

Dear Members,

Sail Sydney

Woollahra Sailing Club held yet another successful Sail Sydney regatta from the 5th to the 8th of December. The sailing conditions were great and all the competitors had a fantastic time with some great racing.

Many WSC sailors competed in the regatta all sailing extremely well. Hannah Nattrass was our best performer easily winning the 29ers with boyfriend/ USA Olympic 470 crew Graham Biel.

Special thanks must go out to all the WSC volunteers and staff whose tireless efforts and support made the event and it simply couldn't happen without.

As a prelude to this year's Sail Sydney there was a Foiler Moth GP out the front of the club, check out all the action [here](#).

49er Nationals

The 49ers were lucky enough to hold their 2009 Nationals between 28th Nov and 1st Dec on beautiful lake Macquarie at the charming Wangi Wangi sailing club.

WSC sent more boats than any other club with 9 members attending out of a fleet of 19. With Nathan Outteridge and Iain Jensen (Goobs) the defending world champions, we were in a strong position but also had a solid turn out by less serious sailors. Nath and Goobs, did not let us down, they won, giving Nath his third national title.

Unfortunately the conditions were not friendly to the less experienced. We did not have a race without at least 15kts through out the whole regatta, with many races being held in 20kts-30kts. Plenty of action and while some club members struggled to get around the track, the improvement by all was great and the sheer tenaciousness was impressive, particularly the effort by Dave and Cam Robinson and special mention of the two girls, Karen and Kate who with their respective partners did very well and showed continued improvement.

With the ongoing support of sponsor, Zhik, sailors enjoyed free meals every night which ensured a very social and friendly environment. Let's all try to support Zhik for sponsoring our class by buying their high quality equipment.

The Wangi sailing club did a wonderful job, it must be one of the friendliest places I have ever sailed. The races were well organised and the lake is just brilliant with no traffic and flat water.

We had a very high calibre field of 19 with around 10 full time sailing teams leading the way and sailors from NZ, Greece, Ireland, Germany, Italy and 3 from WA. The standard at the front of the fleet was very high and was a great training event for Sail Sydney.

The Nationals next year will be held at WSC at the same time just before Sail Sydney.

The next regatta for locals will be the states in February and again will be held over two weekends, one in Sydney and one at Belmont.

YDS

The YDS kids are back into it this Sunday with Nemos learning how to slide and glide with the wind all morning and the Dolphin kids racing from 11am.

In the afternoon the kids in the Fevas will be have a racing skills talk with the coaches and taking part in the club racing in the afternoon.

Holiday Office Closure

The Office at the Woollahra Sailing Club will be closed from the 25th of December until the 3rd January inclusive. Members are still more then welcome to come and enjoy the club and go sailing.

Reminder - WSC Christmas Party – Save the date!

We're hosting a Christmas party for members in the function room on December 20.

The details are:

- When:** 5.00PM – Sunday December 20
Where: WSC Function Room
Theme: Port and Starboard theme with prizes for the best outfits
RSVP: Please RSVP by emailing sail@woollahrasailingclub.org.au by December 12th.

Regards,

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