

Bronze for Archie Cropley & Max Paul at Youth Worlds



2019 Hempel Youth Sailing World Championships
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Cropley and Paul with their coach Mike Fletcher, who like them started his sailing career at Middle Harbour Yacht Club



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From the Helm



Well the season has been officially kicked off with our opening day full of good cheer, pomp and ceremony. We had our fabulous local member Felicity Wilson, local

council members and the Navy as honoured guests to help launch what is anticipated to be a very good sailing season.

This being our 80th year is in many ways a significant one for the Club. The foundation is now well established and is slowly growing in funds. These funds are to be applied to youth sailing and club amenity development. Please give generously as our program for development is ambitious. Focusing on the development of the club is the strategic planning group. This group is developing the vision for the club's future development and we are aiming to be able to share the initial plans by year end. We seek both your patience and support as we look to steer the club to a bright new future.

Karen and her team are working tirelessly to make our club the very best we can be, and it is very much appreciated by the board. There is a passion in our club which is the essence of our history. We have so many volunteers that work on our committees and in and around the club and on the water to make our experience so much better.

You will notice that the Sail Pass system has been launched this year. This is a national initiative and is supported by Commodores around the country. The key reason is under work health and safety. We as a club, must know who's on the water participating in club events.

The second reason is that there are just over 80000 sailors registered with Australian Sailing, however estimates are that approximately 120000 people are actually participating. This means that our sport is missing out on significant government funding.

A fundamental side to this is that many people are under this misapprehension that the boats insurance covers the crew. That is a not true. The only way for crew to recoup costs is to sue the owner in the event of injury etc, a difficult and by no means secure route. Under the Australian Sailing insurance you are covered from the time the accident happens, this includes overseas sailing. Under the sail pass system, the occasional crew are covered. If anyone is in any doubt that this is not good for the sport or the club, I am more than willing to have chat.

On the water the Hamilton Island race week was again a great success and our club party at the pub was supported by approximately 150 people. We performed particularly well as a club but more importantly the spirit was palpable. Special mention to Guido Belgiorno-Nettis winning the New York Yacht club invitational regatta and Rob Reynolds winning the latest Farr 40 regatta. We are indeed in a very competitive club. The Olympic team is in full flight preparing for next year.

Our youth programs and schools' programs are looking to a big year, as is our wonderful cruising group. I encourage everyone to join the cruising division which is one of the most active on the harbour both socially and on the water. More importantly they are continually upskilling in all aspects of boating.

So to everyone within the club whatever your aims enjoy the season be safe be happy and have fun. I look forward to seeing you out there. If we haven't met please come up and say hello.

Peter Lewis (Commodore)

A huge thanks to our Sponsors



Sailing Committee



Spring is sprung and the grass is riz – I wonder where all the sailors iz??

The club sailors have been active on a number of fronts, even before our official start to the MHYC sailing season. It was great to see extensive

club participation in the Southport race, Hamilton Island Race Week and even the Magnetic Island race week – with excellent results all round!

I welcome all sailors to the new season, which opened with a big breeze on the 7th September – so big that although we had the sail past with the flag officers and our distinguished guests from the Navy and Mosman council taking the salute, we had to unfortunately abandon the Commodores Cup due to high winds.

The Pointscore series kicked off on the 14th and it was good to see close racing in the fleets – we are looking for more competitors, so all you lazy shore dogs, shake out the sails, press gang your crews and get on the water for a busy Spring and Summer of racing and cruising!

Remember the Skippers briefing on the 18th September – compulsory attendance for all boats competing in MHYC events. Also remember to complete your Safety certification that allows you to compete safely in the knowledge that at least, you have the equipment necessary to assist should you get into trouble...

On that note I highly recommend that each boat practice at least one man overboard exercise early in the season – it can save much heartache and pain later when it happens for real and your crew actually know what to do! Feel free to talk to me, or other, more experienced sailors to help with an exercise if you are unsure about how to go about it – we will be delighted to assist.

Looking forward to a great season on the water – sail safe!

Geoff Charters

Vice Commodore - Sailing

NSW Wins Waitangi Cup



Team NSW comprised three Middle Harbour crews for the 2019 Adams 10 Waitangi Cup Interstate Challenge held at Safety Beach Sailing

Club on Port Phillip Bay.

On day one, Geoff Charters posted two wins and Garth Riley one win during the four races sailed to lead 38 points to VIC on 46 points under the Low Points system.

Despite the margin being reduced by Victorian sailor Will Shears winning the final race on Saturday and claiming two race wins today, Team NSW claimed a 61 - 65 point victory to retain the Waitangi Cup for another year.

Sydney Gold Coast Race

The Sydney to Goldcoast Race, the first major ocean yacht race of the season started pm on Saturday 27 July. Congratulations to all boats that competed, with some notable results for some MHYC boats and members.



MHYC dominated IRC Division 3 with Zoe Taylor the winner on her Cookson 12, Grace O'Mally. Carl Crafoord (Sail Exchange) was second.



