



From the Bridge!!

Ahoy !

Sorry to be pounding you all with these newsletters but things have been happening which we feel should be passed on to you all as soon as possible.

Single Handed Sailing. We had our first board meeting with the new directors last night and, amongst other things, the matter of single handed sailing in Club races was discussed. We have decided that Jim Quinn will amend the Sailing Instructions to include the proviso that any skippers sailing single handed in Club races must wear an approved PFD during that race.

Lets face it, it is very risky. Only last week one skipper was knocked overboard and due to the fact that some nearby yachts reacted quickly, he was rescued, otherwise a tragedy may have occurred. I wonder how his insurance company would have reacted if his unmanned yacht had damaged a person or another vessel whilst out of effective control.

Sprint Series Jim reminded us that the first of the Sprint Series will be held on the 25th of October and we will be using three bouys instead of the two that were used in previous years. One, B1 will be to the east of Middle Island, B2 will be to the west of the start line, near Rocks Awash, and the third, B3 will be in the vicinity of North Arm Cove - Fame Cove, all to starboard. Read your sailing instructions on our web page for more info.

Some Success Stories Matt Bonser and his merry men competed in the came second in the Elliot 7 NSW State Title last weekend. Sailed out of Royal Motor Yacht Club at Toronto last weekend. He sent me details of his experiences and I quote: "As you all know I was lucky enough to go to Hamilton Island Race Week this year on the Melges 32. Being the 25th Anniversary of race week it turned out to be a great week filled with great racing and plenty of entertainment of an evening if you could handle it.(I couldn't).

The highlights of the week would include a very wet ride down hill sitting in the mid 20knts, the famous Whitehaven Beach party and watching one of the boys(name withheld, but open to bribes) doing a couple of forward somersaults down our unit's stairs and continuing straight through the wall.

We finished up 5th in our division". (I presume this was after fixing the wall!)

And from Darryl Eggins:

"Michael Lee and myself crewed on Storm 2 a Warwick 66 during the Airlie Beach Race Week and we managed a first in Cruising Division on corrected time and won the overall regatta line honours trophy (for biggest winning margin in any division). The boat is owned by Airlie Beach local Don Algje former Hobie World Champion and the founder of the Hogs Breath Restaurant franchise. Airlie is a great regatta, well organised and extremely social, a great time was had by all!

I went on to crew on Storm 2 during the 2nd Magnetic Island Race Week where we finished = 2nd in Cruising Division on corrected time.

Matt Bonser and a few of the Rumbo crew also sailed Ian Short Sails a Melges 32 in the Hamilton Island Race Week (a few of them were also at Airlie) "

What a life!!!

Subs Some of our owners and crews have not as yet paid their 2008/9 membership fees. Remember you are not covered by YA insurance nor are you eligible for any race points or trophies whilst unfinancial. Please make things easy for our Treasurer and our Bank Manager and pay as soon as possible.

That is it for a while! See you on the water.

Happy Sailing.

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