



BYRA BULLETIN

The official newsletter of the Bayview Yacht Racing Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

Combined Racing with ASC

The sailing season has well and truly kicked off and sees us racing with Avalon Sailing Club!

A welcome departure from that 'up-down on repeat' stuff, we are now doing courses that include TRIANGLES!

Races pencilled in (weather permitting) between now and Christmas include:

- Sunday 30th October
- Sunday 6th November
- Sunday 13th November
- Sunday 20th November
- Sunday 27th November
- Sunday 4th December
- Sunday 11th December
- Sunday 18th December

Start time is 2pm and the course is usually north of Scotland Island.

This is friendly fun racing so don't be afraid to give it a go. All are very welcome!



Editor's Ahoy

Ahoy BYRA-ites!

Wishing you all a belated welcome to the 2022/23 sailing season and a Happy Halloween!

I say belated, as technically we started racing quite a few weeks ago, but better late than never me thinks.

And there is good reason for the delay of your favourite newsletter - the committee (myself included) have been engulfed by a veritable TSUNAMI of ferocious activity as the club currently goes through some serious restructuring.

Our strategising of last season is being converted into action at a frenetic pace, so to keep you all in the loop, here are some of the highlights:

We now have one of those 'Vision - Mission - Values' things and it's really cool.

After much reflection and refinement we have settled on the vision: to be the most fun and inclusive not-for-profit sailing

BYRA LTS

LTS started on the 23rd October and will run as followed until the end of the year with a picnic planned for the final session!

- Sunday 30th October
- Sunday 6th November
- Sunday 13th November
- Sunday 27th November

Please be aware of all the little people in the vicinity of BYRA during this time (especially if reversing boats into the rigging green, etc.)

Aero Nationals

From the 18th - 20th November, BYRA will be hosting the Aero Nationals! Yes, you read that correctly... We will be accommodating around 40 Aeros from all over Australia (!), who will be amassing for some seriously friendly on-water battling and off-water camaraderie.

If you want to see one of these magical (mostly carbon) machines up close and personal, catch up with our fantastic Rear Commodore Mindy Meehan who would be delighted to intro you to this class.

Sometime around Christmas...

I feel a picnic/BBQ coming on...!

WATCH. THIS. SPACE.

club on Pittwater.

And we aim to achieve this by providing a friendly, welcoming, community environment for sailing and water sports.

Yes, you read that correctly, sailing AND water sports, because...

We are officially opening our doors to non-sailors who love the water just as much as we do and aim to become a Sailing & Aquatic Club

On this note, check out our FANTASTIC 2022 logo (noting that the old one will still be used as and when appropriate! It is not being abandoned!)



Massive thank you to Mindy Meehan and her team at Lantern Marketing for their efforts with this. It will be the envy of all around, of that we are sure.

Now for our values - the things that we believe in and want to live out through our actions at, and concerning, the club.

We believe in Community, Inclusivity, Opportunity, Health & Wellbeing, and BYRA's Financial Self-Sufficiency.

We want to get as many people as possible out enjoying our fantastic Bayview location, which we have come to realise is probably the best waterfront access point in all of Pittwater; safe, sheltered, scenic, and with our deck with its (multi) million dollar view.

Of course, making all this a reality is requiring MONUMENTAL efforts from the team and we are desperate for more volunteers to share the load. We'll be doing the rounds looking for people to help in any way they

St Lukes Schools Programmes

Friday afternoons also see St Luke's School enjoying some fun Learn to Sail activities at the club. The current term's activities are in progress and will continue in 2023.

BYRA Dinghy Sailors

Again, the BYRA Dinghy Sailors Whatsapp Group for 'unofficial anytime sailing and general BYRA chatter' is up and running and going from strength to strength!

If you would like to join please see Leah in the dinghy park or email sailing@byra.com.au.

Don't have Whatsapp but open to it? Check out www.whatsapp.com for info.

can - big or small. All contributions make a difference and are vital to ensuring our last value can be a lived reality - self-sufficiency. We want to keep fees as low as we can long into the future and need people-power to make things happen.

The great news is that through being an active BYRA volunteer you get to hang out with your fellow BYRA-ites and there is always a laugh and a good chat to be had. It's all part of 'creating community'.

I hardly knew anyone when I arrived in Australia in 2019 and have made some super friends through the club. Thanks BYRA!

BYRA will also support volunteers through courses as required, and are planning some powerboat training for the not too distant future to get more members 'RIB-ready!'.

Of course, if you prefer to do boring administrative tasks at home alone, we can make that happen too... ;-)

And for those people-people among you, a specific area where we would welcome some cheerful help is the BYRA Learn to Sail. Thank you in advance!

