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# GAME ON for the Mega Multihull's

Australia's most successful cruising catamaran builder, **Seawind**, is looking forward to again sponsoring the **16th Annual Seawind Catamarans Mega Multi Regatta** over the Easter weekend Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th of April 2011, following a rejuvenated effort from Kurnell Cat Club to resurrect the regatta after a two year hiatus. Apart from a fleet of Seawinds that are expected, Seawind also looks forward to seeing Corsair trimarans competing following Seawind's acquisition of Corsair Marine in late 2010.

All Multihull yachts with sleeping accommodation are invited to attend and participate in the various social and competitive events, using the KCC Clubhouse as a base.



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# President's Report

## Start of 2011

The end of the season is always a good time to reflect of what has been achieved, the highlights and possible low lights of the season in retrospect. This season has been so successful in many ways, but the most important issue for consideration is that we have had no serious injuries and this is a big plus for any organization.

We have also been fortunate that our events have been well attended, starting with our Trivia Night, through our two regattas, the A Class and Taipan state titles and our Mega Multi regatta over the Easter weekend looks like being well attended also.

Speaking of the Mega Multi regatta, this is a resurgence year for this event and if successful, will provide a model for future mega multi regattas at KCC. Tony Wainwright and Peter Backhouse have put a lot of effort into getting this going and it's up to the rest of us to support them as best we can.

The annual Darren Lowder one day regatta will be held on Sunday April 17th and we hope to see a good roll up of both KCC members and visitors. Brian promises there will be plenty of liquid prizes. First race is scheduled for 11.00 am.

The junior division continues to grow and is now at the point where some of the kids will be attending, and representing, KCC at the Open BIC national titles at Forster later this month. I'm sure they will enjoy their first series regatta. The Great Lakes is an impressive place to sail and we wish them all good luck.

Following the mega multi regatta, we have our last sailing day of the season on May 1st, with the AGM to follow after racing. Once again, we have positions to fill so don't be reluctant in putting up your hand for a job.

Yarra Bay is once again hosting it's ANZAC Day regatta. The first race is scheduled for not before 12.30 pm. Prizes at this event are generally pretty good, so please give it some thought.

This year's presentation night will be held at the Sutherland United Services Club, located opposite Sutherland station. The date is Saturday May 28th, commencing at 6.30 pm. Junior Division mums, dads and kids welcome. In the past it has always been a battle to get names and payment, so please don't lag behind and have us chase you. There will be more information forthcoming in the next two weeks.

As mentioned above, the club has operated very successfully and this is mainly due to the efforts of your committee and helpers. Accordingly, I'd like to thank all involved, particularly Helen, Brian and Allan without whose help there would be less boats on the water.

Looking at next season, most of you are aware that we have developed a modified boat yard contract, to be signed by all users of both yards. A big plus is Stoney's working towards getting us another tractor and we have requested a grant to cover half the price of purchasing a new rubber ducky and possibly a new committee boat trailer.

### **KCC Members Win**

#### **RMYC Port Hacking Twilight Series**

Congratulations to Graham Dicker, Brian Chapman, Barry Argall, Kevin Bessell, Glen Billington and Barry Willis. They sailed on an NSX38 and their win was more meritorious as they generally started at the back of the fleet basis RMYC's handicap system.



# Up Coming Events

## KCC DARREN LOWDER Memorial Trophy Regatta

Sunday April 17, 2011

Briefing 10.am 3 races

Stay for free Barbecue and a beer to cremorate the passing of Darren with Brian, family & friends



## ANZAC Day Regatta

Monday 25th April 2011

Yarra Bay 16 ft Sailing Club



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## THE KCC PRESENTATION NIGHT

Venue	Sutherland United Services Club 7 East Parade, Sutherland
Date	Saturday May 28th
Time	6.30 pm
Cost	Adults \$32; kids \$15
Menu	Adults - Two course meal, entrée and main, with cake and tea/coffee afterwards
Kids	Chicken nuggets and chips
Drinks	Bar prices



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# NSW A Class State Championship



NSW State A Class Championship 2011 - The second episode of the Eastern Australian A Class Catamaran Class Championship trilogy was completed over the weekend at the Kurnell Catamaran Club.

At the end of the six race series, the spoils of victory were shared across three states. Brad Collett, from Queensland, sailing a Scheurer design, prevailed to win the championship, maintaining the overnight lead that he had created after the first day. Second overall was the local Kurnell sailor, Steve Brewin, sailing a DNA. Third place went to Steve Brayshaw from Victoria.

Four different sailors featured as individual race winners.

Despite the smaller fleet of 23 boats, compared to to the 50 competitors attending the Victorian Titles last weekend, the quality remained high, with some of the top Victorian and Queensland boats adding to the NSW ranks.

