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**MAYLANDS  
IS NOW ON**

### Novice Sailors Take Up The Short Course Challenge

The 14th February saw a strong group of sailors come from the training fleets and have a crack at the Short Course races. This is a perfect format for sailors of all skill levels and is particularly good for beginners as it allows them to have a go at racing with the Club fleet - even if it's only for one of the two races.

After that experience some have gone on to join the Club fleet for regular races on the following Sunday afternoons.

**Take note! There are two more sets of Short Course races before the season ends**

- 13 March
- 10 April

**Thanks to the Junior Coach, Matt Clarke-Massera**

The participation of the Club's junior sailors in the Short Course races last month is a product of the efforts of Matt

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Thanks Nina Car!



## Fleet Rumours

**The Mirrors** have seen a new boat hit the water - 'Turbo.' Terry Gaunt Jnr teamed up with Dylan Holthouse recently at the Mirror Nationals held at the Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (see pic above). How did they go? See Race Reports for details.



**The Sabres** welcome Raj Mehra to the Fleet in his recently acquired fibreglass boat TIWI.

Clark-Massera. Matt was been instrumental in setting up and running the October and January school holiday Junior Learn to Sail programs for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 seasons. He then set up the Bronze fleet for sailors who graduated from these courses and for those who completed Ken Patterson's summer training program.

Unfortunately (for the Club not Matt), he has had to move on to meet other priorities and will no longer be playing a coaching role. (He will be competing in races from time to time for the remainder of the season though.)

Matt has a terrific manner with the young sailors (Pied Piper comes to mind) that assisted them to build skills and confidence. His contribution to the Club's development over the last two seasons has been tremendous – both tangible and practical – creating good growth in the junior ranks and I sincerely thank him for that.

### Regattas: 5-7 March

The long-weekend (5-7 March) will see many of the Club's members participating in various regattas. These include:

- Minnow Championships at Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club
- Walpole In The Trees Regatta (Yes, "In The Trees"...) )
- Laser States, Busselton.

This means that there will not be morning training or a programmed race this Sunday 6th March..... But never fear.

**A group of Sabres, perhaps up to 10 boats, including at least 4 Maylands Sabres, will be meeting for two informal short races this Sunday and anyone else who wants to join in will be most welcome** – no matter what class of boat you're sailing. A start/support boat will also be in attendance.

### Facebook

Facebook has come to MYC. Thanks to Nina Car for this great initiative.

So, Like, friend MYC, etc...

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Raj has developed his boat handling skills in the Training Group and we expect him to quickly learn the multi-roped layout of the Sabre foredeck - and how to keep these boats moving at all times.

**Raj's Sabre is also the 5th Club boat - so we now have another Fleet at Maylands** - 3 fibreglass boats and 2 timber. We are hoping for at least 4 boats to be sailing regularly in the near future, still in the Mixed Fleet for the remainder of the season.



Raj with part of the Maylands Sabre Fleet

### **End of Season Wind-up!**

**Put this date in your calendar:**

14<sup>th</sup> May .... more details in the next Newsletter

### **Boat Storage**

Members are again reminded that boat storage at the club is not a right and requires members to sail at least 2 times per month to be maintained. See link to application form below:

<http://www.maylandsyachtclub.org.au/files/MYC%20Boat%20Storage%202014.pdf>

All stored yachts must be raced a minimum of two races at the Club each month during the summer sailing season to retain storage space. Yachts that do not meet this minimum racing requirement will be removed from the boatshed.

**Les Mack**  
**Commodore**

## **Tackers Tales**

We welcome to the Club new members of the Secco family, Glen and Mimi with their children Kiani and Duke. Glen comes with considerable sailing experience in keel boats while Duke had completed the holiday sail training with Matt. Kiani is a keen athlete having commitments every second Sunday, so we are very pleased to have her participating at Maylands with her father once a fortnight.

Mimi and Duke have been regulars in the Training Group and have made great progress in honing their skills. Duke and his father have also had a go at afternoon competition.