Tony Levett came 2nd in the Sydney 38 One Design category on Eleni TSA Management (3rd on ORCi Div3) with Mike Logan's Thirlmere coming 5th.

Gordon Ketebley was 11th across the line on his TP52, Zen, also coming 7th in IRC Division 1.

Mark Spring came 4th in the Corinthian IRC Division on Highly Sprung.

MHYC Social Scene

Despite the colder weather throughout winter, there has been lots of social events happening around the club.

The MHYC Sandbar has been thriving, however unfortunately, due to poor support, we have had to close the Harbour Restaurant for most nights except for functions. It is still open for lunch on Saturdays and Sundays, so why not come down to this magnificent venue to support your club with family and friends.

We also need your support to book and come along for the fun filled functions that the club and your committees put on for you. If you could book in early, that would be great.

Breezy Opening Day at MHYC



Middle Harbour Yacht Club kicked off its 2019-2020 season with a champagne brunch followed by speeches from Commodore Peter Lewis, Local Member of NSW Parliament Felicity Wilson and Captain Damien Scully-O'Shea RAN.



Ms Wilson and the Commodore spoke of the importance of volunteers to the club and community, while Captain Scully-O'Shea outlined how the Royal Australian Navy was returning to a greater involvement in sailing.

The official party then moved to the marina to acknowledge club yachts and powerboats participating in the annual Sail Past.

Unfortunately the freshening breeze meant that the Commodore's Front Up! Cup pursuit race was abandoned, but a great social afternoon was had at the club.

Photos by Marg Fraser-Martin

TRIVIA

Our first Trivia Night was a great hit - loads of fun, brain power tested, great food & robust competition.



Book fast to join our next one - Friday 27th Sept - be in it to win it!

Dinner Noir Extraordinary evening!



Initiated by our Cruising Division, this was unlike any dining experience we had ever attended. Dinner in complete darkness and what fantastic food it was, especially that desert. The event was sold out and the volume of excited voices more than made up for the lack of vision.

Organisers Manfred Fahr (on his digeridoo) and Dallas O'Brien (compare and singer), along with one of our favourite barman Monty (on saxophone) entertained us after dinner – yes in complete darkness.

You can read more written by Kelly Nunn-Clark in the Cruising Division Compass Rose

www.mhyc.com.au/images/CompassRoseSeptember2019.pdf

Congratulations Guido and Michelle Belgiorno- Nettis

Winners of the Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup



Spit to Zoo Paddle 2019

Hosted by MHYC, 70 paddlers battled a stiff breeze in this year's Spit to Zoo Paddle. With strong and gusty winds on Sydney Harbour prior to race time, this year's event was moved to a more protected course running between Middle Harbour Yacht Club and Balmoral. Long Course entrants completed 4 laps (approximately 16km) while the Short Course competitors completed two laps (approximately 8km).



Literary Lunches with Kate Forsyth and Grant Edwards



The literary lunch in August with Kate Forsyth, celebrating the launch of her latest novel, The Blue Rose, was both inspiring & delightful.



It was a fun and aspiring afternoon with strong man speaker Grant Edwards who has been to the edge of darkness and fought to return.

He showed off his skills easily picking up our Commodore Peter Lewis.

Don't forget to book quickly for our next literary lunch with Judy Nunn on Friday 18th October.

Tickets are running out fast!

Hamilton Island Race Week

Last month saw a number of Middle Harbour Yacht Club yachts and crew make the annual trip north for Hamilton Island Race Week. Some chose to participate in the feeder races on the way up whilst others headed straight for Hamilton Island in time to join the 234 entries for this year's Regatta. After two light days the breeze kicked in on day 3 with 20+ knots providing plenty of excitement for the remainder of the week. The various courses provided spectacular sailing around a variety of different islands and passages with plenty of whales, dolphins and turtles to keep crew on the rail entertained.

All MHYC skippers and crew members were invited by Commodore Peter Lewis and Vice Commodore Racing Geoff Charters to celebratory drinks on the Tuesday night at the local tavern. With 9 MHYC yachts racing and many more members crewing on other yachts this was a lively affair with much camaraderie and the odd wager being made on the final results. The event was a great success in bringing all divisions together and provided the motivation for some outstanding results to be celebrated at the end of the week.



Zeus (Laurie McAllister) won the PHS Green Division three points ahead of Mortgage Choice Rumba (Kerry Burke/ Rob Carr /Stephanie Cook) and also in Green, Flying Fish

Let Loose (Russell Bonner) finished 17th.

Martyn Colebrook's Nautitech 40 Catamaran Flo finished fourth in the Multihull Black division and Jon Linton's Llama II finished 8th in the PHS Pink Division.



In the IRC Division 3, Highly Sprung (Mark Spring) ended the regatta in 6th, while Toy Box 2 (Ian Box) was 8th.

MHYC Member Gordon Ketelbey's CYCA entry, the TP52 Zen, finished 3rd in the IRC Division 1 series.

