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The Last race of the 2016 /2017 season

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## From the Commodore's Desk



The season is over but the fun at the Club keeps going! Vic is still doing his famous Friday nights, the Jets are playing at our BYO BBQ on June 10<sup>th</sup>, we have the Mid Winter Roast on June 25<sup>th</sup>, Bastille Day dress-ups on July 14<sup>th</sup> and this year we are holding a Winter Ball on August 19<sup>th</sup>, so put these in your diary now!

Your committee is working on next year program, our budget and some small tweakings to membership and yard fees. The Facilities committee is working on scoping out in more detail the next development of our club house. Over the winter we will be constructing some shaded areas on the front and rear decks as we have been successful in obtaining a shade grant from

the Victorian Government of nearly \$9,000.

Looking back, Amanda Nutting our Rear Commodore hosted a fantastic Presentation Night. Her detailed planning ensured we finished ahead of time and had more time for socializing. In addition to her family who were press ganged into helping I would like to thank everyone involved in helping make the evening a success. Special thanks to Tim Rintoul and John Carter who after nearly twenty years handed over the organising of the trophies to Eileen Poon and Alison Hatton.

We were delighted to have Murray McCutcheon to present the McCutcheon award, named after his father, and awarded to a member who is not on the committee but has made a huge contribution to the Club often behind the scenes. This year the awardee was Simon Morris for his work supporting the Sailing School and the myriad of handyman jobs at the Club over many years. Simon's father Hugh was in attendance, Hugh and Murray's father were Club Champions in 1967!



Murray M<sup>c</sup>Cutcheon speaks about his father Don's contribution to Somers Yacht Club



Simon Morris receives the 2017 M<sup>c</sup>Cutcheon award .

## Rear Commodore's report



Well sailing's finished but there still seems to be plenty of Club business to be attended to as we enjoy another spell of beautiful Autumn/Winter weather – whoops who said that?

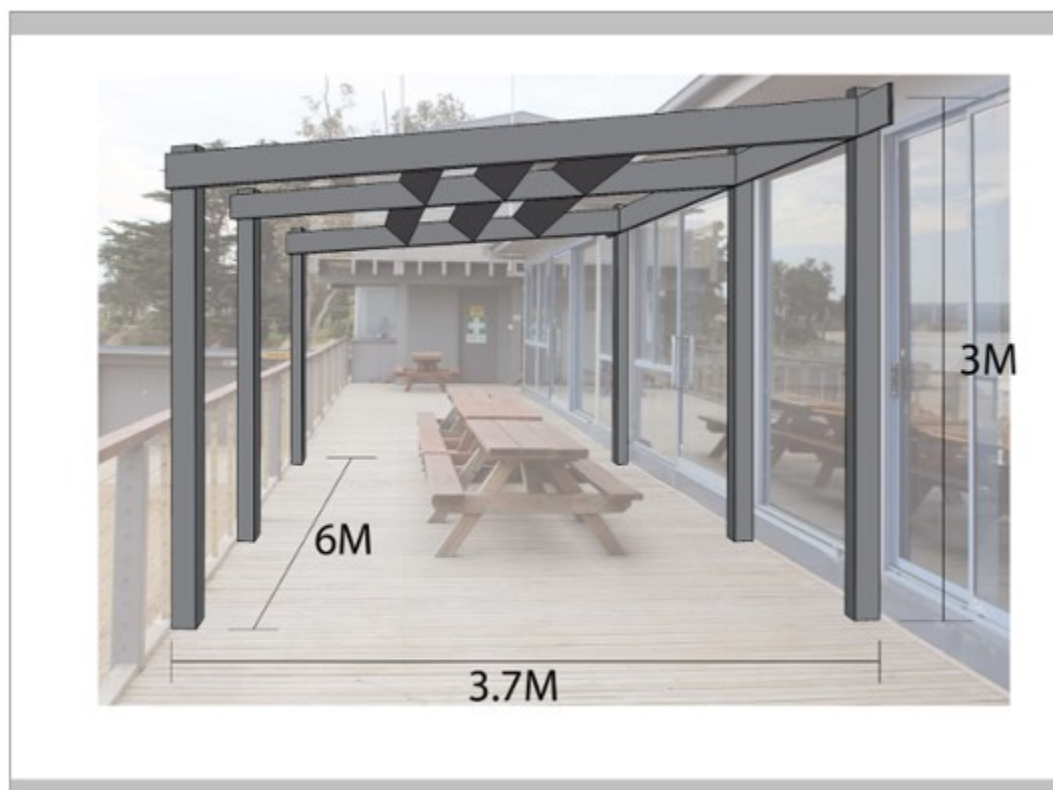
Thanks are due to our fabulous Rear Commodore of two years who delivered a seamless Presentation Night as her swan song in the Rear Commodore role. What a satisfying pleasure to see 130 members of our cross-generation club marking the end of another successful season.

