

Visit by Olympian to Canberra Yacht Club

On Monday 5th September Canberra Yacht Club was honoured by a visit from Olympic medallist Lisa Darmanin. Lisa and her cousin Jason Waterhouse took silver at the Rio 2016 Olympics in the Nacra 17.

Lisa spent an hour with both junior and senior sailors sharing her Rio story, her years of preparation, how a major event like the Olympics is run and her experience on returning home a medal winner. Lisa was a vibrant and engaging speaker and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to hear from her. Thanks Lisa!



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Commodores Report

The 2016–17 Summer Series has started! The first race of the season saw some breeze, which was a pleasant start. The foreshore saw the Canberra Southern Cross club family day in full swing, with lots of people able to see sailing at close hand. It was great atmosphere and also an opportunity to expose more people in a subtle fashion to our sport.

With the start of the season I need to give a big thank you to those on the sailing committee and those in the office who have all contributed to getting us to the point where we can all go racing. Again I need to stress what a difference our sponsors make to our enjoyment. We have been blessed with several sponsors who continue to support sailing at Canberra Yacht Club and have been for many years. Please show your thanks when you see them next.

Whilst it might seem sometimes that administratively there is nothing going on, this is rarely the case. In recent months discussions have been held with the executive of Sailability ACT regarding arrangements that could be available at the club on an ongoing basis. Discussions are continuing that could include the transfer of infrastructure to Lotus Bay and the integration of activities under the CYC banner.

This would see inclusion of Sailability within our structures, but with a focus on the needs of the individual sailor and sailability being recognised through an appropriate sub-committee. We should be in a position to update on progress in this area in the near future.

As many of you would be aware Bouyed Up has been a key initiative within the club for a number years. This has been co-ordinated through Communities at Work up to this this time. Communities at Work are in the process of moving away from this role and after some discussion the club has agreed to take on the co-ordination and management role as well as the delivery role moving forward. This will ensure the continued success of a program that provides children with the opportunity to experience sailing, when they otherwise would not be able to. The mechanisms for this change are currently being finalised.

With twilight just about to start, I am reminded of warm evenings and the chance to get your friends down for an evening sail to break up the week. So take the opportunity to bring a friend or work colleague.

See you out on the water. Howard Faulks



2016 BUOYED UP FUNDRAISING DINNER

Come and enjoy a great evening with friends to support Buoyed Up, helping vulnerable children overcome life's challenges through the great sport of sailing.

Why: Special guest speaker **Vestas Volvo Round the World Race skipper Chris Nicholson** discussing the race, the reef and the race to rebuild.

When: Canberra Yacht Club **Wednesday 23 November 7pm**

Cost: Tickets \$80 per person. Bookings at canberrayc.com tables of 8

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NX25 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MELBOURNE MAY 2016

What started as a joke and the forwarding of a few emails between myself, Brendan, Sean, Matt and Reedy saw Quo Vadis signed up for the 2016 Noelex National Championships, held at the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS). It's the first time that I've ever had to knock back crew however the chance to do another regatta with Matt & Reedy was not to be missed. Having two gun sailors on board also created the opportunity to have a new main and jib made – it seemed a bit incongruous having two national champions on board with the original 1989 sails!

We were off to an early morning start on Friday 13 May, with the crew arriving with breakfast and coffees at 0545. We were on the road just after 0600 for a quick trip to Melbourne, with a stop at Bookham to check the trailer and then another at Glenrowan to get fuel.

A quick look in the back of the car confirmed the two skilled sailors psyching themselves up for the big event!

We arrived at St Kilda Marina Boat ramp just after 1400, so spot on 8 hours door to ramp with breaks. It was a very fast rig of the boat with three additional helpers and then a wait for the sail maker who had promised to meet us at 1430 at the boat ramp to drop off the sails. After some delay and a number of phone calls where we were assured that he had the sails and would meet us "shortly" we decided to set off – I took the car and bags up to Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron while Matt, Reedy, and Brendan motored the 2 ½ km up the east side of Port Philip Bay to meet up there.

The planned afternoon practice run never happened, so we retired to the bar to wait for the sails – which eventually arrived after a 3 hour nervous wait. Reedy made the most of the time taking everything that was not bolted onto the boat, off it – anything that might save weight! That evening we lamented our poor regatta preparation – new sails (still not on boat), only sailed the boat as a crew for a one hour practice in Canberra, and no idea of the competition!





