



Windward

SAILING AT ITS BEST

Spring 2022



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From the Commodore's Desk



Greetings everyone! The AGM has been held and Season 2022/23 is about to begin!

Thanks to the many members who came along to our AGM – the first in person since 2019.

I welcome the new Committee and thank retiring members Mike Sandiford and Lisa Nutting who have given greatly of their time over the years ... (Lisa can't even remember how many years she has been Social Committee chair!). Welcome aboard Maz O'Connor as the new social coordinator and Trish Low as the youth liaison.

Thanks also go to Peter Tovey who is retiring as Club Solicitor – and welcome to Christine Swan who will take over this important position.

As I write this Opening Day is a mere 2 weeks away – come along and join the fun! We have our usual Opening Day Trophy Race – don't forget the earlier than usual start at 1.30pm – and then the Opening Day party starting at 6pm. Finger food and drinks are provided for financial members – please RSVP so we have an idea of who's coming.

Speaking of financial members – we have had a pleasing early response to membership renewals this season. For those not yet sorted, please renew ASAP to help our hardworking membership secretary Libby Moore – it's so much easier if she doesn't have to follow you up.

Friday night patrons and bar volunteers have been enjoying the renovated bar this winter – so much safer and easier with the low level glass storage, large fridge and two new payment points. Many thanks again to all those concerned with this project.

We will have our new tractor in use and on show for our opening! Many thanks to the subcommittee

formed over the winter to address tractor reliability – the unanimous decision being that a replacement was warranted. We have changed over this essential item before it really let us down - without a tractor we can't sail! - and hope that some future proofing will give the next model a longer life with us.

With the covid pandemic affecting training over the past couple of seasons – and with the retirement of some volunteers from key positions – we intend to run more on water training in sea rescue – as mentioned in Simon's report. All those of you who have a boat licence – or are thinking of getting one – quickly do so and please join in. Stay tuned for more information and training sign up opportunities in the Mid Week News.

Training has also been offered over the winter for bar volunteers with a Responsible Serving of Alcohol course held recently at the Club, as well as a Marine Radio course and a 'bystander CPR' course – which was open to the whole Somers Community.

We had a great Mid Winter Dinner with sumptuous food and dancing – and have had the first of our Jets family BBQs. Keith's footy food was a hit on Grand Final Day – shame about the match though – and Phil's Car Rally was a hit on a perfect spring day. We look forward to the Melbourne Cup function and our annual Christmas Cocktail Party. It's not that far away!

Jill's Friday night dinners have been enjoyed throughout the winter – with more momentum now that many have returned from northerly climes. Don't forget to book dinner via the link in the Mid Week News – bar opens at 5.30pm.

We have exciting news that Zoe Morris – winner of the Australian Sailing Victorian Instructor of the year -has been announced as a finalist in the National Awards - good luck and well deserved Zoe!

Look forward to seeing you on Opening Day!
Amanda



Rear Commodore's Report



Hi all and welcome to the beginning of season 2022-23.

Over the winter months the sailing committee have been meeting regularly and working hard on new ways to encourage more sailors onto the water. For the season ahead we have changed our divisions, laps and course angles to meet the ever-changing needs of our members. Catamarans remain the same, however there is now a new mono division, making now 6 divisions in total. Juniors in Hawks and Open skiffs look out, you now are in Division 6. This change will also aim to encourage all the monos on the northern fence to get out sailing. So don't forget to check the new sailing instructions on the web and the notice board.

Social sailing as you hopefully have noticed is scattered throughout the calendar all season. We are seeing more sailors just enjoying being on the water and cruising around, and we want our club boats to be used. So offering social sailing times when club boats can be booked and a patrol boat on hand will help many more members get on the water more often. During this social sailing time we will be offering some training/coaching on patrol boats, tractor and sailing for monos and cats. We understand our volunteers need to feel confident in their roles, so this is the ideal time for them to upskill in many areas. Take a further look at our web site Training page [LINK](#) to see further details. Bookings are essential and can be done from 2.5 weeks prior, up to the Wednesday prior. This allows the sailing committee time to find a suitable coach. This is coaching for our members, by our members.

