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Vision

NYC will be a vibrant, sustainable, responsible, and family oriented sailing club encouraging juniors and families into the sport, teaching people to sail or improve sailing skills from juniors to world class sailors.

Aims

To be a sailing club, with a balance of sailing and social members, and a mix of fleets that supports people to progress to stages of development from beginners to world class sports people.

To be recognised as the premier off the beach sailing club in the Perth metropolitan area, who can boast friendly members committed to the NYC environment.

To be a well-managed and financially sound club with a membership base of 600 – 800 people.

To be recognised as a club with a culture of volunteerism and social belonging leading to excellent standards of sailing competitiveness and behaviour.

What we value

A unique culture exhibiting modesty and pride in the club.

A spirited, diverse, and actively contributing membership.

Respect for difference of opinion, and willingness to listen.

A competitive and sportsmanlike racing culture.

A club open to all ages, abilities and welcoming to newcomers.

Providing a quality recognised program of sailing development.

Care for our surroundings and environment.

Financial security and sustainability.

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From the Commodore

The Clubs' 70th Anniversary and 2022|2023 sailing season has begun in earnest with a magnificent Opening Day on Sunday 2 October. A very special thank you to Lucy Bromell for organising the display of yachts sailed from Nedlands over the last 7-generations and also the stories from past and present members. Club Patron Barry Court officially opened the season which was attended by Mayor Fiona Argyle, Councillors Kerry Smyth and Rebecca Coghlan, Honourable Dr Katrina Stratton MLA, YAWA Alex Rumball, Flag Officers from neighbouring Clubs, NYC Past Commodores and Life Members.

The off-season break saw a significant amount of work being done around the Club on the busy bee days which were managed and overseen expeditiously by John Collier and Chris Cull. Although the weather presented a few challenges on several of the Busy Bees, I would like to thank, John and Chris for their much-appreciated efforts. John has also taken on the role of Jetty Development Manager, with a view to establishing a plan for the immediate preservation and future configuration of our aged, but treasured marine structure. There are plans in place at present to upgrade the northern launching ramp and repair the jetty mooring pile (M2).

The Club has been successful in obtaining an endorsement from the City of Nedlands towards its grant application for the development of the new Sail Training Centre. The grant was voted 10 to 1 in favour of the proposal at the September Open Council Meeting and the submission was then passed up to the Community Sporting and Recreation Facility Fund for final approval. Once the DLGSC make their allocation the Club will be ready to start the next step of applying for development and planning approval. Although the Club has still to allocate its 1/3 share to project budget it is anticipated that work will be able to start on the STC by June 2023 with a target completion and handover by April 2025. Our thanks must go Gavin Taylor and Mike Ipkendanz for the huge amount of work done in preparing and presenting the Club's proposal for the redevelopment project of the Sail Training Centre. A special thank you also to Lucy Hood and Hayden Padayachy who came along to the OCM to support our application submission. We are planning to hold a more detailed information evening for all members in the near future to present the status and proposal for the STC going forward.... watch the Mainsheet Traveller and our Facebook Page for more details.

Congratulations to our catamaran sailors who have returned from the World Championships in Europe. Brett Burvill and Alan Gamble finished 3rd and 7th respectively in the 2022 Tornado Worlds in France. In the Hobie-16 World's, Cam Owen and Susie Ghent won both the Open and Masters Cup regattas. Darren Smith and Claire Bisgood were 2nd overall in the Masters Cup and 3rd in the Open and with Gavin Colby and Josie Marks finishing 5th in the Open.

I would like to welcome all new members to the Club and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Wishing all members, both new and returning, an enjoyable and successful sailing season 2022|2023 at the Nedlands Yacht Club.

Cheers and happy sailing!

Phil



SUMMER SPRINT SERIES

Racing briefing and sign on 17:15hrs
with the first race to start at 17:30 hrs.

All classes & sailors welcome.

Come down for a sail, relaxed drink and Pizza afterwards.

