

Classic Yacht Association of Australia

Celebrating 23 years of classic yacht racing

2023/2024 on water activity report

Introduction

Classic Yacht racing is the principal activity of the CYAA.

While the association continues to enjoy strong membership participation numbers in this activity, it's the core of boat owner members who year after year have supported our racing activity on Port Phillip. The CYAA (Vic) Handicapper wishes to pass on his sincere thanks to this core group of CYAA members.

The challenge for the association is to sustain and grow this core membership group. The availability of suitable yachts to join in the racing activity is one of these challenges.

CYAA (Vic) Activity

2023 Winter Series.

18 series entries. Last four races. Best performing classics, **Wanita, Mercedes III** and **Astrud**

2023/2024 Summer Series

19 entries. Best performing classic's **Tumlaren Avian, Boambillee** and **Cyan**

2024 Winter Series

19 series Entries. First four races only.

2023 Cup Regatta 17th consecutive year

31 Cup Regatta Entries Best Performing Classic Yacht **Tumlaren Skipjack** (Col Bandy Trophy), **Mercedes IV** and **Dingo**.

Tony Blake Trophy **Akala**

Return to pre covid event set up of three days of racing and a strong on shore social program.

2024 Geelong Wooden Boat Festival.

19 CYAA entries 37 Festival entries Best performing CYAA Classic yachts, **Lucienne**. (Digby Family Trophy) **Akala** and **Renene**

CYAA presence this festival was as a member of the organising committee and by 19 on water CYAA entries and one on shore display stand. Hot weather conditions affected both racing and on shore public participation. Unless stronger membership support is received, a CYAA on shore presence is not recommended.

CYAA (Qld) Activity

CYAA (Qld) 2023 Brisbane Deanbilla Bay race for Ivan Holm Trophy.



CYAA classic yachts participating?

QCYC 2023 Vintage Yacht Regatta

Skirmish, Pagan II, Joanne Brodie, Wotama, Laurabada, Merry Mac

Wynnum/Manly 2023 St. Helena Cup

CYAA classic yachts competing?

CYAA (NSW) Activity

Sydney based classic yacht racing continues at the home club level. No CYAA specific classic Yacht racing events

Recent racing event participation by CYAA (Syd) Members.

CYCA 2023 Sydney to Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta

Anitra V, Defiance, Mister Christian, Fidelis and Caprice of Huon.

CYCA 2024 Great Veterans Race.

Fidelis, Defiance, Caprice of Huon, Mister Christian. Anitra V

CYAA (Tas), (SA), & (WA).

No racing activity to report from these branches.

Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart.

CYAA was an official guest of AWBF Hobart organising committee through the agency of Mark Chew.

General CYAA (Vic) Race management report

Race organiser compliance

For Compliance with AS requirement that all classic yacht series racing on Port Phillip is conducted under the IIRYU RRS's has to be organised by an AS accredited keel boat club CYAA races are organised by the RMYS.

Division based fleet starts

On water start races are division based and conducted by RMYS. Fleet pursuit start races are conducted by RYCV.

For fleet race starting safety division-based starts will be sustained as long as event entry numbers are sustained.

Race administrator management.

CYAA has access to the RMYS Top Yacht administrator data base. This access allows the association to manage classic race entries, handicap allocations, boat racing sign on's, AS sail pass compliance and timely generation of race results.

Race event entry fee's

A no fee classic race entry proposal for the 2024 Summer Series received a favourable response from RMYS.

Race management news to entrants

A news sheet before and after each race is posted to approximately 165 CYAA members and supporters such as yacht club and writers.

Mobile phone SMS messaging is used to notify skippers, crews and supporters of race notices and results

AS Category Seven compliance

To comply with AS category seven racing requirements, RMYS provides the on water rescue vessel and driver.

CYAA race event calendar

The CYAA calendar is organised by CYAA// RMYS participation. This joint classic race date allocations is necessary to protect CYAA race dates and to minimise race date clashes with the three senior keel boat club events.

Port of Melbourne Harbour Master regulations

Recently changes Port of Melbourne Harbour Master regulations now require all senior keelboat clubs to share the same waters and marks when racing. Pre-race collaboration between the CYAA and keel boat club race officers is now a race management requirement.

Post race social activity

Each day of series racing concludes with a weather permitting post race social catchup on the RMYS Marina.

CYAA Race Officer Accreditations

RBYC Club race officer training for accreditation till to July 2026

RMYS William Paterson driver accreditation (Roger Dundas)

RMYS First Aid and resuscitation training.

Event publicity enhancements

Use of the Sail World press release service to present a stronger promotion of classic yacht racing on Port Phillip is recommended.

Use of sponsorship of series racing to better promote our classic yacht racing on Port Phillip is recommended.

Aside from promoting our world class Tumblaren Fleet, the CYAA needs to explore the opportunity to restart eight metre racing between Vanessa and Frances. Metre racing to include Acrospire III is possible.

The option to support special race classes such as AMS measurement, Admirals Cup fleets and S2H fleets to bring in additional entries to our classic racing is a suggestion to consider.

CYAA activity at RMYS

CYAA has honorary membership at RMYS.

CYAA Tony Blake and Uira Trophy presentations for 2023 at RMYS trophy presentation evenings

Digitation of RMYS Archive's project started in Winter 2023 to support CYAA presence at RMYS.

Finite life on this mortal coil

The generation of timely CYAA race news has been erratic recently. This development is an indication to the CYAA will soon require a replacement handicapper.

Thank you

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