The Rear is now enjoying a well earned rest cruising the sparkling Mediterranean. Meanwhile, Grahame

Tiplady is cruising the Kimberley coast. I'm not sure how we are surviving without his ubiquitous help. Come back soon, Grahame!

Work continues on the lift project. I'm pleased to advise that we have appointed KB Building Design to prepare the next round of drawings and manage the approvals process. STAND BY to give us more input and ideas when we publish this next round of documents. I think we are getting very close to a final design. Thanks to Janus for his design help and to Cameron for giving us confident direction through the process.

Your Commodore has once again demonstrated his well-honed grant application skills to get us a "shade grant" to build shade pergolas over the BBQ area and over a section of the main verandah. Well done Chris. Construction will happen over winter. See Grahame's preliminary impression of how these will look below.





## Presentation Night 2017



This was another spectacular night at the Club with over one hundred sailors, sea rescue and race management being recognised for their achievements.

The evening started by thanking our sponsors IBG Insurance and the Balnarring Branch of the Bendigo Bank. Our Rear Commodore Amanda Nutting then gave a spirited overview of the season and recognised the contributions of the Sailing Committee, Social Committee, Bar Committee, Newsletter editor, Yard Manager, the Jets, Vic and Jeremy Grant, Michael Vandenburg and Chris Walters for looking after the Pacers.

Recognition for Sea Rescue and Race Management followed with presentations by Garry Morris and Mark Graham to their volunteers. Nick Ede, Caitlin Davies, Harrison Ede and Robbie Lovig were thanked for their Coaching contribution.

A spontaneous round of applause greeted the recognition of Emma, Simon and the Instructors of our Sailing School.

Somers dominating result at the Westernport challenge is a vindication of the quality of our sailors. Amanda presented the Shield to Chris who was keen to bolt it back securely in its place on the wall.

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School and the myriad of handyman jobs at the Club over many years.

An excellent dinner was served and the highly organised business of presenting the trophies went so smoothly that we finished ahead of schedule.

The winners for the Seasons trophies and Championship series: -

Daniel Laverty – Div. 6. Seasons YS,

Club Championship YS and Junior Champion

Matilda Morris – Div. 6. Seasons HC and Club Championship HC

Harry Taylor – Div. 6. 1<sup>st</sup> Pre Xmas HC

Nick Ede – Div. 5. Club Championship YS

Wendy Wilson – Div. 5. Seasons YS

Libby Moore – Div. 5. Club Championship HC

Sean Bly – Div. 4. Seasons YS and Club Championship YS

Harrison Ede – Div. 4. Seasons HC

Steve Clifford – Div. 4. Club Championship HC

Lucy Ede – Div. 4. Junior Championship

Trophy

Michael Vandenberg and Georgia Wood-Freeman – Div. 3. Club Championship YS

Mike Sandiford – Div. 3. Seasons YS

Mal Otto – Div. 3. Seasons HC and Club Champion HC

Emma Morris and Teagan Davies – Div. 2. Club Championship YS





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## 2017 Victorian Laser Championship Report

Somers YC was well represented at the 2017 Victorian Laser Championships held at Royal Brighton YC on the w/e of March 18-19.

