

News for new J24 sailors

A new series of sailing events especially for J sailors has been spliced into the existing Combined Clubs Racing Calendar. Check out the dates that are now published on the CCYS WEB SITE /training page, and make a plan to keep sailing.

The first of the Winter series club racing is to be conducted this coming Sunday (22nd June). It starts at 11.00am near No 8 beacon. Skippers progressing from the White sail series are encouraged to get a team together and join in.

Katia and Claudio our new web managers, have also posted / Newsletter page/ the series of photos taken during the first J24 White Sails series , and presentation of an impressive perpetual trophy and take home trophies.

One perpetual trophy, donated by Darryl O'Neill, is for the J24 One design series. Each club event runs Division 1 and Division 2 . J24's sail in the Division 2 fleet, however the trophy for the One -design group is awarded on resulting finish times of only the J24's entered in the club races. So each race day they have 2 opportunities to shine! (One as a Division 2 competitor, and one as a J24 one-design competitor.)

The calendar also shows the next proposed Introductory Course for novices to begin on 19th July so please ask anyone you know that is interested to sail, to submit their name and

details to Darryl or Phyl phydah@bigpond.com or phone 40 362 996 ASAP. Please note that the last group were asked to contribute \$20.00 per day maintenance fee for the boat usage. It seems that in the current climate the clubs **need to revert to sponsoring this cost**; the initial drop-out figure was unusually large.

The interim Sundays for white sails races will re-commence from the SQUADRON on 29th June; meet at 12 noon. We need 6 skippers to pre-book the boats and they need to hear from new sailors who are keen to take up a crew position to regularly gain more practice in the fine arts of boat management. This is a great opportunity to grasp – at \$15.00 PER HEAD PER DAY its cheaper than a drive in the country. If you are unable to sail, we need a starter each day. It's an easy job.

July 6th is a specially designated day for spinnaker handling practice.

As in-put from more volunteers can be directed, the goal to run informal information nights one night per month is the next target. We are also looking for an assistant who will help prepare a brief regular yachting column for Cairns Post. David Jackson will appreciate your expressions of willingness and interest to help.

Also let's hear from you regarding opportunities to learn about First Aid, Radio, Compass deviation charts, Navigation, Diesel or outboard mechanics for beginners etc. We need expressions of interest from you to make this happen. It's about numbers!

Finally don't forget that your club end of financial year is 30th June so membership fees are due. What a great opportunity to really be involved. We're always ready to help, please just call. Cheers Phyl and Darryl