Saturday came with strong winds forecast 20–25 kts, and a requirement for class inspections on the jetty for the 12 competing Nolex 25s. The Class inspector arrived – John Burgess. I was initially concerned as I had decided not to purchase his excellent NX25 when we were looking to upgrade (we didn't like the colour!) – and was subsequently relieved to find out that he had sold it 3 weeks previously – all was forgiven! With no issues we headed out for a quick rehearsal in the last hour before the race.

The wind continued to build to 25 knots, and everyone became very focussed. It had four stella starts and we achieved a 2nd, 1st, 2nd and 2nd places. We were one of only two boats with a four person crew, worked well in the strong conditions. We ended the day on 5 points (2 point drop) behind the lead boat Leewana on 3 points (2 point drop) and ahead of our nearest rival Running Free on 9 points (4 point drop).

Dinner with the NX25 Association was held at a local pizza restaurant where we met some

great people with a vast range of cruising and racing experience – then an early night and to bed!

Sundays forecast 25 – 30 knots winds didn't eventuated and the lighter conditions didn't appear to suit Quo Vadis as much. Races 5 and 6 saw us place 4th and 5th respectively in 10-15 knot fluky conditions. The new norm, no engine, saw us sail back into RMYS where collected our gear and headed up to the RMYS bar for the prize giving. While waiting we caught up with Geoffrey and Elizabeth, the new owners of Blue Print(our previous Farr 6000), who had made a special trip up to Royal Melbourne to say hello and to see how we were getting on.

The final results were released and we were stoked to find out that Quo Vadis had placed 2nd in the Championships. Matt and Reedy graciously put it down to a team effort, however Dumb and Dumber know better!

2016 B14 Worlds

Last month Kate and I left cold Canberra to compete in the B14 European and World Titles at sunny Torbole, on Lake Garda in Italy. Thanks to Sponsorship from Hamburgsud Shipping Company, and the lure of sailing on the famous Lake Garda, we had 15 Aussies boats attend.

Lake Garda is well known for its morning breeze (Peler) and Afternoon breeze (Ora), which in the summer months provides great sailing conditions every day. The Northerly morning breeze comes in early and is strongest between 7-10 am, dropping off to nothing about 11.30 am. The Ora then comes in from the south between 12.00 and 1.00pm ranging in strength from 10 to 25 knot.

This was Kate's first World Titles, and she found the B14 physically demanding, but stepped up and sailed like a champion.

The Europeans ran an 8 race regatta over three days, giving us an opportunity to work on our boat handling and racing before the World titles. We sailed in 12 to 20 knots in great skiff sailing conditions, finishing 19th in the 36 boat fleet.

After a layday and some cycling up big hills in the area, the World titles started in a 12 to 20 knot Ora.

We managed a 18th and 13th on the first day with some great downwind sailing.

Day two and three were sailed in lighter (8-12 knot) breezes from the north, which were very Canberra like and shifty. We lacked consistency but managed and 5th and 7th along with 27th and 18th.

The last two days were classic Lake Garda with 15 to 20 knots. The course became very one sided with a need to tack off onto port from the start and sail until you were very close to the western cliffs of the lake, tacking above the layline for the top mark. First boat to the cliffs was first to the top mark. We had some great downwind sailing in this conditions but found it hard to compete with the heavier crews.

We finished 16th overall in the World Titles, which we were very happy with. Sydney crew, Rick Plain and Mike Vincent are new World Champions winning by 2 points from the very consistent (until the last day) English crew of Tim Harrison and John Ratcliffe. Three time Australian World Champion, Guy Bancroft finished third.

The next B14 National Championships are being held just down the road, in Eden NSW, over the Christmas/new year period.

Andre Webster



Laser Radial Masters Worlds

Neuvo Vallarta, Mexico, April 2016

A week of perfect sailing conditions prevailed for three CYC Laser Masters sailors in their quest for glory at the Laser Radial Masters Worlds on Banderos Bay, Nuevo Vallarta on the Pacific coast of Mexico.

The first Laser Masters was held in 1980 and has been organized annually since then at a wide variety of northern and southern hemisphere locations. Sailors compete in age Divisions.