We have also been very pleased to see Laurence and his children Charlie and Matilda back with us on Sunday mornings. Although both have been trying out Minnows, Matilda prefers sailing with her brother in a Mirror, so we will be putting them back in one in future until their confidence grows



## Mug of The Day

There has been a pattern lately with the Mug winners - it seems that some of our Members are becoming a little forgetful. Did I put those bungs in the boat? Well, maybe not if that's water sloshing around at my feet. Is that next mark Club? Then why am I heading off towards St Annes? These are only some of the perplexing matters that we all grapple with week in week out when we face the starter's signal and try to get around the buoys before everyone else. Then there are those skippers who have never realised that the



*Matilda & Charlie*

Eleanor Drake and Chris Witt are both FIFO workers so their attendance is understandably irregular. They have shown fine progress all the same, and enjoy the time they have on the water:-



*What sailing is all about!*

Karl Godderis is in a similar position to Eleanor and Chris, glad to be sailing with us when he is not in Indonesia on work related matters. On Sunday he ventured to manage sailing a Mirror to Pindan Bridge single handed, while using a jib for the first time.

start/finish line doesn't actually end at the inner buoy after all - yes, it actually extends all the way to the starter's box. So sailing between the inner buoy and the shore means you are crossing the line - not recommended during the race - or after you have actually finished. Some of us start in our correct fleet, and start well too, then have a brain snap and decide to return to the start line and wait for the next fleet to start their race. Why - we are not sure how to explain these strange behaviours - but gee it make for some good belly laughs at the presentations.



*Karl in command*

A sincere thank you is extended to Matt Clark-Massera for the time and talent he has given over recent years to the Bronze Fleet and for his running of a series of school holiday courses that have been well patronised and have led to a number of new members joining the Club and purchasing boats. Matt has identified this year as being one he must devote to his completion of his Masters Degree in Engineering. The Club extends its best wishes for your success Matt.

Matt's Bronze Fleet training has been providing skills to fledgling sailors that will serve them very well, once they feel confident enough to consider afternoon racing – they will have the potential to be very competitive. This group will continue to focus on refining skills under the experienced eyes of Les and Bob. Should there be any other member/s willing to make a contribution here; your service would be most welcome.

A big welcome back to MYC is extended to Jonas Grandinger. Way back in 2003 – 2004 he completed his



Jerome accepts his mug for sailing to the wrong mark and giving up a handy lead in the process. We reckon this qualifies Jerome to start racing his Hartley before he retires.

Basics 1 & 2 training (as did Matt C-M). Jonas is a UWA student passionate about his studies in Geography. Our thanks to Joe Car for his help skippering a support boat most Sunday mornings, and to the other parents and members for their help in the BBQ sizzle each Sunday morning.



Ken, Les, Bob, Alan and Matt

## Race Reports

### Mirrors

The 50th Mirror nationals sailed at Freshwater Bay Yacht Club over Xmas/New Year were a howling success with a crew coming from South Africa , eleven crews from New South Wales and 16 crews from Western Australia - Katanning , Manjimup Dunsborough Bunbury Freshie and 3 crews from MYC. Terry Gaunt Jnr and Dylan Holthouse in *Turbo Nic* and Lilly Holthouse in *Dash* and the youngsters Rolna and Doug in *2Pudd*. The race to prove who has the fastest, slow boat on the Swan river was fierce with 15 races in the series. The wind was from a customary drifter where the race was timed out to 26 knots of



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See or call Chris Holyday for more details - mob 0403 328 933.

## Greetings from Amsterdam

From Dave Ponton



We spent quite a lot of time in the Netherlands and came to realise

gruelling back to back hard work.

MYC boats results ranged from a very credible 5th in the light stuff to consistent mid teens finishes. Congratulations go to *Turbo* - Terry and Dylan who finished a creditable 14th overall and won the gaffers trophy for being the best placed gaff rigged boat. Nic and Lilly came 21 and the kids, Doug and Rolna came 24 in their first major regatta. The national champions this year are Liam Wilson and Alex Thornton in *Transom* from Simon and Tyson in *Bullet Proof*. The margin was by 1 point. Congrats to all the people who participated and we look forward to sailing in Walpole during the long weekend of March and at the Nationals in Adelaide next year.