Our yard is in great demand, which is a good problem to have. But if you don't intend to sail regularly,

can we encourage you to use our club boats. These are available all social sailing and race times. Our fleet is new and improved this season with the addition of a sloop rigged Hobie Wave, ideal for beginners to safely get a feel for a catamaran. We are also in the final stages of rigging Pacer No. 003, 004 with Spinnakers. This will also allow the advanced sailing school courses to train in spinnakers. The 6 club hawks have had a face-lift, with new rudders and other fittings, ready for a thrilling season ahead. All of this comes with a new booking site (thanks Malcolm), which looks very flash. [LINK](#)

BTW we have a new green machine (tractor)! To ensure it lasts longer, this tractor will NOT be going in the salt water. So when parking your sail boats on the beach please align them so the tractor can go either in front or behind to launch patrol boats.

To continue to provide great racing, we need to have fully manned Patrol Boats and land crew for race management. The coming season we are progressing to a new rostering system that we hope will become more user friendly. Please keep an eye out on the Midweek News for announcements.

The Yacht Club will be showing their presence in the community by having a stall at the Somers Art Fair on 23rd October. If people would like to offer one hour of their time to help man the stall and share some stories of our amazing club please email myself.

rear.commodore@somersyachtclub.com.au

Don't forget Sailing School has many courses planned and bookings are open already.

Thank you and looking forward to fair weather in the season ahead.

Simon Morris



Opening Day

Saturday 22nd October 2022

Somers
Yacht
Club

Opening Day Saturday 22 October

Regatta 1:30pm start
One short trophy race

Cocktail Party 6pm

Finger food and drinks provided for members
Youth games outside in the yard or on the beach

<https://www.trybooking.com/CDEJL>





Division Three.

Winter reports are hard to do as sailors either have their boats packed away or are secretly working on go faster ideas.

Let's start with the former. If your boat has been happily living in the garage you can ignore this paragraph. If not, read on.

Do not show up on opening day and expect to go sailing. Visit the yard in the next few weeks and check that your cover is still draining (a lot are not!), check the tyres on your dolly as the additional weight of the water in the boat combined with the ravages of winter may have left them off the rims and a bit sad. No problem if you don't have time, as you can take them to Tuckets in Hastings and they will pop in a tube and you will be ready to go.

Check all your ropes and replace if necessary. Check your stays. One broken strand out of 19 means time for new stays as it is a sign of metal fatigue. If you make your own or get a friendly member to help they are as cheap as chips!

Now the fun part:

Think about the condition of your sails.

If you need or want to buy new ones do it soon. I spoke to Lindsay Irwin recently and he said his sails will go up 100 dollars due to the increased cost of sail cloth alone.

Start that project that you have been putting off all winter.

Do you covet those lovely grey beach wheels and a well balanced dolly? Daniel and Claire have made the move and we should see them skipping up and down the ramp with ease!

The perennial tinkerer Nick Wood Freeman has finally taken the plunge and is upgrading his aluminium tiller to a new carbon fibre version. Probably more "go faster" in Nick's head than in practice but a lot of fun as it involves learning a new set of skills.

Finally, check your rudder and centreboard. These are your underwater equivalent of your sails. Fill in the dings and sand back to fair with a hard block (do not use your hand). Mine are getting a bit of TLC as rudders in particular seem to find ways of getting dinged no matter how careful you are.

Here comes the serious part!

Go to the skin cancer place. Sailing is great for everything but your skin. We are all pretty careful these days with sunscreen but even still, the accumulated damage needs attention and it is way easier to do this before the season starts.

Also get some help for the inevitable niggles. We are often carrying injuries through the season that could be solved with a bit of attention while not aggravating it through overuse while sailing. There are some great resources in this area who are pretty savvy about the kind of stress sailing causes.

Get out for some early sails and link up with some of the Whats App groups to get some company which is more enjoyable but also far safer.

Good Luck!

Michael Vandenberg

CPR bystander training presented by Jeff Wall, Katrina Harris and Ambulance Victoria.

Thirty-five people from the Somers community came along to a bystander seminar at the club on October 8th. We were fortunate to have members Jeff Wall (paramedic involved with teaching paramedics in BC Canada) and Katrina Harris (paediatrician) present sessions on child and adult resuscitation.

Grandparents present were especially keen to practice the 'choking child' manoeuvres on their dolls.

Ambulance Victoria representative Ella Slingsby gave up her Saturday afternoon to come along and answer questions. She supplied the CPR mannequins and demonstration defibrillator for us all to practice on. WE are lucky to have so many defibrillators around Somers - including two at the Yacht Club - and hopefully this annual free seminar helps us all to have confidence to help out in an emergency.

