



THE PENNANT



Jeanie's crew prepare for (yet) another win
(Photo: Cliff Sutton April 19 2014)

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Next committee meeting

June 11, 2014 - 19:00 hrs.

Address to be advised. All members welcome.

Club merchandise

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 April

Congratulations to *Star of the Sea* for taking out the HRYC Crew's Race on April 5. This is the race in which we ask the skipper to step aside and hand the helm over to a crew member – not always an easy thing to do!

Later in the month, the Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 9 was held in ideal conditions. By taking out handicap honours, *Jeannie* has increased her lead even further – well done to her skipper and crew for a great effort once again.

Our Rear Commodore has been very hard at work on our behalf preparing *Lollipop II*, our newly acquired Kingston 580 motor launch, for her voyage up the coast from Sydney Harbour to Parsley Bay. With the able assistance of John Neef, Cliff has carried out the innumerable small (and not so small) maintenance tasks needed to ensure a safe, comfortable and seaworthy vessel. *Lollipop II* will soon make her presence felt on the river as our new race starter boat. The management committee is looking at organising a training course for all our members interested in improving their power boat handling skills, and becoming certified to drive our new club boat.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at 11 am on Saturday 5 July at the Asquith Bowling Club. After the meeting, members are encouraged to head on down to the char grill and bistro for lunch and perhaps a beer or two.

Libby Braybrooks has kindly offered to take over as webmaster of our Club website, which will soon have a new look thanks to the behind-the-scene web designer skills of Mark Cole. With Lee Malone stepping up as the new editor of *The Pennant*, the Club will soon be presenting quite a new public image!

Most importantly, many of the key members of the HRYC Management Committee will be stepping down at the Annual General Meeting in July. All members are strongly encouraged to consider nominating for these positions – the Club cannot function without its committee, and serving as a club official or committee member is both enjoyable and rewarding.

And, once again, don't forget our annual dinner, themed as "Any Port in a Storm", to be held on 31 May. Brush up those literary skills, and come prepared!

John Storey,
Commodore

Commodores Trophy Race PS9

April 19 2014



Star of the Sea chasing Blythe Spirit to the finish

(Photo: Ines Stewart 19 April 2014)

boat seemed to keep going all the way to the West mark without falling into any real holes. The order at this stage was *All Our Girls*, with *Crossbow* glued to her stern. Closely following these two were *Star of the Sea*, hanging on for dear life, and still a way behind but closing (ever hopeful!) was *Blythe Spirit*. Behind the faster boats a gap had opened, but there was great tussle going on between *Mari Anne* and *Jeanie* followed by *Florence* and finally *Mij'a* I didn't see what happened to *Mij'a* after that, but she didn't make it to the end, so I hope it wasn't too serious. I was concentrating on *Star of the Sea*, just in front of us, as we ploughed along on a wonderful reach towards the N mark which *All Our Girls* and *Crossbow* had already rounded. We followed *Star of the Sea* around the mark within a few boat lengths, but by this time *All Our Girls* and *Crossbow* had disappeared around Juno Point. As we headed south again we couldn't help noticing *Jeanie* and *Mari Anne* were neck and neck as they headed for the North mark.

By the time we rounded Juno, *Crossbow* seemed to have overtaken *All Our Girls* and they were on their way back to the West mark. We were almost level with *Star of the Sea* – you beauty! - but couldn't see the buoy at the start line, so headed for the outermost channel mark unsure where we had to turn. *Star of the Sea* seemed to be taking a more westerly course when Libby yelled "you know we have to round *Eikon* don't you?" Thank you dear Libby, you are the sort of opponent I really like. NO I didn't, but I do now, and that little bit of information could have cost you the race!

Sorry folks, so much water has passed under the bridge since the 19th I've a pretty hazy idea of what happened - hopefully you have too! What I do know is I had a novice crew on board, with lots of potential, and too few blue and white "team" shirts to go round. I'm sure all boats go through transitional stages like this, so don't write us off yet! It was a perfect autumn day, with a few puffy white clouds in an otherwise blue sky and up to 15 knots forecast from the south. A great turn up, with 8 boats sailing to and fro across the river, but where was the starter – no sign of *Lollipop II*, or *Eikon* – what's going on? Boats were milling around after the 5 minute hooter should have gone, when *Eikon* came over the radio to tell us there was to be a delayed start - something to do with engine problems. Oh well, we can wait. It's hard to protest against the starter.

Finally all was set for a start on Course G, although it seemed we were starting from the wrong channel mark, but who cares we we're off – to a lousy start! *Crossbow* and *All Our Girls* showed us how to do it, closely followed by *Star of the Sea* and *Mari Anne*. The breeze seemed to be freshening as we tacked down the river and was gusting nearer to 20 knots at times as we turned into Cowan Creek. As always it became fluky around the corner, but for once every

Had *Eikon* really moved downstream to the “correct” channel mark for the start, leaving the red starting buoy bobbing round by the “wrong’un”, or was I dreaming? Oh well, God and Race officials work in mysterious ways.

