



THE HAVEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST KILDA BOAT CLUB

April 2025



Start of the race day held on March 23rd..
Waiting for the breeze to fill in. A perfect day
and 6 boats in total. What a great turnout for
the club.



April Calendar

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| Friday 4th April | Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs |
| Sunday 6th April | Bar Open 1800 hrs Daylight Saving ends |
| Friday 11th April | Bar and Galley Open 1800 hrs |
| Sunday 13th April | Bar Open 1500 hrs |
| Monday 14th April | Committee Meeting 1900 hrs |
| Friday 18th April | GOOD FRIDAY—Club closed |
| Sunday 20th April | BAR Open 1500hrs (subject to bar staff availability) |
| Friday 25th April | ANZAC DAY - Club closed |
| Sunday 27th April | SGM Bar Open 1500 hrs |



April Menu

MENU

4th April

Butter Chicken with Alana

11th April

Yiros with Lynn and Paul

18th April , 25th April

Club closed Good Friday/ Anzac Day

If you can help us with doing a Friday night meal or a dessert please contact Alana 0412617996

Our meals rely on volunteers to cook and clean up.

Please book in for the meal on **Thursdays** to assist the volunteer with planning





Autumn Sailing Calendar

Final results and cumulative for the series so far. If a boat withdraws or does not compete, they are awarded last place plus one. Remember there will be at least one discard.

After 3 races;

CBH - Dodgem,

ABH - Misio,

Line - Bullet

For full details of race reports and results please see next pages (5,6,7,8)

Next Race

April 6th

Race starts @ 11.30

Warning Signal @11.20

Race briefing and entry W@ 11.15 VHR Channel 77

TWO races each day : a short tactical race and a longer one

Entry fee \$5 per race day towards prizes



Race day 1 - MARCH 9th St Kilda Autumn Series

A great but somewhat heat exhausting day was had by a fleet of seven racers. With six from St Kilda BC and one visitor from Garden Island YC— Rob

The forecast was for some building light breeze veering from the North-east to the South West. However, this was not the case. The start line was between the furthest marker for St Kilda channel on the south bank and a small mark. The start time was pushed back by fifteen minutes awaiting consistent breeze to 11.45am.

The first race started in around 3-4knts of Westerly, with the expectation of a light Seabreeze to fill in.

The fleet jockeyed for position on the line, with some close calls - testing the boat handling and the understanding of racing rules of the participants, albeit in slow motion.

At the gun the J24 Bullet whizzed over the line with good speed followed by a somewhat chaotic Dodgem, the fleet settled into a long beat to channel marker 11 to be left to starboard. The rest of the fleet was in close contact with good fun sailing being had.

At the front of the fleet the J24 - Bullet, flew their genoa, going low and fast while Dodgem chose a smaller blade jib and to point high.

When racers arrived at Beacon 11, the wind had died. Bullet with a long lead turned back to Beacon 6 - the next mark, going into the middle of the channel and into a large hole. Dodgem chose to stay close to the southerly bank and chase the breeze lanes; gybing often.

The race slowed down with the rest of the fleet struggling to make Beacon 11.

Once all the fleet rounded Beacon 11, the race officer, asked if there was any more breeze coming in and with a "just coming in the with the tide mate" made the call to shorten course directly back the start line and finish racing for the day.

Five boats finished with two choosing not to.

The finish times were:

Dodgem 13:35:34

Bullet 13:44

Susan 14:12

Misio 14:13:10

Solar 14:24

These results show how you can have good racing with a slower or faster boat! A tough day in the heat, all the same a very good fun and convivial race day with lots of stories and animated discussion at the bar afterwards.

Many lessons learned.



| Boat Name | Time elapsed | | | CBH Handicap | ABH Handicap | Corrected time (sec) CBH | Corrected time (sec) ABH | Place CBH | Place ABH |
|---|--------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | minutes | seconds | total seconds | | | | | | |
| RACE 1 Autumn Series | | | | | | | | | |
| Bullet (J 24) | 119 | 0 | 7140 | 0.833 | 0.82 | 5947.62 | 5828.67 | 4 | 4 |
| Susan | 147 | 12 | 8832 | 0.743 | 0.71 | 6562.18 | 6299.69 | 5 | 5 |
| Dodgem (Gem 550) | 110 | 35 | 6635 | 0.69 | 0.72 | 4578.15 | 4761.28 | 1 | 1 |
| Misio (Cole 19) | 133 | 10 | 7990 | 0.635 | 0.65 | 5073.65 | 5175.12 | 2 | 2 |
| Solar (Sunmaid 20) | 144 | 0 | 8640 | 0.624 | 0.62 | 5391.36 | 5391.36 | 3 | 3 |
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| ABH Handicaps: 4% applied to winner, 2% to second, 0% to third, -2% to fourth, -4% to fifth and lower - ABH handicaps carried forward | | | | | | | | | |
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Race day 2 - MARCH 23rd St Kilda Autumn series

Champagne Sailing

Two races were held in a building sea breeze with a fleet of six boats for the first race and five boats for the second.

