34	7	1.142	0:54:19	12

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Pittwater Series Race 2

Morse Controls Race

15th May 2005

Start/Finish 7/7

Line Honours "If"

Yacht	Member	Elapsed Time	Line Place	H/C	Correct. Time	H/C Place
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Dragon Lady	Bob Bennett	1:04:24	3	1.172	1:15:29	1
If	Damian Gould	1:02:21	1	1.271	1:19:15	2
Flying Colours	Jim & Debbie Gordon	1:05:37	4	1.208	1:19:16	3
Ariki	Simon Mayall	1:18:19	6	1.035	1:21:03	4
Kokalot	Ken Berkeley	1:02:31	2	1.33	1:23:09	5
Tere Moana	Patrick Brown	1:15:39	5	1.149	1:26:55	6

PBYC BUSINESS CARD NETWORKING GALLERY

Here's an opportunity for Club Members and those associated with the PBYC to do some business networking. Just send your business card and \$100 to Sam Skinner the card will be placed for a season on an exclusive page in Tidelines and will be placed on the Club's Website which is getting an ever increasing number of visitors.

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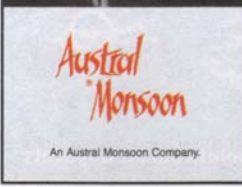


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