



Classic Yacht Association O F A U S T R A L I A

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Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip.

Classic Yacht Association Notes June 5 2020

Covid-19 and on water social distance training opportunity for CYAA members. June 14

Covid-19 restrictions are loosening up to the point where on water activity, within proscribed limitations, can now resume. Current on water SD requirements for Victoria include no racing. RYCV club house restrictions are also in play. The CYAA web site has links to the various publications that describe these restrictions.

For the Classic people in Melbourne, our skippers must now comply with boating social distancing regulations for families and friends. Like all things new on a boat, classic or other finely tuned racing craft, pre race training on these SD restrictions is necessary.

Pencil in June 14

One Classic all set to begin training to comply with Covid-19 Social Distancing (SD) restrictions is **Mercedes III, (MIII)**. On Sunday June 14, MIII and Peter Bowes boat, **Nagani** have decided on a n SD training sail that will depart from the RYCV marina start line for a short run around some of the fixed and floating marks in Hobsons Bay. **MIII** skipper, Martin Ryan, has suggested other Melbourne based classics consider June 14 as opportunity day to start their SD training.

To comply with SD requirements that apply to between people on separate water craft. **Nagani**, will depart from the RYCV marina start line at 10:29 am followed by **MIII** at 10:30 am. Classic and non classic skippers who take this opportunity to start their crew SD training on June 14 can select a departure time between 10:00 am and 10:28 am. To ensure compliance to SD, drop a intent to depart time note to their mental health trainer (handicapper). Departure time conflicts can be sorted out. Record your scheduled start and actual start times. **MIII** sailing plan is to leave channel mark 20 to port, R4 to starboard, 19a to starboard, 20 to starboard and up to the RYCV marina finish line. This should give practice to windward and downwind. If not, she might add a leg or two.



Mercedes III Admirals Cup Anniversary Regatta Race 1 20-25 knots on Sydney Harbour Photo Nigel Sharp

Click on the link for the [Mercedes III construction story](#)

Not a let's go racing opportunity

Remember, this June 14 SD training opportunity is not an opportunity for racing of any kind. It's the opportunity to break the Covid-19 isolation ice and return to classic yacht sailing with a purpose. This SD training exercise is also the opportunity to sharpen up your classic yachts Man Overboard retrieval process by using a simulated MoB event. Both on a beat and on a run. Dan bouys or other floatation devices are items suitable for a simulated MoB retrieval practice. Make a note of the elapsed time from start to finish of each MoB recovery simulation.

RYCV Covid-19 guidelines

A note from Michael Neumann, RYCV General Manager, requests CYAA members and other participants keep in mind, due to the government restrictions, the change rooms and showers are closed and there's not to be groups of more than 10 gathering at the club. Also the grass and deck are not BYO, so any alcohol must be consumed on you own yacht. Training is allowed to occur, so just remember this is not a race but training. Remember to bring along your medicinal grade hand lotion and record in the ships log your crew's on and off times plus the vessels departure and return times.

Latest Covid-19 and Doughty Institute news

To brush up on the latest Vic Govt's Covid-19 restrictions check out the latest news from these two publications. Vic Govt's [Covid-19 restriction levels](#) latest news and Vic Govt's [Covid-19 sport and exercise restrictions](#) . Without any prejudice take a look at what's going on at the [Doughty Institute](#). How else are we going to keep up with what Damian Purcell's people are up to. Covid-19 wise.

Recent CYAA news

2020 Cup Regatta and our Cocktail Reception Sponsor Winestyle

Before we go on with recent CYAA news we need to put out a message about our Cup Regatta sponsors.

The 2019 Cup Regatta Cocktail function received a \$1500 sponsor package from Winestyle on line. To help us retain this valuable sponsor we need to make use of the special Winestyle on line offer to our members. This offer can be accessed through the Winestyle promotion displayed on the CYAA web site home page or direct from the Winestyle web site. Tell them Martin sent you. That'll do the trick. For further help with this sponsor support issue if you've joined up as a subscriber to the Winestyle on line news letter or made any product purchase's let's know. That 2019 Cocktail Party kick off party at Martin Ryans place set the scene for our most successful Cup Regatta ever. We want our Winestyle sponsorship to continue into our 14th consecutive year of our Cup Regatta. Covid-19 permitting of course. So ramp up those purchases of wine from Winestyle.

2020 Event Calendar

While our 2020 winter series is still listed on our calendar for procedural reasons, no doubt we all know it's not going to happen. What's next for CYAA event scheduling is crystal ball territory. We'll go through the process of listing our 2020 summer series schedule with an open mind. Unstructured on water events such a SD training and social events can be listed on our calendar.

Put your thinking hats on

One activity to consider as a CYAA event when the SD restrictions allow 100 people gathering is a social night of some kind. Offers to run some rare classic yacht films have been made. Dare I say it but a structured discussion on where go the classic's and how is another suggestions. Your handicapper is sure there's plenty of subjects to explore. Put your thinking hats on and get to it. Today's world of Classic yachting can be compared to the opening of an oyster and finding the lustrous pearl of life inside.

2020 Cup Regatta

A Cup Regatta teams suggestion

Covid-19 based will it or won't it let it happen are heart stopping thoughts here. All the more reason to keep our classic racing in a tuned up condition. The success of our 2109 Cup Regatta was in part based on the introduction of divisions. While divisions will again be used for 2020 the thought is go go a step further and consider a teams trophy for 2020. A boat from each division to make up the team with the trophy based on the three days of racing. Top Yacht based scoring can handle teams. So why not. The suggestion is to draw the team make up from a hat at the Friday night cocktail function.