The first race was postponed several times until a consistent light breeze arrived, allowing all competitors to sail against the small tide and move through the water.

The race officer set the line from Beacon 6 to a pin mark, and the first course was two short triangles, upwind from the start line to beacon 13, then to beacon 15, beacon 6, with two laps.

There was spirited competition for the start with some close calls, albeit in slow motion with the starting breeze from the West about 3 knots, which built to about 8 knots at the finish. Dodgem took the lead, with Bullet overstepping the first turning beacon followed by a very quick Beluga. Though the leaders fell into a big hole at Beacon 15, which allowed the following group - Susan, Misio and Solar to close right up. At the gun Dodgem just locked out Bullet to take line honours, followed by Beluga.

The second race saw the wind increasing to around 10kts in the channel increasing to around 18 knots by the outer beacons. The race officer kept the start at Beacon 6, choosing a long course to Beacon 9, back to Beacon 6, then to Beacon 11 - all to starboard, and through the line to finish. This longer reaching course allowed the larger keelboats and opportunity to stretch their legs and fly large genoas. There were some frantic gybes at the outer beacons, with one boat damaging their mainsail by getting too close to a Beacon top triangle.

Bullet and Beluga stepped away from the fleet with a tense battle between the over-powered Dodgem and the elegant keelboat Susan. Bullet took line honours with a good lead over the whizzing Beluga and much to the delight of its crew Susan closed out Dodgem to take third place. Misio sailed a solid race with an improving handicap.

Congrats to:

Race 1: CBH Dodgem and Solar, ABH Beluga and Solar

Race 2: CBH Beluga and Misio, ABH Susan and Bullet.



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|--------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|-----|-------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|--------|-----|------|
| | minutes | seconds | total seconds | | | | | | | | | CBH | ABH | Line |
| RACE 2 Autumn Series (L) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bullet (J 24) | 37 | 26 | 2246 | | 0.833 | 0.78 | 1870.92 | 1760.16 | 5 | 5 | 2 | | 9 | 4 |
| Susan | 45 | 0 | 2700 | | 0.743 | 0.68 | 2006.10 | 1848.82 | 6 | 6 | 6 | | 11 | 11 |
| Dodgem (Gem 550) | 37 | 24 | 2244 | | 0.69 | 0.75 | 1548.36 | 1674.71 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 2 | 2 |
| Misio (Cole 19) | 43 | 40 | 2620 | | 0.635 | 0.63 | 1663.70 | 1663.03 | 4 | 3 | 5 | | 6 | 8 |
| Solar (Sunmaid 20) | 43 | 8 | 2588 | | 0.624 | 0.64 | 1614.91 | 1647.21 | 2 | 2 | 4 | | 5 | 8 |
| Beluga (SC 23) | 40 | 3 | 2403 | | 0.68 | 0.68 | 1634.04 | 1634.04 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | 9 | 9 |

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| RACE 3 Autumn Series (M) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bullet (J 24) | 57 | 0 | 3420 | | 0.833 | 0.75 | 2848.86 | 2573.00 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | 13 | 5 |
| Susan | 64 | 33 | 3873 | | 0.743 | 0.66 | 2877.64 | 2545.95 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | 14 | 14 |
| Dodgem (Gem 550) | 65 | 3 | 3903 | | 0.69 | 0.73 | 2693.07 | 2854.57 | 5 | 5 | 4 | | 7 | 6 |
| Misio (Cole 19) | 69 | 30 | 4170 | | 0.635 | 0.63 | 2647.95 | 2646.89 | 2 | 4 | 5 | | 8 | 13 |
| Solar (Sunmaid 20) | DNC | | | | | | | | 6 | 6 | 6 | | 11 | 14 |
| Beluga (SC 23) | 62 | 0 | 3720 | | 0.68 | 0.7072 | 2529.6 | 2630.78 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | 10 | 11 |

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Autumn Sailing Calendar



*Becalmed - Bullet, Beluga, Dodgem
- photo credit: Manchun Cheuk*



*Susan chasing Dodgem - Race day 2
- Race two*



*Dodgem's light weather secret - crew on the
bow to stop the stern dragging! (shhh...)*

Around the Grounds/Club

Insurance

All members are reminded of the importance of having you boat insured.