Nicola Morgan (MHYC Board Member)

Magnetic Island Race Week



MHYC members at Cape Upstart BBQ

Magnetic Island Race Week was one of the best sailing regattas I have ever gone to. Beautiful sailing waters, great racing, fun activities and lots of after parties and dancing.

The party started already before we got to Magnetic Island. A few of us delivered Popeye from Hamilton Island, stopping at Cape Upstart on the way. The Race Week and residents of Cape Upstart put on a BBQ for those on their way to Magnetic island. The barramundi and locally caught prawns were a hit with me, but there were also lots of local meats. For \$15, they put on an amazing BBQ, topped off with country style homemade dessert and cakes. Their beautiful bay can only be reached by boat and the event is booked out quick.

Middle Harbour sailors were again in the results. Popeye, a Beneteau 47.7 owned by MHYC member Craig Douglas and crewed with a mostly MHYC team, placed second in Division 3. Rob Reynolds, sailing a chartered Fareast 28R, placed fifth in Division 1 but was on equal points with 3 other boats. Mark Spring's Highly Sprung (skippered by Andrew Pearson) was ninth in Division 1.

Well done to all and we have already booked in for next year. Get in quick as there is limited numbers and this year it was booked out.

Julie Hodder (on Popeye)



Rob Reynolds' Fareast 28R

Youth Sailing



Optimist Travellers Trophy 2



A massive congratulations and well done to our Youth Sailors flying the flag for MHYC at the Optimist Travellers Trophy 2 hosted by RSYS. Sunday saw some exciting racing for the optimist sailors with a big southerly rolling in to kick off racing.

In the Open Fleet:

MHHC 3rd - Ben Crafoord had his best result to date, Ben wrote "I started sailing Optis at MHYC when I was 4 in the Tackers Zero program that my Dad help set up on Sunday mornings. I started competing in Regattas 2 years ago. Last Sunday was my best ever result in the Open Fleet. I placed 3rd and it was even more special as I was also celebrating my 13th Birthday. It was exciting to see many other MHYC junior sailors placing well across the fleets. I'm very proud to be representing MHYC and will be training and racing with Brewer Racing at the club every weekend leading up to the Opti Nationals in Melbourne in January 2020, Happy Sailing to all Youth Sailing Groups from Ben Crafoord."

In the Intermediate Fleet:

MHHC 1st & 2nd - Will Wilkinson (1st) and Miles Green (2nd) secured places on the podium in some really tough conditions, while Zara Marks (16th) placed incredibly respectably in a fleet of 24 Boats. We're incredibly proud of how well these young sailors are progressing and look forward to seeing them continue to do well in the sport.

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MHHC members Archie Cropley and Max Paul have claimed the Bronze medal in the Boys 29er class at the 2019 Hempel Youth Sailing World Championships in Gdynia, Poland.

409 sailors from 66 nations were racing across nine youth events including the Boy's and Girl's divisions of the 29er, 420, RS:X and Laser Radial as well as the Mixed Multihull, the Nacra 15. The best youth sailors from 28 nations contested 13 races in the 29er Boys series.

In the 29er World Championships where they were placed 6th in a fleet of 175. Well done boys!



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Week 1 - 9am to 3:30pm
Tuesday 1st October to
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What's On @Middle Harbour Yacht Club

**New Members
and
Meet & Greet**



Thursday 16th September

6:30pm New Members
7:00pm Skippers and Crew Meet and Greet

**Trivia
Nights**

TRIVIA

Friday 27th September
Friday 11th October
Starts at 7pm, but come earlier to order
your dinner and have a chat to fellow
members



KIDS DISCO

AT MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB
Great for school groups, birthday parties and sport
celebrations. The perfect winter activity!

Friday 25th October
Friday 8th November
Friday 13th Dec (Kids Christmas Disco)
6pm – 8pm
\$18 per child includes snack and drink
\$12 per child for groups of 20 or more

**Literary Lunch
Judy Nunn**



Friday 18th October
12:00 – 3:00pm
2 course Lunch
\$60 Members | \$65 Non Members
Ticket includes two course lunch and drinks

**Sunday
Sounds**

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Sunday 29th September
(featuring Paul Winn)
Sunday 15th December
1:00pm – 4:00pm

**Melbourne
Cup**



Tuesday 5th November
12:00 Noon
\$80 Members | \$85 Non Members
Ticket includes three course lunch and
Chandon S Cocktail on arrival

**Summer
Twilight Ball**



Saturday 30th November
(more details to come)

**More Date
Savers**

*Save
the
Date*

**Fri 18th October - Renewable Energy
Charity Cup Regatta**
**Fri 1st November - Giant Steps Charity
Regatta**
Fri 22nd November - ASX Charity Regatta
**Nov 23/24 - Sydney Short Ocean Racing
Championships**
Dec 6 - Club Xmas Dinner
Dec 19: - Christmas Twilight