

Young "gutsy, daring and in control" sailors with tutors - Loren Couch and Flora Pickard



a skills test on the water in the Optimists on the first day they moved right onto the JY15's on day 2. The JY15 a larger, faster two sail dinghy required much skill, balance and technique. Putting three kids in a boat, rotating positions and heading out in all breezes made for an exciting time on the water. These kids completed on-the-water drills, exercised their knowledge of all points of sail and righted their dinghy ... with no mishaps or collisions at the gybe mark and were taught the rules of the road. Man-over-board was practised also. Land lectures included knots, sail trim, start/racing techniques, basic meteorology and a test. They also learnt how to operate a motorized dinghy.

The learning curve in this course was a sight to behold. They stepped up to the challenge, were gutsy, daring and in control - having mastered the techniques. They learnt how to sail together as a crew - not without shouting, personality clashes and gender rights; the girls team now claim that they tack, gybe and capsize - elegantly! Level 3+4 certifies these youths (**Shane Clarke, Jonathon Hernould, Sheldon Clarke, Emma Hart, Sofia Hart, Bianca Hernould, Matthew Walter-Chen, Noelle Jackson, Dylan Jackson**) to sail in moderate to strong wind conditions.

THE REGATTA saw three boats vying for the trophies. Helmsperson Dylan and crew: Bianca and Sheldon; Helmsperson Noelle and crew: Sofia and Emma; Helmsperson Jonathon and crew: Shane and Matthew. The regatta had the kids doing two triangle courses and one windward/ leeward course ... the first boat in having to tie up the boat with one of the knots taught in the course! At the end of two races there was a three-way tie in points. Then lunch, nervous stomachs and the wind came in - white caps! **LAST TRIANGLE** - Dylan led from the start, Jonathon in pursuit, Noelle capsized on the first gybe - got it up and followed on. Dylan, cool - kept stretching his lead as Jonathon capsized; Noelle noticed, shoved up her helm while the crew trimmed the sails and headed up. Jonathon recovered nicely then lost a man overboard and capsized again. This manoeuvre took some time trying to get him back on board (those boats are slippery!) ... Noelle rounded her buoy and sailed around Jonathon to much excitement on and off board (cheering on spectator boats and high fives on board!) Dylan - pleased as punch got 1st, Noelle 2nd and Jonathon 3rd. Noelle won the **Corinthian trophy for sportsmanship**.

**BOTH SAILING COURSES** were taught by **Flora Pickard**, level 4 Instructor from the Royal Yachting Association. Assisting was **Loren Couch**, US Sailing Level 1 Instructor.

**THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE TO THANK ...**

**Coca-Cola for sponsoring, the person who lent the runners and engines, the MBYC for hosting this event, Peter & Jane Harper, Bryan & Lyn Langford, Richard Hamilton, Peter Kellond, Mighty Mike, Janice Williams, The Caterers.**

JYA President Richard Jackson & Paula Jackson, Hon. Secretary, JYA.



**... from the QUARTER DECK**

**Spotted in the pool - with Grandma Rosemary (Lethbridge) son Richard with new baby sister for Susie** (seen below with Penny DeLeon and mum Wendy)



**Congrats also to ... Andrew & Vanessa Harper** on the arrival of their son **Charles** and ...to **Denise Barrett** on the safe arrival of her baby girl last month.

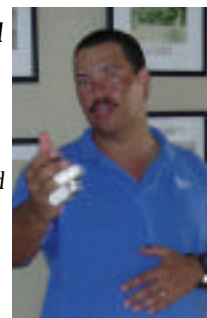


**New Start Committee Member - Brian Scarlett** (left) asks Grandma Ann, "where are the boats? - time they finished - I want my tea!"

**News of John & Vicky Harper** - (from Rosemary Lethbridge) "**had a great trip through the Panama Canal this summer** - 2 boats on either side of them in a marina at Panama City were struck by lightening - but not them!! ... Two couples from Ja' on a tour of the Galapagos Is. ran into John on one of the Islands and they all spent an evening together ... small world! A sea-lion climbed up the swim ladder one day and frightened poor Vicky out of her wits when she looked up from the main cabin and saw a smiling whiskery face in the companion way smelling strongly of fish!! He beat a hasty exit. A flying fish also landed in the main cabin and turned left towards the cooker!! Latest news is that Vicky got fish poisoning while in the Marquesa Islands! Next stop New Zealand!"

**Get Well Wishes & Prayers for Karl Sanguinetti**, slowly recovering after a bad fall.

**Past Vice- Cmdre Al Stewart** presided over Prizegiving despite - a bad fall - loss of pride & two fingernails during the AllComers race!