Insuring your boat is an **ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT** of your membership at SKBC

Work Bee — date TBA

If you have a spare few hours and would like to help out around the club (weeding/maintenance dock etc) please contact our

MAINTENANCE OFFICER Ian Cope 0409 096 963

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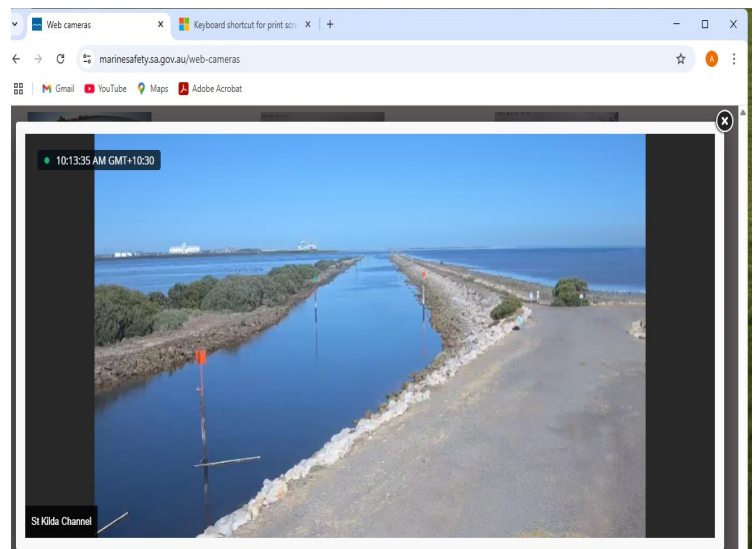
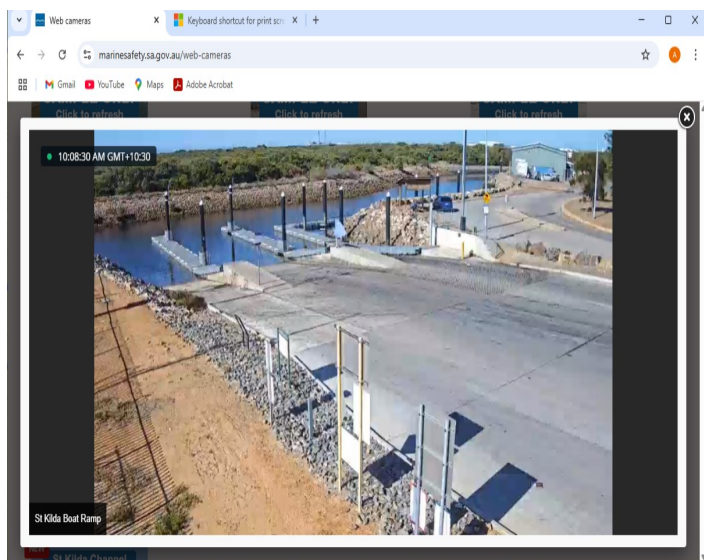
Now located on outside wall of club rooms for easy access



Around the Grounds/Club

Marine Safety SA have a number of live webcams of launching ramps and waterways around South Australia. Two recent additions of interest to us are the public launching ramp at St Kilda and the St Kilda channel.

Go to <https://marinesafety.sa.gov.au/web-cameras> and select the one you'd like to see. They are live and open 24/7.



**Visitor to the club
looking for lunch!**



Up and Coming Events — April 2025

Cruise to the Squadron and Stay over April 12th

SKBC has been invited to cruise and stay over on April 12th. BYO BBQ

Please see flyer over page

**SKBC Versus GIYC Interclub Challenge Trophy —
ANZAC weekend**

SKBC Vs GIYC Interclub challenge Trophy.

Will be held on one day over the ANZAC day weekend

Day TBC

Lets win the trophy back !!



Special General Meeting

The meeting will be held on April 27th at 2 PM.

We would encourage all members to attend to discuss clubfees

Bar will be open



St Kilda Boat Club

Visit to the Squadron and the Offshore Power Boats: 12th of April 2025

Cruise to the Squadron for a BYO BBQ, stay over, then watch the Power Boat racing off Largs Bay!

Poster images courtesy Offshore Power Boat Championship



The exciting Offshore Superboat Championships, 4th round is sponsored by the City of PAE. With racing from North Haven to Largs, the boats staged and launched from the CYCA.

Contact Alana 0412617996 to book or more info.



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