



WOULD YOU LIKE MORE FUN WITH YOUR YACHT ?

Many of our members wish they could use their yacht more often; this information is intended to assist members to do that.

Your Club, MHYC, provides many events designed to make your sailing experience richer.

There are events, divisions, and handicaps to suit all levels of boats, skills, and ambition.

Many skippers find the challenge and excitement of racing makes yacht ownership much more rewarding.

An explanation of some of the events available to yacht owners are as follows:

Twilight Sailing - Thursday nights in summer, Twilights are 'social' races, starting from 6.00pm. It's a pursuit race, handicap start at the Club and finish at the Club. Twilight races are non-spinnaker races.

Wednesday Sailing - A pursuit race, start from 1.00pm at the Club, every Wednesday all year, non-spinnaker race.

Saturdays - We hold races on nearly all Saturdays throughout the year, as broadly described below.

Saturday Spring & Summer: You can enter all these events on a casual basis...no need to commit to the series. And you can race with spinnaker or non-spinnaker.

- Inshore Passage Races: 6 Saturdays. On water starts.
- Combined Clubs Races: 5 Saturdays. On water starts; inshore passage races. Have fun competing against boats from other Clubs.
- Sprint Races: 5 Saturdays. Two windward /leeward races each day. A challenge, and a good way to improve your crew skills
- Ocean Series: Consists of the Short Ocean Racing Championship Regatta (one offshore passage race, and three offshore windward/leeward races), and 3 Short Ocean Pointscore races.

- Beneteau and Jeanneau owners, there are separate series for you.

Feature Races: There are 7 Feature races through the year mostly on Saturdays. Clubhouse start and finish.

Regattas: The Sydney Harbour Regatta and the Short Ocean Racing Championship are two regattas each conducted over a weekend, Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday Winter: 3 race series are available; passage, sprints, and the Leading Edge series (passage) in August.

MHYC Cruising Division has various events throughout the year.

The new Sailing season commences with a sailpast on the 3rd of September, the new Matt Pyne Trophy will be awarded to the best decorated boat.

Boats do not have to be entered for a whole series. Why not make a start by entering a few races on a casual basis?

If you would like more information, please call David Staley in the Sailing Office.

If you are looking for crew? Join the crew meet and greet on Thursday 22 September.

Getting Started: Check out the club website; mhy.com.au/sailing.keelboatracing There are skippers ready to help and advise if you reach out.

Special Regulations Cat 7

All yachts participating in yacht club events in the harbour are required to obtain a Special Regulations certificate, Category 7. Just as your car is required to pass a 'rego check', for vehicle safety, before it can be registered, so yachts are required to have the special regs Cat 7. It's only safety equipment and its for the safety of you and your crew. It's all equipment that should be on your boat anyway.

The Club Sailing Office can assist in obtaining certification."