



Windward

Sailing at its best

December 2018

The 2018-2019 Sailing Season Begins



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From the Commodore's Desk



It's great to see the club stirring into action, with Saturday sailors adding to the regular activities to build toward the annual January crescendo. We've managed a few blowy Saturday sails so far but the SWISH ladies are finding Friday afternoons unsympathetic this year! Women on Water at Westernport Yacht Club was a great success though, with a strong cohort of Somers sailors waving the Somers flag (see report elsewhere). Put your calendar on the fridge and keep your eye on the weekly news for event updates as the season builds. (Anyone not getting the regular Wednesday email should let Grahame Tiplady know on ssyc2@bigpond.com.)

Membership renewal was due on 1 October. If you have not yet renewed and paid your sub, or if you are having difficulty with the online renewal and payment system, please contact our long suffering Membership Secretary, Richard, on 0418 576 622 or rtfakhry@ozemail.com.au. He likes to have a summer holiday too, so please don't make his life harder than it needs to be by making him chase you.

As the club gears up for the season, and as the building and fundraising reaches for completion I'm constantly reminded of the goodwill, camaraderie and sense of common purpose that makes this club a good place to be. Whether it's hi-jinx in the yard, socialising at the Bunnings sausage sizzle, accepting responsibility in the tower, kid's games at the sailing school reunion, enthusiastically supporting fundraising activities, weekly Friday night socialising, sharing skills at SWISH, banter at the bar, repartee on the rescue boats, bidding at bridge, jiving with The Jets, or yelling buoy room at the bottom mark; whether it's sweeping up after the builders, running the best races on Western Port, taking brilliant sailing photos, joining the painting team, rewiring the clubhouse or run-

ning a major building project (in your spare time), there is a shared sense of community that makes being a member of this club a very satisfying experience. And that's not to mention all the committee and sub-committee roles that keep the club going throughout the year. As I've said before, this is a remarkable community institution!

On committee matters, I thank Chris and Jenny Thomas for taking on a role of welcoming and supporting new members. They could do with some help in "hosting" new members at the club so let us know if you see this as an area where you would like to contribute. Lease renewal discussions with DELWP are progressing and we are also seeking approval to re-route our yard driveway through where the Pacers are now - instead of against the clubhouse. This is to remove traffic from the entrance area and the area between the clubhouse and the fuel tank. A work-in-progress! We have a lot of kayaks now stored in the yard and the committee has approved a new labelling system to keep track of their registration. The sailing committee reports that safety documentation is being updated and all is hand for a successful season. Bendi-go Bank, together with member donations in lieu of presentation night trophies, will fund acquisition of two O'pen BICs for sailing school.

By the time you read this the building contract will be complete. On time and on budget. A great credit to Cameron Harvey who has managed the project on behalf of the club and to our builder Tuecon. Thanks also to members Dennis Middleton and Bruce Harrison who have laboured over all the electrical work. There are still some dollars to find, so please show generosity and forbearance as the hardworking capital raising committee reach for the final goal. Once the contract is done, Amanda and Grahame will embark on a program of fitting out the storerooms, rehangng honour boards and photos, installing blinds and other miscellaneous works that were not part of the building contract. Let them know if you can help.

Other than that, best wishes for Christmas and enjoy the summer season!

John Tilleard

Vice Commodore's Report



For those of you who have not been around the Club for a while - or who have not followed the weekly Wednesday email update - a brief update:

We are nearly there !

The building works are on schedule for handover in early December - in time for the official opening at the Christmas Cock-tail party on December 15th .

Mick, Jason and the building team, including members Dennis Middleton and Bruce Harrison, have been tireless in working to ensure there has been minimal disruption to Club members.

Lindsay Pullin has been wielding a broom many afternoons.

Marg and John Tilleard have coordinated and starred in the painting bees, and Marg has put aside Friday afternoons to tidy up before the evening's activities.

Cameron Harvey has calmly managed the whole project - somehow fitting in time with his busy working schedule to visit the site at least weekly - and has procured many of the fittings etc at no cost to the Club. For this we are extremely thankful - this project would not have happened without Cameron.

It will be fantastic to have our new en-

trance, family bathroom, lift, new and improved ladies change room and first aid area available to us soon.

It is also a boon to have a separate room upstairs for meetings, as we are increasingly finding we have a number of activities on at the same time in the clubhouse.

The fire hydrant works necessary for our building compliance have now been completed.

Discussions are in progress about landscaping and carpark works.

BUT there is still more to do once the builders depart .

Over the remainder of the season we will add finishing touches and fitouts to the ladies change room, first aid room, spars room and store rooms.