If you missed out this time please watch out for the next session!





Youth News

Attention all sailors, registration have opened for Sail country in Albury Wodonga YC. This is a fantastic regatta, great for all levels and classes of sailing. Most families camp at the yacht club, the kids and competitors walk down to the lake to sail each day. Like our lovely yacht club, this is run 100% by volunteers. You can tell this by the personalised detail and care with the organisation of the regatta. There is a woodfired pizza oven and barbecue packs for meals or you can choose to bring your own food. Daniel, Lucy and Mavis Laverty will all be competing in this event at the end of the month.

Also on the sailing calendar at the end of September was the New South Wales 420 State Championships at Woollahra Yacht Club in Sydney. Lucy Laverty sailed with a friend from Mornington Yacht Club (Milli Grover) and I sailed with another parent (Gary Cameron from Davey's Bay Yacht club). It is a great but busy place to sail, we had to navigate ferryies, landing sea planes, Jet boats and a plethora of other boats sailing through the course. The first day was very windy with gusts reaching 22–23 knots. Sadly I ended up capsizing on the first tack of the first race and 'donated' our spinnaker pole to the Sydney harbour! I learnt how to

float the sail without the pole for the rest of the day! Day 2 had much lighter winds and was relatively quiet compare to the first.


At the beginning of October, Daniel and Lucy Laverty attended the New South Wales Youth Championships on Lake Macquarie at Pt Wolstencroft. There were sailors from Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia competing, in addition to New South Wales! This was Daniels first sailing after three months in a moon boot for a broken ankle. Overall he came seventh in the laser radials, Lucy and her crew were at the bottom of the 420 fleet but had a high when they got a second in one race! Conditions were tricky there and sailors were forced to play the shifts, if they could get it right the advantages paid off.

As we are all getting ready for the sailing season there are heaps of other regattas on the horizon. Sail Sandy is on the weekend of the 15th Oct, another country regatta at Cairn Curran on the 26th Nov, as well as Sail Sydney in mid December. Whilst we all adore sailing at our home club at Somers; if anyone is interested in venturing a little further, we are happy to offer any advice/assistance.

Maureen Cooper



Youth News



SAIL COUNTRY
ALBURY WODONGA
29th - 30th October
2022

www.sailcountry.com
Because everyone deserves a weekend in the country!



BOOKINGS OPEN ONLINE:
12:01am on 1st of September 2022



Albury Wodonga Yacht Club
Old Weir Rd, Lake Hume, Bonegilla, Vic, 3691.
Sail Country Event Organiser - Phil Clements
Email: sail.country@awyc.org.au Phone: 0407 272 375





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Somers Women in Sailing Happiness

During winter a few Swish sailors have been sailing elsewhere.

Helen enjoyed sailing in Turkey.

Amanda crews on Matador midweek off St Kilda. Daniel McCutcheon is bowman and 'crew whip' on Matador Saturdays.



Katrina enjoyed Hamilton Island Race Week (with an all Somers crew)



Caz & Lil (Pacer) and Wendy (Sabre) did Citysail at Albert Park YC.



Sea Rescue

Tractor Training and Patrol Boat Driving

Please register your intention to attend a particular date by pressing on the particular date below.

Our aim is to upskill our members so they feel more comfortable and empowered to volunteer around the club on sailing days. You will be given one on one instruction and time to practise under supervision, skills needed to perform on sailing days.



[Saturday Nov 5th](#)

[Saturday Nov 12th](#)

[Saturday Nov 19th](#)

[Saturday Nov 26th](#)

[Saturday Dec 3rd](#)

[Sunday Feb 12th](#)

[Sunday Feb 26th](#)

[Sunday March 5th](#)

[Sunday March 19th](#)





2022 Car Rally

Sunday the 2nd of October, the weather was sunny with light winds, you might say a perfect day for Sailing, however it was an even better day to put the top down on your Sports Car and drive the Peninsula finding clues and solving puzzles by partaking in our annual SsYC Car Rally.

This year we had twenty entries ranging from classic sports cars to modern-day air-conditioned cars. The checkered flag fell as cars were given a staggered start from 9.00am.

