



THE PENNANT



Eikon looking as good as ever on her way passed Patonga
(Photo: Ed Berti 1 February 2014)

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Next committee meeting:

19:00 hrs Wednesday, 16 April 2014

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All members welcome.

To contact other boats during club activities use Radio VHF ch 16 (go up to ch 77)

CLUB MERCHANDISE for sale

| | | |
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| Embroidered cap/shirt badges: | Small \$3.00 | Large \$5.00 |
| Club Polo Shirts most sizes: | TBA | |
| Club burgee: | \$10.00 | |

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Commodore's Report for February

Congratulations to Mark Cole and the crew of *Sooty Petrel* for winning our annual Three Island Race. *Star of the Sea* was the worthy winner of the Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 7, a race that saw the first qualifying run of Terry's elegant new *Crossbow*, a Børresen Bådebyggeri 10. Terry, Cliff, Russell and Mark Cole all competed in the RMYC "Brooklyn Bash", and our Club, as is traditional, hosted the after-race BBQ at McKell Park.

We extend a warm welcome to our new members: Mike Wilkinson, Helen Kaminski and Gail Martin.

Important news for this month is that, after many years of devoted service as HRYC Webmaster and editor of *The Pennant*, Tony Phillips has announced his intention to retire from these roles in July. Tony will leave very big shoes to fill. The website is not only the public face of the club, but also the main tool we use to keep abreast of events, races, and generally what's happening. *The Pennant* is the main record of our activities, with articles contributed by members creating a very readable magazine (actually an "ezine", in modern parlance) that we look forward to receiving each month. We've started our search for people to fill both positions, so if you're interested in either role please contact me, or another committee member, as soon as possible.

Tony's retirement will coincide with the election of the new management committee at the HRYC Annual General Meeting on 5 July. I plan to step down as Commodore at this meeting, and Ed Levy, after years of sterling service as Treasurer, has also decided to hand the books on to a successor. So, we'll be looking for quite a few new faces in July!

Meanwhile, several committee members (especially Cliff) have been hard at work revising the Club Rules. This document will now be known as the Club Handbook (incorporating the rules).

We are also planning to submit an application for a commercial mooring in Parsley Bay. This will enable us to provide a more gracious welcome to visiting yachts, including for events such as the Brooklyn Bash.

Finally, congratulations to Michelle who has now successfully completed both the theory and practical components of the RYA Day Skipper course. I hope we'll see a write-up of the 5-day sailing component in *The Pennant* soon!

And don't forget our annual dinner, to be held this year on 31 May. More details soon!

John Storey,
Commodore

Three Island Race Report Saturday 1 February

I suppose a race report might not be too difficult given we on Enchantress were looking forward to the other contestants for most of the event. Ha.

The race started 10 minutes late due to our late arrival at the start and the generosity of the Starter and other boats.

Five boats crossed the line and made for the starboard rounding of Lion Island. We soon lost sight of the larger boats Blyth Spirit and Eikon. Sooty Petrel followed the two leaders using the north side of Broken Bay while we preferred the middle as did BS and E. These two rounded Lion Island first.

SP rounded Lion Is 3rd and we followed. After the rounding we made our way towards Barrenjoey. We supposed again that there might be an advantage in taking a central course in the southerly work down Pittwater to the port rounding of Scotland Island. SP got there before us and we noted their preference to the eastern Pittwater before just squeaking past Woody Point. Snappy tacking to the south of Scotland Island and still behind SP we wondered how far ahead E and BS might be. No chance of catching them, but some fun might be had with SP.

SP headed north towards the West Head rounding following Pittwater's western shore. We took a more central course but saw no advantage from it. We were carrying full main and genoa # 1, having decided that with only the 2 of us on board it would be prudent to not use either of our spinnakers. On rounding West Head SP and ourselves were faced with a strong run out tide. We noted that SP had decided to stick close in to Broken Bay's southern shore. Is there less tidal flow there? There was plenty where we were, but we were still making good speed in the centre of the Bay. Rounding Juno Point we had made some ground on SP, but where were BS and E?

SP and ourselves continued towards the next mark and located it immediately when SP threw a quick change of course. (A bit more ground made up. This is the



Hard on Eikon's heels
(Photo: Ed Berti, 1 Feb 2014)

advantage of being last, but not a tactic of choice.) So, still following SP we approached Dangar Island's port rounding. In the northerly distance we saw the two larger yachts and they appeared to be struggling. Oh joy! Even better we were catching SP. This moment was short lived as BS and E appeared to pick up good air and off they went again.

At this point, east of Dangar and trying to progress to its north side, we challenged SP but they showed us how it should be done sailing on to the finish, leaving us stuck on the mud.

Well done Sooty Petrel, and thanks to Eikon for conducting the race.

