



## 2013 Access Class Championships

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The 2013 Australian Access Class Championships, concurrently with the Asia-Pacific Championships were held at the Canberra Yacht Club over the Easter long weekend, 29 to 31 March 2013.

Part of the celebration of Canberra's Centenary, the Championships were officially opened by Federal Sports Minister Kate Lundy. Competitors travelled to Canberra from all over Australia, along with competitors from New Zealand and Japan. Single-person racing was held in the Access 2.3, 303 and Liberty classes and the two-person competition was in the Access 303 and SKUD 18. 2012 Paralympic Gold Medalists Dan Fitzgibbon and LieslTesch also

competed, inspiring the next generation of developing sailors in the process.

The 2013 Australian & Asia-Pacific Access Class Championships concluded with a full program of eight races for each division conducted by Phil Yeomans and his race management team. The racing saw a light and variable morning breeze being replaced by a moderate westerly in the early afternoon, providing excellent race conditions to finish off the regatta. The single person divisions were first on the water after the obligatory AP flag was lowered at 10:30.

Chris Ruston (QLD) completed a perfect scorecard in the Access 2.3 competition with Allister Peek (ACT) taking second place and Doug Monk (NSW) in third. Continued on page — 4

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# Commodores Report

Recently I was watching a Four Corners program that was looking at Life Saving competitions where unfortunately fatalities have occurred as a result of a number of factors. It was a clear reminder to us all that sport can be dangerous and that we should all take precautions and understand from an individual and organisation perspective when we believe it is safe to compete. The Risk Management committee will be re-examining our current arrangements against this backdrop. However, I would remind everyone competing or just being on the lake at this time of year to be aware of the water temperature and the impact of hyperthermia. Each time you go out, re-assess the capability of skipper and crew as well as your equipment for the prevailing conditions – I cannot emphasise how important it is to do this.

This leads into the issue of race support and our ability to conduct races. When you are rostered to be part of support for a race, whether this is as a rescue boat driver, rescue boat assistant etc, it is important that you turn up or ensure that someone takes your place. Without the team available to the Race Officer we will get to a point where we will have to abandon races.

On the subject of Race Officers, the club has just facilitated via Yachting Australia, Club and State level Race Officer courses. The club now has a larger pool of people from which to draw upon who will be qualified at these levels. I wish to thank all those who volunteered effectively their entire weekend in the case of the State level course.

The presentation dinner saw the club once again award those who have been successful during the season. The major awards highlighted the strength of the club. I would just like to highlight two that symbolise for me how we are travelling as a club, from the juniors the award to the entire Opti squad and the most improved sailor, Grish,

who came through the adult sailing school to be skippering a Sydney Hobart yacht. I congratulate all award winners and to everyone else who participated through the season. I would like to also thank Matt and to those in the CYC office who have provided invaluable support to all sailing activities over the season.

The season has certainly been a good one for the club with large numbers through the sailing school, the growth of the Tackers program and the success of the Buoyed Up program. This year even with the lower level of the lake we have not had any lake closures to curtail operations. This is fortunate as I have just received an invoice from ACT Government for the Licence Fee for the land usage for the hardstand and grassed area, back dated to 2009. These type of arrangements continue to highlight the changes that the club is slowly moving through as they continue beyond those that took place at the start of the century.

I cannot finish without mentioning the significant contribution made by Neil Primrose to the club. Neil's legacy is seen in many areas, for example, the sailing school, our corporate governance, strategic framework etc. Just seeing the attendees at Neil's thanksgiving service provided confirmation of his impact on sailing and the club. There were large numbers of sailors in attendance, some from interstate as well as at least one senior representative from the Southern Cross Club. Being able to provide Honorary Life Membership for his contribution and also to have a perpetual reminder through the naming of the Primrose Trophy for the Yachtswoman of the year will ensure his contribution is remembered. I am looking forward to seeing Huntress on the water through the coming season.

Hope to see you on the water through the Winter series

**Howard**

# CEO's Report

**The phones have stopped ringing, it must be winter again!!**

Steve and I sit at our desks checking that the phones still work and discuss the crazy last 8 months and what has happened. The CYC Sailing School has had its busiest year to date with the most courses, students, staff, headaches and most fun. We now bunker down and start maintenance on the 120 CYC boats including antifouling Crusader and Boat Shop and sending them all away for engine services.

