



Manly Combined Clubs Series

Women's Challenge

15th and 16th May 2021

Women's Challenge Event Program

Manly Combined Clubs Series (MCCS) is delighted to invite all female sailors (new to sailing, first time to racing, and experienced sailors) to enter the inaugural Manly Combined Clubs Series Women's Challenge.

This event aims to encourage female participation in the sport of sailing, build confidence and skill and showcase women's sailing,

Organiser: Manly Combined Clubs Series: manlycombinedclubs@gmail.com

Venue: Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club 34 Fairlead Crescent, Manly Queensland.

The event incorporates Women's Challenge—fleet racing, and the results also count as Race 4 of Manly Combined Clubs Series.

To enter a team for the MCCSWC, women are required to occupy key positions in each boat.

In brief Trophies & prizes available for:

1. Full ladies crew, each boat may have one male passenger.
2. Two or more female crew however less than a full crew; and,
3. Female helm

Start time: 8:00am Saturday, 9:00am Sunday.

Results: Sunday Afternoon 5pm Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club on the lawn free sausage sizzle for Women's Challenge and MCCS fleet.



(Program Version 2 - Amended with Changes 22/04/21)

1. PROGRAM IN DETAIL

The regatta consists of onshore learning opportunities and social activities.

Water based activities include:

- Saturday (Prizes only) – twilight cruise - non- spinnaker, and
- Sunday (Trophies & prizes) - handicap start race held as a subdivision of the Manly Combined Clubs Series Race 4.

Saturday program		
8:00	Registration & welcome Book purchase & signing (optional)	All
8:30am	Option A On the lawn learn about the spinnaker (sail) and importantly how to pack it in preparation for the next hoist. Learning leads: Becky Moloney & Lisa Palethorpe	Suitable for those new to sailing and first-time racers – ladies only
	Option B Understand the basic flag systems, race rules and protest systems - opportunities to ask questions and share racing stories Presenter: Sylvia Talbot	Suitable for those experienced sailors – ladies only
9:30am	Option A Jump on board Graceful Lady (cruise boat) and Ignition (Yachtshare's new Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300 racing yacht) for a simple introduction. Importantly, learn how some simple tips to keep yourself safe when out on the water and how to use some of the equipment that will make your experience to sailing easier. Learn how to use the winches; tie a fender and mooring line. Learning leads: Jane Virtue and Lisa Blair	Suitable for those new to sailing and first-time racers – ladies only
	Option B Lessons from the Pressure Cooker - Women Who Ocean Race: Stacey Jackson shares with us racing tactics and tips that may give you that extra benefit to your sailing, and stories designed to empower you as a woman sailor. Presenter: Stacey Jackson	Suitable for those new to sailing and first-time racers – ladies only
10:30	Got a sailing question...ask the panel – "Women Empowering Women". Panel Guests:	Suitable for those experienced sailors – ladies only

	Stacey Jackson, Becky Moloney, Sylvia Talbot, Jane Virtue	
11:30	For some of you, participating in this Women's Challenge weekend will mean facing a certain fear... it may be sailing or racing for the first time, or stepping up and leading – helming your first race. Today, from 11:30 lunch will be enjoyed while listening to one woman's challenge of Facing Fear, Lisa Blair the first woman to sail solo around Antarctica. Opportunity for purchasing Lisa's new book and having this personally signed. Guest speaker Lisa Blair	All female sailors and Long lunch invitation opens to all members of Manly Combined Club Series and the public.
3pm**	Twilight cruise – non-spinnaker event (Your Skipper will advise of departure time from MBTBC as you may need to travel to other clubs to board the vessel. Cruise starts at 3pm at the end of leads, with fleet heading towards Hope Banks. Turn around at 4pm to be safely in the harbour at sunset.	You can elect to stay-on for a longer lazy lunch and to engage with Sponsors and Pop Up Displays or enjoy a twilight cruise up towards Hope Bank Navigation Marker with prize opportunities. The aim of this cruise is for crew to get familiar with yachts they may be crewing on Sunday, and / or to simply enjoy the experience of sailing. Note; Junior sailors must bring their life jacket for the Saturday cruise and/or Sunday race.
From 6pm	BBQ on the lawn and live music – (Burgers and drinks available for purchase)	All participants of twilight cruise, participants of Women's Challenge (Sunday) and Race 4 Manly Combined Clubs Series.

