

## Sailing Report



### Vale Frank Van Ruth

It is sad to report the passing, in September, of Frank Van Ruth. Frank was a great sailor and a staunch member of the Sailing Section of our club. Our Sailing Captain organised a good turn out of yachts for the first race of the 2011 B series as a mark of our respect for Frank.

### Flying Start B1.

Ten yachts competed with a very welcome new yacht, Anticipation, a North West 27, sailed by Marie and Harold, following along with the fleet.

We had the best of both worlds, a great sail, and then afterwards in the club, we watched Geelong win the Grand Final. Although unfortunately we had four yachts which were short of crew, as the winds were light everybody managed to have a good sail.

So, if you would like to crew on a yacht please ring either myself (0 428 950 041) or Mike Beasley (9401 1560). Crew need to be at the yachts in the hard stand by 8.30am on Saturday morning. It is advisable to check the sailing calendar (one in the Entrance Hall) to confirm that there is a race scheduled and it's starting time. (Also- see the Coming Events section of this report)

### Handicap Start B2. 8th October 2011. Officer of the day, Jacques Pagnard.

The conditions were very light with twelve yachts competing. As the wind picked up, it became apparent that seaweed was fouling the rudders and keels of many of the yachts. However most skippers were aware of this problem and endeavored to clear it away.

On Sunday 16th of October for the Opening Day there was a very strong North, North Easterly blowing with a big swell crashing on the Ocean Reef Marina wall, causing severe turbulence at the entrance to the harbour, The Sailing Captain, Alan Peacham & I cancelled the Sail Past and the Commodores Cup Race for safety reasons. In the afternoon the seas and wind easing, it turned into a warm and pleasant day. Such is Life.

### Coming Events

Saturday 22/10/2011 B4, OoD Lachlan Hatch, Handicap Start 10.00am.

Weekend 28th 29th 30th October Long Weekend, Cruise to Rottnest.

Friday 4th November, Sailors Dine-in.

Saturday 5th November, North coast Series Race 1, OoD Vince Rogers. 10:00am start.

Saturday 12th November, B5, Ood Derek Woodhouse, Flying start 10.00am.

Wednesday 16th November 7:30pm, Sail Meeting.

Saturday 19th November, B6, OoD Ken Gardner, Handicap Start, 10.00am.

Sunday 27th November, North Coast Series Race 2, OoD Vince Rogers, 10.00am start.

Friday 2nd December, Sailors Xmas Dine-in, 6:00pm start, drinks in bar.  
6:30pm Set Menu Traditional Xmas Dinner.

Saturday 3rd December, B7, OoD Maurie Summers, Flying start 10.00am.

Geoff James RC Sailing