



MAKING WAVES

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In 2011 **AusSea Sailing School** introduced 476 people to sailing: two students competed in the Sydney to Hobart, four others tried their hand at the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Regatta, six students bought their own yacht and one student crossed the ditch to do a delivery. Whatever your liquid plans are, **START** sailing with **AusSea Sailing School**. This year we'll be offering an even greater variety of courses, day trips and regattas, from Hamilton Island Raceweek in August to Bareboat Skipper Courses in Pittwater and Offshore Day Courses to Sydney Harbour.

SYDNEY TO HOBART



Wild Oats XI screamed passed us doing 18 knots, helicopters were buzzing above our heads and our offshore yacht Vaya con Dios climbed some 'mountains' of waves. Needless to say our day trip on Boxing Day to witness the start of the Sydney to Hobart Race 2011 was exhilarating and more than

spectacular. Some of our crew of six students loved it so much they wanted to sail on to Hobart! Is that something you might fancy? Rumour has it, it might be on the cards for 2014! We'll keep you posted.

New on our racing schedule is Hamilton Island Raceweek, taking place from 17 - 25 August. Australia's biggest regatta is not only renowned for its tough racing, but also for its parties. Can you think of a better way to escape winter in Sydney? **AusSea Sailing School** will be entering in the spinnaker division with Coco, a Jeanneau 35, and we're taking expressions of interest now. On board accommodation is available. Give Marc a call on 0419-229 522 if you would like more information.

SPINNAKER COURSE

Our next spinnaker course is fully booked but don't worry, we have another one scheduled for Sunday 25 March and Saturday 31 March (race day). On day one of the course we'll teach you the ropes of spinnaker sailing, from the bow, mast, pit, to helm. The following Saturday you'll be participating in a spinnaker race on Botany Bay to put all you've learnt to practice. Goal of the course: have as much fun as you can and discover a different (FAST!) dimension of sailing.

OFFSHORE DAY COURSE

Every time we stuck our nose out the Heads last year we bumped into ... whales. Hopefully it'll be the case again when we do our next Offshore Day Course on February the 26th. Would you like to be part of an unforgettable day trip Botany Bay-Sydney Harbour-Botany Bay (partially at night), test your sea legs and learn how to plan a coastal passage? Then reserve your spot quicksmart, as this is a very popular course.



SB3 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Are you the next SB3 World Champion? You could be sailing your way to Hamilton Island and compete on a SB3 during the World Championships. Just sign up for a YA Keelboat training course (Intro Sail excluded) at AusSea Sailing School. The competition is open to any person to have completed any three courses from the YA Keelboat Scheme. This prize is valued at over \$20,000 and includes return air fares, resort accommodation and yacht charter for the competition. If you want to be in the draw please send an email to competition@yachting.org.au and include your full name, YA number (if known), address and contact phone number.

TWILIGHT RACES

Our J24's Riff Raff and In the Mood did well in the 2011 twilight series, with a handicap win for Riff Raff and a second place for In the Mood as best results. The second part of the summer twilight series is commencing on the 27th of January. We still have a few spots left if you want to be part of the Friday night fun. Only \$250 for 10 races!



On Thursday AusSea Sailing School will be participating in the 176th Australia Day Regatta, the oldest regatta in Australia. We will do everything in our power to improve on last year's result when skipper Finn and his crew finished third.



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