John has been tireless in applying for grants for the building and hydrant worksto limited avail so far.

So the fundraising continues - please do what you can as we head down the final straight.

Amanda



Rear Commodore's Report



Then sailing season began not with a whimper but bang – to no surprise. Two blowouts followed by three +15 knot southerly's and then a blustery northerly reaching speeds well above forecast for our first championship. Seems like Aeolous has set his mind on exceeding last season's average of 17 knots. Damn it. Needless to say the conditions have tested the mettle of sailors and sea rescue alike. So a very special mention to all our sea rescue who have put in a string of stirring performances in very tough conditions.

Notable sailing performances, include

- 1) Dennis Paskins for outstanding resilience, having bolted to clear favourite for the "18/19 Perseverance award",
- 2) A div 5 heist by the mini Impulses.
- 3) The growing 125 fleet.
- 4) Attempted self-decapitation by the Commodore.

Notable changes this year include the reversal of the starting order once again, to help Div 6 to timely completions, the use of an offset or itch mark for catamarans.

Some timely reminders for all sailors is in order. Please make sure

- 1) we have plenty of help in clearing the beach for, and (especially) recovery of sea rescue post-race. We have lost a lot of sand so high tide conditions can be especially challenging.
- 2) to make it known to race management if you sign on, but do not venture out on the water.
- 3) the sail number as listed on your sign on cards is in fact correct (if not then inform the tower).
- 4) all boats have the requisite safety equipment and signage.

For those sailors not sailing for one reason or another, there is always a great opportunity to help out while learning the ins and out of race management or sea rescue. You will be amazed and humbled to realise just what an exceptional amount of work is put in by our volunteers. So please don't hesitate to ask how you can help (either myself, Marg Graham, Dianne Graham or Tony Dubodin).

Here's hoping the wind will soon moderate

Then again,
That's it



Tractor
Tug
of War

Meet the General Committee



Commodore
John Tilleard



Vice Commodore
Amanda Nutting



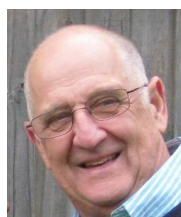
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Yard Manager's Report –Simon Morris



Thanks to Peter Foulsum for doing a great job over many years in keeping our boat yard in good order and now I have the overwhelming job of continuing the task this season.

You may find your boat has been moved from its old home to a new one. I am trying to keep all classes together creating a social environment as well as re moving any boats that aren't sailed or have not paid their yard space dues.

The main change so far is the northern access lane has been moved back further to the north and a second row of monohulls has been added to the centre parking area behind the paper tigers.

May I take this opportunity to remind sailors that your boats should be tied down to the ground to avoid any damage from high winds being caused to people or property. Your boat should also have a minimum of third party insurance at all times.

Sailing School News



Sailing School 2019

Bookings are flowing in for the season ahead for all courses, even the Adults are getting in early this year to learn how to sail which is wonderful to see.

If you would like to book in for a course, don't wait, book online through the sailing school tab on the web page. Make sure you log in under your child's login if you are entering your child, so you don't enrol yourself instead.

Our sailing school reunion night went well with many new ideas shared by the juniors of what they would like to see at Somers Yacht Club in the future. Lets hope to make many of these reality.

Somers Juniors

The vibe is picking up around Somers for the season ahead. So many juniors rocked up to use their muscles and help out at the Opening Working Bee which was great to see. Boats moved and scrubbed, and the junior hangout area cleaned. Opening night was a great turnout and the kids danced away to the Jets while eating and running around in packs. Looking forward we have a jam packed calendar for the kids, with first off Santa coming to the Yacht Club on Friday 7th Dec at 6pm.

The juniors and their families will be running a Bunnings BBQ on the 6th January in Hastings so keep the date free.

Keep an eye on the calendar and the club black board for more events.

Don't forget to join the Somers Yacht Club Juniors Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up.



Sailing School 2016-2017



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Division 4 Report

The busy schedule of winter regattas continued for traveling Somers YC Laser sailors over the last couple of months.

Spring Sail regatta at Royal Geelong YC took place on the 24th/25th September. This was a fairly windy regatta 15-20 knots with 4 races on each day. Some of the races were a little short (11 mins), some start lines you couldn't sail along on starboard, and some of the scoring a bit wayward. Lucy in her new Radial 'Diamonds' finished 5th overall and Simon 6th out of 23 Lasers (4.7/Radial/Standard).



Springsail 2018 at Royal Geelong YC: Simon posing for photographer Nick

Mid October saw the Sail Sandy regatta at Sandringham YC. 8 races over 2 sunny days saw Lucy finishing 8th overall (out of 20 Lasers (4.7/Radial/Standard). Day 1 was challenging until the sea breeze filled in whereas the Sunday was breezy.

