

Middle Harbour Yacht Club NSW Award Nominees



Deborah Dalziel, Peter Lewis, Martin Hill, Phil Clinton, Bob Cox, Max Paul and Archie Cropley



Martin Hill

NSW Yachtsman of the Year

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From the Helm



At the time of writing this report I'm attending the Australian Sailing Club conference.

Three major takeaways from this conference are the need to focus on participation in sailing, participation of female sailors "She Sail" program and participation of youth in sailing. We will be looking to adopt some of these initiatives within the club.

There are many aspects of the club that are being focussed on. The key news is that we are looking for sponsorship within the club. We have some targets and the sponsorship committee have collateral prepared. What we need from you the members are contacts and targets from small bronze corporates to gold larger corporate targets (gold). If you can help please contact either Karen Baldwin, myself or Nicola Morgan.

Our Cruising division is extremely active with a new initiative that included a visit from the Indonesian government. We were treated to several presentations on sailing around the Indonesian Archipelago. Representatives from several other clubs attended and it was great initiative for club.

Two of our members have performed extremely well in the Etchells World Championships. Iain Murray first (World Champion) and Martin Hill 8th. A hearty congratulations to both Iain and Martin.

The AGM is nigh, and I look forward to seeing you all there. The Seniors Lunch is almost here a great event and I'm looking forward to seeing our Seniors and swapping stories.

The Commodores 80th anniversary dinner, was a great success, raising over 20k for our newly launched Foundation. Our challenge is to continue to raise funds to our target of 700k. The donations are tax deductible and we will continue to need to raise funds to create the future fund of the club to build new facilities and support our youth through the FLYAS program.

I want to thank our volunteers both on and off the water and all our committees Thankyou! Thankyou! Thankyou!

We need volunteers in all areas of the club, and we need you in any area that you can help. If you can dedicate your time to the club I can assure you it is most rewarding. There is no area that we don't need

help. If you can give some of your valuable time, please contact either Karen or myself and we will find a way to use your talents.

As August approaches and we are thinking about sail North, enjoy, sail safe and come back to what I'm sure will be a great 2019/2020 Season.

Sailing Committee



Middle Harbour sailors continue to do well on the world stage! MHYC member and well known sailor, Ian Murray, won the Etchells Worlds in Texas on his boat Havoc. Martin Hill, another member was also competing and came 8th on his

boat Lisa Rose. Well done to both skippers and their crews on winning and doing well on one of the most competitive fleets around the world!

Closer to home, the sailing committee continues to work in the background with planning and organising for next season, which kicks off with the Annual Opening Day Sail Past and Commodore's Cup on the 7th September 2019. Please diarise and remember the date and participate on the day!

We have an exciting and jam packed program for 2019/2020 with racing events and series to suit every taste and level of commitment, so make sure you look at the draft program on the website via the Excel spreadsheet, which will give you all the combinations and breakdowns you need to plan your participation over next season. If in doubt, speak to one of your Divisional representatives listed below,

- Bob Cox - Combined Open and Division 1
- John McGrory - Division 2
- Evan Hodge - Division 3
- Kim Darling - Adams 10
- Deborah Dalziel - Female sailing
- Harry Brigden - Thursday Twilight Series
- Julie Hodder - Wednesday Series
- Alister Copley – Youth Sailing

or the sailing office about the options available to you. We are looking to make our 80th Year one to remember for its high levels of participation and fun.

Don't forget that Winter sailing is a great time to tune your boat and crew - there is racing and cruising every weekend for you to try out new people, tactics and techniques to set you up for a great Spring and Summer series!

See you on the water!

Geoff Charters (Vice Commodore Sailing)

NSW/ACT Yachting Awards

Seven MHYC members were nominated for the 2019 NSW Yachting Awards held on Saturday 6th July. There was some stiff competition from other clubs, and we ended up with one winner Martin Hill (Male Sailor of the Year).

MHYC was also part of the Invictus Games team (clubs around Sydney Harbour) who won the Sports Promotion Award. Our Commodore Peter Lewis accepted the award on our behalf.



SheSails Finalists
Deborah Dalziel & Catherine Rofe
Promoting our Women's Sailing Programs



Male Sailor of the Year Winner
Martin Hill
Winner of the 2018 Etchell Worlds



Offshore Sailor of the year Finalist
Robert Cox
Performance in the offshore series and NSW IRC Championships 5 years in a row.



Youth Sailor of the Year Finalists
Archie Cropley & Max Paul

In 2018/19 Max teamed up with Archie Cropley winning both the NZ and AUS 29er Open National Championships, the AUS Youth Championships, the NSW State Titles, Sail Sydney and Sail Melbourne.