1.2 Sunday, 16th May

Gates open from 8:30am – briefing 9am

Start times: 5-minute warning signal – not before 10:20 am

- 10:30 Trailer Sailors
- 10:40 Cruising & Performance 2
- 10:50 Performance 1
- 11:00 Multihulls

Results: Sunday Afternoon 5pm MBTBC Lawn BBQ on the lawn for all race participants - Women's Challenge and MCCA fleet.

1.3 Speakers and Learning Facilitators



Lisa Blair

The first woman to sail solo around Antarctica. Whilst completing her Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Visual Arts, Lisa secured a job as a hostess on a sailing boat in the Whitsundays in 2005. Once discovering sailing Lisa wanted to learn more and was inspired from books about solo sailors like Kay Cottee. Lisa decided to change her course in life and gather the skills to become a solo sailor herself. She since clocked up more than 50 000 nautical miles of ocean sailing before embarking on her record making voyage. Lisa's experience includes circumnavigating the world in the Clipper 2011-12 Round the World Yacht Race, working as skipper of the 68 foot, Ex America's Cup Racing Yacht Southern Cross, sailing around the Whitsunday Islands. In 2014 Lisa sailed twice across the Tasman Sea from Australia to New Zealand SOLO clocking up almost 3000 NM of solo sailing experience in preparation for her Antarctica record. Lisa has circumnavigated both Antarctica and Australia and has just published her latest book titled *Facing Fear*.



Stacey Jackson

Growing up in Mooloolaba, QLD, Stacey started sailing at the age of 7. Whilst not a champion junior sailor, her passion was always sailing. She sailed dinghies until she moved to Sydney to start a sail making apprenticeship aged 18. This move opened doors to racing on famous offshore yachts, such as Ichi Ban, Alfa Romeo 100, Hooligan, Black Jack and Wild Oats XI.

Today Stacey is recognised as one of the world's leading female professional offshore sailors. She is one of very few women to have competed in two editions of the Volvo Ocean Race, the pinnacle of offshore yacht racing, where she has competed in both an all-women's crew (2014-2015) and a mixed crew (2017-2018). She has also completed 13 Sydney Hobart races, including winning Line Honours in 2010, as well as creating and skippering a history making first all-female professional crew in 2018, who placed second overall.



Jane Virtue

Her first introduction to sailing was trying to teach Jane's two young children how to sail in a Sabot on the Brisbane River. She had only read a few pages of a sailing book, and unfortunately, had not read about tides and currents. After ending up way down stream and not being able to work out how to sail back they had to pull into the bank and walk home. This lack of knowledge and experience was short lived as Jane invested in learning to sail and gaining experience on a wide range of boats, ultimately winning two National Championships in a Corsair class. Upon the release of the Australian Federation Sailing Syllabus Jane set up a sailing school on Coochiemudlo Island. She taught children and adults on both dinghies and yachts, and ran a lot of school sailing events. The highlight of Jane's sailing career was to win a Churchill Fellowship to study Sailing Training in the United Kingdom, where she spent time at all the major sail training centres. On her return home, she was appointed Coaching Director at Queensland Yachting Association. This took Jane all over Queensland running various introductory, racing and race management courses. Today, Jane is enjoying racing a large keel boat yacht with her partner.



Sylvia Talbot

Sylvia started sailing at the age of 45 (approx. 30 years ago). Her first experience was at Sandringham Yacht Club twilight races, which she remembers being full of apprehension as they left the marina with stress levels rising substantially as sails were hoisted and the yacht heeled. Sylvia quickly became accustomed to the angle of the boat and the routine – so much so that since Sylvia has competed in numerous ocean regattas including three Hobart races. Sylvia and her husband Peter moved to Hong Kong in 1993 and bought "Saboteur" a 47 foot Tayana. After living on it for four years they decided to sail back to Australia and it remained their home for 17 years. Sylvia has since become interested in race management and has been a National Race Officer for 12 years - the last couple of these based at Manly Combined Clubs.

Sylvia encourages all women, whatever their age or handicap to seriously consider taking on this sport.