John & Matthew Sutton
"Enchantress"



Enchantress and Sooty Petrel in close combat as they go around Dangar Island in the Three Island Race
(Photo: Ed Berti 1 February 2014)

HAWKESBURY RIVER YACHT CLUB

Date **1/02/2014**

Event **Three Island Race**

Course **Three Islands**



| Yacht | Sail No | Start | Finish | Race | Adjustment | Adjusted | Rating | H'cap | Penalty | Corrected | H'cap | Starter | Line | Points | Points | Points | Handicap | |
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| | | | | 5:43:02 | = Trimmed Average Race Time | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hcp lock? on |
| Blythe Spirit | 1362 | 11:10:00 | | | | | | 1.1091 | | | DNF | | DNF | | | | | 1.1091 |
| Dancelot | | | | | | | | 1.0000 | | | | | | | | | | 1.0000 |
| Dreamtime | 117 | | | | | | | 0.9291 | | | | | | | | | | 0.9291 |
| Eikon | 3701 | 11:10:00 | 16:06:01 | 4:56:01 | | 4:56:01 | 1.1588 | | | | NR | | NR | | | | | |
| Enchantress | 7825 | 11:10:00 | 16:59:04 | 5:49:04 | | 5:49:04 | 0.9827 | 0.9805 | | 5:42:16 | 2 | | 2 | | | | | 0.9805 |
| First Light | 4580 | | | | | | | 1.1857 | | | | | | | | | | 1.1857 |
| Florence | 469 | | | | | | | 0.9224 | | | | | | | | | | 0.9224 |
| Jeanie | NH8 | | | | | | | 0.9405 | | | | | | | | | | 0.9405 |
| Mari Anne | | | | | | | | 0.9477 | | | | | | | | | | 0.9477 |
| Mij'a | 2969 | | | | | | | 0.8968 | | | | | | | | | | 0.8968 |
| Pachelbel | | | | | | | | 1.0000 | | | | | | | | | | 1.0000 |
| Riptide | 60 | | | | | | | 1.0025 | | | | | | | | | | 1.0025 |
| Sooty Petrel | 120 | 11:10:00 | 16:47:00 | 5:37:00 | | 5:37:00 | 1.0179 | 0.9789 | | 5:29:53 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 0.9789 |
| Star of the Sea | 5449 | | | | | | | 1.0424 | | | | | | | | | | 1.0424 |
| Inspiration | | 11:10:00 | | | | | | | | | GST | | DNF | | | | | |

Race report PS7, 15 February 2014

I've been belatedly asked to write this report, but have to warn the reader that I can't readily recall the finer details of the day, so I hope that you'll forgive me if I miss any of the important points, or wander off on a self indulgent tangent. (Note: this may have something to do with the champagne served on *Star of the Sea*, which is three standard-drinks higher than the champagne drunk at home).

Speaking of tangents, it has to be said that those who race on Broken Bay, owe a debt of gratitude to the nation's illustrious Met Bureau (known fondly as BOM). For years they have provided us with up-to-date information on Sydney's closed water conditions, allowing us to plot and scheme and therefore obtain maximum advantage for the upcoming days racing. For the PS7 we had the normal 1300 start off Gunyah, and a shortened E Course (I think). BOM's closed waters forecast was NNE 10-15kts (possibility of 20kts), and there was a favourable tide running out which was due to bottom at 1600. What more could the closed waters yachty want you might ask - well in all honesty some wind (as suggested by BOM) would have been really, really nice!

Anyway, moving on. The five boats vying for a place on the start line were - *Star of the Sea*, *Eikon*, *Florence*, *Jeanie* and *Crossbow*, Terry's new gentleman's BB10 Danish racer. I'd like to think that *Star of the Sea* was first over the line, and if she wasn't, then she should have been due to her remarkable crew, who on this occasion included: her usual skipper, Libby; a Sydney/Hobart yachty who acts as tactician (and partner); two cruising skippers from New Zealand, and Canada; a cabinet maker from Cattai; and the usual hanger-on from Glenhaven (what a winning combination).

From here due to the lack of promised wind, there was a slow crawl into, and across Cowan Creek. *Crossbow*, who takes kindly to light airs, was the first to make her way to the southern shore (where her skipper is known to make the odd offering to the Wind Gods, and produce supernatural results). She was followed by *Eikon*, *Star of the Sea*, and *Jeannie* (I think). *Florence* chose to try her luck on the southern side of the Creek and headed off to the Easterly mark via Juneau Point.