As we headed back towards Commodore Heights on our second rounding of the course, *Mari Anne* seemed to have managed to get ahead of *Jeanie* on the way around Juno Point. So many close races going on in the fleet. By the West mark, *Crossbow* seemed to have conceded the lead again to *All Our Girls* and there she stayed for the rest of the afternoon. Meanwhile my novice crew put in few perfect tacks allowing us to sneak passed *Star of the Sea* on the way to the N mark. Now we just had to hang on! *Star of the Sea*, still keen to help us, got into all sorts of trouble with her headsail, which was enough to allow us to beat her to the finish. Back behind us, *Jeanie* had again overtaken *Mari Anne*. So on line honours, after some fantastic racing, *All Our Girls* managed to hold off *Crossbow* by 30 seconds, *Blythe Spirit* beat *Star of the Sea* by 30 seconds and *Jeanie* beat *Mari Anne* by 1½ minutes in round terms. Races don’t come much closer than that. On corrected time, of course, things change a bit. *Jeanie* came first yet again, with *Mari Anne* a mere 25 seconds behind her in second place. *Star of the Sea* came third, cancelling any line honours euphoria we might have had, and leaving us in fourth place. Not far behind us at all, was *Florence* followed only by *All Our Girls* with *Crossbow* bringing up the rear.

Congratulations to everyone for a great day on the water. Congratulations to *Jeanie* on another great win and congratulations to Cliff (forgetting the start!) for getting the handicaps about right. From now on, if we have a similar number of starters, we can expect handicap changes to make the results even closer – if that’s possible.

Tony Phillips
Blythe Spirit



***Crossbow* chased *All Our Girls* all afternoon**
(Photo: Ines Stewart 19 April 2014)

HAWKESBURY RIVER YACHT CLUB

Date **19/04/2014**

Event **PS9**

Course **G**



Yacht	Sail No	Start	Finish	Race	Adjustment	Adjusted	Rating	H'cap	Penalty	Corrected	H'cap	Starter	Line	Points	Points	Points	Handicap	
		<i>hh:mm</i>	<i>hh:mm:ss</i>	<i>h:mm:ss</i>	<i>h:mm:ss</i>	<i>h:mm:ss</i>		Current	<i>h:mm:ss</i>	<i>h:mm:ss</i>	Place		Honours	Previous	Added	Series	New	
				2:06:07	= Trimmed Average Race Time													Hcp lock? off
All Our Girls	5201	12:45:00	14:31:57	1:46:57		1:46:57	1.1793	1.3125		2:20:22	6		1	0	5	5	1.2863	
Blythe Spirit	1362	12:45:00	14:45:37	2:00:37		2:00:37	1.0456	1.1002		2:12:42	4		3	29	7	36	1.0782	
Crossbow	A116	12:45:00	14:32:27	1:47:27		1:47:27	1.1738	1.4100		2:31:30	7		2	0	4	4	1.3818	
Dancelot														3		3		
Dreamtime	117							0.9423						0		0	0.9423	
Eikon	3701							1.1000						0		0	1.1000	
Enchantress	7825							0.9716						12		12	0.9716	
First Light	4580							1.1857						21		21	1.1857	
Florence	469	12:45:00	15:12:49	2:27:49		2:27:49	0.8532	0.9285		2:17:15	5		7	15	6	21	0.9099	
Hang Ten	MH303							1.4385						0		0	1.4385	
Inspiration														0		0		
Jeanie	NH8	12:45:00	15:03:07	2:18:07		2:18:07	0.9132	0.9417		2:10:04	1		5	49	10	59	0.9274	
Mari Anne		12:45:00	15:05:36	2:20:36		2:20:36	0.8970	0.9280		2:10:29	2		6	21	9	30	0.9125	
Mij'a	2969	12:45:00						0.8866			DNF			13	3	16	0.8866	
Pachelbel														0		0		
Riptide	60													17		17		
Sooty Petrel	120							0.9700						25		25	0.9700	
Star of the Sea	5449	12:45:00	14:46:18	2:01:18		2:01:18	1.0397	1.0800		2:11:00	3		4	32	8	40	1.0599	