We had a planning meeting with all the senior team to work out all the programs and courses for next year and it looks like we will have to schedule in 8 days a week to fit it all in. Two of our focuses next year will be to involve the adult graduates more in twilight racing and to continue the great work in Buoyed Up, which we hope with your continued support to get over 150 disadvantaged kids into sailing.

## CYC Tops the Australia's Top Tackers Clubs

390	Canberra YC,
290	Sandringham
263	Middle Harbour
192	Royal Queensland
137	Blairgowrie
120	Noosa
113	Royal Prince Alfred

## News from the NCA

We are in discussions with the NCA to improve our launching ramps at Lotus Bay, standby for more news. Work on the dam wall gates is moving ahead and the current report is that they will start rising the lake levels in January 2014.

## CYC Boat Shop Winter Series

We have had a number of brave sailors who have been out on the water for the Winter Series. Results are on the CYC web site.

## Steve Cartwright

Steve has just come back from Brisbane where he gained his Yachting Australia Senior Instructor qualification, this allows Steve to conduct YA Instructors courses.

**Matt Owen**

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In the Liberties, Bob Schahinger (SA) claimed the overall win by a comfortable margin. There was much shuffling of places further down the fleet however, including a 1-2 score on the final day for Chris Riordan (VIC) enabling him to swap positions with Cadeyrn Gaskin (VIC) who finished the regatta in third.

Jocelyn & Tristan Nuemueller (SA) did not sail the final race, but had built an 11 point lead to secure the championship trophy. Alyse Saxby & Bob Hamilton (NSW) had some placings they would rather forget, dropping them from second place yesterday to fourth. John Price & Lindsay Mason (NSW) moved up to second with 3-4 finishes and two race wins today by Nicholas Dukes & Bruce James (VIC) moved them up to third.

In the SKUD 18s, Ame Barnbrook & Matt Crawford (NSW) posted a 4-1 this afternoon to finish their championship with a two point advantage over Rob & Peter Crawford (NSW). Paralympic Gold Medalist Liesl Tesch sailing with Mark Thomson were third.

Regatta organiser Terry Peek emceed the presentation ceremony on the lawns of the Canberra Yacht Club, with trophies presented by Race Officer Phil Yeomans(NSW) and Jury Chairman John Grace

(NZL). Prizes were also awarded for Special Olympics sailors competing in the open event, with Allister Peek (ACT) winning the 2.3 division, Bronwyn Ibbotson (ACT) the 303 single person division, and Nicholas Dukes the 303 two person prize. The 2014 Australian Championships will be held in South Australia.

Thank you to all the CYC members who helped out over the weekend and made the event such a success.







## 2012-13 CYC Presentation Dinner

**The night started with a thank you to all our fantastic sponsors, as well as a special mention to Nick Hilyard and a presentation to Jenn Neilson for her ongoing contribution to race results.**

A Special General Meeting was then called to discuss the awarding of honorary life membership to Neil Primrose. Neil made a significant contribution to the club throughout his lifetime including the substantial restructure and reorientation of the Canberra Yacht Club and preparation of a Strategy and Business Plan for the Yacht Club. Neil took a leading role in defining and developing the independence of the Club from the Southern Cross Club, as well as changing the mind set

of members about the style and future of the Club. Neil was a central part of work that created a new governance structure for the Club he gained the respect of the Southern Cross Board that unlocked substantial financial support for the Club; instituted a modern business-like approach to the Club's administration; overhauled its risk management; and developed the Sailing School into its present establishment. Neil was involved in construction of the new and significantly safer boat hoist. He led lake users in negotiation with the NCA to develop the first Master Plan for Lotus Bay that laid the basis for expansion of the boat parks and the coming renovation by the Southern Cross Club. As Chair of the Sailing School Board, he was responsible for establishing the Youth Sailing Academy (now the Youth Racing Squad) and ensuring

active parental involvement; for establishing the Boat Hire operation Neil's family accepted the honorary life membership.

Fred Kasparek was the proud winner of the bareboat charter in the Whitsundays and according to the numerous volunteers throughout the night he will have no trouble finding a crew to assist. Many thanks to Queensland Yacht Charters for donating this fantastic prize. More information on Queensland Yacht Charters is available here:

[www.yachtcharters.com.au](http://www.yachtcharters.com.au)

The Rear Commodore Sailing, Ian Brokenshire, then presented the racing prize winners for year, congratulations to all our winners.

The Commodore, Howard Faulks, and Vice Commodore, Sue Hart then presented the Club Awards for 2012-13.