Becky Moloney

Becky came late into sailing, completing her first offshore race in 2012. Since then, she has completed 2 Rolex Sydney-Hobarts, 8 Brisbane to Gladstone, 4 Brisbane to Keppel, and the challenging 628 nautical mile Groupama 600 race around New Caledonia, as well as countless deliveries and inshore races. Although her passion is offshore racing, Becky is up for anything with a sail. She owns a Laser, which she takes camping every September to sail around Masthead Island. She has an interest in a DK46 called Our Rush, which she helped rebuild, and is co-owner of a Hobie Getaway and an Etchells named Happy Hour. Some of the significant results she has shared with various teams include 3rd in division in the 2019 Rolex Sydney-Hobart; 1st OMR in the 2018 Groupama 600; IRC State Champions 2018; National Trailable Yacht Champions 2016; 1st OMR Brisbane to Gladstone 2019; and Line honours, 1st IRC and PHS Division 2 in the 2015 Pittwater to Coffs Race.

Becky is a mother of 4 boys and an enthusiastic supporter of women's sailing, having recently put together the first women's team to compete in the Brisbane Etchells fleet, as well as providing sponsorship funds for the Women's Challenge through the businesses she owns with her husband Daniel.

2. RULES

1.1 The Challenge regatta will be governed by the Manly Combine Clubs Series – 2021 Revision 5 Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions available [Here](#)

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising will be restricted to ISAF Regulation 20

3.2 Boats participating in Women's Challenge will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of 6 meters overall length or longer.

4.2 The skippers / owners shall be financial members of an Australian Sailing affiliated club.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing SailsAssist Entry by Wednesday 12th May 2021 and the registration link for this event (TryBookings – see fees section 5)

4.4 Each boat shall be crewed by at least one person over the age of 18 years.

4.5 To participate in Women's challenge, the boat must consist of one of the following subdivision OPTIONS:

- a. Full ladies crew, each boat may have one male passenger who is expected to take no part in sailing the boat.
- b. Two or more female crew however less than a full crew; and,
- c. Female helm.

5. FEES

Saturday only \$90 includes presentations, lunch and twilight sail.

Saturday & Sunday \$90 includes presentations, lunch, twilight sail & Sunday race entry

(\$45 for Juniors under 16 years – accompanied by an adult)

Saturday Long Lunch and guest speaker Lisa Blair - Open invitation to all interested people \$60 (\$45 for juniors under 16 – accompanied by an adult)

Sunday Day 2: Women's Challenge Race only – Part of MCCA series or \$20 per boat casual entry

To enter click here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/743791?bof=1>

Note, any surplus generated from this event will be used to support ongoing events that promote female participation in sailing.

6. THE COURSES

6.1 The possible courses are detailed in the sailing Instructions.

7. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be marked with Manly Combined Clubs Series pennant.

8. RADIO COMMUNICATION

8.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither initiate radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. All boats shall carry VHF radios and log into the start vessel on 72 MHz prior to the 1st warning signal or shall be scored DNS.

8.2 As per MCCA Sailing Instructions - Boats shall SIGN ON at least 15 minutes before their warning signal by contacting the Start/Finish boat on VHF Channel 72 advising:

- the name of the boat,
- number of persons on board (POB)
- the Division they are entering for the Race
- participating in women's challenge option A / B or C, and

receive acknowledgement from the start boat.

9. PRIZES

9.1 Prizes for each Women's Challenge Subdivision Option (A/B/C) will be awarded for first place.

9.2 The Committee reserves the right to vary the prizes without notice.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Competitors participate in the Manly Combined Clubs events entirely at their own risk - see RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.

10.2 The Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after any Manly Combined Clubs event.

11. EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER

By entering in this event, you provide permission for photographs to be taken by the event photographer and used for future marketing purposes by Manly Combined Clubs Series. Photographs will be available for sale and also displayed during event social activities.

12. ENTRY / REGISTRATION

12.1 Entry through this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/743791?bof=1>

If you are a boat owner and open to handing over the reins of your boat to an experienced sailor, please email manlycombinedclubs@gmail.com as a number of highly experienced sailors have registered.

Who is Manly Combined Clubs Series

The Manly Combined Clubs Series was established by the Sailing Group of the Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club (MBTBC) to unite the sailors of Manly Harbour and Moreton Bay with the aim of fielding a larger, more diverse fleet than might otherwise be possible by any club individually.

The affiliation of clubs typically participating include;

- Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club (MBTBC) Host Club
- Wynnum Manly Yacht Club (WMSC)
- Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS)
- Trailer Sailor Club of Queensland (TSCQ)
- Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland (MYCQ)

For further questions about this event please contact

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