



CYAA 2023 Winter Series

Classic Yacht Association
OF AUSTRALIA

Race 1 Pre race notes



28th April 2023

WEBSITE MIGRATION

<http://classicyacht.com.au>

Migration to the new CYAA website is expected early today Friday.

Access to the ASN based website will be redirected to the new site. The web learning of this address will be short nationally but 24 hours for international users

After a short number of days access to the old website will be available via the new site..

New website

New series

Brilliant post race social scene

Say no more

The classic yacht racing scene on Port Phillip is alive and well

It's here we go time for the 2023 Winter Series.

A big first time welcome from the fleet goes to

Mercedes IV

MERCEDES IV – KA 1313
LOA 41'; LWL 36'; Beam 12.5';
Draft 6.7'

The latest in a dynasty of Mercedes boats owned, designed and raced by Ted Kaufman, Mercedes IV was in the 1975 Australian Admiral's Cup team and is campaigning for selection in the Southern Cross Cup team. Designed to rate two ton, she performs well in Australian waters. One of the favourites for a handicap win.

CREW: Skipper/Navigator H.T. Kaufman (10), F. Johnson (5), P. Duffield (5), L. Abbott (2), P. Wolf (1), P. Edmonds (3), N. Bennetts (15), M. Hesse (8).



We need to hold our horses a bit .

MIV is still undergoing a standing rig replacement and a bulkhead repair program.

First Classic race for MIV will be 28th May

Race one Sunday 30th April 10:25am Warning signal

Eighteen entrants are all set to go for race one. More entrants still welcome. Click [HERE](#) to begin your winter series entry

Special RMYS courses for our 2023 winter series races.

The winter series courses are available for download [HERE](#) and associated course maps are available [HERE](#) Both the RMYS website and the new CYAA Website on the Winter series page have these same links to the course description documentation

The QR codes for boat sign on with PoB and race entries and result are included in these course descriptions

Although most of us know the northern end of Port Phillip Click [HERE](#) for the winter series course maps posted on the RMYS website. These maps were developed as a check on the course and course straight line distance.

Division based corrected time glory

To spread the “best on corrected time” glory around our fleet three division have been set up.

The division identifying flags are Div one Blue, Div two Yellow, Div three Green. The RMYS Rescue boat, William Paterson, will carry a supply for any classic without an identifying flag.

New first over the line challenges

A style of pursuit starts has been used to add an extra challenge to our faster classics in division one and two. Division three will be off first at 10:30 am followed at five minute intervals for divisions one and two. The Sailing Instructions state five minute intervals. Depending on weather conditions, the race postponement signal process will be used to lengthen the interval between the later division starts.

Series overall results

For series overall results reasons, all divisions will use the same course. To be eligible for inclusion in the series result, a boat has to be a series entrant. Having said this race by race entrants are supported.

Race management notes

For race management reasons we need all entrants to use the RMYS based Top Yacht Entry System (TES) portal. Access to the Boat racing and PoB sign on is only available through the TES system. One of the Race Officer tasks is to review the boat sign on status before racing starts.

Other sailing events this Sunday.

The RMYS Squadron Sunday fleet. They start at 11:00am. Using a pursuit race format. Both the CYAA and Squadies courses will be selected to avoid mark round clashes.

Womens BLISS fleet from RBYC

This event hosted by the RBYC starts at 11:00am If we select a course using RBYC \$ mark be aware this fleet will be in the vicinity.

Our post race social scene

The team on Mercedes III will be tying up to the RMYS marina post race. Bring a selection of your post race victuals and sad stories. A word of warning, that notorious gossip listener and scribbler, twho you all know and love, will be with you.

Back to the new website

This new website will be the fourth website set up by the CYAA. These previous CYAA websites are indicative of the CYAA evolution. Our paper archives indicate a group in Perth set up first website. The second website was setup by the then CYAA president, Mark Chew. Our third website was set up by Scott McDonald of Pastime II in 2012. Our fourth website is using the Elementor Pro content layout theme.

Use of this layout theme will support a greater range of presentation styles.

We're after our members to generate content that tells a story with a classic yachting theme.

One feature we have yet to consider is blogging. Until a moderator is set up this feature won't be supported.