CYC Optimist Squad





## Junior Club Awards went to:

### Instructor Development award: Elise Shermers

Elise in her first season as an assistant instructor has proved to be an outstanding sailor and instructor. Elise has to be directed to stop and have a break, she is always one of the first to arrive and last to leave.

### Junior Crew of the year: Lauren Kasperek

Lauren has been able to sail for several years but has been reluctant to race. In her first season racing and she has applied herself to improving her skills with gusto. Lauren has gone from a sailor who was not confident around racing boats to someone who can hold her own.

### Junior Club Member: Noah Taylor

Noah is always at the CYC, with his infectious smile. He is either there to sail, or to help out, he is always one of the first to arrive and usually one of the last to leave. Noah is always ready to lend a hand or find out what needs to be done. Noah has had a terrific season, where he has improved with every outing. He was a member of the HPU Laser Squad coached by Craig Davidson. Under Craig's closer tutelage he certainly blossomed. He is constantly striving to match it with his teammates, many that are a number years his senior.

### Most Improved Junior: CYC Optimist Squad

The optis graced our beach and lake like never before, continuing terrific growth and forcing all who saw them conquer the big days and the drifter conditions to be amazed at their ages. With a wide age and skill set to work with, coaches Daryl, Sanne, Steve and all the parents have helped these future champions to accomplish not only good sailing skills, but to develop a team environment that other young sailors are itching to join into. Either helping each other get their boats out or to rig, or to get their trolley, the mateship is a joy to watch. It all goes out the window on the water, but back on shore it's off to the jetty for a jump.

### Junior Yachtswomen: Cass Schlimbach

Cassandra continues to impress, now as much off the water as she does on. Only turning 18 in April, Cass has become an integral part of the workings of the CYC. She sailed with Craig to 4th at NS14 NSW's, and with Matt, Andrew, Michael and Steve in the Elliott 7 using her skills to get outstanding results in both classes. With some very talented sailors, she was strong and clear in her opinions and decision making.

Some of her achievements for the season were: Laser radials, Sail Sydney 10th, Sail Melbourne 17th, Nationals 10th Silver fleet, Aus Youths 29th, NSW/ACT 5th, 2012 World Laser Radial Youth Championship 26th, NSW ETS squad member, NS14 NSW's 4th, and Elliott 7 Nationals 1st.

### Junior Yachtsman: Duncan Jamieson

Duncan is continually working on his sailing and is an important member of the CYC Staff. Working in the Boatshop on weekends as well as becoming one of the senior Assistant instructors during the seasons training program. Some of Duncan's achievements for the season were: ACT dinghy champs 3rd, laser nationals, NSW/ACT states 28th overall/43 1st u21 in full rigs, Sail Sydney, and Sail Melbourne.







## Senior Club Awards:

### The Family Trophy: Roos Family

Daryl, Jo and the boys have been keen members of the CYC this year and are great ambassadors at the many regattas they have attended both in the Opti class and when racing in the 505 class. With both Daryl and Jo's strong involvement - as sailors, rescue boat drivers, coach boat drivers, sailing coaches and regatta managers - as a parent it's great to see the Opti kids have fun and learn new skills, even when Daryl is at a 505 regatta Jo steps right in and coaches. The family is very passionate about their sailing and this encourages other families to participate in sailing, which is a BIG bonus for the CYC for the future. The two boys are always polite, well-mannered and extremely keen to participate in all the activities the club has to offer.



### Crew of the Year: Steve Cartwright

Steve has been very active this season sailing multiple boats. He has secured a 1st in the City of Canberra Regatta 'In Spades' and a 1st in the Elliott 7 National Championship (for the 5th time). Steve also works exceptionally hard at the Club driving the Youth program.



### Most improved senior skipper: Grish Stromov

Since becoming involved in sailing: a CYC adult sailing course in 2008 being his first taste of sailing - this sailor has embraced sailing with a lot of passion and along the way has encouraged other non-sailors to get involved. He quickly graduated from lake to bluewater sailing and in 2012 capped off a number of offshore events as skipper with a fourth in the Sydney to Gold Coast (out of nine in PHS), competed in the Airlie race week race week, competed in offshore passage races in preparation for the 2012 Sydney to Hobart race in which he achieved a third in division (out of nine in PHS Div 2) and first small boat across the line. At the same time he was training and competing in CYC events with a new group of sailors WILD.