One of the biggest regattas this time of year is Sail Country at Albury Wodonga YC (3rd/4th Nov.) which sold out

(200 boats) within a couple of days back in August and this year featured the Victorian Laser Inland Championships. Lucy Ede (Radial) and Simon and Harrison Ede (Standard) entered, and Nick went off to crew a Fireball. Races were in three separate fleets consisting of 13 4.7s, 27 Laser Radials and 12 Standard rigs. Day 1 consisted of shifty gusty conditions (50 degree shifts upwind!) for 4 races in variable wind strengths making it testing for everyone. Only 2 races were possible on day 2 with some early more consistent wind which then dropped off to nothing. Lucy finished 10th overall in the Radials and Harrison 7th overall in the Standards which was hampered by gear failure in one race. At the front of the Standard fleet there was a three-way tie on 12 points between three boats! Countback to three races eventually separated the tie resulting in a sailor from NSW winning and Simon coming second!



Lucy (centre) at Sail Country in between races



Simon (right) at Sail Country in between races

Division 4 Report Continued



Harrison (right) at Sail Country in between races



Sunday afternoon and all races done at Sail Country. The tide was out this year!



Simon (2nd overall in the Lasers) at Sail Country

Last weekend (17th/18th Nov.) saw another great country regatta at Cairn Curran Sailing Club. Winds of around 10-14 knots in very shifty and gusty conditions made for some tricky racing conditions on both days. Simon (only Laser) didn't have his best regatta (my boat didn't feel fast at all!) and finished 4th overall. Two sunny days at a great club though!



Simon at Cairn Curran Sailing Club

Meanwhile back at Somers YC, there have been two race days at the time of writing in the Pre-Xmas series with Sean Bly taking out both races followed by Richard Jagger in his new Radial 'Fickle Mistress'.

Coming up...

Go for Gold regatta is 24th/25th November at Black Rock YC and December sees the start of the Somers YC Championship series on 1st Dec. and the huge international Sail Melbourne regatta at Royal Brighton Yacht Club 13th-16th Dec.

Current Somers YC entries include Lucy Ede in the Radial fleet, and Simon and Harrison Ede in the Standard fleet. There is still time to enter and join the 4.7 (15 entrants), Laser Radial (32 entrants from 5 countries) and Laser Standard (29 entrants from 11 countries). 300 boats have entered this regatta so far!

[www. Sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.Sailmelbourne.com.au)

See you on the water!

Simon Wilkins (simonwilkinssailing.tk) and Nick Ede

Swish Report — Women on the Water

Montalto Women on the Water Coaching Regatta

On the weekend of 10 & 11th November, 20 women and girls from Somers YC took part in the Montalto Women on Water Coaching Regatta at the convenient location of Westernport YC.

It was a fabulous weekend of sailing with coaching in the mornings followed by racing in the afternoons where we would attempt to put into practice everything we had learnt. The Pacer group had fun learning how to roll tack.

The coaches were a jaw dropping lineup including Olympians Tessa Parkinson OAM Gold Medallist in Beijing 2008 and Lisa Darmanin Silver Medallist in Rio de Janeiro 2016.

The Somers Women did well in the racing and achieved the following:

1st place 125 Ida Gaulke and Elizabeth in Shenanigans

3rd place Laser Claire Brown in WIND FX

1st place Opti's Lucy Lavery in Quack

3rd place Opti's Chloe Lavery in Magic Mavis

2nd place Pacer Intermediate Maureen Lavery and Marie-Laure Claisse in Sunnyside Down

1st place Pacer Novice Helen Walmsley and Colleen Moore in Popcorn

3rd place Sabres Wendy Wilson in Heart Beat

A huge thank you to Wendy Wilson for organising Somers YC members, encouraging many SWISH ladies to take part, and coordinating the logistics of moving Somers YC boats to Westernport YC. Thank you also to those volunteers who sailed the boats back to Somers YC at the end of what was a wonderful sailing weekend. Looking forward to next years WOW already!

HelenWalmsley



Division 5 Report—Dennis Paskins



I have been asked to contribute the current Division 5 Report of the season so far, perhaps this is on the basis that have had a better view of the fleet.

The weather to date has not been spectacular, fun for some ,and possibly survival for others but typical sailing.

The dramatic change for us has been the reversal of the starting order, which has made for some positive changes. Noticed there was decided lack of abuse for once for we (I) were not cluttering up the starting area.