BYRA LTS now in full swing!

On which note, BYRA Learn to Sail (or LTS as we affectionately call it) has returned with a bang.

With Mindy Meehan at the helm a new programme (plus an awesome new logo!) has been developed to better address community needs and all aligned with Australian Sailing's strategic aims of providing programmes that are 'fun, inclusive, and safe'. Mindy has taken the most

relevant bits from the current Australian Sailing lesson plans and added a BYRA twist, to really emphasise the fun part. This includes a Water Park Experience at the end with access to kayaks and paddle boards! And all to ensure that the programme is super engaging and that no child is left feeling out of their depth (excuse the pun!).

This is a really important aspect of BYRA's new direction - living our aim of inclusivity by removing any psychological barriers (i.e. fear!) of trying something new.





BYRA LTS was preceded by a working bee on the 9th of October (a big thank you to all that helped and a special mention to Ian Urban for the number of power tools he produced...) and a very well attended Open Day on the 16th October.

Sunday 23rd saw the programme begin proper and with a staggering total of 20 children (plus parents) in attendance. I think it's safe to say it was a roaring success. The difficulty in getting kids out of the water at closing time says it all! #toomuchfun!



Last season's 'new' news!

They say that style never goes out of fashion. We believe the same about the BYRA news cycle - it transcends time. So here's a run down of fun and amazing BYRA happenings from the end of last season...

Woody you believe it?!

Woody Point Yacht Club gave us a free boat last year.

A free WHAT?

A free boat!

A Highfield Classic 360 Hypalon to be exact.

WOW!

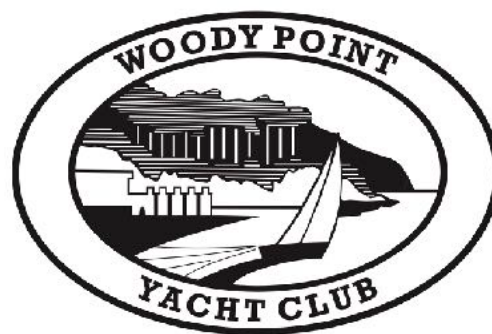
To quote WPYC:

"As a community based sailing club, Woody Point Yacht Club wishes to encourage the development of sailing skills for a younger generation than its own demographic. With this donation, it is hoped that young BYRA sailors might one day be encouraged into yacht racing at Woody Point."

With our Learn to Sail off to a roaring success we certainly hope we will be creating life long sailors.

So a MASSIVE thank you to Woody Point Yacht Club. This is an unbelievably generous donation to BYRA and we sure hope to make it worth their efforts.

A naming/launching/thank you ceremony date will be announced in due course!



The Inaugural BYRA Scow and Lowrider Moth Invitational

By Ian Urban

Held on the 3rd April, we had four entries for this event. Graham Vic, Paul Chudleigh, Mike Salter (Scows) and Ian Urban (Skeeta). The Skeeta sailed without foils to be competitive against the other Moths.

The day was fine with high cloud and a light, 4 to 8 Knot North Westerly breeze. The course consisted of two triangles and a windward and return to the finish.

Breeze was a bit light for scows which made it a bit more tactical in picking the wind shifts.



Unfortunately, we can't find the results but we do know Ian in the Skeeta won both races by a good margin. This could have been through, skill, the design of the Skeeta, local knowledge or just dumb luck. The other scows all had close racing.

At the end of the day the main conclusion was that it was another great day sailing on Pittwater at a great club.

We finished off with a sausage sizzle, drinks and prizes. All entries received a \$25 Woolworths Gift Voucher.



Editor's note - this would have been a great regatta to enter; prizes for all plus a sausage sizzle!

And not to mention the AMAZING sunset they all got to enjoy!

Well done all and we'd love to see more of these mini-regattas.



Peter Loft Regatta 2022

The 2022 Peter Loft Regatta seen a huge turn out of boats this year but alas, not the wind to match!

The plan to sail around Lion Island became an unlikely prospect as it took up to an hour to get free of the start line. However, all was not lost (!) as the wind started to fill in as the day went on and after a shortened course the fleet was propelled in a decent breeze back to home base.

No matter! There are few things more fun than a Le Mans-style start off the beach, a mad dash out to one's craft, and then a high pressure tactical manoeuvring through the moored yachts.

The 2022's race was anyone's! The windsurfers cleaned up...



Meet the Members!

Welcome to our meet the members section!

This is a chance to put names to faces, and an opportunity to identify who to hit up for that extra pearl of sailing wisdom!

This week we feature our Multihull Man, George Sadlik!

George, how did you get into sailing?