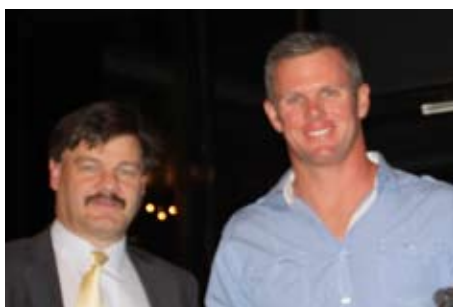
### Club Member of the Year: Keir Malpas

Keir has been heavily involved in the training of CYC members in powerboat handling and safety courses. Keir has worked closely on the water with the students that required more time practicing taking time out of his busy lifestyle to make sure they are confident driving powerboats. Keir has spent much time working with the Sailing School team to keep the boats at a high level of maintenance.



### Yachtswoman of the Year: Kelsey Harahan

Kelsey this year while juggling her studies has been an amazing CYC member. Not only a highly competitive sailor in the Laser Class she has been heavily involved in the Sailing School as a Tackers Instructor helping Steve and his team with all types of training. Kelsey also has always put her hand to volunteer for CYC regattas and other events when needed. When she is not helping at the CYC she has accomplished the following results, 2012 Radial Youth Worlds 31st, 2012 QLD Youth Week 4.7 27th, 2012 Laser State Championships 4.7 4th, 2013 Spiral Australian Championships 20th, 2013 Laser Nationals 2nd in ladies 4.7, 1st Australian lady, 2013 Sail Sydney 15th laser 4.7.



### Yachtsman of the year: Daryl Roos

Daryl has been a great competitor in the 505 class for many years attending many national and state events. This season he sailed with Michael Quirk and they attended the world titles in Europe and had a very good result. The climax of the season has been their win in the Australian Championships against very hot competition. Daryl has just come back from Barbados where he gained an 18th at the 505 World Titles. Daryl is a very talented sailor mentally and physically. Daryl is a very knowledgeable sailor who is keen to share his wisdom with anyone keen to learn especially his beloved Opti Team.

**Congratulations to all our winners and for a fantastic night!**

## 2013 Americas Mug 'Champion of Champion'

The Club's 2013 Americas Mug 'Champion of Champion' racing on 14 April looked likely to be a non-event due to a lack of wind – the day was sunny with the marquee on the shore a great place for the band to entertain guests and waiting sailors but no breeze.

After an hour delay, the Optimist training group provided a curtain raiser to the main event – having three very competitive back-to-back races in a slowly developing breeze out of the north-west of 5 kts.

The 'Champion of Champion' Division representatives of Peter Barter (Div 1), Matt Owen (Div 2), Peter Taylor (Div 3), Ed Louis (Div 4), Bruce Paine (Div 5), John Hanrahan (Div 6), Leo O'Keefe (Div 7) and Mark Lewis (Div 8) had been allocated a Corsair dinghy and were out on the lake early with their crew preparing for the racing. There was plenty of action onshore as well with a band and Sarah's Hot Dogs keeping the fans happy.

The main event got off to a slow start with the competitors somewhat spread out as they crossed the line for the first race set to a windward/leeward course. The first race was won by Peter Barter, with Bruce Paine second and Matt Owen third.

The second race saw a more competitive start line with the sailors seeking a good position and some boat speed in the light breeze – that race was won by Bruce Paine, followed by Matt Owen and then Peter Taylor. The sailors then swapped boats before continuing to race in to a now light but consistent breeze.

The skippers and crew were eager to get a good start as the short course and steady breeze meant that a slow start would leave you at the rear of the fleet. The third race was won by Matt Owen, with Bruce Paine second and Leo O'Keefe third. The fourth and last race saw Matt Owen over the line first followed by Ed Louis and Leo O'Keefe.

### The final results were:

Division	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
2	3	2	1	1
5	2	1	2	5
1	1	4	5	8
7	7	5	3	3
4	4	6	7	2
3	5	3	6	6
6	6	DNF (8)	4	4
8	8	7	OCS (8)	7

The overall results saw Bruce Paine bumped to second, despite excellent early results, by a fast finishing Matt Owen with Peter Barter third.

Thanks to the Australian American Association and the US Embassy for their great support of the event and as always Terry's hard work in the background to make the event run smoothly.







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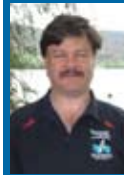


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