Also for one short moment in time the course was ours !!! . Still plenty of beach area though for my home coming The inclusion of Division 4 in one race start provided for some close quarter situations, but they did not stick around for long

The Division 5 Fleet is taking on a different form. Modified Impulses are providing some competition at the head of the fleet, and the 125 s will obviously offer competition over the full **Henry Broadbent** fleet.

The Sabres that have presented so far have provided no change to the order of past performances . However this will change I am told on the first Club Championship race on Saturday 1st December when the Sabre Fleet it is hoped will dramatically increase, and it did !

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Social Events December 2018



New Year's Eve Party At Somers Yacht Club

Monday 31st December

8.00pm - 1.00am

Don't come dressed as an individual, disguise yourself in a uniform
Dance the night away and have fun with friends.

Vic's finger food.

Bar Open

Dress: Uniform

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Membership News



Membership Renewal

Please do not leave this until the day before Christmas!

Registration this season has been complicated by the poor data transferred to the new system, so please be patient and try to use it noting the information in the instruction sheet and the information below.

By now members should have received their renewal information in the mail.

It would have been sent to the postal address nominated previously entered into our database.

If you have nominated a Somers address, please check with the post office.

Many members have successfully renewed on line using the new system.

There are others who have been experiencing trouble, generally the issues noted below.

Please try and follow the instructions, noting the two items below:

Incorrect birthdate not giving access

If you are locked out or rejected, your birthdate could be incorrect in the system.

Log in to My Sailor and change your birth details there.

<https://www.sailing.org.au/login>

If you can't remember your user name and password, select "Forgot Log in Details" and you will be sent an email with the correct log in details. You can then change your birthdate.

This one below is causing the most trouble.

Not renewing all members of the couple, family and/or children.

When you have entered all details of Adult1, there is a line at the bottom of the page

NEXT STEP – After adding me: with a drop down menu giving three options.

1.To view the member (you)

2.Back to member listing.

3.To add another member (adult 2, or child)

Use this option to add other members.

It should take you back so you can add in Adult 2, and repeat the process to include Children

Again, this year's renewal and the accuracy of completing the membership details for all members of the couple or family is very important. Be sure to complete all your contact details, boat details, including kayaks where applicable. If you have any difficulties with this, please call Richard Fakhry on 0418 576 622.

Kayak Registration and Storage.

There are a number of kayaks, windsurfers and paddle boards in the yard that have not been registered

If you do require storage please register your kayak as a boat under the Class as kayak and add colour or other identifying feature.

There is no registration fee applicable, simply the storage fee of \$60 for each craft.

The racks are becoming quite crowded, and any kayak unpaid for this season will be removed.

We are currently investigating the best form of uniform identification.

Richard Fakhry

Somers Welcomes

Jillian Albertini
Belinda Rees , Shane Gilligan , David Andrews and Joanna Roberts
Andrew and Deb Day
Troy Young, Jessica Brady , Digby Brady and Claude Young
Peter and Sandi Harris
Penny and Terry Connolly
Alexander and Norene Kallas
Brett, Christine and Nicholas Whiteoak
Bruce and Di Hart and Caitlin and Liam Elizabeth Day
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A very successful day was had on the 25th November with SYC members manning the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle tent. 552 sausages later and we raised \$1225 towards the Clubhouse Building Project. Amazingly everyone said how much they enjoyed it. Thank you everyone who gave up their time. Thank you also to Woolworths and Coles who gave us vouchers that helped keep the costs down.



Juniors BBQ

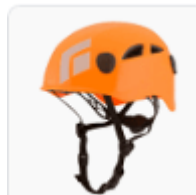
Sunday January 6th
Somers Juniors are organising a BBQ at Bunnings and will need assistance of adult club members. More to come .

Sailing Safety

Helmets and Life Vests

Helmets and life jackets are available for use of all members in the shipping container at the rear or yard .

Please return after use .



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Do you want to be more involved in the club ?

Volunteers are welcome in Sea Rescue, (Saturdays) and on the Bar (Friday nights and after sailing Saturdays). Contacts are listed page 16..



Sea Rescue

Summer Sign in at Yacht Club Events

Please do not be offended if you are asked if you are a member as the Christmas period is an important time to protect our liquor licence



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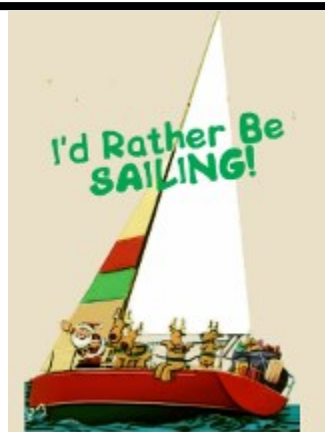
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Christmas**