- Apprentices 35–44
- Masters 45–54
- Grand Masters 55–64
- Great Grand Masters 65–74
- And for the first time this year those over 75 competed as 'Legends' by popular acclaim.

Radials in the Mexico fleet numbered about 130 from 29 countries spread across the age divisions. There were 31 sailors from Australia, one of the largest contingents and one of the most successful. We had winners in 2 divisions with many other sailors well placed including two second places. See full results here: www.laserworlds2016.org/index.php/results-2/master-s-radial

Rick Longbottom competed in the GM fleet, and Tony Ryan and Stuart Allan sailed in the GGM Division.

Air temperature hovered around 30C all week, with water temperature much the same. Sea state on the Bay was influenced by a large swell with a wind driven chop on top. The reliable and predominantly SW breeze was typically 11 to 12 knots for the first race of the day starting at about 1.00pm getting up to 14 to 16 knots for the second race. This made for close tactical racing to windward and fast fun surfing downwind. Conventional wisdom in this west coast breeze was said to favour the right side and while that was true for much of the regatta the left and the middle were favoured often enough to leave plenty of room for tactical decision making.

Getting it wrong on the 1st beat was costly. Even top sailors crashed out at times going from a top 3 in 1 race to be well back in the next. But as usual across a twelve race regatta cream rises to the top.

Race management was excellent and the onshore arrangements were pretty good too. The regatta was based in the Riviera Nayarit resort, with only a short walk to the boat park and an even shorter walk with boat and trolley to the ramp where local teenagers looked after launching and retrieval. The latter was particularly appreciated bearing in mind the demographics of the fleet!

Rick had a very good regatta finishing 8th out of 40 boats in his division, while Tony and Stuart finished 14th and 17th respectively in the GGM fleet of 36 boats.

Worlds will be in Split, Croatia next year. Give some thought to going!



Roger Rose

Roger Rose, a past Canberra Yacht Club champion sailor has hung up his sailing gloves for the last time. His life 30/11/1944 - 11/07/2016 will be remembered by his family as being a devoted brother, husband, father, uncle and grandfather and by his many friends as a great companion, reliable mate and a gentleman competitor.

Roger had a distinguished sailing career, particularly in his Hartley 18 'Impetuous'. Roger sailed at the Canberra Yacht Club winning many championship events with his long term mate and crew Noel. Roger competed in 9 Marlay Point races and won twice in Impetuous and competed again in his Adams 21, "After Hours" in 2006.

He came 13th that year. Interestingly, he bought the Adam 21 from Ted Digman another CYC sailor from the 80s who passed away in May this Year. This boat was previously built and owned by Frank Downing. Roger never raced his Adams at the CYC. It is still at his Canberra home in the driveway.

Roger contributed to the Yacht Club as a Rear Commodore.

Each Monday night until just May this year Roger joined a bunch of CYC sailing mates dating back to the 1980s for a quiet little drink (QLD).

Roger's active life ended far too early and he will be missed.

Roger on his Adams 21 with mate Noel at Marlay Point.



CEO Column

Winter Work and planning

With summer just around the corner we find if the last three months of planning has worked and all the jigsaw pieces are in place for the season.

A tremendous amount of work has gone into the planning of the sailing and sailing schools operations and I would like to thank all that were involved.

Buoyed Up

Commodore has said in his column we have been doing a great amount of work moving the management and operational aspects of Buoyed up from Communities @ Work to the CYC. C@W have been a fantastic partner in this very important program of getting disadvantaged kids learning life coping skills with sailing, we have put over 1,000 kids through the Tacker's program over the last 6 years.

C@W have changed their direction and with their full support have endorsed the CYC to take over the whole program. This puts the onus of fundraising for this program to the CYC and we will be continuing the search for funding through personal, corporate and government avenues.

Fees

The CYC Committee have decided to keep the fees for membership and boat parking the same from this coming season.

420's

You will see out on the water the next phase of our junior pathways has taken shape with four 420's dinghies racing with Super Coach Daryl Roos taking charge of the squad. Its great to see these high performance boats racing at the CYC and the squad have some big plans going to regatta's over the next two years. We hope to have six 420's racing at the end of the season.

Sailing School

Steve has had a busy winter getting the boats and plans for this season ready. We will be conducting even more training with new schools and programs starting. We have employed an instructor from Scotland called Maggie who did some work with us last season and will assist Steve on the huge task of teaching all the program we host at the CYC.