**Sailing News contd.**

Club that evening. Chief of Staff Rear Admiral Hardley Lewin, Cmdr. Syd Ennis and RJYC Flag Officers did the actual inspection under the keen eye of our Patron - who preferred the comforts of the quarterdeck. Steven Cooke in *Geronimo* won the Pigeon Is. Race taking the Dyoll Trophy followed by *Jazz* - 1st across the line for the Micky Nation Trophy. *Chen* and *Mystique* took 3rd & 4th respectively. After 4 harbour races (with *Getaway* and *Puella Mea* joining the fleet) *Jazz* took the Nunes Cup. and cleaned up after winning the Appleton AllComers to take both the Champion Cruiser Shield (*Chen* & *Geronimo* tied for 2nd; *Mystique* & *Getaway* tied for 4th) and the beautiful Henriques Regatta Champion Trophy (*Geronimo* 2nd and *Chen* 3rd overall)! *Harry Hirsch* and *Roger's Laser* took part in the AllComers.

**THE MOONLIGHT EVENT - September 12th**

- attracted some 40 members for what turned out to be pleasant evening. The food was good - Fried Fish or Chicken and the Moon rose on cue for the start of the "Race" at 21:15hrs. Five boats started plus a power boat as *Patrick Sleem* cruised his new toy on what seemed to be a champagne harbour cruise. The sail boats did not complete the course in time as the wind went



Stephanie J, Aurora, & Chen at the start!

from light to nil! It did not matter! - all concerned enjoyed this moonlight jaunt! A good excuse to use our boats and enjoy the harbour scene.

**THE WATSON SPEYER RACE Saturday** attracted the required 3 entries and was run as a Non-Spinnaker Series. Conditions were light to Nil and with the fleet pausing on the back stretch *Chen's*



VICTORIOUS JAZZ CREW

over the line first did no good as *Stephanie J* gave *Tom Connor* his first Harbour series Victory in - I believe - his first daylight Race! *Roger Morecroft* did not complete the course in his *Aurora* as he fell the wrong side of the big wind hole and was left watching the wind pick up the other 2 entrants!

Sunday saw *Stephanie J* repeat the first place finish - showing something about the merit of trying a thing! In the afternoon *Chen* finally got a bullet with *Stephanie J* 2nd. *Aurora* was just 2 minutes out of the frame! Congratulations to *Tom Connor* on his first series win!

**SEPTEMBER 27th** saw boats setting off for **MANATEE BAY** for the Sunday Race for the **Boswell Series' Kilgour Trophy**. There were 7 boats in the lovely anchorage behind the reef that evening - *Scotch Bonnet* and *Puella Mea* to the West of a raft of *Jazz*, *Mystique*, *Dr Feelgood*, *Stephanie J* and *Chen*.

The Skippers attended the meeting on *Chen* at 18:30 to lighten her load of refreshments and decide on the start procedure. Good fun! *Chen*, sensitized by recent experience at Pelican Cay, left the raft after dinner and pulled up to a pair of anchors. A front was promised and it duly arrived in the night with a blow that hit 35 knots at dawn with rain. Over breakfast it settled and by the time the start was to be set the wind was 17 - 21 knots with lumpy seas.

*Chen* set the marks and the start went off on time at 10:00. *Chen* -having set it up - was late at the line by 90 seconds and we set off in pursuit of our rivals on *Jazz* who got their usual good start! Just 10 minutes into it our race was over

after a collision with *Dr Feelgood* that left *Chen* damaged on her port quarter where *Dr Feelgood's* CQR had ploughed through her hull! *Chen* on Starboard tried too late to avoid *Dr Feelgood* by tacking, getting them both travelling in the same direction and likely reduced the impact and damage.

After repairs in Manatee Bay to contain the damage *Chen* made it to the Club under engine at 16:00 to find *Jazz* had held her time to win from *Mystique*. *Stephanie J* did not complete the course having rounded *Vidal Shoal* instead of 3 Fathom Bank mark; *Dr Feelgood* retired!

*Chen* will be out of action until repairs are completed, hopefully in time for January Regatta!

**THE SAILING GROUP met to discuss the rest of the year and the**



**programme for 2004.** There were hopes of a **Bowden Weekend** and **Race over the Heroes Holiday weekend!**

**PAUL BLACK** has finished three of his "*Reflection*" dinghies. It will be great to see these

little boats out in the Harbour with youngsters (or Oldsters) on board. Good work Paul! More elsewhere - (See page 2).

**AT A MEETING** held at **Hope and Laurie Stewart's** house on **October 9th** some 16 members of the Sailing Group gathered to discuss sailing plans for the rest of 2003 and 2004.

The following appointments were agreed:

- Handicap Chairman ...**
- Gordon Hall**
- Protest Chairman ...**
- Cdr. Richard Harvey**
- Measurer: David Couch**
- Cruiser Racing Captain ...**
- Stephen Facey**
- Cruising Captain ...**
- Miguel DeLeon,**
- assisted by Tom Connor**
- Dinghy Captain ...**
- Fiona Black.**