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Presentation Night 2018—Champion Sailors



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From the Commodore's Desk



Welcome to the cold, wet and windy Winter edition. Thanks to Libby for putting it together.

Presentation night was another yacht club success thanks to Mike and Bridget and all the helpers. And the club has been buzzing at numerous times since with members braving the cold for Friday night dinners and other social occasions. Bastille day celebrations made for a fun Friday night last week and don't forget to book for the Winter Wonderland Ball ... and start gargling for Karaoke Night.

There's been much coming and going of yacht club members over this period - and more to come. Yet yacht club business continues on. Thanks to Grahame and Richard for dealing with the change in Australian Sailing's IT platform. That has meant hours of Grahame's efforts in redoing the website and revamping the membership renewal process. More on that as renewal time approaches but let's hope this system is friendlier than the last.

Also working away, Cameron Harvey and Steve Clifford and their helpers have kept the building project on track. Cameron has been steadfast in aligning all the pieces to bring the project together and Steve has been relentless in chasing the dollars to do it.

We were all excited to push the 'GO' button on this project back in May only to find one more hurdle to clear. We were surprised when the CFA declined to provide a dispensation and required us, as part of our clubhouse works, to install a new fire hydrant in the car park closer to the clubhouse. More cost! Not only

that, we needed approval from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning as 'owner' of the car park. Seven weeks later we finally have our building permit and a group of ever-generous members have stepped in to underwrite the fire hydrant cost.

What this means is that building works are now scheduled to start on 1 August and because of the late start they will run through to early December. Not ideal! But, after detailed deliberations, we decided this was better than taking the risks of delaying the project to next year. The clubhouse will remain accessible through this period and all normal activities will continue - including Friday nights. There will however be some inevitable interference with access and toilet facilities and we are making arrangements with the builder to minimise the inconvenience as much as possible.

By the way, there is still a shortfall in funds for the project, so you can still make a donation or look out for other opportunities to contribute.

This building project has been a great example of the generosity of members of this club. Generosity measured not only by the extraordinary level of donations, but also by the enthusiasm shown and the support offered. I also acknowledge the dedication of the members of your committee who, on your behalf, have remained engaged, supportive and diligent throughout the long decision-making process.

Success now is in the hands of our builder: Mick Pritchard from Tuecon Pty Ltd. Say "G'day" with some words of encouragement when you get a chance.

For your information, I have commenced discussion with DELWP around renewal of our lease and associated improved management of the "lower carpark". Personnel changes and passing back and forth between DELWP and Parks Vic means this is still a work in progress!

John Tilleard

Vice Commodore's report



As you will know from the various Club communications, the clubhouse project has been proceeding in leaps and bounds to date and the lift has been ordered. Now it remains to pursue construction quotes and get into the detail of the next steps.

Stay tuned for updates from the Commodore as the preparations gradually move forward in this ambitious and complex project, which is also such an exciting one in the history of our Club.

The Capital Raising Committee has worked diligently since last October, raising over \$200,000, and they will be taking a well deserved break as 30 June approaches and the winter sailing recess begins. I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work to date: Marg Tilleard, Chris Thompson, Peter Witnish, Andrew Satchwell, Dennis Middleton, Nick Bailey, Nick Carter, Dennis Paskins, Carlene Tovey, Larry Scott & Steve Clifford (Chairman). Their fundraising sub-committee also did a fantastic job with the auction night, raising over \$22,000 and providing a fun forum for members and many others to be part of the clubhouse fundraising. Thank you to everyone who participated in the auction

night and especially to all members of that sub-committee: [names?? Chris Thompson, Marg Tilleard, others??]

Everyone contributes to the Club in different ways but, to the many members who have not yet made a donation, if you can please do so before 30 June (see SYC website for info) it would be much appreciated. Any contribution – whether \$10, \$100 or \$1,000 – makes a difference and is gratefully received. It is also, importantly, a way for you to express your support for the project and the many hours of volunteer time that have been spent to date on it.

Amanda Nutting



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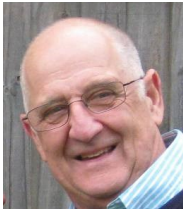
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Membership Report



Towards the end of August members can expect to receive the annual mail out for membership renewal.

Most will be aware that Australian Sailing has changed our data base managers to REVsport, and we will therefore be moving to a slightly different renewal system.

The registration process will be similar, however unfortunately with the transfer of the membership details from one system to another, many contact details have been lost, and all boat details are missing.