With 52 entries for the first race of the season I feel it's going to be a great season with large fleets of boats taking to the water. I hope you all have a fun, safe and successful season on the water.

Upcoming Events

Capital Insurance Brokers ACT Optimist Regatta 29th and 30th October.

This massive regatta will once again take part at the Club with over 90 boats expecting to enjoy the weekend as well. We are looking for volunteers for the weekend to man the bar or BBQ or assist on the water. Please contact the office if you are available.

Holiday Courses

Canberra Yacht Club Sailing School will be back in full swing from Tuesday 27 September with the first of our 4 day school holiday programs running for the 2 week school break. Registrations are available online by clicking on the link and selecting the preferred week you wish to register for canberrayc.com/childrens

Community Rewards Program

The Canberra Yacht Club has joined with the Canberra Southern Cross Club to introduce the Community Rewards Program to our members.

The Community Rewards program empowers our members to help the Community Groups that matter most to them. By nominating the Canberra Yacht Club, 10% of the member's spend on food and beverages at our Woden, Tuggeranong, Jamison and Yacht Club venues will be donated to help fund the development of members infrastructure here at the Canberra Yacht Club.

What's included: Purchases made on food and beverages in the public restaurants, bars and grills at our Woden, Tuggeranong, Jamison and Yacht Club venues. The 10% is not calculated on function spend or purchases made at Snapper or on the MV Southern Cross.

It's simple to join, just go to the link below and fill out your name and Canberra Southern Cross Club number. When you are next at any Southern Cross Club show them your card and we can all help develop the Yacht Club facilities.

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48th ACT FLYING FIFTEEN CHAMPIONSHIP

As has been the practice in recent years, the ACT Flying Fifteen championship was sailed on the Saturday and Sunday of the Queen's birthday long weekend, 1 and 2 October 2016. The number of entries was down compared with recent years, at least partly due to the 'retirement' from the class of some of our former regulars. Eight of us competed in the series, three from Victorian and five locals. It was great to have two local crews who don't normally sail in the 15s charter boats for the event. Rick Longbottom and Stuart Allen sailed the Cumming's boat and Noah Taylor and Tom Dare (Laser sailors) sailed Graham Giles' boat.

Saturday – the day after Floriade had been closed for two days and nights due to the weather - was not the best of days, cold, windy and showery, with gusts from the NW in excess of 20 knots.

The Race Officer, Richard Hart, decided that it would be prudent to abandon racing in the morning and to have just one session of three back to back races in the afternoon by which time the weather was (marginally!) more tolerable. Nevertheless, there was a good sailing breeze and with a time limit of 60 minutes, the racing was fast and furious.

Sunday was a nice, sunny day, with sufficient breeze for us to race in the morning, as planned. Again, we sailed three back to back races to complete the series. Matt Owen and Andrew Reed, the current Australian champions, won five races and were second in the other one. But they didn't have it all their own way, with margins of only 7 seconds in one race, and 40 and 45 seconds in two others.



The other race winner was David Williamson from Mordialloc who beat Matt and Andrew by 11 seconds in heat three. David finished third overall, with one win and three thirds as his best placings. The Rainey brothers, Craig and Ian were runners up, with four second placings. Sue Thompson with Cam Taylor as crew, was consistent, usually just behind the leading three, followed by Peter Forster and Guy Anderson in fifth place. Noah had not previously sailed a Flying Fifteen; Tom had crewed for David Williamson in the National titles in Canberra in January. They sailed some excellent races, including two fourth placings, finishing sixth overall, despite having two DNF's due to rig damage.

The next major event for Matt and Andrew and the three Victorian crews is the World championship event to be sailed in Napier, New Zealand from 20 February – 4 March 2017. A number of other Australians, especially from WA, will also compete, after they have contested the Australian championship at Esperance in early January 2017. We wish the Australian competitors, especially of course, Matt and Andrew, well in their endeavours to achieve a podium place in a World event.

by Peter Forster



Hamilton Island race week

A Canberra Yacht Club team was successful in August this year of winning the Australian Yachting Championship Cruiser/ Racer Division held during this years Audi Hamilton Island Race Week.