The big boys in the Laser Full Rig were represented by Sean Bly who placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 18 entries and Simon Wilkins who placed 13<sup>th</sup>.

In the Laser Radial class, Richard Jagger placed 12<sup>th</sup> out of a hot fleet of 31 entries and Harrison Ede placed 15<sup>th</sup>.

In the Laser 4.7 class, Lucy Ede placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of a fleet of 15 and came 2<sup>nd</sup> youth female.

The weather was glorious with good 8-12 knot sea breezes and great viewing of the hot sailing from the marina break water. The Radial fleet was decided at the last buoy rounding where buoy room, and who had it, decided the series. It was very contentious and the decision went to a protest. Perhaps a lesson to learn is to voice your rights strongly at the time, whether you have an overlap or you have broken it, outside and inside the zone.

An observation from an on looker is that our own Somers YC fleet is well and truly on the pace, and with more training and more regattas they can all reach the podium and receive the coveted Laser Cube trophies.

Another on looker who has been a bit of a soloman this season decided on impulse that he would like to join DIV4 next season and try his hand at the Full Rig Laser. Rumour has it the selection of boat name will follow the recent trend of naming boats after loved ones and "The Don" will hit the water soon. With Laser sailing gaining popularity around town and particularly at Somers YC, next season should be a ripper.

Simon Wilkins



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## Division 5 Report—Wendy Wilson

The season finished in mostly light winds and good numbers in Division 5 in the Autumn Series. Evan and Ida Gaulke sailed very well in their 125 with Ida at the helm. Their recent experience at titles shows and it was great to see their spinnaker flying!

It was great to see everyone at Presentation Night. Congratulations to Nick Ede our Club Championship Yardstick winner and Libby Moore our Handicap Club Championship winner. Diana Nutting with her crews Bridget Robinson and Cheryl Gurney won the Pacer Trophy and Wendy Wilson the Sabre.

Nick has now sold his Solo and has moved into a Laser. Hope he will have a lot of success in Division 4 and enjoy a great competition with Harrison and Lucy!

Hope everyone has a great winter, gets all the necessary boat maintenance done and look forward to next season! Maybe even a bit of winter sailing at Albert Park or Mordialloc???





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## Division 2 Report—Steph Schwarz

Autumn Series 5 and 6 were also blown out, but some brave souls left the beach, only to be shepherded home, as the gusty Northerly increased in strength. Easter Regatta 1 and 2 was the opposite with only 5 to 10kts, with Malcolm heading Steve W and Simon to the windward, and as Steph was on start boat duty could watch Steve take a huge header, and Malcolm a huge knock, and for the first time ever Steve took the trophy, with Malcolm behind and Simon way back and then Lachlan and Edward in the Maricat. There was no second race, as it was getting too late and the wind was dying out.

The important series results finished thus: CHAMPIONSHIP 1, Emma and Gen, 2, Simon and Zoe, 3. Steph., AUTUMN SERIES 1. Malcolm, 2. Emma, 3. Stephen Wilson, SUMMER CUP 1. Malcolm, 2. Steph, 3. Simon Boadle, and PRE XMAS 1. Steph, 2. Meagan, 3. Peter Thompson

The Sailing committee, has ruled that the 16ft

cats have to stay in Division II with the 14ft cats, as in this season.

Steph Schwarz



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## 2017 Presentation Night



Harrison , Harry , Chris and Keith













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- ⇒ We want children to be safe, happy and empowered.
- ⇒ We support and respect all children as well as all members of our community.
- ⇒ We have a zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our policies and procedures.
- ⇒ We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.
- ⇒ Our organisation is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.
- ⇒ Somers Yacht Club is committed to educating its members on child abuse risks and ensuring all checks are in place when employing staff and volunteers.
- ⇒ We support and respect all children, as well as our members.
- ⇒ We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with disabilities.

**If you have any concerns about Child Safety at Somers Yacht Club please contact the Child Safety Officer Emma Morris on 0425 784 877**

**If you believe a child is in immediate risk of abuse phone 000.**

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