



YACHTING & BOATING REPORT 2014/15

2014-2015 has been another successful year for RGYC in all of our on water activities. Participation in Cruising and Powerboating has continued to increase and numbers of yachts entered for racing has increased as well. As a consequence of the improvement in race entries our Alpha course (keelboat) aggregate competition required the reintroduction of Third Division.

FESTIVAL OF SAILS

The Club had many entrants in the Festival of Sails and had there were good performances in a number of Divisions. Successes during the Festival of Sails were:

Phoenix – Brenton and Jen Carnell – First Sydney 38 Division

Maatsuyker – Bill Newman – First in Cruising with Spinnaker Division Three

Six Foot Six Larriken – Darren Pickering – First Performance Racing

Kavala – David Ruffin – First in Multihulls Division 2

RGYC – Second in the IRC and AMS teams events

VOLUNTEERS

Our dedicated group of volunteers has again provided another year of great service and they have again happily volunteered their time to the racing sailors. Without the volunteers our regular racing programs and many others such as the Festival of Sails would never happen. Y&B continues to encourage volunteers and Club Members to participate in training as Race Officers, Jurors and with the Topyacht software.

OFF THE BEACH & TRAINING

The OTB group continues to be active and vibrant with many great programs attracting good numbers of entrants. Racing divisions such as Lasers and 29ers have increased in numbers and the Cadets have again competed in two divisions over the entire season.

RGYC was well represented in the recent Cadet World Championships in Italy with some great results. The Board and Members will continue to provide support for participants in these events and there are a number of

our sailors who can potentially do very well in future regattas.

Thanks go to Tony Bull for his great work as the Australian National Cadet Coach. His dedication to the task of coaching the junior fleet and his commitment to sailing has been recognized by the Club with his election as a RGYC Life Member.

POWER BOATS

This year the Powerboat group has held 6 NavRallies and all have been well attended. It is hoped to encourage more yachts to participate in the NavRallies and the tracks and course of the competitors can be seen on Tacktracker.

CRUISING

The Cruising Group continues to grow and this year's trips and cruises have been well attended.

Cruising continues to be a growth area for the Club.

Most research demonstrates that cruising sailing is the main growth area within sailing and hence RGYC will continue to encourage it. The Corio Cruisers racing division continues to attract good numbers of participants on Saturdays.

FUTURE

- Foster greater participation in all aspects of the on water activities, namely sailing racing, powerboats, cruising, OTB. Encourage fun social events which involve boats but is not part of the racing program
- Reinforce the importance of on water safety and encourage safety awareness
- Facilitate better ways to guide junior sailors into keelboat sailing or adult OTB sailing
- Continue to improve member satisfaction

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