Drivers and navigators were given a list of ninety-six instructions with seventy questions to answer. Our course this year was a Pier-to-Pier event. From Somers to Stony Point Pier, along to Crib Point Pier and then onward to Hastings Pier and back to SYC for a 12.30pm lunch. All along the way there were clues to be gathered and puzzles to solve, making it a fun experience for all who participated. By all accounts stress levels did rise from time to time and relationships were put to the test....well done, you all survived!

Being such a beautiful day, the Piers and Boat Ramps were extremely busy with people and cars all over the place, lucky we didn't go to the busy side of the Peninsula this year

Prizes awarded were:

Winner – Driver Keith Moore, navigator Michael Wilson, in “Alice” a fully restored red MGA in immaculate condition

Best Dressed Car – Rock ‘n’ Roll theme - Driver Peter Witnish, navigator Claire Witnish, in their Red Mustang

Best Dressed Crew – “Mustang Sally” - Driver David Goble, navigator Sue Finn in their White Mustang

Best Restored Car - Driver Nigel Beddoe, navigator Abi Beddoe driving their Red Peugeot

Convertible. Also awarded Best Restored Car was Keith Moore in “Alice”

Oldest Car – Driver James Harper, navigator Ali Harper in their 1954 Black MGTF.

A big thank you to everyone who participated and those who helped me.

Until next year happy motoring

Phil Johnson.



2022 Car Rally





Tales of Yore

A sailing adventure - Thames Estuary to France and Belgium, 1966

This article is based on my recollections of a summer holiday yachting trip I took part in with two friends in 1966 when we were nineteen. We lived in Leigh-on-Sea, a small town on the north side of the Thames Estuary about 70 km east of London. My friends were Mike who was the skipper (it was his father's boat), and Piers as crew who had experience of cruising sailing with his family. I was invited aboard to join the adventure.



The yacht, 'Kilindi', was 22ft clinker-built with bilge keel, gaff-rigged, built locally, and moored off the Essex Yacht Club. Like a lot of boats at the club, it had a retractable keel enabling it to sit up-right on the mud when the tide retreated a couple of kilometres to mid-estuary. *Classic Boat* magazine had this to say about the Dauntless yachts: "In sailing terms, the Dauntless has great form stability, takes the ground level and can sail in very thin water. They are reputed to slam in a seaway and are not designed for offshore work, but well-ballasted Dauntlesses have voyaged to the Baltic and beyond".*

Fortunately our plan was less ambitious than the Baltic: we aimed to sail on a very early morning tide out of the estuary, round the North Foreland point and head south-east across the English Channel to Dunkerque in France, Nieuwpoort and later to Ostende in Belgium.

The adventure started in the yacht club bar on a Fri-

day night. I recall high tide was in the early hours of Saturday morning, so the bar was obligingly kept open for us until it was time to get in the dinghy with our kit and row out to the boat in the dark. Motoring at first, we headed east toward the estuary mouth with the outgoing tide. As it started to get light sail was set and with a following wind we had a comfortable cruise along the southern side of the estuary coast. I don't remember anything that might be described as breakfast being prepared but I do remember eating most of a bar of chocolate. Somewhere off Margate we came to halt on one of the area's numerous sandbanks. Piers and I climbed out of the boat into about half a metre of water and after some pushing and pulling we were able to resume sailing.

I'm guessing it may have been around mid-morning on Saturday when we rounded the North Foreland point to leave the relatively sheltered waters of the estuary and sail a reach towards Dunkerque. The south-westerly wind freshened and the green-grey seas became steeper and at shorter intervals. The boat began to pitch and roll in a way it hadn't in the estuary. I was feeling weary, not surprising given the previous night's drinks, and the lack of sleep and breakfast.

Piers was a keen fisherman, and while Mike was at the helm, he cast a hefty lead line and spinner over the side of the boat. Large mackerel promptly began sacrificing themselves to the spinner hook and Piers enthusiastically hauled them in to the small crowded cockpit, later cooking some in a large pot. All this while we pitched and rolled our way to France.

Wedged in a sheltered corner of the cockpit with nothing to do except watch and smell the mackerel cooking I was now feeling unwell. I remember turning around to find out who was talking to me from inside the cabin (nobody there), and I began seeing things on the sea behind us. Not the dinghy, we lost that when the rope parted.