For more information contact:

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**FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022
FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2022
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022
FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 2023
FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023
FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2023**

THE OFFICE

Happy 70th NYC. Nedlands Yacht Club is open for its 70th Year. Opening Day on the 2nd October was well attended with VIP's and sailors being greeted by an easterly breeze which continued all day. Thanks to Lucy for all her work ensuring opening day ran smoothly and everyone who attended was well looked after. It was great to see some of the history of the club on display inside and the VJ, Skate and other boats from the clubs past up to present day rigged on the lawn.



We would like to welcome our 2022 – 2023 Management committee who will be leading the club this financial year.

Commodore:	Phil Stewart
Vice Commodore	Lucinda Crisp
Treasurer	Nathan Rock
Rear Commodore	Julia Cheong
	Jared Eyles
Management Committee	Ric Fairey
	John Collier
	Susie Hood
	Peter Snow

Our 70th sailing season is underway with good numbers on the water.

It was great to have so many of our sailors completing on the international stage over the winter and flying the flag for Neddies. A fantastic effort by all and great to see our members travelling to international regattas again. Something for our younger sailor to aspire to.

Over the winter we worked with Australian Sailing to implement the new pathways program for junior sailors. This has now been integrated into our Sunday mornings. Part of this includes starting a Green Fleet for our current juniors with the goal of establishing Intermediate and Advanced Fleet as skill levels increase. Thanks to Stephan for all his work over the winter season. In addition to setting up the pathways program, taking on the head coach role, Stephan has been running junior training every couple of weeks over the winter, weather permitting.

We are still working on fund raising for the STC. The City of Nedlands approved our CSRFF grant application at the September council meeting. Our application is now with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. We hope to hear in January if our grant application has been approved by them. If approved the funding will cover two thirds of the building costs. We then have to raise the remaining third.

Our school holiday Tackers Courses are continuing over the summer school holidays. The September/October holiday course were well attended. Booking for December and January are underway. Tackers courses are a great opportunity to encourage younger sailors to get involved with the club. We also have the Start Sailing Course for teenagers and Adults as well as our Better Sailing Courses. If you know people who may be interested spread the word and invite people to your club.

We will continue to look for and apply for grants to help the club where we can. Last year we were successful in obtaining grants for 3 new training Optimists \$5000, which have now arrived, Australia Day Celebrations \$13K. Grant applications currently in progress, CRSFF Grant Application for the new STC building \$1.1m, Volunteers Grant \$2.5k, Discover Sailing Day Grant \$1K, Australia Day \$15K

Work on the ramp is continuing. John Collier is work on making the ramp wider and reducing the drop at the end of the ramp. These works may result in the ramp being unavailable for use on some days. We will keep you informed of the progress and try to limit disruption to members. A review of the jetty is underway and we look forward to hearing the recommendations of the Jetty subcommittee.

Junior Sailing and Sailing Courses.

Junior numbers are growing. Great to see more Optimists and Open Skiffs at our Sunday morning training.

Our school holidays program is started 27th September. We had a good turnout over the September/October Holidays with Tackers 1, 2 & 3 courses run. Our first Start Sailing is underway with a Better Sailing Course due to start in November. Our junior numbers are continuing to grow and the introduction of our new pathways program has been well received. Currently we only have a Green Fleet sailing in the morning with some of the more advanced sailors racing in the afternoon.



Regattas and Racing

Nedlands will be hosting the inaugural WA RS Aero State Championships on the 20th November. The RS Aero is an exciting one-person boat. With a hull weight of only 30kg three different rig sizes it is suitable for sailors from 40 to 100kg. Definitely a growing class and one to watch out for.

WA Optimist State Championships will be held on the 4th and 5th March 2023 at NYC. We hope plenty of our juniors enter as it is a good chance to experience being involved in a state competition and a opportunity to meet other sailors from around the state.

The Nedlands Challenge Series is on the 20th November. A great opportunity for some windward leeward racing for all classes.