Volunteer of the Year Finalist
Phil Clinton
For the many hours volunteering he has put into our club over numerous years



Sports Promotion Award
Invictus Games Team winners

Commodore's Black Tie Dinner Success

The 80th Anniversary Commodore's Black Tie Dinner was a huge success. With 110 people kicking up their heels to Tom Burlinson, who put on an absolutely fabulous show. The night raised approximately \$20,000 for the MHYC Foundation.

Many thanks to all of the kind and generous sponsors who donated towards the evening.

Photos by Margaret Fraser-Martin (yachtphotos@yahoo.com)



MHYC Team on the podium at Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta

Tracy Richardson and the MHYC team sailing the Adams 10 Rage have claimed third place in EHC Division 1 at the 2019 Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta.

Held each Queen's Birthday long weekend and hosted by Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron at St Kilda in Victoria, the AWKR is Australia's largest women's keelboat regatta with a record 40 yachts and 300 women taking part from Australia and New Zealand this year. Ages of competitors varied from 15 to early eighties.

The MHYC team were 1 point ahead in EHC Division 1 going into the final day with 5 good results, but dropped two spots on the table following a 12th place in the cool and breezy race 6.



The final Pointscore was still very tight! Sunshine, an Adams 10.6 skippered by Sandy Anderson (RFBYC-WA), won from Ocean Respect Racing (RPAYC-NSW) and third placed Tracy Richardson's Adams 10, Rage (MHYC-NSW). There was just two and a half points between the three, courtesy of average points awarded to Katie Spithill's Ocean Respect Racing following a collision before the start of the final day's race.

The AWKR also presents some special awards and the Rohan Brownlee Leadership and Endeavour Award this year went to MHYC's Tracy Richardson. Tracy drew the crew together, motivated them and helped them learn and grow in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

Tracy would like to thank her MHYC Rage crew of Tracy Richardson, Eve Saucier, Michelle Fletcher, Pauline Henderson, Danielle Brown, Deborah Dalziel and Katie O'Mara.



Mitch White in 2019 Transatlantic Race

Mitch White (right sitting down) on board Wizard



The first half was upwind and some cracked sheets at times. A low came over us mid race, which saw us do 497 miles in one day!. After the low we had about 600 miles to go and this was a test as it was light all the way to the end."

In the early hours of 6th July, Wizard (owned by David and Peter Askew) with well know MHYC sailor Mitch White on board, ghosted across a pitch-black Royal Yacht Squadron finish line off Cowes, Isle of Wight. They arrived home second in the Transatlantic Race 2019, just behind Scallywag, but currently still first in IRC.

Mitch writes:

"The Transatlantic race this time was nice as this was the 4th race I have done it.



This picture explains what it was like on deck for days 5 to 7!

Images sourced from www.transatlanticrace.org

Frank Likely Youth Academy of Sailing (FLYA'S)



The Frank Likely Trust has undergone an important transformation and is now known as the Frank Likely Youth Academy of Sailing (FLYA'S). Apart from the

name change it is now under the umbrella of the MHYC Foundation.

The MHYC Foundation Trust aims are to raise funds from members and others with aims to benefit the members of the Club through selective grants. A Special Project Fund has been setup within the Foundation for the FLYAS. Its charter retains the core ideals of the FLT.

The new FLYAS committee has not changed a great deal, with one important resignation – that of **Don Gillies**.



Don was a foundation member of the FLT, and has recently had to retire. Don, as Chairman of the FLT for many years did so much to support our youth sailors as well as sailing in general.

Where would most of the current sailors be without all those hours Don spent volunteering to develop sailing programs though Yachting NSW some years ago when life was less professional? His work has formed the basis for the current programs, and we thank him for his contribution to yachting in general.

In the past year, the Trust has supported Leo McAlister and Kai Lin for their overseas campaign to compete in Youth Nacra 15 World Championships. The Trust has also (through various MHYC fundraisers) bought a Safety Rib, radios, Opti sails and Pacer boats to assist our Youth Sailing Program.

You can make a tax deductible donation to the FLYAS through the ASF Frank Likely Trust.

www.asf.org.au/projects/middle-harbour-yacht-club/frank-likely-trust-sailing-

MHYC Youths at World



29er World Championship

MHYC has 2 entries in this year's World 29er Class to be held in Poland from the 26th July until the 3rd of August – www.29erworlds.org.

MHYC's Youth Sailing Award Nominees Max Paul and Archie Copley teamed up in 2018/19 and have won many titles since. Max learnt to sail in the Tackers program at MHYC as a 9 year old and both are now part of the 2019 Australian Youth Team.

