



Spring 2006

To all Association members and Cavalier 28 Crew, families and friends, a warm welcome to our brave new season. This year in a radical departure from tradition we have a program based upon sailing one weekend and gardening the next or whatever other appellation you would like to describe the departure from our regular Saturday racing program. The regular Saturday program commenced in 1981 and those keen observers of the Association will note that in March of this year we celebrated our 25th Anniversary as a separate division racing with the Sydney Amateurs. We will know that death and taxes are the certainties, what is also a certainty is that life does change and we must attempt to keep pace with change and to respond to what appears to be the demands of our membership.

Having undertaken the task of crew organiser on Blind Justice for the last 12 years, I am fully aware of the pressures and demands and difficulties that exist in putting together a group of people who know what they are doing, or at least think they know what their doing, week in week out. Notwithstanding those remarks, I personally would have preferred to see the regular Saturday racing program continued however last season with on average three or four boats participating it was clear to me that we as an Association could simply not manage a commitment to that level for whatever reason.

Everything changes, nothing remains the same and your Committee will certainly review the seasons program and in this regard we would very much welcome feedback from members with regard to the new format.

From a purely personal point of view I am quite optimistic that the new regime may well prove to be very successful and popular. Mrs O'Halloran has already pencilled in my available dates for gardening, viewing tulip festivals, visiting distant estranged relatives and attending to major carpentry and painting issues that are called upon in our 1927 house.

Having said that, hopefully all of you are aware that our first race is on this coming Saturday the 16th September and thereafter there are a few non-sailing weekends for one reason or another but our second race is on the 7th October and we then follow a general pattern of alternate weekend racing.

At the time this issue of Cavalcade goes to print, we have ten entrants in our season this year with the possibility of attracting two other boats. In my view, if we can maintain a participation rate of say 8 to 10 boats per race that would create a healthy and viable racing fleet.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED

Following up the last annual general meeting we have a slightly different Committee members:

President	Stephen O'Halloran
Secretary	Scott Lamb
Class Rep	Jonathan Rosenberg
Treasurer	Brian McConaghy
Special Executive	Cec Williams

Bruce Bowden and Bryan Moore have left the Committee and I pass onto them my sincere thanks for their work in the past.

The new Committee had its initial meeting recently and we are all fired with enthusiasm with the task at hand, which is to a large extent focused upon efforts to attract new members to the racing fleet. There are plenty of potentially good Cav's sitting around on swing moorings that would make fine competitors in a racing fleet given suitable crew. Ultimately, as an Association it becomes a question of our resolve and ability to attract new boats in to the racing fleet.

As I have said on countless occasions in the past both as President of your Association and prior to that as editor of Cavalcade, the Association exists for all Cavalier 28 members whether they race their boats or not. I do however repeat that participating in the racing fleet can be the source of great satisfaction and enjoyment. I am not suggested for the moment that it is a simple proposition, however given the necessary degree of resolve and commitment, huge amounts of satisfaction and self-fulfilment can follow.

Here endeth the sermon!!

SOCIAL EVENTS



On Sunday the 10th December it is planned to have a luncheon for Association members, crews and family at the SASC at 1 pm. No race is scheduled however members may of course wish to sail over to the club and moor up there, have lunch with our group and then sail home. The day would be one of self provision with club providing BBQ and cutlery etc and from previously experience this could well be a very enjoyable pre-Christmas social event, taking the place of our traditional but now neglected pre-Christmas "Raft-Up". Please make a note about the event in your diary. Further information will be provided in due course.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



The State Championships for 2006 will be conducted through the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club on Sunday the 12th and Sunday the 19th of November next. Naturally we would encourage all Association members to participate in what is a great Regatta. Last year we had about 12 Participants a few years ago we had 17 or 18. The numbers do fluctuate, but we have always had a solid base of about 12/13 starters. The style of racing is short and sharp and it is of course totally different to the normal long course Saturday style affair. Those who entered last year will automatically receive an entry form from the RPEYC, those who did not enter last year but wish to compete this year should contact either the Edward's or myself for appropriate instructions.