Matt Owen skippered the Southport based Sydney 32 Onyx to victory in a competitive 20 boat fleet edging out the Sydney 60 'Sydney' and the very well sailed White Noise from Melbourne with CYC's own Allan Green on-board sliding into third.



Matt Owen, Andrew reed, David Steilow, David Smith, Andrew Webster and Emma Hutchinson



CYC Presentation Dinner

CYC Member of the Year: Grish Stromov

- Developed the CYC new and improved website
- Worked closely with Nick Hildyard and the CYC team to create an easily accessible platform
- Developed an ease of use registration system for our members and the general public to enrol on courses and regattas
- Grish has put many hours into making this venture a success
- Along with technical capabilities, Grish has also embroidered our extremely popular CYC bucket hats

The Family Trophy: Malpas Family

The success of the club relies on the contribution of it's members and the Malpas family all contribute behind the scenes to make the club what it is.

Kier through his work with powerboat courses has been thorough, patient and practical with his education of powerboat users both in the context of the course and simply offering advice and assistance at the crane. Robin is an active participant sailing contenders and Magic 25 and is very generous with his time fixing electrical issues around the club and also through sponsorship of the CYC. Ariane is a past member of the CYC Committee and an active sailor who assists through volunteering her time at major regattas.

Crew of the Year: Andrew Reed

Andrew has once again had a fantastic year culminating in two Australian Titles and one State Titles. In August he was part of the winning crew of the Australian IRC Champion at Audi Hamilton Island Race Week crew in Passage IRC.

In October Andrew won the ACT Flying Fifteen States and January won the Australian Title in the Flying Fifteen. Andrew was also involved in coaching the local FF15 fleet before the Australian Titles.

Most Improved Senior Skipper: Bruce McLennan

- Bruce has had a great season improving his sailing skills alongside his crew.
- 1st CYC Pointscore - 3rd Last Year 2014-2015
- 4th CYC Championship - 8th last year 2014-2015
- Involved in the organising the Aust FF15 Nationals and participated in the FF15 Training

Yachtswoman of the Year: Trish

Trish has had a fantastic season of sailing. She and Matt have keenly participated in the Kasperek Pointscore and Championship series finishing 6th in both.

Trish has also been involved in the Flying Fifteen training this season and is always a great supporter of CYC social events.

All the Flying Fifteen fleet have seen a great improvement in her crewing skills this season and we are proud to present this award to Trish Gleeson.

Yachtsman of the Year: Noah Taylor

This year in addition to Noah's extensive training, he has been coaching the Youth Squad Laser division, passing on his knowledge and immense passion for the sport of sailing.

Noah seems has attended every laser Regatta in the world which he works hard to improve his skill while doing his final years of school and a carpentry apprenticeship

Noah's maturity this year has really shown through, and some say he is a nice person to hang around with, except for Gussys mast.

He has big plans for the future and we hope that he will remember us with his Olympic Gold medal dangling around his neck.

Class	Year	Event	Placement Overall
4.7	2015	Australian Laser Nationals 2015	5th Open, 5th Youth
4.7	2015	Australian Youth Nationals 2015	8th Youth
Radial	2015	Western Australia Laser States	10th Open, 6th Youth
Radial	2015	NB sailsports sprint series	4th Open, 3rd Youth
Radial	2015	Queensland Youth Week	12th Youth
Radial	2015	Sail Brisbane	3rd Open, 3rd Youth
Radial	2015	Canadian Youth Nationals	17th Youth
Radial	2015	Laser Radial Youth World Championships	52nd Overall, 4th Place Silver Fleet
Radial	2015	NSW Youth States	6th Youth
Radial	2015	NSW Coast Championships	4th Overall, 3rd Youth
Radial	2015	NSW Laser States	2nd Open, 2nd Youth
Radial	2015	Sail Melbourne	13th Open, 9th Youth
Radial	2015	Sail Sydney	15th Open, 9th Youth
Radial	2016	Australian Laser Nationals 2016	9th Open, 5th Youth
Radial	2016	Australian Youth Nationals 2016	3rd Youth
Radial	2016	NSW Metropolitan Championships	1st Open, 1st Youth

Junior awards

Instructor Development Award: Alice Burgess

This person has come along way in the few short years since they were a student on the school holiday programs themselves. Having taught them myself at that stage I'm not sure I would have predicted giving this award tonight, but I'm very happy to admit I was wrong!