'Littletacker' Doug



*2 Bods in a Boat - 2Pudd with Doug and Rolna in control.*

that most marinas have fantastic views and facilities for Motorhomes. On thinking about it there are many similar needs shared between boat owners and those of MoHo drivers. Anyway other than enjoying the hospitality we noticed that the facilities are of a specular standard.

I took this image to incite excitement amongst the starters and to raise awareness that in other parts of the world they are treated to more solubrious dwellings. Maybe before I get back to Maylands we can have one of these installed?:

Best wishes to all at the club,

David Ponton.

*Ed - John Wood is salivating already - Thanks David, hope to see you back here soon.*

## **My Bucket List - Tick**



***Terry Gaunt Jnr and Dylan Holthouse in action in Turbo.***



***Nic and Lilly Holthouse in Dash***

## **Sabres**

On Sunday 28th February we had two visitors. Scott Olney from EFYC brought his gold Red Tip, 3CPO, for me to test sail and Ray Martin sailed his beautifully maintained Jam Side Down. Ray continues to prove to us all that a good skipper does not need the latest glass boats to win a yacht race.





Editor at Large - my pic from Bradleys Head

It is always great to tick another item off the bucket list - and watching the start of a Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race up close on the line was one of mine. Well, I got to experience it last Boxing Day and it was one to catch with Wild Oats, Comanche and the other super maxis charging down towards the Bradleys Head end of the line where our spectator boat was anchored. Definitely no place for the faint-hearted, but a spectacle to remember for the ages.

Estoile



Together with four Maylands boats - Chris Holyday, Bruce Lee, Rajat Mehra and Anthony Zurzolo, we had a good fleet of 6 Sabres.

Scott Olney had a down-shift today sailing my Estoile and had to settle for following Ray, Bruce and myself around the course. Our two new Maylands Sabre sailors, Anthony and Raj got away first and were looking good for a while with a handicap start, but Ray took the lead on the first circuit and Bruce and myself could not bridge the early gap he established.

#### Results:

1. Jam Side Down - Ray Martin
2. 3CPO - Chris Holyday
3. Where's Wally - Bruce Lee

We sailed Ray, and thanks Scott for allowing me to test sail your beautiful gold boat. Bruce also paced Ray and myself for most of the race, and we are starting to have some of the old duels we enjoyed together in our Laser days. The Maylands Sabres really enjoy being able to occasionally test our boat speed against the downriver boats from PDSC and EFYC. This Sunday we have some more very fast sailors coming up, so I encourage all our MYC Sabres to come along for two short races starting at the usual 2pm.

Chris Holyday

Estoile

(Thanks to Steve Fox for the following start photos)



## Holthouse Happenings

The sailing Holthouses are popping up everywhere - when Nic is in town that is. Great to see the whole family sailing at Maylands recently in a club race - Nic and Adrienne in their 125, Dylan (sailing Bob's Laser I think, and I have not noticed it before but all of a sudden it seems to be a fast boat!) and Lilly in a Minnow. Then Dylan jumps into a Mirror for the Nationals with Terry Gaunt Jnr. and they clean up the gaff rig class. Hopefully Adrienne can keep up the Holthouse presence at Maylands, still bringing Lilly along for Sunday morning training as we have seen recently. Nic rarely gets down to the club now of course with FIFO commitments - not sure if that's an excuse for unrigging his 125 inside the lines marked out for the rescue boat retrieval .... could have been an interesting Mug winner too!



*Welcome to racing - Maylands trainee Anthony Zurzolo starts well in Mellow Yellow*



*Bruce Lee had only 2 minutes start over the three back markers*



## Sabre Tips

Boom vangs are many and varied in the Sabre Class and the rules allow quite a bit of freedom. This is the set up used by past National Champ Chris Dance (thanks to Aus Sabre Assoc):

1. Vang attaches to the boom with a "Laser style" boom attachment. Another popular option is to use straps/ties.
2. At the bottom for an example. I opted for the Laser attachment as it's quick and easy.
3. 4mm Spectra used on the high load vang line (2:1 portion)
4. Top Vang block is a high load wire block. Don't use a microblock here as they eventually fail.
5. The black tape just forward of the vang attachment



*Chris Holyday (2042) battling Ray Martin (1792) with Ken Patterson the 'meat in the sandwich.'*

## Lasers

**The Lasers welcome Scott Blanchard and Jonas Grandinger to the fleet. Scott is no stranger to Maylands having sailed with us 'BK' (before kids) and is already pushing the full rigs in his brand spanking newbie boat.**



- is 2 inch non-slip tape. It stops the shrouds from eating away at the boom.
6. The blue rope is the outhaul. (Total purchase is 4:1)
  7. All control line attachments are hand whipped and covered with electrical heat shrink.