In July we'll put out the intent to enter the Cup Regatta notice. For that matter don't wait , let's know now if you intend to enter and want to be part of the teams event. The determining factor on team numbers could be how many Tumblaren's can we field for 2020. Say no more.

RYCV 2020 Lipton Cup Regatta and the Classics

The summer series race 3 is scheduled for 15th November 2020 at RMYS. This day is used by RYCV to conduct their Lipton Cup Regatta. The coinciding of event dates has presented the opportunity for the Classic's to join in with Lipton Regatta racing. The Classic's have asked RYCV Lipton Regatta organisers to create a CYAA classic division with racing conducted by over the two days at the RMYS at St. Kilda. To fit in with Lipton Cup Regatta schedule we will conduct two Summer Series races on the Sunday Nov. 15. The benefit of doing two Summer Series races on the one day is to finish our Summer Series in February 2021 and avoid the date clash with the New Zealand CYANZ 2021 Classic Yacht Regatta. A separate entry for the Lipton Cup Regatta will be required. As the 2020 Notice of Race is still to be published. The 2019 entry fee for two days for similar keel boats similar to classics was \$65.00 for two days. Comments from classic people who would be crewing on other Lipton entries have been, "no problem".

AMS rating for Classics

While our handicapping is producing very tight corrected time results and is supported by all CYAA (Vic) members, recent suggestions from some classic members to introduce the AMS based rating. Have been received. The AMS administrator was asked what they thought of the suggestions. They couldn't be stopped from talking up the advantages of what AMS would bring to the classics. Right now we have two AMS rated Classics, Kingurra and Mercedes III. We need three rated classic to form a division. So there it is, any classic skipper who wants to go through the measuring and weighing process to be issued with an AMS rating there will be an Classic AMS division. How we intergrate an AMS rating event into a classic series already supporting three division is a problem we would like to have. Classic's racing under AMS rating will add a new dimension to Classic Yacht racing.

Serifa is now ARHV listed.

Big congratulations are the order of the day. Recent great news from the current owner, Michael Mactavish, of the Jack Savage designed and built **Serifa** owner was received. She is now listed on the Australian Register of Historic Vessels. Take a look at what David Payne, ARHV curator has to say about her. Presently, we have 32 ARHV listed vessels listed on our CYAA register. Of these 32 vessels, we have 20 actively racing out of a CYAA national listed fleet of 82 vessels. **Serifa** competed in the 1966 Sydney to Hobart



Hirondelle aka Purdy

Awhile back a note was sent out informing that Hirondelle the Peter Cole designed Avenger class 17 Square metre was about to be rendered into wood chips. Not so fast said Michael Knight owner of Mistral IX, the Peter Cole designed Cole 40. A long story short has Michael Knight organising the logistics to bring Hirondelle from the royal Sydney Yacht Squadron to a cradle in the RYCV yard. Click on the link for the story about [How Hirondelle travelled from Sydney to Melbourne. A story with non stop drama.](#)

Akala.

Recently a note from David McNeice owner of the Arthur Robb designed Princess Class **Akala** was received.

She was on the hard at Sandringham Yacht Club. After profuse apologies for her non racing with CYAA David tells us she won't know after receiving a new rig and all that goes with new rig. Not long ago **Akala** was re-engined with a Volvo MD3.

Akala has an impressive record of participation in the Sydney Hobart races. The CYCA website shows that she participated in 6 of them: years 1964 to 1970 other than the 1968 race. She retired from the 1967 race. Of the 5 she completed, her best elapsed time (uncorrected) was 4 days, 17 hours. Her best handicap placing was 14th in the 1966 race.

With the Classic's of today we have two 1965 competitors, **Baranne** and **Ruthean** and against **Serifa** in the 1966 that raced with **Akala**. Yes a rematch at the Cup Regatta is the word.

A link to the [Pittwater Online News letter](#)

Take a look at this link. As well as some news of the Jubilee's in Sydney in the 1938 there's some grainy but still brilliant newspaper images of **Vanessa** and **Sayonara**. As well there's a pile of information about the building of Vanessa and her early racing days. Look hard. You'll see Windward II gets a mention. Regarding the Jubilee's we must follow up with the Ballarat YC Jubilee people. They contacted the CYAA to discuss the idea of bringing **Freydis** to the Cup Regatta after her restoration. The latest news of her was she was sitting all happy under water on her keel.

Thanks goes to Manfred Speicher, one of the heads of the Swan River Restoration Classic Yacht racing scene, for providing this link. Royal Perth and Royal Freshwater Bay YC conduct all the SRRS racing. Manfred is also an insurance agent for a global insurance organisation. He's the go to person for those members with an insurance problem as described below

Insurance for 25 plus year old vessels.

A well known insurance agency no longer writes coverage for water craft over 25 years old. If you have a problem or are aware of someone with this problem send them to Manfred Speicher at manfred@vsi.net.au. He does third party and agreed market value cover with a less than two year old accredited survey report.

CYAA Membership Renewal July 1 2020

It's that time again. Our Treasurer will be sending out membership renewal notices shortly. By the Vic Govt. Dept of Consumer Affairs rules we operate under, we must remove any member who is more than two years behind in membership renewal. To those members in this category sort yourselves out by the end of June 2020.

That's it

Let's more news but must get the June 14 SD training info out
Regards to all

Peter Costoloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper



[Akala finishing her 1964 S2H race](#)



[Vanessa holding off Acrospire IV
1929 Sayonara Cup](#)



[Vanessa with Jack Linacre on the helm
1932 Sayonara Cup Challenge](#)



[Sayonara approaching Scotland Island
1938 Pittwater Regatta](#)



[Jammers for sale](#)

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Received this pic of a pair of jammers from Bert Pullin yesterday. Anyone interested in picking them up contact the handicapper. There's more bits and pieces on offer.