This person demonstrates a fantastic work ethic within the sailing school, and can always be found coming up with the new games for the groups, or patiently working with a student who's having trouble. Surrounding yourself with up to 60 kids on a sugar high every day of your own school holidays isn't for everyone, but this person reminds us all just how patient and enthusiastic we should be. Congratulations, Alice Burgess.

Junior Club Member: Sofia Mellink

This person is a true credit to the Yacht club, whether it be on the water, working in the sailing school, or just hanging out on a Sunday afternoon. Whenever a boat needs to be moved, or mark trolleys put away, this person will be there without being asked, and works tirelessly to make the lives of everyone around them easier and more pleasant. These are the kind of people who make Yacht Clubs work, and so we thank you for all your work Sofia Mellink

Junior Crew of the Year: Annabelle Connery

- Moved into YRS from Toppers at the start of term 4
- Started with the Canberra Girls Grammar Teams racing team at the start 2015
- Regatta's: ACT and NSW States in term 4 2015 and the Interdominons held here in the ACT in September 2015, placing 4th overall in the regatta and 2nd Australian, ACT/NSW states 2016. Nationals Brisbane July swiss league (top performing girls team in the country before unfortunately being knocked off in the finals)
- Crewing for Liz Hodgman
- Match Racing Nationals in Hobart
- Aiming to place in the 2016 nationals and travel to represent Australia at the interdominons in New Zealand.

Most Improved Junior: Peter Brumby

This Person has only recently joined the CYC Youth Community, but has brought with them the training ethic and have-a-go attitude that are known as the hall mark of CYC youth, both here and at interstate regattas.

Having never sailed lasers before this person took to them quickly once joining the Youth Race Squad Laser fleet, and thanks to their dedication and some intensive training, found themselves heading off to the ACT/NSW Laser State Championships in Wangi, achieving a excellent result for their first regatta in the class.

This person is now balancing their Laser sailing with new Youth Race Squad 420 program, and we wish them all the best with that in the future.

And for these last two, I'm going to announce them first and get them up on stage so we can embarrass them properly:

Junior Yachtsman of the Year: Tom Dare

Tom started sailing with the CYC in 2011/2012 season, coming through the YSA Gold Squad and quickly moving into the Laser 4.7. Tom trained hard and was a consistent club sailor but it wasn't until his move to the Radial rig that his competitive side took off. Training hard with Noah Taylor, and with a new boat under him, Tom took on the highly competitive Radial fleets at the Laser Coast regatta, the ACT/NSW Laser states, the youth laser nationals and most recently the Metropolitan championships. As a relative late comer to the intense competition of the laser class, Tom's results show phenomenal improvements, both within regattas and across the season.

Tom displays the role model attitude that we have come to expect from our CYC youth sailors, conducting himself with a polite determination and good humour. He always congratulates his fellow competitors and shows respect and gratitude to the race organisers and committee. Tom is also dedicated to his work within the CYC Sailing school, and passes on his love of sailing to the upcoming youth.

Junior Yachtswomen of the Year: Liz Hodgman

Liz came through the sailing school programs and was one of the first to follow the youth pathway that we still teach today. Since making the change to Laser 4.7 at the end of the 2011 season, Liz has regularly attended laser states and nationals, along with sail Sydney and sail Melbourne. Most recently at the end of 2015 she travelled to Perth to compete in the laser radial nationals and had success in some extremely strong conditions.

This season Liz has had to drop her laser sailing back to a club level, as she and Amelia McGrath co-captain the Canberra Girls Grammar teams racing team. Together they have lead the team to some phenomenal results, both here in the ACT, and at Teams racing States in NSW.

At the July 2015 Teams racing Nationals in Brisbane, the team finished the swiss league as the top performing Girls team in the country, only to be knocked off the top spot during the finals. This qualified them for the Schools Interdominion Teams racing championships, held here in the ACT, where they represented Australia along with other Australian schools, taking on the best of the schools teams from New Zealand. This finished this regatta in 4th overall and as the 2nd best performing Australian team.

When not coaching and instructing within the sailing school, Liz is always willing to lend a hand around the club and demonstrates a great attitude towards her various sailing endeavours. Her next regatta takes her to the Match racing Nationals in Hobart and we wish her and the team the very best of luck!

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