Duncan Ray

Managing Secretary



JUNIORS

While most of us hung up our sailing gear up for winter, not even the cold weather could dissuade a few brave juniors and it was fantastic to see so many of them down for training before the monthly scheduled Winter Series races, and some taking part in the afternoon racing.



Winter Training. Onshore hiking practice in 20kts plus

This season we've introduced our Participation Program with the aim to foster life-long participation in sailing through the delivery of fun, safe and inclusive learning opportunities where everyone can practise the fundamental skills of sailing, progressing towards confident and independent sailors. We've regularly had 15+ juniors training on Sunday mornings with a growing number also interested in joining the afternoon races. To find out more about our Green Fleet and the participation program find me at the club on Sundays or contact the office who can provide you with more information.

It goes without saying that none of the above would be possible without the stalwart leadership of Graeme Penniford. Thanks to his ongoing commitment to the development of our junior programs, Tackers and Start Sailing Courses, the number of new members coming into the sport and our club is continuously growing. Thank you to all our instructors and coaches who come down every Sunday morning and during school holidays to deliver these courses.



Looking ahead at the coming months we have Junior camp on the 13th and 14th of January, not to be missed! A fun filled weekend sporting plenty of sailing, a movie with popcorn, sleepover and lots of games with their friends, definitely the best weekend of the season.

We hope to see all our juniors out on the water enjoying the sport we love, no matter whether it's on an Optimist, Flying 11, O'pen Skiff, 125, Hobie, Cruiser, or any other class!

Stephan van Blerk



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Celebrating 70 years

The NEDLANDS CHALLENGE

windward - leeward series



20th Nov 2022 & 5th Feb 2023

Open Invitational to all off the beach dinghies,
catamarans, sports boats, cruisers, multihulls and
trailer sailers

HARDSTAND CRUISER FLEET

Division / Class	Count
ONE	9
Corsair F-24 Mk2 tri	3
Corsair Pulse 600	1
Corsair Sprint 750 tri	1
Farrier 18	1
Farrier F-85 tri	1
International 23 cat	1
Trimaran custom	1
TWO	13
Elliot 7	3
MacGregor 26	3
Noelex 25	2
Diamond	1
Elliot 770	1
J24	1
Ross 7.8	1
Runnalls 8	1
THREE/FOUR	41
Red Witch	11
Red Jacket	3
Daysailer	2
Hartley TS 16	2
Sabre 22	2
Sorcerer fk	2
Spacesailer 18 fk	2
Admiral 21	1
Cole 23	1
Elliot 5.9	1
Farr 5000	1
Farr 6000	1
Farr 7500	1
Gaff Dayboat	1
Goat Island skiff	1
One off	1
Red Baron Cat mod.	1
Seal 22	1
Spacesailer 20 sk	1
Spider 22	1
Sunmaid 20	1
Swarbrick S20	1
Vanderstadt MB-19	1
Westwright Potter 19	1
Grand Total	63

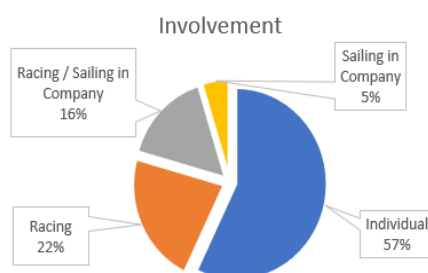
The Nedlands cruiser fleet consists of boats on swing moorings on the river and boats that are kept ashore on the hardstand or sometimes at home. Here is a brief analysis of the 63 boats currently kept on the hardstand.

Division 1 is the larger multi-hull fleet which has seen an increase in numbers over recent years that allowed them to form their own division. Apart from 1 catamaran kept on a mooring, there are 9 boats on the hardstand.

Involvement is split equally between Racing Individual sailing, with interest in Sailing in Company.

Division 2 is the domain of boats and larger trailer sailers. The 13 boats on hard stand traditionally up most of this fleet. There is strong racing competition between three Elliot 7s, kept honest by Noelex 25, Runnels 8 and a Diamond in past seasons. The large MacGregor 26 is a versatile leisure design.