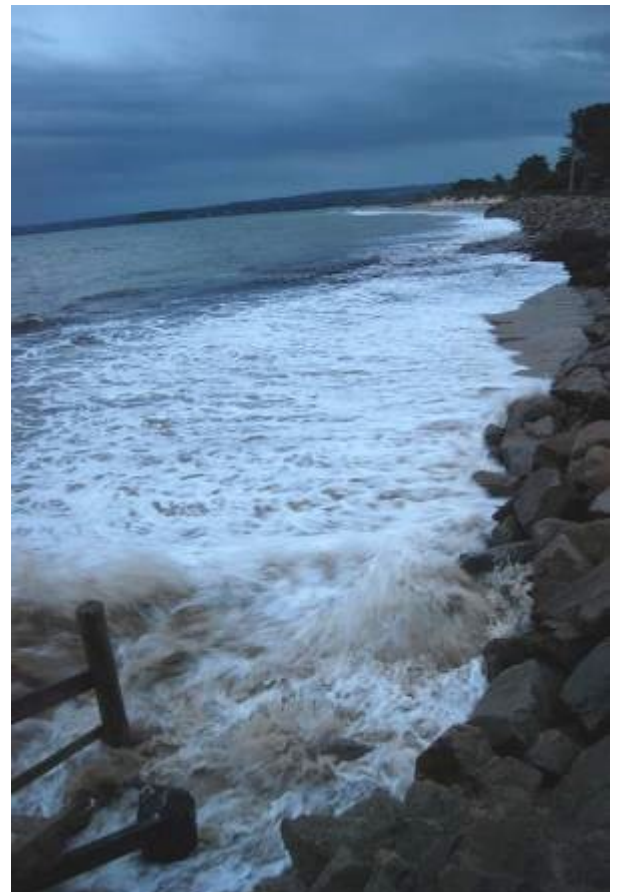
We are currently working with Australian Sailing and REVsport to retrieve the missing data.

There will be regular communications during the renewal process, and we will be conducting registration sessions at the Club to ensure that all members have the opportunity to understand the system and bring their details up to date.

Richard Fakhry



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Division 4 report

Since the end of the season at Somers YC, Laser sailors have been on their travels at a number of different events!

At the end of April, Nick, Lucy and Georgia travelled to Indented Head Sailing Club for the weekend to attend a Laser training camp. Georgia and her dad camped, the Ede's wimped out and rented a nice warm house! The coaching line up was outstanding with two time Olympians Sarah Blank and Krystal Weir, class legends (and Somers YC's own) Sean Bly and Mark Tonner-Joyce showing how it's done. There's a possibility that a Laser Camp will be held at Somers in December that will be brilliant for our growing fleet.

The same weekend 28/29th April, Simon travelled north to the Yarrawonga YC ANZAC regatta. Unfortunately there was no wind on the Saturday but three races were able to be sailed in light and variable winds on Sunday. Three 2nd place finishes out of the fleet of 12 monohulls gave Simon 2nd overall.

Lucy, Simon and Nick travelled to Sorrento for the Zhik Midwinters on 9/10th June. A lovely light wind and yet sunny winter weekend. Full rigs and radials (25 boats) started on the same line but were classified separately. Five races were possible on Saturday and two more squeezed in before the wind dropped to nothing on the Sunday. Simon, leading overnight after 5 races (including two 1st places), finished off the regatta on the Sunday with a 3rd and a 1st to win the full rig Laser division. Nick finished 6th overall. In the radials, Lucy finished 6th overall with a great 1st place in race 4.

Nick Ede and Simon Wilkins

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SWISH REPORT

Eleven Somers women and girls rugged up and enjoyed a winter sail during recent SWISH visits to Albert Park YC and Westernport YC. We used the host club Pacers for a brief social sail followed by hot showers and a fun “drinks and nibbles” session in the clubhouse! Many thanks to our generous hosts and hope we can reciprocate at Somers with a summer social sail!



SAILING HELMETS



Thanks to a Vichealth Active Clubs grant for SWISH 12 sailing helmets have arrived at the club. There is a variety of sizes and adjustment wheels, so should be one to fit every size of head! Thanks to “Sailing Gear For Women and Girls” for a 25% discount on RRP. You check out their website here <https://sailinggearforwomenandgirls.com.au/> for more great sailing gear and subscribe to their newsletter for a discount on purchases.



Juniors Report



It's cold and quiet around the streets of Somers right now, but the planning is underway for another fabulous Summer ahead with a big focus on Juniors activities. The annual favourites will return, and some new ones will be added, so stayed tuned!

The Juniors are also keen to contribute to The Club House Project and will be running a famous "Bunning Sausage Sizzle" at Hastings Bunnings, with all proceeds going to the Yacht Club. Please keep an hour or so free on Sunday 6th Jan, 2019 to help out or come by and purchase a Sunday snag. Onions, or no onions, that is the question!

More DVD donations have been received, so a big pile of new movies will be available downstairs for the next season.

And as always, ideas and suggestions welcome.

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Presentation Night

The McCutcheon Award

At presentation night this year the McCutcheon award was presented to Dianna Nutting . The Award is named after Don McCutcheon, who was one of the founding Club members of SYC. Don who drew up the Club constitution in 1962.

Don was a solicitor, President of the VYC and AYF and Commodore of RYCV when it was host club for sailing events in the 1956 Olympics.

The award is presented annually to the member (not currently on General Committee) who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club.

Dianna's many contributions to the Yacht Club were recognised in the presentation of this award. She has been a long standing member of the Bar Committee and has organised the bar roster for several years . She has turned her skills to the social committee and the junior members of the club and their activities and is a well deserving recipient of the award .



SYC Social Activities

Karaoke Night

NOW - Saturday 4th August

Hosted by Simon Taylor

6.30pm BYO Nibbles or food.

\$10 Entry with half entry going towards Club Building Project

Come and have some fun behind the microphone!

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Winter Wonderland Ball

Saturday 18th August 2018

6:30pm for 7:00pm

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