Probably late that afternoon Dunkerque harbour came into view and after we had tied up we set off into town for some dinner. Although I had been ill during the crossing I recall recovering quickly. This was my first visit to France. We enjoyed omelettes and vin ordinaire for dinner, and puffing on Gauloises cigarettes.

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Tales of Yore - continued

A sailing adventure - Thames Estuary to France and Belgium, 1966

After a pleasant couple of days at Dunkerque we sailed in sunny conditions for a few hours further north-east along the coast to enter Newport harbour where we had an overnight stay. Leaving the next day, we sailed uneventfully further along the Belgian coast to Ostende, and berthed at the inner harbour with other visiting yachts. The harbourside had toilets and showers for visitors, which we appreciated as those on board Kilindi were rudimentary. Our intention was to stay for a week, which gave us plenty of time to explore the nearby bars and cafes. I discovered coffee, which was served in the bars as 'café filtre', Belgian beer and Langoustine, saltwater crayfish, which we probably bought from the fishing boats which are visible in the background of one of the photos.



Another of my photos shows Mike and Piers preparing a Langoustine and local bread lunch in Kilindi.



The photo taken from the dockside looking into the cockpit of Kilindi where Mike is sitting, shows a couple of sleeping bags spread out in the warm sun presumably to dry, an indicator of sometime damp conditions in the cabin. One life-buoy is visible and I don't recall any lifejackets being carried or worn, I may be wrong. Nothing was caught on the fishing line that is visible and from a health aspect that was fortunate.



We all had a deadline to be back at Leigh the following weekend for work on Monday morning. Our stay was coming to an end and there must have been discussion about when to leave, the tides and the likely wind and weather conditions. Pre internet and mobile phones, the weather forecast must have come from tuning in to BBC radio. It may have revealed a freshening south-westerly wind Beaufort scale force 4 to 5 'fresh breeze' (15 to 20 knots).

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Tales of Yore - continued

A sailing adventure - Thames Estuary to France and Belgium, 1966

I remember we had a bumpy ride under a grey sky as we left the comfort of Ostende harbour on Saturday, and I'm guessing we would have had to sail a long reach west before changing course to beat upwind to the south-west to enter the Thames estuary. I can't remember what time we left Ostende, but we spent many hours sailing at night in noisy and rough conditions, Mike and Piers taking long turns at the helm. In the cabin a couple of centimetres of water was sloshing over the floor. We took turns on the manual bilge pump.

We were crossing the shipping channel and Identifying the orientation of the navigation lights of approach merchant ships in the dark was cause for concern. Were we on a converging course or not? I remember we took turns at shining a torch light on the mainsail hoping to make ourselves visible as our running lights may have been dim. I remember concern and discussion at a point when various navigational/hazard marker buoy lights had to be identified when we needed to change course or avoid sandbanks. Was that light two long flashes and one short? And was the colour correct? The visibility was poor and the pitching of the boat didn't help.

Perhaps it was only at daybreak when we became more confident about where we were – further north and downwind than planned. A cross-Channel ferry approached us and I recall Mike and Piers commenting that it had changed course slightly to see if we were ok. They waved from the bridge and we waved back. Thumbs up! We had survived the night and continued to later beat into the estuary in calmer seas on an incoming tide.

Arriving home with a sense of achievement on Sunday afternoon I knocked on the front door – I had risked my camera at sea but not my house keys. My Dad opened the door. I distinctly remember his first words: “my god son, you look pale and wan!”

(* Ref: Classic Boat (UK) www.classicboat.co.uk/articles/affordable-classics-9-the-dauntless-yachts/).

Photo of Dauntless yacht under sail courtesy Classic Boat (UK) magazine, from site as above.

John Best

Pacer 'Forza' 2450





Off the beach sailors race with the big boats.

Day 6 of racing and the forecast was 25 knots with gusts certain to be stronger. We had had the last two days of 25 knots but the difference today was we were starting our race out at the eastern start line. This was open water, and the swell was certain to add a new dimension to our racing for the day. Every other day we had started in Dent Passage with a downwind start, sheltered from swell and much wind.