Division 3/4 is where the bulk of the cruiser boats, both out on the water and on the hardstand, find a home. There is a great representation of legendary trailer sailer class designs amongst the 41 boats kept on the hardstand. The Red Witches number 11 and look strong on paper, although average around three in racing. This WA design was made to fit under the Fremantle bridges without the need to drop the mast. It would be great to see more out racing as they can perform well on handicap.



57% of the hardstand fleet skippers just do their own thing.

21% join in Sailing in Company events, along with others in the keel boat fleet - a fantastic way to hone sailing skills.

Most hardstand Sailing in Company skippers also race, bringing the Racing contingent to 38%.

Anyone interested in crewing can join the WhatsApp group and hopefully find a spot on a cruiser to get out on the water and join in the action, either Racing

or Sailing in Company!

By Paul Roux

OPEN CATS

As the 2022 – 2023, Season opens, results from international regattas in various countries indicate a very competitive and enjoyable season ahead at Nedlands YC for Open Cats.

The F18, 2022 European Championship held on Italy's Lake Garda saw Brett and Max place second this



major event only missing out on the European Title in the last race which was sailed in a vacuum. Jared and Susie were third in the Mixed category and 8th overall in the Silver Fleet. Gav Parker was top 20 in the 44 boat Gold Fleet a credible result in a hot fleet. Mitch Booth was 5th overall. Brett then went on to sail the Swedish Raid in an F18 and placed 5th overall after being up the front in the first few days. After "hitting rock bottom" literally on day 3, damaged foils removed the likelihood of taking the title in such a hot fleet.

Brett and Sophia went on to take the World Mixed Tornado Championship title in La Grande Motte, France and placed third overall in the Open category. Allan G and a fill-in Austrian crew placed a credible seventh in the Open category/overall. Brett, Max and Gavin Colby and Kai Coleman went on to Florida to compete in the World F18 Championships. Brett competed despite recent achilleas tenon surgery wearing a home made carbon fibre boot.

Gavin and Kai took a creditable second place in this regatta. Brett and Max came 22nd.

The Cat Classic saw Justin Bellinger an ex-Tornado sailor from the 1990's living down south, race his A Cat which means Paul, James, Justin, Ryan, Max and Allan all have boats to sail in the class for 2023 season when not sailing F18's, Tornados or other types of craft. James is whipping up enthusiasm for the A cat Nationals in Victoria in January which all will seriously consider.

Phil Epps and Caitlyn was the first F18 home last week in his recently acquired craft which sends a message to the competition to be on their game. Mark Parker was unlucky not to finish next when a thermal pushed him onto the Dalkeith Bay buoy ruining their day at the finish - "such is sailing" as they say,

If the weather Gods are as kind as we would like them to be, we should get some really interesting and enjoyable racing from the season get-go.

Allan G - Open Cats Regatta Rep.

HOBIE REPORT

It has been fabulous to start the season celebrating the phenomenal effort of our teams at the Hobie Worlds in Costa Brava, Spain.

The Worlds started with the master's event which was won by Cam Owen and Suzi Ghent with Darren Smith and Claire Bisgood coming a close second.

Glenn Fairey and Natalie Eldridge came a creditable 13th in a tough field.

Glenn and Nat then went and sailed as crews in the Great Grand Masters and the Womens for team USA and again had some good results.

The Open event was the next on the calendar and saw Daz Smith and Claire Bisgood in the lead at the end of the semi finals with some excellent results.

It was a very tight field and the finals saw Cam and Suzi come out triumphant to become the World Champions. Daz and Claire came third and Gavin Colby and Josie Mark came fifth. Glenn Fairey and Alex young came 63rd.

How fantastic was it to have 5 NYC boats in the TOP 5 IN THE WORLD. And what a great way to start our season at Nedlands Yacht Club.