I only got into sailing because of my kids and mainly Orlando, back in 2018. We (our family) had never sailed. EVER). He was on the cusp of being a teen and we (the parents) saw an opportunity to 'better' direct Orlando's energy into a positive sport and experience. We signed him up to LTS and as his Dad it was my roll to come down every Sunday and be involved in the sailing journey with him through the BYRA LTS program. Shortly followed by his Sister Lola we had a sailing family. I found the theory and actions of sailing really interesting, especially taking mother nature on and being normally put in my place by her.



Because of this challenge I instantly took to it like a duck to water. My first experience was four weeks after buying an MG14, and with no experience I had Emma Rankin helm for me on one of the heaviest Peter Loft marathons that BYRA had experienced. We hadn't even left the moorings before she had me hoisting the kite to send it down the bay. I was hooked to the thrill of 'the send' from that moment onwards.

What sorts of sailing have you done?

After the MG14 experience in 2018, I have been extremely fortunate to have sold the MG14 and gotten into the F16 catamaran class. I currently sail an F16 'Viper' from Goodall Designs which is currently the most competitive F16 cat in its class world wide. This has been an extreme learning curve which I love as I definitely prefer sailing my F16 Viper solo even though it's a double handed boat. I'm always looking forward to getting on this boat and pushing my personal limits. I sometimes wish I had started this sport 40yrs ago (but maybe I wouldn't appreciate it the same way I do now).

Other than this I have sailed a few keel boats over the last four years. My favourites have included a Hanse 34.5 caravan. This was a winner with Grace and friends and was made possible from Mr Robb Warnes giving me the opportunity through his share of the boat to get away for weekends on Pittwater.

Further to this I have successfully raced on 'Martini' a Thompson 870 from CYC Sydney and recently on Gunner Goodwin a Beneteau 34.7 as foredeck hand.

But.. my most exciting gig so far has been on 'Intiy' a 36ft single / double handed boat that has foils! It's a Beneteau Figuro 3 and this machine is next level. I pinch myself every time I come back to port from sailing this beautiful but demanding boat.

I'm looking to spend more time on my F16 Viper catamaran in the future as I find this the most exhilarating of all the classes I have tried.

We look forward to more 'meet the members' in the next edition!





News from the Crews

Getting Race Ready to take on Avalon...

The season started with either variable winds of questionable strength, or howling gales of *no way I'm heading out there!* However we have had some fantastic sailing nonetheless and on one occasion even managed to enjoy blazing sunshine and blue skies! Picture postcard Pittwater.

On Sunday the 11th of September, a small fleet headed out to just beyond the moored yachts to dust off the cobwebs and get race ready ahead of the first offerings with ASC.

It was not just a fantastic mix of dinghies, but also a fantastic mix of ages, genders and abilities. Big thank you to Commodore James, Vice Commodore George, and their wonderful assistants, Jen and Poppy (age 7 11/12).

They say that pictures speak a thousand words, so check out these glorious pics - there were definitely worse places to be than Pittwater that day!





Racing like the big boats!

The last few weeks have also seen some fun, albeit at times random, on water activity.

When last I raced (Sunday 23rd October) ASC was not racing due to hosting a competition and Henry not only set a mad course that took us on a serious passage race from BYRA to Tailor's Point and back, but also managed the start sequence from BYRA One, AND competed in the race...

Work that one out...



Salty Tales

This edition's Salty Tale gives us cause for some celeBYRAtion!

Orlando has taken up windsurfing and is doing 'quite well'. His proud dad George has filled us in on the details...

Orlando has been honing his skills on a BIC Techno293 recently which is a one design windsurfer for the youth development class. He's really enjoying the freedom that this discipline brings and really loves getting out there for full sends whenever possible.

Recently we attended 2022 NSW Youth Championships at Pt Wolstoncroft and after a full week of training and competition he walked away with the GOLD and took home first place NSW Youth Techno293.

This has really inspired him to push harder with the sport and we can expect to see him blasting around Pittwater shortly on an IQ Foiling windsurfer and taking on the next level of competition.



Gear Grab

Looking for some new duds to impress your sailing buddies? Or perhaps the world's best present? Or maybe you just need a sun hat. Well, look no further!

BYRA offers a range of classic apparel that is sure to put those Musto wearing folks to shame! Includes, long sleeved rashies, safety singlets, polo shirts, wide brimmed hats, and caps! And ALL for \$50 or less.

Check out a safety singlet in action - functional and fashionable!

All available online at <https://www.byra.com.au/shop/> or email us at sailing@byra.com.au.