HAWKESBURY RIVER YACHT CLUB

2013 / 2014 Point Score - Drop 2 Results



			PS 1	PS 2	PS 3	PS 4	PS 5	PS 6	PS 7	PS 8	PS 9	PS 10				
Place	Yacht Name	Drop 2											Total	lowest	2nd lowest	Total dropped
11	All Our Girls	5								Q1	5		5	0	0	0
3	Blythe Spirit	36	7	5		5	5	7			7		36	0	0	0
12	Crossbow	4							Q1	Q2	4		4	0	0	0
13	Dancelot	3						3					3	0	0	0
	Dreamtime	0								Q1			0	0	0	0
	Eikon	0							Q2				0	0	0	0
10	Enchantress	12		6				6		Q3			12	0	0	0
6	First Light	21	9	7	5								21	0	0	0
6	Florence	21	5						3	7	6		21	0	0	0
	Hang Ten	0								Q1			0	0	0	0
	Inspiration	0		GST									0	0	0	0
1	Jeanie	51	6	8	6	4	7	9	4	5	10		59	4	4	8
4	Mari Anne	30	8		3	3	3			4	9		30	0	0	0
9	Mij'a	16	3	3				4		3	3		16	0	0	0
	Pachelbel	0											0	0	0	0
8	Riptide	17	4	9	4								17	0	0	0
5	Sooty Petrel	25	Strtr	10		6	4	5					25	0	0	0
2	Star of the Sea	40			7		6	8	5	6	8		40	0	0	0

Where is Zeehaen?

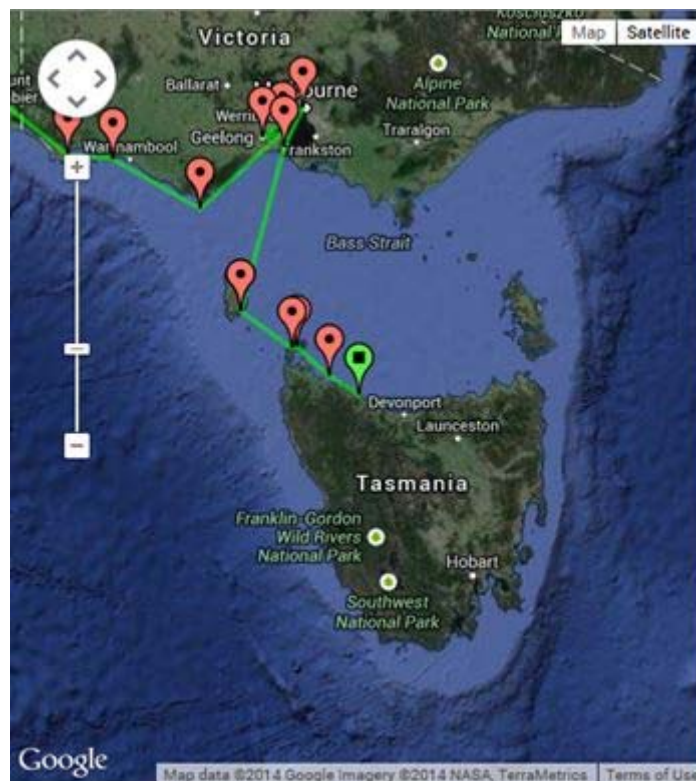
I thought that those who know (and miss), Louise and Robert from *Zeehaen*, might be interested in catching up with their recent progress. I did ask Louise to write a piece for the newsletter, but she was apparently busy - sailing the boat. I was a touch disappointed with her reply, as she's a girl and can do a dozen things at once... anyway, she asked me to say hi to everyone, so "Hi everyone" from the skipper and first mate on *Zeehaen*.

As of writing, they are on their way from Wynyard to Devonport, in the wet and frosty Isle of Tasmania. Christmas, New Year, (and then some...) were spent on the hard at Albany, doing whatever it is that one does with a 44 foot, 17 tonne steel cutter which has spent the last nine months at sea. Once safely back in the water, they made their way across the underside of Australia, socialising, eating and drinking - all the way by the sounds of it. I thought their motto was "It's a tough life, but someone has to do it", but it's actually -

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbo(u)r. Catch the trade winds in your sail. Explore. Dream. Discover". (Mark Twain)

They're planning to be back in Sydney in June, house sitting for Lou's sister at Hunters Hill. I'm sure that they will be throwing a huge 'we're back' party for ALL their HRYC friends! You can follow their progress at - <http://skipr.net/where-is/boat-pages/?boatid=833>

Lee Malone (on behalf of Lou and Rob, who were busy on the good ship *Zeehaen*)



Zeehaen's recent progress
(Downloaded from Skipr.net 2.5.14)

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	Daylight saving ends Sunday 2 am
	Sat	19	Commodore's Cup Point Score Race 9	1230	
May 2014	Sun	4	<i>Sunday Point Score Race 8</i>	1230	Postponed due to stink boats...
	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	

Any Port in a Storm

HRYC Landlocked Literary Dinner...
aka, The Annual Dinner



What: Dinner and literary interludes

When: May 31, 2014 at 6:30pm

Where: Port Braybrooks
239 Pebbly Hill Road, Cattai

Why: Because we can...

Keep the date