Zoe Dransfield and Madeleine MacLeay's goal is to qualify for the female spot to go to the Youth Worlds in 2020. Both Zoe and Madeleine, members of the NSW Sailing Squad) have already achieved so much separately, however this is their first season sailing together.

We wish them all good luck.

Youth Sailing

Youth sailing has kicked off our July holiday program, with what looks to be a great week for our keen young sailors.



There is still room in the second week camp!

You can register now for our Term 3 program.

Sunday's 28th July through to 15th September.

Tackers 1, 2, 3 and Teens Start Sailing 1, 9am – 12pm

Teens Start Sailing 2, Better Sailing and our Opti and Cadet Race Squads 1pm – 4pm

Use your Active Kids Vouchers at MHYC. Families with school enrolled children are now eligible for two x \$100 Active Kids vouchers.

*Only 1 voucher to be used for each course.

www.mhyc.com.au/sailing/learn-to-sail

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Sponsorship



Developing strong partnerships with sponsors has always been a priority for Middle Harbour Yacht Club and we are continually looking for ways to develop our relationships with current and new sponsors. Over the years we

have successfully engaged partners who are brand and culturally aligned so that proposition is mutually beneficial to both the club and our partner's business goals. Undoubtedly a valuable source of revenue and value in kind for the club, we also provide an important platform for our partners to showcase and promote their brand, product and/or services to our membership and associated communities.

Over the last few months the Sponsorship Committee has updated our Sponsorship packages to refresh our proposition and better illustrate the value offered to existing and potential new sponsors. Three sponsorship packages are available offering value well in excess of the required investment:

- GOLD** Strategic Partner: \$60,000 investment
- SILVER** Principal Partner: \$40,000 investment
- BRONZE** Official Partner: \$20,000 investment

We are always happy to talk about potential sponsorship opportunities so please feel free to contact us if you would like to find out more about the inclusions and value provided by each sponsorship package.

We would also welcome any referrals to a potential contact or business that may be interested in a Partnership opportunity with Middle Harbour Yacht Club.

As we are very fortunate to have the on-going support of our existing sponsors, we would also like to thank them once more in acknowledgement of their generosity and contribution to the club.

Nicola Morgan (MHYC Board)

Chairman's Report



We have wound up the Club's 2018/19 financial year and the AGM is almost upon us.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to fellow Board members, Flags, General Manager Karen and our staff for all of their efforts throughout the year. Your contribution is what makes our club the great club it is. With the AGM we will be bidding farewell to two very long serving Board Members as they have reached the maximum term permissible under our constitution. They are:

- **Neil Padden**.... Neil has been a stalwart of the Board being Treasurer for 11 years..
- **Greg Young**.... Greg's expertise on matters Marina and other matters have been invaluable over some eighteen years!!!!

Commitment like Neil & Greg have shown exemplifies the spirit of our club... Many thanks Neil & Greg.

As you will be aware, we have four candidates (one existing and three new faces) who have nominated to fill the positions that are open. I encourage you all to have your say in this election.

We look forward to the 80th Year with great excitement and look forward to your ongoing support of all activities .

John McCuaig (Chairman of Board)

A huge thanks to our Sponsors



What's On @Middle Harbour Yacht Club

Senior's Luncheon

The 80th Anniversary
SENIORS LUNCH
At Middle Harbour Yacht Club

**Sunday 14th July
Twelve Noon**

A selection of speakers will be looking at their Nostalgic Moments at MHYC
Invitation only

MHYC AGM



**Thursday 18th July
7:00PM**

The 80th Annual General Meeting of Members of Middle Harbour Yacht Club will be held in the Harbourview Room.



**Friday 19th July
Friday 23rd August
6pm – 8pm**

\$18 per child includes snack and drink
\$12 per child for groups of 20 or more

**Literary Lunch
Kate Forsyth**



**Thursday 8th August
12:00 – 3:00pm**

2 course Lunch
\$60 Members | \$65 Non Members
Ticket includes two course lunch and drinks

Spit to Zoo Paddle Race



Saturday 10th August

The Spit to the Zoo Paddle is back again for 2019

Father's Day



Sunday 1st September

Join us on Sunday 1st September for a hot & cold buffet breakfast or for our special Father's Day Lunch, overlooking the waters of Middle Harbour.

MHYC Open Day



**Saturday 7th September
Theme: Back in Time**

Come and join us to celebrate our 80th birthday. This year we are planning big celebrations!

More Date Savers

*Save
the
Date*

Thursday 26th September – New Members Night

Friday 18th October - Literary Lunch with Judy Nunn on her latest book "Khaki Town".

Friday 1st November – Giant Steps Regatta