Heading out into the open water we hoisted our sails and headed on a beat to the start line area. My role and self-appointed position was 'Bow End Skipper' for the regatta. This day I was certainly tested for my stomach did not take to the sea state well. I felt a slight seasickness before the gun went off. All those prestart race manoeuvres, ducking and weaving, with many tacks and gybes, we held a good position. The bow was rising and falling with every wave. The water was making sure I did not stay dry, even

with all my wet weather gear on. Our course was around a mark near Surprise Rock and then back into Dent Passage for a finish. Sounded easy, but were we going to hold the spinnaker on the long leg, and which one would it be? Was it to be the symmetrical spinnaker which was a little too large for today's wind, but a better choice for the angle? Or was it to be the Asymmetrical Spinnaker, a little smaller but harder to carry with the angle of the leg?

Six fully-fledged adults from Somers Yacht Club headed up to Hamilton Island Race Week (otherwise known as adults schoolies). The Yacht was 'OffShore Account', a 26ft Trailerable that we towed in the days prior. For the last two years, this event had been cancelled, so finally, we were all stoked to be going. We were not the smallest yacht to race and certainly not the slowest on the water.





Off the beach sailors race with the big boats. (Continued)

The view of the racing was the same from all the boats and we were so happy to be there. We had 6 days of racing, with one lay day in the middle. There were 2 different start lines on different sides of Hamilton Island and 16 starting divisions. Racing was around islands and sometimes a buoy or two added in. A total of 230 yachts racing. Only one race a day for most divisions was held, but this was often intense and a few hours long. Sometimes starts were postponed due to an aeroplane landing and we had to keep the water area clear. It was such a surreal situation to be in, with a plane overhead, so close to your big stick. Once only meters from the finish line we were requested by marshals on jet skis to clear the water and head off to the side for an aeroplane to land. Too bad about our race time, it had to wait. Scoring was on a handicap sys-

tem, so results were not a priority, sailors were all there to have a great time. We did however have that slight competitive streak and worked out our own race results on CBH (otherwise yardstick), the real teller of all.

So much fun was had by all the crew and the Somers name was well represented on the water and the dance floor. I totally encourage you if you have the chance to get to a Hamilton Island Race Week, take it. You will not regret your choice and life is too short to wait around.

Emma Morris





Windward Mark

Late last year the General Committee approved the plans and budget to renovate the Windward Mark Bar, with clear goals to improve Safety, Efficiency, and Amenity for all our Bar Volunteers. We also wanted to ensure that all major elements could be re-used in any future club-house renovation.

Well six months later, we are almost complete, with a huge new fridge that can fit three times what the old fridge could hold (...it took Keith four hours to fill it), under bench glass racks and a roller security shutter to improve safety, new streamlined sinks and benches, and two new Square Registers. Spirit Dispensers are about to be fitted above the bar, a new simpler dishwasher is installed, and a new ice maker is on its way.

With the new Square Registers we've retired the old Cash Drawer (...sorry for breaking it Keith), but after Covid we should all be used to Cash-less now. Eliminating cash is a huge bonus for managing a volunteer bar, so bring your card and leave your cash behind! As an owner operator of two kids, I can vouch for their pester power in accessing parents' cards for soft drinks and chocolates.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have helped pull this all together - Mal Otto, Mac Williams, Keith Moore, Steve Schaper and Simon Taylor, to name a few. And the tradies - Bruce Harrison, Dave Holden and Frank Wollersheim, and the folks from Advantage Commercial Kitchens who supplied the Fridge and Stainless Steel (thanks Dennis Middleton!). Special mention also to Mal who got onto his mate Matt Duffy. Matt saved the day with an Emergency Forklift lift to get the fridge up to the rear deck when the four contracted removalists couldn't do it in the torrential rain. And Di Otto for the awesome Bacon and Egg Sambo's! Also Di Nutting for getting the Square Registers from Office Works South Melbourne to Somers within three hours of approval by the General Committee on Saturday! If I've forgotten anyone please let me know as it was completely unintentional.

There will be a few Bar Orientations (..with free drinks) so we look forward to seeing you all come along and volunteer in our great new bar!

<https://signup.com/go/yqLTkXG>

Greg Cassano





Windward Mark - continued

More Bar News!!!!

We all know that volunteering behind the bar is great fun and the best way to meet other members. So....what are you waiting for??? The dates have now been entered into the SignUp app until the next AGM (thanks Greg Cassano).

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/893322308059/false#/invitation>

To go with our newly appointed bar facility we will be introducing some drink bottles and hot/cold keep cups in a small range of colours with the Somers Yacht Club logo engraved on them. We suggest that these are for land use only.

