

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.

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The 2012 season has started. The first point score race was held Saturday 21 April with a good turn out for the 5Km short course and the 7Km long course. Results will start appearing on our new website www.cronullasutherlandkayakclub.com

Race registration fees are \$3.00/ person for all members including seniors, juniors and honorary members or \$65.00 single payment for the season. If competing in more than one race on the day E.G The doubles race, only one registration fee applies for the day. Annual membership (new and renewal) subscriptions shall remain at \$10.00 and will become due by June 30 2012. We would appreciate early payment from the beginning of the season to help us meet our operating costs. Membership forms are available from the registration desk from 21 April. Parking concession certificates will be available for pick up at the time of membership renewal. The 2012 race program is also available from the registration desk.

The Australian Marathon National Championships were held over the Easter weekend with a number of CSKC representatives taking part. Jill and Laurie Ward assisted with officiating. We had a significant number of competitors in the veteran classes who did themselves and the club proud:-

- Lorraine Harper & Dallas Newman – WK2 50+ - 1st place.
- Pauline Findlay - WK1 50+ - 2nd place.
- Dianne Chellew – WK2 50+ 3rd place.
- Kevin Nettle – MK1 70+ - 1st place.
- Steve Newsome – MOR 40+ 1st place. (Ocean racer)
- Kevin Newton – MK1 75+- 2nd place.
- Peter Sigal – MK1 – 75+ 3rd place.
- Rod Smith / Kevin Newton - TK2 70+ – 1st place.
- Cara and Peter Sigal – TK2 70+ – 2nd place.

Our club **Open Day is set for April 28 from 12 noon** – a subcommittee has been set up to organise and run this day. We will need support from members to make this day a success which includes being there in club gear and provision of (older) boats that can be loaned to novice paddlers - preferably a TK2 so that proper supervision and instruction can be afforded on the water.

The **Hacking Classic** was to be held the following day – April 29. This has been deferred to another day because of a date clash with a Harbour series race from Rose Bay. The new date will be announced down at Swallow Rock. The classic runs from Gunnamatta Bay to Swallow Rock, usually held on a Sunday morning. Please keep an ear out for the revised date at our Saturday briefing – members will also be informed by email and on our on new website, if up and running. Our new website production is in process at this time.

A social outing is planned for **May 13** (Mothers Day) on the Cronulla Ferry “The Tom Thumb” which will cruise around our paddling ‘ground’. This will give us a chance to relax and appreciate the beautiful waterway that we are blessed with. Bring your own nibbles – drinks available from the bar - BYO liquor not permitted. Cost \$25.00 pp – \$20.00 concession. Be on board for a 2.00pm departure. For bookings please Contact Margaret Ryall – Egan phone 0417 686 581.

The State Marathon Championships will be held at the Penrith SIRC on **July 7 & 8**. Our club has volunteered to help with the running of this event. Such jobs as helping with registration, boat number issue, scrutineering, marshalling, starting, time keeping, recording and safety boat operation (Maritime License required) will be needed. PNSW Marathon Technical Committee will be responsible for the event and will manage the event with assistance from our club. This will be an opportunity for us to work with the Marathon committee and by so doing getting to know the people who in fact run these marathons that have been an outstanding success in recent times. It should be possible to do some of these jobs and still paddle or at least share the jobs over the two days. By doing this the club will receive income from part of the takings.

Our marathon day will be **September 22**. No doubt this will be another successful day for our club – we have a great venue and most visiting paddlers enjoy what CSKC has to offer. We have plenty of time to prepare for this but, as with the State Championships, we have to provide the volunteers. As was the case last year we will be running a club charity race after the marathon at our normal 2.00pm start time. The proceeds of that race will go to a local charity in the Shire, the arrangement for which, has yet to be finalised.

Herewith is an extract from our club racing rules produced in 1998 – then Lilli Pilli Kayak Club.

1. Right Of Way at Turns and Channel Markers.

When approaching a turning point – The competitor on the outer course must leave room for the competitor on the inner course if that competitor has the bow of his boat at least level with the front edge of the cockpit of the boat on the outer course. In the case of a double boat this refers to the front edge of the forward cockpit.

2. Rules of Navigation

All competitors must observe the rules of navigation. You must keep to the right side of any waterway or channel. You must allow oncoming craft clear passage. When approaching an oncoming craft keep to your right and allow the oncoming craft to pass by your left hand side. Note: A good example of this is the turn at Wants Beach where paddlers heading downstream meet paddlers still heading upstream.

3. Brief New Rules since 1998

- a) PFDs to be worn at all times when paddling greater than 100m from the nearest shore.**
- b) Clearly visible white navigation lights to be used fore and aft after sunset.**

That’s it for now. An apology for there being no member news since the start of the year. The writers computer has expired. This issue has been produced on our club’s own computer.