



April 2003, Edition

Season Results

It has been a great season for the class with new faces and successful attendances at all events. The following results are recorded;

Spring/Summer Combined

Scratch: Shoshana 19 / Centaurus 21.5 / Trikerie Bay 57

H'cap : Devils Advocate 47.75 / Joka 54.75 / Shoshana 55.75

Summer Series

Scratch: Shoshana 9.25 / Centaurus 11.75 / Trikerie Bay 28

H'Cap: Devils Advocate 27.5 / Joka 28.75 / Shoshana 30

Norm Brown Trophy (Short series)

Scratch: Centaurus 9 / Shoshana 10.5 / Virtique 24**note that a trophy will now be awarded to 1st Place on scratch*

H'cap: Blind Justice 21.75 / Virtique 24.75 / Trikerie Bay 26.75

Well done to all podium winners. Some of the results were very close with only fractions of points separating the victors.

Coming events: Please make a diary note of the following functions;

Tuesday 6th May – Dinner and presentation on starting procedures and crew teamwork by 2000 Olympic Class skipper and 3 times world champion

Neville Wittey. Details via SASC. Be quick numbers are limited.

Friday 16th May – Annual Prize Giving dinner. Refer to invitation at the end of the newsletter.

Sometime in Winter – a raft up at the fish markets. More details later.

Late Sept – Skipper and crew training by Olympic coach Mike Fletcher. Mike has a great reputation in the sailing fraternity and his coaching methods are well respected. The Cav-28 Association will secure the services of Mike for training that will revolve around a theory session on a Thursday night (CYCA) then a 4-hour practical session on a Sunday, with your crew on your yacht. The training will cover starts, spinnaker sets, sail trim and crew work. A debrief will be held at the conclusion of the practical session back at the CYCA. We are planning to have 2 classes of 6 boats and crew in each. The cost per boat is estimated to be \$75 with the balance subsidised by the association. This is great value for the quality of coaching that will be received and the good work will be able to be deployed in the 03-04 season. Full details will be sent during the off-season however expressions of interest would be appreciated to assist in the planning.

Safety on the water

In the last 6 months I know of at least 6 Cava involved in collisions on the harbour. These incidents occurred during both racing and cruising occasions.

Fortunately there were no personal injuries, albeit some were very close. It is a timely reminder to keep safety as top of mind whenever sailing or cruising. The varied incidents have also produced a number of frustrations for owners regarding insurance claims. In coming issues, some of these factors will be highlighted to make other owners aware of procedures, rights, pitfalls etc should you ever have the misfortune to encounter such difficulties. If you have any particular anecdotes on incidents or advice to offer I would be pleased to hear from you.

Greenwich Friendly River Race.

This event was held on April 12 with 8 boats registered for the start. The objective was to introduce non-association Cav-28 owners to some of the harbour fleet. Greenwich has a strong class of Cava racing in the twilight series on a Wednesday night in spring and summer.

The day started with a nice 15kt NE breeze, coupled with the intricacies of the river wind shifts that made for a great day of competitive sailing with the lead changing constantly. The results were Ariki 1st, Arawa 2nd and Capriole 3rd. The finish through Humbug Bay saw the lead change several times with the whole fleet finishing within 3 minutes of each other. Afterwards a BBQ was held with crews enjoying the fine hospitality and environs of the GFS. Ariki was skippered by Norm Brown (the original owner) who is considered the father of

the Cav-28 in Australia. Norm shared many fun memories and relived the thrill of some close finishes over the years with Keith Tierney from Arawa. Apparently these 2 distinguished gentlemen went to school together and have been sailing competitors for a few years.

Many thanks to John Amos, Commodore of GFS for making the event possible and to Rosalie and Geoff Lucas who were perfect hosts on the night.

Australian Sailing – Magazine

The May edition of this magazine features the Cav-28's as a class, covering the recent State Championships together with class history and current information. This article is well worth the read together with some great action photos. It is aimed at promoting the class and encouraging additional membership and participation in class events.

Easter Cruising

The SASC conduct a Cat.4 race to Pittwater on the Thursday before Good Friday each year called the Bob Brown Trophy Race. It is a mixed class and this year the regulars CaVa and Joka were among the 20 strong fleet. It was a fast passage with 25kt SE wind and a 2-3m swell pushing us along, arriving at the Basin by 5.30pm. CaVa stayed on to compete in the RSYS Easter Pittwater series whilst Joka cruised the beautiful Hawkesbury region. A chance meeting with Logo from Wollongong provided a wonderful friendly raft up at Jerusalem Bay.

There are two Cat.4 races during the year out of the SASC. The first is the Lion Island and return race in October and the Bob Brown at Easter. It is

worthwhile checking out the requirements for Cat.4 certification. Apart from the major purchases of an EPIRB and VHF radio (est. \$500), most other requirements are easily obtained or even borrowed.

Stop press.... Stop press

This will be the last edition of Cavalcade for a little while. During the winter recess I will be crewing on other larger boats and hopefully come into the Cav season with newfound skills. Personally

the season has been very good and I thank those who have provided support and encouragement during my first year as publicity officer/editor. I look forward to an even bigger season next year.

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