Some 15-20 minutes after the start, BOM's promise of wind finally came to pass, and after offers of thanks were made to the appropriate Wind Gods, the five competitors took up the charge to the first mark on Easterly shore. From here dear readers, my memory fails me and the race is a bit of a blur (see note above). I think the order (as just mentioned above) was maintained - well apart from *Crossbow* who forged well ahead of the rest of the fleet to claim line honours. She was followed by *Eikon*, *Star of the Sea*, and then the two Top Hats, *Jeanne* and *Florence*, who like to remind us that they're an ongoing force to be reckoned with.

It was yet another enjoyable, testosterone-laden day on Broken Bay, so thanks to all skippers and crew. The provisional handicap results are as follows (I think):

1st *Star of the Sea*, 2nd *Jeanie*, 3rd *Florence*

Our thanks also to our dedicated start boat crew; John, Gail and Martin.

Lee Malone
Star of the Sea crew

HAWKESBURY RIVER YACHT CLUB

Date **15/02/2014**

Event **PS7**

Course **E shortened**



| Yacht | Sail No | Start | Finish | Race | Adjustment | Adjusted | Rating | H'cap | Penalty | Corrected | H'cap | Starter | Line | Points | Points | Points | Handicap | |
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| | | | | 1:58:20 | = Trimmed Average Race Time | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hcp lock? off |
| Blythe Spirit | 1362 | | | | | | | 1.1091 | | | | | | 29 | | 29 | 1.1091 | |
| Dancelot | | | | | | | | 1.0000 | | | | | | 3 | | 3 | 1.0000 | |
| Dreamtime | 117 | | | | | | | 0.9291 | | | | | | 0 | | 0 | 0.9291 | |
| Crossbow | | 13:30:00 | 14:47:00 | 1:17:00 | | 1:17:00 | 1.5368 | 1.3000 | | 1:40:06 | Q1 | | 1 | 0 | Q1 | 0 | 1.3000 | |
| Enchantress | 7825 | | | | | | | 0.9805 | | | | | | 12 | | 12 | 0.9805 | |
| Eikon | 3701 | 13:30:00 | 15:13:40 | 1:43:40 | | 1:43:40 | 1.1415 | 1.0967 | | 1:53:41 | Q2 | | 3 | 0 | Q2 | 0 | 1.0967 | |
| Florence | 469 | 13:30:00 | 15:47:00 | 2:17:00 | | 2:17:00 | 0.8637 | 0.9224 | | 2:06:22 | 3 | | 5 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0.9224 | |
| Jeanie | NH8 | 13:30:00 | 15:24:40 | 1:54:40 | | 1:54:40 | 1.0320 | 0.9405 | | 1:47:51 | 2 | | 4 | 40 | 4 | 44 | 0.9405 | |
| Mari Anne | | | | | | | | 0.9477 | | | | | | 17 | | 17 | 0.9477 | |
| Mij'a | 2969 | | | | | | | 0.8968 | | | | | | 10 | | 10 | 0.8968 | |
| Pachelbel | | | | | | | | 1.0000 | | | | | | 0 | | 0 | 1.0000 | |
| Riptide | 60 | | | | | | | 1.0025 | | | | | | 17 | | 17 | 1.0025 | |
| Sooty Petrel | 120 | | | | | | | 0.9789 | | | | | | 25 | | 25 | 0.9789 | |
| Star of the Sea | 5449 | 13:30:00 | 15:13:20 | 1:43:20 | | 1:43:20 | 1.1452 | 1.0424 | | 1:47:43 | 1 | | 2 | 21 | 5 | 26 | 1.0424 | |
| Inspiration | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | 0 | | |

Brooklyn Bash Barbecue in McKell Park

The Brooklyn Bash is HRYC's big opportunity to show off beautiful Brooklyn and the friendly hospitality that has become a hallmark of our club. Since the late 1990s the Brooklyn Bash has been held early in the year. Originally, HRYC didn't enter any yachts in the series, we simply hosted the after race barbecue. As time went by a team from HRYC entered the fray and on the whole we punched above our weight. Terry and Russell have both won a weekend away as a prize and one year HRYC won the series. In this most recent race both Terry and Cliff came away with a bottle of wine each. Participating in a race with a bigger fleet hones the skills and possibly adds to the number of bruises – just ask Cliff and his crew.

On 8th February the usual suspects were on the scene early to set up the marquee and bring the barbecue across from Dangar Island. Cliff, John Neef and Terry had things set up and ready before Cliff and Terry set off in their respective boats to participate in the race while John kept the home fires burning. Terry was particularly keen to test "Cross Bow" in his first race with the beautiful Danish "gentleman's day sailer".

A second marquee and extra table were set up around midday and the rest of the helpers arrived. Tony and Julie Phillips, Lee Malone, Rosalie Neef, Russell Bellamy, Ed Levy and yours truly had things ready and the sausages ready to go on before the first of the boats rounded Flat Rock Point. We had a good vantage point from which to view the finish.