While these guys were away racing hard the Hobie Association held the Cat Classic at NYC which proved to be a relatively relaxed with very quiet breezes. This was won by James Clark on his A class.

There are a number of extra opportunities for Hobies this season –

The Cape Marathon Regatta – 12-13th November Geographe Bay Yacht Club

The Sprint Series at the Club – 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec 2022 and 27th Jan 2023, 3rd and 10th Feb 2023

Hobie Nationals – Vincentia Sailing Club NSW – 28th Dec – 31st Dec 2022

Hobie States Championships– March Long Weekend The Cruising Club. Rockingham

And lots more.....I'm sure! See you out on the water!

CRUISER DIV 1 REPORT

Well Beatrix has been a pretty unreliable starter for October, between other commitments and being sick, we have missed most of the month.

But so far, what a wonderful start to the series it has been. Renegade has sailed every week and remains Mr. Reliable. Again, Renegade is showing how you have to be in it to win it.

Whip It is back on the water and going fast after it's winter visit from the beautician.

At time of writing, Beatrix had a great opening day, (If we exclude getting tangled up on the moored boats after the finish (Oops!, luckily no damage done to anything except the skipper's ego)

There will be more racing reports in the next Mainsheet, but given so little to say we thought we'd talk about another dimension of our boats that rarely gets talked about.

I had a friend once observe that "People who race seem to really dislike sailing". "WHAT?" I said. "Why would you say that?" "Well you wait for the last possible moment to leave the beach to get to the start line, and then the race to the shore is even more serious than the main race. And you never go out unless it's a race!" "Hmmm. I guess you have a point."

As racers, we see each other on Sunday afternoon for some high speed racing, (which is fabulous) and the boat gets stored for the week until next Sunday. Then holidays are taken elsewhere while the boats gather dust. What a waste!! In fact our boats are (to a greater or lesser extent) far more accomplished than just . The Farrier/Corsair trimarans are rightly called Cruiser/Racers. And here is why.

Following is a (not so) short account of our Easter Holiday with Beatrix

How to spend the Easter Holiday on Rottneest Island for \$55



Last Easter, Rosemary and I made a late decision to have some much needed R&R out at Rottneest Island. For anybody who has tried to book a holiday at Rotto, you know that the entire idea is absurd. To think you could find a room over Easter at short notice is laughable. And if you could, the weekend would cost a fortune. Even to book a mooring on short notice is very

difficult.

But we have found that our shallow draft trimarans are perfectly suited to beach anchoring in any of the protected bays you choose. We chose to anchor up at Thompsons bay where we were close to showers, shops,



cafes and so on. You don't need to book, and you are free to come and go as you please.

After Racing on the previous Sunday we washed the boat down and put it to bed as usual. On Monday evening after work we spent an hour or two converting Beatrix from Race Mode to Cruise mode. Extra sails came off and any superfluous racing stuff was removed. The mast lowering kit was put on board. The Vee-berth mattress and bedding was installed. Two solid anchors were loaded. Our inflatable two man kayak was tucked under the cockpit floor as our tender. Crockery, cutlery and cooking pans were brought on board, as well as fishing rods and other toys. The esky came home with us to be filled with supplies. To be used as more than a step down into the cabin. Late on Thursday afternoon we came down with a full esky and our weekend's clothing and set off. Motor on, boat launched, floats out, off we go! "Ro, you steer while I get the mast lowering kit ready to lower the mast". "Hold on soldier!" Rosemary cut to the crux of the matter. "Sit down. Open a bottle of wine and put out the pate! Relax! Enjoy the cruise down the river and smell the roses!" Wow.... What is this feeling? Could it be pleasant relaxation? Well, yes, I think it just might be!!

We chatted as we motored down to the Left Bank and then tied up to the mooring ball a few metres off the bank. Shortly after, the kayak was pumped up and we were ordering dinner while we watched Beatrix from the verandah of the hotel.



