



NSW OCTOBER COUTA WEEK AND NATIONALS 2017



Thursday 5th. Evening. The RPEYC will be hosting welcome drinks. Point Piper

Friday 6th. Thistle Cup. Post race Prize giving, drinks and BBQ. RPEYC Point Piper

Saturday 7th Muriel Cup. Post race Prize giving and drinks. SASC Mosman Bay

Sunday 8th. Gaffers Day. Post race Prize giving, drinks and BBQ. SASC Mosman Bay.



The NSW Couta Assn is delighted by the interest shown by not only the SSCBC but also our brothers in WA at the RFSC. This week is about friendship and a passion for competing in a class of timber of boats that is regaining support around the world with the Couta leading the charge in Australia. Go the Gaffers!

The two weekends are definitely full on competition but in between I hope we can show you some Sydney and Pittwater hospitality..... and have some fun. Some of the options set below are not set in stone and may change to suit conditions.

As at this time the CBA has not been able acquire any financial sponsorship to stage the Regattas. To raise funds to cover the many expenses of the week we need to raise some funds by organising an Auction. We are asking every boat to donate something for auction. It can be something of real value, something collectible or just something of interest. We need to raise at least an average of \$200 per boat. Any boat failing to donate could be named and shamed! The Auction will be conducted during the regatta.

Transport. For those who are staying at Pittwater for the 2 weekends, we will be arranging buses to travel to and from Pittwater and Harbour for the 3 days. Parking at Mosman Bay and Point Piper is very limited. The Pittwater boats will be using this transport. All visitors are welcome to join us. We will need to know numbers and will send out a request form nearer the day.

On the Friday after the RPEYC Thistle Cup races, a mega water taxi will be booked to get crews across the Harbour from moored boats in Mosman Bay to the RPEYC for post race presentation and drinks. The Pittwater return bus will depart from RPEYC . Owners and crews based in Sydney will need to make their own arrangements

The SASC have booked a ferry to follow the fleet on Gaffers Day. The brochure is attached. Essential that you book NOW if interested.





Weather depending, we expect to have an 'delivery' race from the Harbour to Pittwater on Monday 9th. Its normally 5 hours dock to dock. Departure time TBA. If there is a strong nor'easter we will reschedule for the Tuesday.

A limited number of moorings will be available in the vicinity of the ASC or if you prefer protected rafted berthing will be available at the RPAYC. Both need to be arranged through Larry Eastwood **0417 244406**. If you make your own arrangements. Please let us know where. Free moorings and berthing will be available for a week. Extensions will be possible.

The Avalon Sailing Club. (ASC) This is a small well run amateur (no professional staff) club, not unlike the SSCBC of yesteryear, with a great history and beautifully positioned in the middle of Pittwater with a great big west facing deck over the water. We plan to set up a beer and wine tent on the deck for the duration of regatta week. We feel that given the ASC's generous offer to stage our event we would reciprocate by holding most of our activities based out of there.

Monday 9th. The ASC Bar and BBQ will be open after the boats are on their moorings following the delivery from the Harbour.

Tuesday 10th. At this stage no sailing activity is organised but instead we are organising a sightseeing

walk up to the Barrenjoey Lighthouse with a light lunch at the Boathouse at Governor Philip Park, Palm Beach. Meet at Palm Beach 10 AM. You can use your Ribs to get there for this if you have one. We are planning on having a casual dinner at The Newport that evening.

Wednesday 11th. We are organising our own Wednesday 'round the cans' fun race which will include a leg around Scotland Island to give all visitors an understanding what they will be up for on the Sunday! SI's will be issued on the day with a 2 PM start in front of the ASC. Drinks and BBQ available before and after at the ASC.

Thursday 12th. We are planning on having a lunch-time Picnic / BBQ at Hallets Beach on the Hawkesbury. Activities may include 'Tug of war' and 'Beach Volleyball'. You will have an option of leaving earlyish and sailing there (about 2+ hours), taking an organised 'ferry' or 2 or taking your own Rib. If the weather is 'inclement' we will switch the venue to the Patonga Pub which is also on the Hawkesbury.

Friday 13th. Proposal is to have a 'Practice Race Day' on the Pond. 2 short laid courses to test all the 'systems'. Start at 12.00 using National Regatta format and SI's. Drinks and BBQ available after at the ASC.

Saturday 14th. CBA Nationals / Wattle Cup. 3 laid courses as per the SI's. First start at 12.00. The Main Event Social this evening. This will be a fully catered but



casual meal plus bar at the ASC with some sound support. Dress to impress! This will be \$60 a head ticket entry. We will also be conduct a fund raising Auction during the evening. Start 6 PM

Sunday 15th. CBA Nationals / Wattle Cup. Passage 2 Island race as per SI's. Start 11 AM.

Prize giving presentation at ASC at 4PM. We expect race to be max 3 hours giving time to pack up sails etc but not derig. As part of the RPAYC Sesquicentennial celebration, there is a ticket Garden Party with Fireworks that evening at the RPAYC. Bookings essential.

Monday 16th. Derig, remove ballast and prep for transportation at the RPAYC. Assistance will be available by Pittwater members of the CBA.



NOTES

• We will need to have numbers for each of the activities. While it is appreciated that the numbers will change please notify us within a week the best guess of numbers, including partners, for each days activities, bus transport to / from Pittwater,

mooring or berthing preference at Pittwater, seats on the Maltby. Regatta shirt numbers. We will get request a conformation of numbers closer to the October Week.

- *We have organised a classic timber charter boat (Maltby) to follow the fleet on both days of the Nationals. Bubbles and snacks with be available. Room for 30. Will pick up and return from the ASC. Essential to book. Cost TBA*
- *National Regatta 'polo' shirts will be for sale and distributed on the Harbour week. We need to know numbers and approx. sizes*
- *Tenders will be available at the ASC to access your boats on all days.*
- *Parking at the SASC at Mosman Bay and at the RPEYC at Point Piper is very limited. Be warned!*
- *Parking at the ASC is also limited but there is reasonable parking in the vicinity.*
- *Buses to the Harbour will depart from Hudson Parade just above the ASC.*
- *The BBQ at the ASC will be manned by club volunteers and will serve quality basic burgers, B&E, snags.*
- *Finally we wish it to be known that partners and kids are most welcome at all events*

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