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# PSYC NEWSLETTER

Official Port Sydney Yacht Club Newsletter



## Commodore's Corner

SUE TOVEE



Ahoy there, Members!

As you can see, our Newsletter has an entirely new format, thanks to our creative and dedicated VC, Edward Gledhill. And, thanks to VC Stephanie Johnson, it has some fun and creative illustrations. Our Club is moving forward! We also have several other (for us) innovations which we hope will keep our Club vibrant in the years to come, including classes, drone footage of races and a strong social media presence.

Last season we battled COVID; this summer we are wrestling with inclement and unco-operative weather. Despite these hurdles, the racing has been competitive, interesting and fun as you will see from the results and Orlando's very thorough Race Report.

Enjoy!

## Sailing Classes

COMMODORE TEAM

Our Club is looking to run sailing classes, open to all ages, on selected evenings in August. For more information, please click the link below, and visit the Classes page on our website for more information. See below to join the fun!

[Info & sign up](#)

[Website page](#)

## Sailing Parties

COMMODORE TEAM

For the first time since the pandemic began, we are looking to hold our legendary and beloved PSYC post-race parties. The first one is set for August 14 at the Gledhill's cottage at 240 Edgemere Road. We hope to see you all then (vaccinated, except for children, if possible). Be there or be square!

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# Race Report: Sunday 25th July, 2021

ORLANDO GLEDHILL

5 boats launched for this weekend's race, postponed from Saturday to Sunday 12 pm because of Saturday's forecast thunderstorms. The forecast promised 10 to 15 knots from the West, but, true to Mary Lake form, the wind died to about 3-4 knots from the South as the fleet were sailing out and hit say 5 knots by race time. A shortish Port-hand course was set.

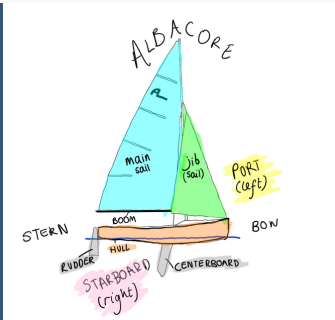
The Port end of the start line was favoured and the fleet gathered at that end at start time, with John and Laura Hogg winning the pin and Warren Hall and Brad Dibble next up from them. Orlando Gledhill and Sue Tovee (back together after a Covid-enforced year off) dipped behind Warren on port tack at the starting horn, crossing just ahead of Ted Johnson and Angus Laurie, who tacked immediately after the start.

Shortly after the start the fleet was on the favoured Port tack, heading for what seemed like decent pressure coming down the course. The wind hit Warren and Brad first, never really reaching Orlando and Ted out on the right, and they pulled out to what looked like a very secure lead at the first mark, followed by some distance by John and Laura and then at a further distance by Ted and Angus, with Orlando and Sue several lengths back. The Sinclair boat rounded out the fleet. The first reach was a tight one and thus rather processional. First and second places maintained their positions and leads over the fleet. Orlando tried to sneak through Ted's lee, but he shut the door efficiently. The second reach was broader and Ted sailed highest to find the new pressure filling in from Port Sydney. He and Orlando had a good battle down the reach, with Orlando eventually sneaking through to leeward as the reach turned into a run. Both gained some distance on John and Laura, but they and in front of them Warren still had healthy leads over the chasing pack after 1 lap.

On the second beat, Orlando rolled the Buckhorn dice and headed out right, looking for a 'Get out of Jail free' card. The wind gods smiled and he caught a good right-hand shift and decent pressure, lifting up ahead of John who was playing middle/left and was within two lengths of Warren by the end of the second beat as the wind hit about 7 knots. A processional reach was followed by a gybe onto a much broader second reach. Orlando and Warren focused on what they imagined was their private battle for first, Orlando luffing and Warren defending down the second reach. That took them very high of the leeward mark and John and Laura, sailing low, took advantage and closed a lot of distance. At the leeward mark, it was Warren and Orlando within touching distance and John close behind. The 3 boats tacked onto the heavily favoured starboard tack, on which they were almost laying the finish. John pulled out to leeward and managed to pinch off Warren, who footed off to leeward for clear air. Orlando was enjoying the sight of Warren falling into John's lee until he too was pinched off and forced to take an unfavourable hitch out to the right. When the finish line came, it was John and Laura first, with Warren and Brad less than a length behind, followed a couple of lengths later by Orlando and Sue. What began as a procession ended as a very tight race. Both Warren and Orlando had plenty of 'woulda, coulda, shouldas' to ponder on the sail home and the fleet was reminded that on Mary Lake, it's never over until it's over.

As always, many thanks to Sharon Vance, Stephanie Johnson and Mary Ann Hand for Race Committee duties and to Roydon Ritz, Bill Lobb and Brent Houlden for Crash Boat support. Much appreciated.

Some 'proof of concept' drone footage of parts of the race was taken by Adam Gledhill. Perhaps more to come in future weekends if conditions permit. Real-time Twitter feed and Instagram posts courtesy of Edward Gledhill. Again, true the Mary Lake form, the wind came in strongly for the rest of the afternoon, eventually peaking at the promised 15 knots or so.



[Click image for 'learn-to-sail'!](#)

# Nautical News

## COMMODORE TEAM

- We wish Elspeth Hogg, our esteemed Treasurer, a speedy recovery from her recent hip-replacement surgery.
- Welcome back to the Gledhills and congratulations on your "new" cottage! And nice to see Orlando back out on the water!

## Digital Channels

EDWARD GLEDHILL



Greetings! During my tenure over the last few years, PSYC's online presence has had several upgrades. Most recently, we have purchased a shiny new domain where you can find our website and our new email addresses. In addition, we have set up Twitter and Instagram accounts, and are posting various race updates and pictures. Do give us a follow!

Any queries, please do contact me on [edward@portsydneyyachtclub.ca](mailto:edward@portsydneyyachtclub.ca).

Cheers,

Edward Gledhill, Vice-Commodore

# Race Standings

3RD RACE, 7/25

**#1 HOGG, J&L**  
**#2 HALL**  
**#3 GLEDHILL**  
**#4 JOHNSON**  
**#5 SINCLAIR**

# Overall Standings

AFTER 3 RACES

**#1 HALL [4.5]**  
**#2 HOGG, J&L [5]**  
**#3 JOHNSON [11]**  
**#3 MACMURTRY [11]**  
**#5 HOGG, G&S [17]**  
**#5 SINCLAIR [17]**  
**#5 GLEDHILL [17]**  
**#8 PEDEN [18]**



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