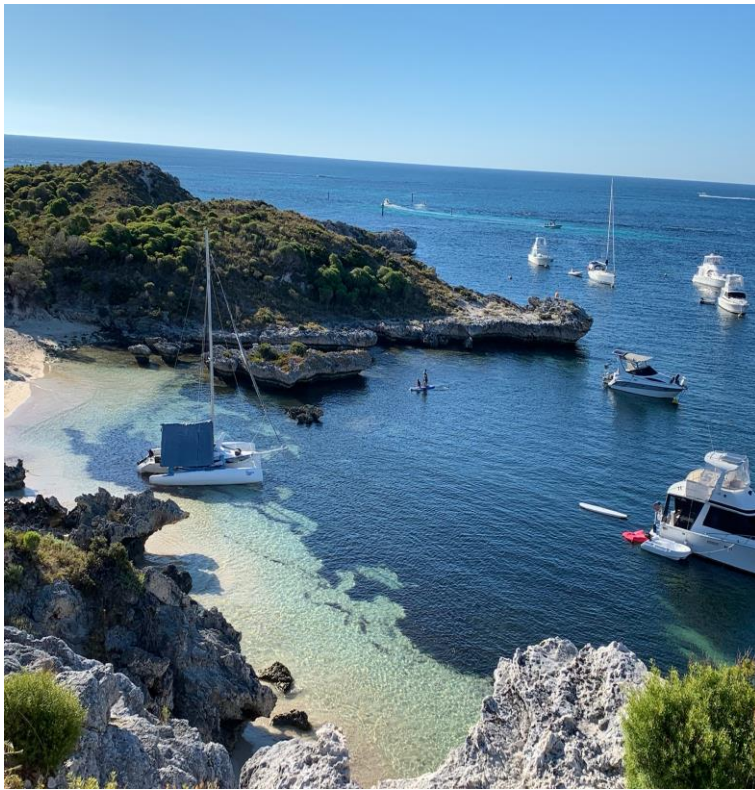
We went to bed early, sleeping well because the boat doesn't rock much when at anchor.

Next morning we had a freshly brewed coffee and breakfast before dropping the mast and motoring under the bridges. We were out into the open water with the sails up and drawing at about 8:30am. A light Easterly quickly supplanted by a 10 knot westerly, but the waters were smooth, and the swell was easy. We popped the Code Zero up when an impertinent 50 footer crossed our bows, but other than that we simply enjoyed the sail across. Once at Thompson's Bay we tried a few locations, including this beautiful little corner but finally settled on the snug corner at the Eastern end of the beach (the wave surge in this little bay was surprisingly bad)



The sun was strong, so we improvised a boom tent which was effective, if a little "Heath Robinson" And there we stayed for the next 4 days, happy as can be, reading, snoozing, dining at local restaurants, and meeting other NYC visitors. Peter and Kate spied us tucked up there and invited us to join them and some friends for lunch at the Governor's Bar, which was a great surprise.

(Pro Tip: Always keep yourself nice because an NYC club member could be anywhere. Peter took the photo of Beatrix tucked against the beach at the top of this article.)



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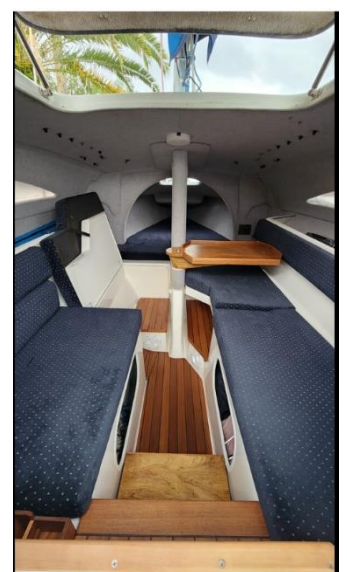
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And that my friends is the reason that a boat that can cruise is a beautiful thing. One that can Cruise AND race is priceless!

PS, below is a shot of the inside of a Farrier F24, in case you are wondering what they are like down stairs.





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