Weather

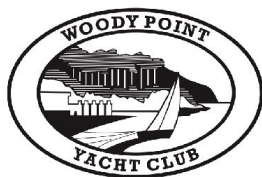
If you want to be a weather junkie and have the edge on your fellow sailors, don't forget to check the BOM (although I don't think we're allowed to call them that anymore...) and Seabreeze for your forecasts!



Sponsors Corner

A big thank you to our sponsors - past and present - for helping make it all possible. And another massive **THANK YOU** to the Woody Point Yacht Club.

If you would like to add your brand to the illustrious list below please do get in touch!

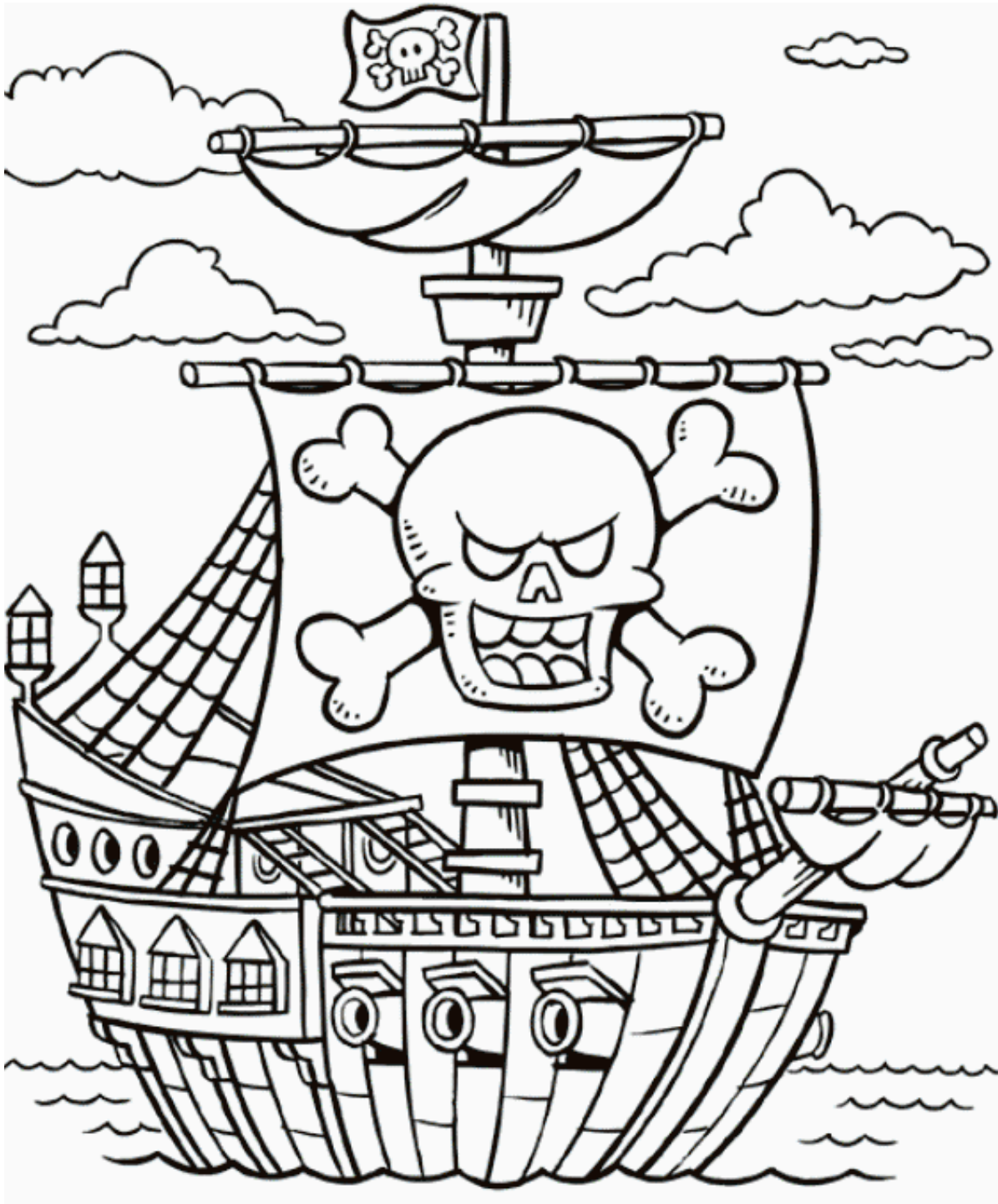


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Ghost Ship Colouring-in!

This week's colouring-in challenge is pretty scary... colour if you dare!



Remember, if you email in your completed pictures we'll include them in the next BYRA Bulletin! Address below - submissions from all ages welcome, noting that colouring-in is a proven stress reliever for adults...

Check our Robb Warne's fab efforts from last year!