John and Russell used Mark Cole's runabout to collect our visitors from their yachts and Damien Parkes arrived in his runabout to speed up the process of getting people ashore to join in the festivities and partake of the nibbles and barbecue fare. Julie had kindly prepared some delicious fruit platters which were enjoyed to finish off the meal.

The weather was perfect for us to enjoy the after race gathering in the park, with a drink or two and in good company. Thanks to all those who made it possible.

Libby Braybrooks



All at sea on the *Volendam*
John Storey

On 17 January this year, completely out of the blue, I received an email. It read:

“Dear Dr. Storey,

This is a tad last minute ... would you be interested in speaking on our upcoming Scientific American event?”

What followed was an invitation to a two-week cruise off SE Asia, in return for a few lectures on some of my favourite subjects. The catch? We had exactly 14 days to get ready! Neither Michelle nor I had ever been on a cruise before, so this was too good an opportunity to miss. We flew to Hong Kong where we boarded Holland America’s *Volendam*, then sailed to Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand before finishing up in Singapore.

We had a wonderful time, but rather than bore you with interminable holiday snaps, here are some boating matters that caught our attention. *Volendam* can be tracked on AIS as MMSI: 245968000. She has a gross tonnage of 62,214, a length of 238 metres, and a maximum speed of 23 knots. Her complement of 620 crew take care of 1430 passengers.



The Volendam has five 8 MW diesel engines. Only after some recent efficiency savings has she been able to reduce the number of engines running in port from two to one.



Tying up to the wharf. The ball is thrown from the ship with the lead line attached; then people (or vehicles) drag the heavy lines ashore.



With eight mooring lines at the bow and a similar number at the stern, *Volendam* isn't going anywhere.



At anchor. Note the anchor ball!



Using the lifeboats as tenders ensures they are regularly checked, and gives the crew practice in deploying them.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013 / 14 Season

HRYC Sunday Races in italics
BBIC Interclub Races in red

| Month | Day | Date | Events for 2013 | Time | Comment |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| July 2013 | Sat | 6 | Annual General Meeting | 1100 | Asquith Bowling Club |
| | Sat | 20 | Winter Series Race 2 | 1230 | |
| August 2013 | Sun | 4 | <i>Winter Series Race 3 and Sunday Point Score Race 1</i> | 1230 | |
| | Sat | 17 | Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 1 and Spring Series Race 1 | 1230 | |
| September 2013 | Sun | 8 | <i>Sunday Point Score Race 2 and Spring Series Race 2</i> | 1230 | |
| | Sat | 21 | Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 2 and Spring Series Race 3 | 1230 | |
| October 2013 | Sun | 6 | <i>Sunday Point Score Race 3 and Spring Series Race 4</i> | 1330 | Daylight saving starts 6 October |
| | Sat | 19 | Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 3 and Spring Series Race 5 | 1330 | |
| November 2013 | Sun | 3 | Rhumb Race | 1330 | Postponed |
| | Sat | 9 | BBIC Race 1 | TBA | |
| | Sat | 16 | Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 4 | 1330 | |
| December 2013 | Sun | 8 | <i>Sunday Point Score Race 4</i> | 1330 | Christmas BBQ |
| | Sat | 14 | BBIC Race 2 | TBA | |
| | Sat | 21 | Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 5 | 1330 | |
| January 2014 | Sun | 5 | <i>Sunday Point Score Race 5</i> | 1330 | |
| | Sat | 18 | Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 6 | 1330 | |
| February 2014 | Sat | 1 | HRYC Three Island Race | 1100 | |
| | Sat | 8 | BBIC Race 3 Brooklyn Bash | TBA | |
| | Sat | 15 | Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 7 | 1330 | |
| March 2014 | Sun | 2 | <i>Rhumb Race (rescheduled)</i> | 1330 | |
| | Sat | 8 | BBIC Race 4 | TBA | |
| | Sat | 15 | Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 8 | 1330 | |
| April 2014 | Sat | 5 | HRYC Crew's Race | 1330 | |
| | Sun | 6 | <i>Sunday Point Score Race 7</i> | 1230 | Daylight saving ends 6 April |
| | Sat | 19 | Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 9 | 1230 | |
| May 2014 | Sun | 4 | <i>Sunday Point Score Race 8</i> | 1230 | |
| | Sat | 17 | Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 10 | 1230 | |
| | Sat | 31 | HRYC Annual Dinner | 1900 | Cattai |
| June 2014 | Sun | 8 | <i>Sunday Point Score Race 9</i> | 1230 | |
| | Sat | 21 | Winter Series Race 1 | 1230 | |
| July 2014 | Sat | 5 | Annual General Meeting | Time and place TBA | |