***Jerome Toonen has been leading the way lately in the Laser Radials. Well done old man time. He says he is not old enough to race his Hartley .... yet.***

***However, if you read the Mugs column, you might tend to disagree.***

## Hartleys

A new Hartley showed up recently, hull only at this stage. I didn't get a chance to look closely, but the boat has been built by past member and Moth sailor and builder George Scaddan. We might see George sailing soon.

Ross Pagett hopes to be back in action soon too, after a bad shoulder injury skiing in Japan.

Ross' family have provided some sympathy, visiting from Sydney - his niece Jenny who sails a cherub (extremely well) and his brother Ivan, who sails 'big boats'. Ross has another niece who sails successfully in 420's and look out too for upcoming actor son Steve Madsen.

Young Terry Gaunt skippered Redback to a win last Sunday. A betting person would follow Terry's money. Fresh from the Mirror Nationals, a couple of Terry Jnr's impromptu Mirror-like tacks caught Andrew off guard if not Dad in Welsh Dragon.

JG, Redback



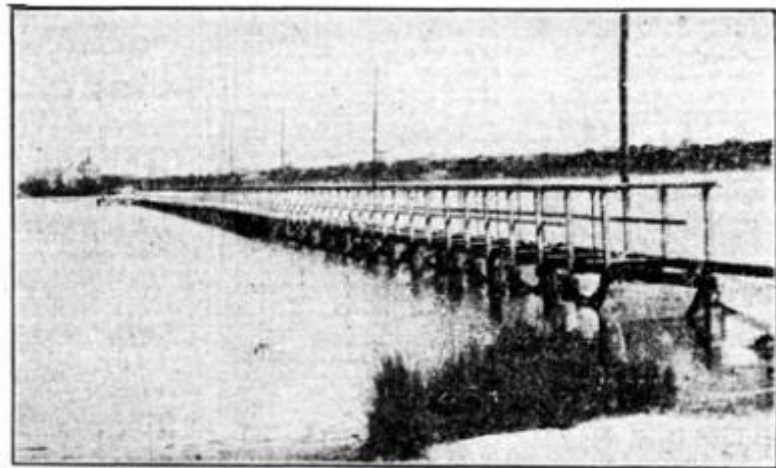
## Lost Maylands Maylands Jetty



New Jetty, *Circa 1913*

The jetty has been in its current position for over 103 years now - albeit very much shorter today than in 1913. It was built out to mid stream over 100 years ago due to the low water depth and this enabled the beginning of organised sailing events with the formation of the inaugural Maylands Sailing Club. It was again shortened after dredging of the channel, but by 1932, vandals had damaged it removing the planking and "rendering it unfit for use" as reported by The Daily News. The hardwood planks would have been highly

treasured for re-sale or to keep some home fires burning during the tough years of the depression:



A GENERAL VIEW OF THE MAYLANDS JETTY, which has been rendered unfit for use. The planking at the shore end has been entirely removed, and it would be necessary to wade through mud to reach even the skeleton of the main structure.—"The Daily News" special photograph.

Fortunately, we now have a very sturdy jetty in 2016 and a wonderful viewing point for the club and the public to continue to enjoy fishing and watching our sailing ..... and no missing planks!!



Chris Holyday

## Coming Up

# Please use the Sailing Program tab on the MYC web page .....

another link here:

[http://www.maylandsyachtclub.org.au/2015-2016\\_program.html](http://www.maylandsyachtclub.org.au/2015-2016_program.html)

## See you at MYC this Sunday at 2pm!

- **Short Sabre Invitation races (all classes and sailors welcome), this Sunday 6th March, 2pm.**
- **Next Club Heat: Sunday, March 20, Club Heat 6**

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