The conditions on Saturday, proved tricky to sail, despite the average wind strength remaining between 15 and 20 knots through out the day, due to significant changes in direction , which resulted in many changes in the lead as different competitors capitalised on the fluctuations.

The day also saw many capsizes ,with support boats busy returning sailors to escaped boats and assisting with righting boats. Several spectators reported spectacular cartwheels as some of the DNA boats nose dived whilst their skippers attempted downwind trapezing.

Sunday's wind was slightly stronger, in the 18 to 23 knot range. The continued gusty conditions, combined with a large chop generated by the outgoing tide meant that several competitors choose not to sail in the final two races. These conditions resulted in more conservative sailing, and surprisingly, fewer capsizes, although David Brewer, who finished second last week in Victoria, dropped his mast in the last race.

Brads Collett's final comment was ' I really enjoyed sailing in strong winds and choppy conditions and showing that my Scheurer is as fast as the DNAs'.

Thank you to the Kurnell Catamaran Club, who , with the assistance of the Georges River Sailing Club, ran a successful regatta in windy and wet conditions.



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# NSW Taipan State Championship

A Great weekend, there was no lack of wind 15 to 25 knot range, frequent rain squalls causing a brief postponement to the first race due to visibility which became a issue at first. Over the weekend these conditions did prove to be challenging as the wind direction moved between south to southeastly on a regular basis.



A good attendance with 15 sloops and 6 cat rigged boats. We had boats from Port Kembla Tanilba Bay, Great lakes, Humpybong, Port Melbourne, Frankston and Mannering Park. It was great to catch up with Steve and Lesley Kiely, . Leslie crewing for Slater they were going well till Leslie decided to rearrange her finger in the fin case ouch!. Off to hospital for stitches. Hope Leslie recovered well.

The Homun brothers took out the sloops with 1st position, well done to the boys from Humpybong. Kingsley & Lisa Purch sailed well coming at second just in front of Chris Munro. Les Porter sailing cat rigged came in first managing to stay in front of Brett Hord from Mannering Park.

Thanks to Anthony Edwards, Brian Lowder and Kurnell Catamaran Club for organising and staging this event which was combined with A Class and Taipan State championships. Also special thanks to Georges River sailing club for providing the second rescue boat it proved to be of great assistance in the heavy conditions.



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# Junior Division "The Regatta"

What a great day was had by all at the first ever kids sailing regatta on Sunday the 20th Feb, down at the Kurnell Catamaran club we were blessed with a hot sunny day and light breezes perfect for the event.

25 kids from 5 year olds onwards competed over the day in six different fun races. There were different challenges for each race such as rigging the boat as quickly as you could before launching off and sailing the course. A big thank you to all of the parents as each and every one of them helped out in some way with the setting up and packing up and the running of the events and bbq.

Congratulations to all the kids that competed in the races you all did so well and all took home a well deserved medal.

## The Winners

The gold medal Archie Gargett  
The silver medal Sophie Turner,  
The bronze Tamatea Kohu,

## The Freestyle

1st Place Sophie Turner, Ariana Tane, and  
Briana Heintz  
2nd place Rebecca and Stephanie Hession  
3rd place Tamatea, Mihinui and Raumati

WELL DONE TO ALL.

## Next Big event

Picnic lunch on Towra Beach  
We all sail down on our Bics with associated craft have a game of cricket, swim and a feast.



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# Boat Review

## Seawind brings Corsair to Mega Multihull Regatta

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By Seawind Catamarans

Australia's most successful cruising catamaran builder, looks forward to seeing Corsair trimarans competing following Seawind's acquisition of Corsair Marine in late 2010.

Announcing the acquisition in late October, Seawind Managing Director Richard Ward said: "This is a marriage made in heaven. The two companies have products and manufacturing processes that strongly complement each other. For both Seawind and Corsair, it will signal new growth opportunities in both the manufacturing and sales areas."



A brand new Corsair Dash 750 is confirmed to be attending the regatta for the first time. This pocket cruiser has quickly become Corsair's most popular selling trimaran due to its high performance, ease of transport and storage on trailers, and affordability thanks partly to an all time high Australian dollar. Other Corsairs in the range include the Corsair Sprint 750, C31, C37 (also recently arrived in Australia), and the C50 catamaran.

Seawind are also looking forward to representation from a range of Seawinds at the regatta from the early Seawind 24s through to the award winning Seawind 1160s with the Mega Muultihull Regatta the final leg of the Seawind South Coast Cruise to Jervis Bay a week earlier. Information will also be available on six new Seawind Syndicates that are being formed around Australia including Sydney Harbour at Seawind's new Multihull Marina to be built soon at Rozelle Bay. Starting from just \$66,500 per a 1/6th share, these syndicates offer incredible value for money with a full week every six, no management fees and an even split of running costs.

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