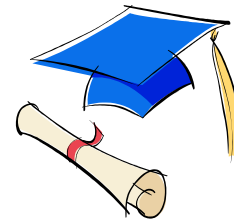
As an inducement, the Association will extend to boats that did not participate in last year's regatta, a free entry into this year's championships. New entrants could "poke their toe in the water" on either one or both of the two Sundays involved and get a feel for this style of Regatta.

On the last day of racing the 19th November all Association members and crew are warmly welcome back to the RPEYC for drinks and announcement of the place getters. For catering purposes in due course you will be asked to indicate if you are likely to come back to the club on the last Sunday.

AUDI REGATTA



Coaching seminar



The attention of members is drawn to the Audi Regatta which this year will be conducted on the 3rd-4th March 2007. Those members who participated last year will recall there was a highly enjoyable luncheon held at the SASC after the race on the Sunday. We intend to replicate those arrangements next year, but are thinking about having a second short race on the day which would effectively put the luncheon back to 2/3pm. Last year's event was highly enjoyable given the lovely day and the race beforehand. Being a non-spinnaker affair we could sail with a relatively short crew and had minimal stress. A worthy concept and please make a note in your diary for the event.

The attention of members is directed to the fact that if full season's entry fee is paid to the SASC, your entry into the Audi Regatta is gratis and free and furthermore the trophy awarded to the class winner is truly prestigious (just ask Scott Lamb and Bruce Bowden). Additionally there is always the possibility of ultimately becoming the winner of a red hot state of the art Audi sedan at the end of it all!! I can assure Association members had I known the magnitude of the divisional prizes on offer and the possibility of winning the car at the "Drive off" at Oran Park, I would have participated on both days with my top crew!!

At we are proposing to hold a coaching/sail trim/rules session with an "expert" in the week before the State Titles in November. Further details will be provided shortly.



Finally, might I just remind Association members that membership subscriptions for the forthcoming season became due and payable on the 1st July last but, under our constitution a period of grace was allowed until the 15th August. Any member who has not become financial should do so immediately, which can be done without penalty upon prompt payment of the sum of \$60.00.

Greenwich Flying Squadron



Finally, the Greenwich Flying Squadron will host an end of season regatta/BBQ at the GFS in it's highly enjoyable "around the islands race" on a date to be fixed in probably early April 2007 after the conclusion of the Kelly Cup held by the SASC. As soon as we are informed of the precise date the GFS can hold the event, members will be notified accordingly.

Boats for Sale



As you are aware, the Association does provide a brokerage service for vendor/purchasers of Cav 28's. At the moment, we have two boats on our list which are either are, or shortly will be available for sale. The Association is keen to encourage the sale and acquisition of boats within Association membership and to hopefully encourage new members to join the active racing fleet. The Association charges a modest brokerage fee in the event of a boat for sale being purchased by a buyer introduced to the vendor thru the Association. Any Association member wishing to sell their boat or alternatively Association members who know of a person interested in acquiring a boat should contact either myself or Jonathan Rosenberg. (soh@whitebarnes.com.au ph) 92633233 or Jonathan Rosenberg (chutzpah@bigpond.net.au)

Finally, please remember we live in a world of increasing complexity and bureaucratic involvement and you should all remember that in order to race in any of our Regattas, whether the race being one as a free entrant or a paid competitor you must comply with the provisions of the various Association rules, club rules and other bureaucratic requirements involving the following:

1. A category 7 Safety Certificate
2. Evidence of insurance
3. Compliance with rule 46 of the Rules of Sailing (membership of recognised club and AYF membership)
4. Membership of the Cavalier 28 Association.

There will be a further edition of Cavalcade issued prior to the end of the year and I take this opportunity of extending to all members a warm welcome to our new season and sincerely hope our brave new world racing program meets with member's approval. I sincerely hope that we see a strong turnout in the State Championships in November which is a great occasion and should be enjoyed to the fullest by all who participate.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water over the next few months and wishing you all good fortune, good health and good sailing.

Stephen O'Halloran
Cavalier 28 President