These items will be for sale behind next month so no need to worry about what the family want for Christ-

mas. Note the drink bottle keep cup come in black gift boxes so all you have to do is add the tag!

We will also offer stubby holders and key rings with the printed SsYC logo.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Windward Mark soon!

TEAM BAR

Keith, Greg, Sab, Mac, Clare, Peter, Peter, Michael, Stephen, Sharpy, Diana



SsYC drink bottles and keep cups - available from the Windward Mark



Cashless bar purchases are here to stay and the only way.



Somers Yacht Club

**We still need volunteers
to help us manage the
newly improved Bar.**

So sign up and have fun too!

"It is the best yacht club bar I've ever seen"
– Captain Picard.



To join our Bar Roster volunteers, please click on this link. [Bar Roster Link](#)

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Android Phone App Link [https://
play.google.com/store/apps/details?
id=com.volunteerspot.mobile](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.volunteerspot.mobile)

For more Info please
email: barroster@somersyachtclub.com.au



SsYC Club Merchandise

Kids T- Shirts \$20

Kids Fleecy Sweats (Windcheater) SsYC logo Chest - Somers Yacht Club on left Sleeve \$45

Kids Fleecy Hoodies (Windcheater) SsYC logo Chest - Somers Yacht Club on left Sleeve \$45

Ladies Boat Neck Long Sleeved T-Shirt SsYC logo Chest \$25

Mens Long Sleeved T-Shirt SsYC logo Chest \$25

Mens Fleecy Windcheater SsYC logo Chest - Somers Yacht Club on left Sleeve \$45

Savannah Soft Shell Jacket SsYC logo Chest – Women \$130

Synder Soft Shell Jacket SsYC logo Chest- Men \$130

Trackpants - Somers Yacht Club down the left leg \$45

Adult t shirts \$25.00

All items are now available to order from the Club' <https://www.somersyachtclub.com.au/shop/>

with pricing, colours and sizing listed for your selection.

A login is not required to order, however logging in with your Australian Sailing member details will record your purchases and prefill ordering fields. Your selections are made to order and are usually ready for delivery or collection from the Club twenty one days later. The current COVID shut downs and restrictions will affect availability and delivery.

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Membership Report

2022 - 2023

Membership renewals were due on September 1 2022. Any members who have not received their renewal letters will find all of the relevant documents on the SYC club website under the membership Tab.

Please note the following points regarding registration for the coming season;

- ☐ The 10% discount for early membership renewal ends on October 31st.
- ☐ Membership renewal is essential if you wish to participate in sailing school
- ☐ Boat registration and Yard space payment is essential if you wish to store your boat at the Yacht Club.
- ☐ When completing your membership please remember to add each family member of couples and family memberships; the computer does not automatically link all of your family to you. You will need to return to the beginning of the renewal process for each person.

In order to sail on Opening Day, and or attend the Opening Night Cocktail Party your membership must have been renewed for the 2022-2023 Sailing Season.

Sailing School

Sailing school entries opened on October 1.

Members are reminded that all sailing school entrants must be paid members for the 2022-2023 year in order to book a place.

Yard Space

Spaces in the yard are not guaranteed from year to year and are dependent on members having renewed their membership for the 2022-

2023 season. Before you renew your membership, please ensure that you have paid your Boat Insurance for the season and have your Insurance Policy number handy to put on your Sailing membership.

New Members

If you are nominating a new member all the details required such as application forms and prices of membership are located on the website. Application forms are also located at the top of the stairs in the club house.

Welcome to the following new members.

Ilona Cox
Tom Sunderland
Sandiago Prada
John and Ann Yates
Kat Leighton
Tatenda and Maximilian Hopkinson
Helen and Stephen Myles

Lockers

We do not have any lockers available at present.

Keys and Fob Members who have paid for Keys and Fobs will be able to collect them during the sailing season.

If you have any problems renewing your membership, please email

membership@somersyachtclub.com.au or phone Libby on 0413860371

He's not in a wet suit - yet. We welcome Liam George Bly, born on the 13th August to proud parents Caitlin and Sean and devoted grandparents Wendy and Tim.





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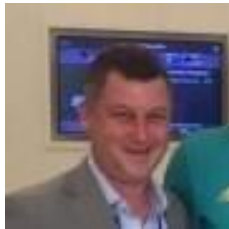
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