Although our new website is will be a work in progress, items such as the boat register will be reviewed. While many boats on this list are no longer with the CYAA we'll continue recognising their contribution to Australia's maritime heritage with a special register.

One of the challenges is the retention of all the posts and news items from our previous websites. All this material has been downloaded for eventual posting. Meantime access to the now old website will be maintained by a soon to be set up new archive based URL address.

One sad note

The current BOM forecast for Port Phillip waters on Sunday looks a shocker as far as wind strength goes.

Let's hope the BoM are wrong again. The last thing we want is to abandoned our first race.

In the RMYS tower on Sunday will be Pete Jeraback and your handicapper as the RMYS Race Officer. Our RMYS rescue boat will have our Secretary, Colin Orchard, on board.

Great Veterans Regatta on Sydney Harbour 13th May

This Regatta is open to any classic yacht that has participated in a Sydney to Hobart race. Conducted by the Cruising Yacht club of Australia the event Classic Yachting drawcard regatta's that take place on Sydney Harbour. It's a division based regatta.

Our Sydney based CYAA member from day one, Nigel Stoke, is keeping us informed on this event. Many CYAA Sydney based members are all set to be there. One boat to watch is our favourite eight metre, Defiance, under the helm of Nicole Shrimpton.

2023 Cup Regatta on Port Phillip

Planning for this 3rd to 6th November Regatta has begun. The format of both sailing and social events is having the fine tooth comb treatment

Classic Yachting in New Zealand

The signature CYANZ project is the Heritage Landing project. Click [HERE](#) to check out the story is going.

RMYS Presentation night. May 17th 2023

The CYAA will once again be on stage at the RMYS. CYAA Winter Series take home trophy presented to David McNeice of Akala and the RMYS Tumblaren trophies presented to the winning skippers at the recent State championship series. The CYAA table being setup by Janet Dean has room for four more. Click [HERE](#) to book a ticket.

The genesis of our new website. A precis`

First up is the CYAA recognition of our consultant. Steve Hollowood. Setting up a new website is one thing preparing it for a migration is another challenge. On both accounts the CYAA is happy with what has evolved. Two night ago at a committee meeting Steve received to go ahead to shut down to old and bring on the new website.

Here's the new website address <https://classicyacht.com.au/>

The project was started by our ex President Martin Ryan. He asked for a CYAA website that would become the go to site for classic yachting news. Our now ex treasurer, David McKenzie suggested he had the person for the task, Steve Hollowood. Steve looks after the [Historic Rally Assoc](#) website. For the record, David is now the president of the HRA site and is accredited to conduct car rally's. You'll see from their website Alpine Rally's is big event of the HRA.

A meeting between Martin, David, Steve and yours truly decided how to go forward with Martins quest. Steve drew up a project schedule and layout guide lines. These guide lines were agreed to and stuck to.

Today we go live.

Now the task is to keep Martin Ryan's quest alive. You'll see by the new site welcome message the call is out for content. Stories and news of events associated with classic yachting is what we're after. We'll find a category to cover them.

The old site will be converted into an archive site. We have material posted from 2012 onward still resident on the site. This material has been downloaded for safe keeping. Intime this material will be evaluated for posting on the new, the fourth website for the CYAA. An indication of why the CYAA keeps evolving as means of publishing news and events evolve. Yes that does mean all the usual outlets when we set up a moderator publishing.

There's still plenty of work needed on the new site. An update of the boat register is one task. The plan is to move any boat that's no longer active as a CYAA Registered boat on to a special register. There's no way we'll let these earlier CYAA registered boats be forgotten.

CYAA office archives show our first site was setup by Perth W.A. based members. When Mark Chew took on the CYAA President role he set up a new website using Go Daddy as the service provider. After handing over the president role to Martin Ryan, Scott McDonald, skipper of Pastime II, took on the website administrator role as site administrator. Scott bought in a new service provider, RackServers and implemented the Wordpress 2012 content layout theme. Our new and fourth website is using Digital Pacific as the service provider. It's layout theme is Elementor Pro.

The ball to further move the CYAA into the digital world is in our hands. We want your content.

That's all the race one and website news for now.

Regards to all

Peter Costolloe

CYAA (Vic) Handicapper