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## MAKING WAVES

## December 2010

Welcome to the second edition of MAKING WAVES. It's been great to meet loads of new sailing fans through the second Club02 Regatta (19 participants), Try Sailing Day (44 participants) and many new students through our regular sailing and race courses. It just goes to show that AusSea Sailing School certainly has something to offer every sailor, from novice to experienced salty, and as an active member in the community. For more information about the Start Sailing, Inshore Skipper, Spinnaker and Bareboat Skipper courses please contact us on 02-9592 3565 or visit our website [www.ausseasailingschool.com.au](http://www.ausseasailingschool.com.au). Merry Christmas to you all and happy sailing!

### Start Sailing

We've kicked off this season in fine form with lots of new students doing the Start Sailing and the Inshore Skipper Course. Smiling faces all round! The courses are run seven days a week and two times a day to cater to everyone's agenda. Don't forget that you can practice for up to three months after completing the courses, an ideal way to keep your skills up.

### Chartering a yacht



Always wanted to charter a yacht in the Whitsundays, the Caribbean or the Mediterranean? Our Bareboat Skipper course is designed for students who have already completed the basic courses and who would like to prepare themselves to charter a yacht confidently and safely. We'll stay overnight on a 39 footer in Sydney Harbour, focus on navigation, anchoring, working out tidal charts, sailing at night and plot courses. On the last day we'll do some chart plotting offshore and sail the ocean. The next Bareboat Skipper course is scheduled for the weekend of the 26th of February. Get in quick – places are limited to seven students. Send an email to [melodie@ausseasailingschool.com.au](mailto:melodie@ausseasailingschool.com.au) or phone 0419-229 522.

### Twilight racing

A refurbished Riff-Raff has been performing really well during the twilights at Botany Bay Yacht Club. Thanks to student Herman Pinto, one of our regular crew members, we've managed to finish in the top-5 every race. The highlight was a few weeks ago when we finished second, only behind Vaya Con Dios, a Farr 38, almost twice the size of Riff-Raff.

We're offering all (former) students the opportunity to join us for three Friday twilight races for only \$100. This covers entrance fees and the occasional beverage on board. 100% fun guaranteed!

### Racing crew wanted

Skippers at **Botany Bay Yacht Club** and Cronulla Sailing Club are desperate for crew, especially crew members who know how to fly a spinnaker properly. So join us on one of our Spinnaker Courses to become a pro and we'll find you a boat that's perfect for you. The course runs over two full days and ends with a spinnaker race on our J24, Riff-Raff.

### J24 NSW State Championships

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In the last edition we mentioned that one of our students John Gill was participating in the J24 NSW State Championships in Gosford. And boy did he perform: the Slippery Fish team, which included principal Marc van Dinther, won the championships on handicap. Unfortunately John missed the second day of racing after breaking his ribs in the second race of day one but he still managed to get four races in. Now that's a real champion!

### Club02 Regatta



On Sunday the 20th of February AusSea Sailing School is organising the 3rd Club02 Regatta. After a short introduction to sailing, the participants will race around the cans in Kogarah Bay. Afterwards there'll be time to reflect on the day in the Botany Bay Yacht Club club house while enjoying a drink & bbq. Club 02 members can join the regatta for just \$75, while non-members can participate in this popular event for \$100. For more info please send an email to [melissa.scott@clubo2.com.au](mailto:melissa.scott@clubo2.com.au)

### Sailing fever



Help AusSea Sailing School spread the sailing bug. (Former) Students who introduce friends and family to sailing (through the Start Sailing course) will receive a gift voucher – valued at \$75 for three hours sailing. Make sure your friend or relative mentions your name when they book the course.

### Xmas gift

Stuck for that perfect Xmas present? How about a gift certificate for a sailing course for your loved and/or liked ones. Call 0419-229 522 for more information.

### Endeavour Nationals



In January AusSea Sailing School will sponsor the Endeavour National Championships, which are being held in Botany Bay. Our principal Marc van Dinther will also be racing during these championships, on Surprise an Endeavour 26. Come and check out the racing from 14-16 January at Botany Bay Yacht Club.

### Facebook



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