

Sailing Report

The sailing section finished its last race of the winter season in true style, with three metre swell, rain filled skies and good winds. There were a few points difference between six yachts for the top spots for the series, so close was the handicapping for this, that it all rested on the last race, so it was good to see the sailors brave the bad weather on Saturday, 3rd September. We now have a break of only a month before the racing season gets under way again on 1st October.

In this time we try to catch up with the repairs needed on the boats and trailers. In this off season we spend some time checking the rigging, fittings, and sails and making sure the trailers are robust enough for the next season. Some of us even catch up with friends and family who don't join us in sailing throughout the year!!!!

Trailer sailing is a very good way to get into the sport as the cost is kept to a minimum and you get to take your boat home if needed. We have about twenty active boats in the hard stand and about 40 races throughout the year in which to take part.

The Club Open Day is on the 16th October and we hope the weather will be good to allow us to have a lovely display for the Commodore sail past and all the other club festivities.

Remember the 5th of November, not because of Guy Fawkes, but because this is the start of the North Coast races between Hillarys and Ocean Reef. Last year we had a great series and Ocean Reef was able to take the trophy, which you see in the entrance to the club. Our Regatta Officer, Vince Rogers has worked with Hillary's Yacht club to arrange the dates for this series and we hope our sailors will do well again, so that we will be able to keep the trophy for another year.

Joondalup Carpet Choice North Coast Series update for 2011/12.

Heats consist of a series of five windward, leeward course races sailed in Mullaloo waters.

An important format in our sailing calendar so remember;

- Check the ORSSC sailing calendar for scheduled race days.
- HYC will be hosting an evening meeting on Wednesday, 12th October 2011, 7:30pm start, to discuss tactics and race rules for the North Coast Series.

Chris Kelly will be there to provide some words of wisdom on race tactics. We will also get some of the experienced skippers to share their thoughts on good strategies. Last season's equivalent meeting was a good learning experience and was enjoyed by all.

Happy Sailing