



Windward

Sailing at its best

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From the Commodore's Desk



What a great start to the Social season! Our Opening day Cocktail Party was well attended. Vic produced some delicious finger food and as always the bar committee did a sterling job in keeping us refreshed. About 170 members braved the wind and rain to reconnect after the winter break.

This year the season was officially opened by Dick White. Many of you will know Dick who with his family has been members since 1968. Dick and his sons Martin and Scott have their names on many of the honour boards in the club and are past Victorian and Australian title holders in Mirrors and Mosquitos. Jill, his wife was a McCutcheon awardee in 1995.

Dick gave us a lovely insight as to why he came to Somers and the Club. Most of all I love his description of sitting in the bottom of a Mirror, being like sit

ting in a violin, the gentle lap of the water signalling too slow... time to tweak the course and sails for a more vigorous note! Good advice for all skippers.

This year we also added a cake cutting ceremony for our growing number of younger members in recognition that they are the future of our Club.

What a poor start to the Sailing season! Race Officer Mark Graham was faced with an easy decision to haul up the abandonment flag on Opening day, 25-30 knots, big waves and an even bigger wind chill. Your Sailing Committee is now locked in intense negotiations with the Weather Gods for some more race friendly weather.

I look forward to seeing you all down at the Club for the approximately 140 sailing and social events in the calendar for 2016/17.

Chris Gurney



Picture Left
Four Steves on the bar at the opening day cocktail party

Rear Commodore's report



Hello Sailors!

Only a short report from me as of the time of writing we have not been out on the water this season yet! Sadly our Opening Day Regatta was an obvious cancellation with the blustery freezing winds..... but at least we all had plenty of time to fiddle with our boats, finish /?start our overdue maintenance or go home and organise ourselves for the main event – the Cocktail party.

Now we have that nasty weather out of the way I have ordered the remainder of the season to be lovely 10-15 knots southerlies with sunny skies! OK?

Your Sailing Committee has been busy organising things for the coming season and I would very much like to thank Garry Morris and Norm Dewar for their untiring work on Patrol Boat and buoy maintenance , and Mark Graham for his work on the updated Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race.

A few events to put in your diaries;

Blokes on the Bay Regatta

Sat Nov 5 for those not involved with the WOW regatta at WYC. All welcome women and blokes -2 short trophy races

CPR annual refresher –

Sun Nov 13 @11 am
all welcome- kids and adults

Rules Session - International Judge Robert Ware will run an interactive update session with scenarios relevant to Somers racing - Sat Nov 26th 10 am (note date change)

The Bursa girls, Meagan and Michelle, have been busy with catamaran sailing over the winter and I have asked them to share their experiences over the page..

See you on the water soon,

Amanda



Reports from Meagan and Michelle Bursa

From Meagan Bursa

At the end of May I recently went to the Hobie 16 worlds in Dapang China. It was lots of fun and the sailing proved challenging. With random electrical storms coming over the mountain side and generating lots of wind, to hot sunny days with a sea breeze forming in the afternoon, to torrential down pour with no wind but made for great water sliding; it was a fun regatta. I sailed with Bonnie Buttler a Hobie girl from NSW. We came third overall in the Women's.



Australia did a good job with all girls on the podium from Australia. The racing between the girls was really tight and with the challenging wind conditions you always had to be thinking on your feet. The Opens also proved challenging and you weren't safe until you crossed that finish line. The next regatta I'm training for is the Hobie 14 worlds and Hobie 16 Europeans in the

Netherlands, July 2017.

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From Michelle Bursa

During the September holidays, Robbie and I were invited to attend a Nacra 17 training camp with Australian Sailing. There we were coached by Darren Bundock (2 time Olympic silver medalist) and Traks Gordon (Jason and Lisa's Coach). This camp was a great experience, having the opportunity to be coached by some really great coaches, especially with the variable conditions you can get on Sydney Harbour!

Hopefully Robbie and I can show off some new skills we learnt this season, and maybe we will be able to finally beat the Mossies on Yardstick!

Vice Commodore's Report



Great to see the yard come to life again after its winter slumbers. And how exhilarating to be on the water again – even if not for a full race (yet)!

The pre-season working bee was a true expression of club spirit. A great turn -up of willing hard workers who put their varied skills to the test! Thanks to Grahame Tiplady for organising and thanks to all members who came – and especially to those who remembered to sign in! Extra thanks to the new members – I hope you got to see firsthand what makes this club so special.

In half a day (or more for some) we:

- Pressure sprayed the deck (Thanks Andy)
- Shifted sandbags
- Moved boats and filled in holes in the yard
- Mowed and cleaned up the yard and fence lines
- Painted the Gents shower room and toilets
- Put a new door on the cleaner's cupboard
- Treated the beach side steelwork
- Spring-cleaned the kitchen
- Sorted the store room
- Cleaned all the windows
- Stained the outdoor furniture
- Transported the Pacers from their winter home and rigged them up
- Built new rails for the Pacers
- Built shelves in the container and shifted sailing school gear in there
- Plus, plus, plus.....

Thanks to the magic elves for the morning tea

and the sausage sizzle.

I see some new covers on the downstairs chairs.

Thanks Alan.

All the Pacers have new self-bailers. Thanks Michael. And thanks Chris Walter for storing the Pacers in your shed.

In the kitchen, Vic has a new microwave – this one even has intact knobs.

The magic elves have also been busy in the rescue boat sheds: boats all serviced, checked and ready.

Trailer hot dip galvanised. Tractor ready to go.

Sniffing around at Dromana's Hillview Quarry and then lots of exploring around Morwell and Traralgon found new lengths of matting for our ramp.

They replace the old steel core belts which were becoming dangerous as the steel rusted and popped out of the rubber. Together with the new corduroy at the top of the ramp (thanks Grahame), let's hope for less whinging from the old and infirm?

So we were ready for the opening—bad luck about the weather !

John

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Membership

There are still a number of members who have not renewed their membership for 2016-17.

The rules of the Club state that if payment is not received by 31st December, membership will be suspended.

If payment has been overlooked please pay on line, or contact the Membership Secretary by phone or email.

With Yard Storage at a premium, make sure you have paid for the yard storage you require, whether yacht, kayak or tinnie.

If you do not intend to renew, please email or phone and let us know so we can finalise our records.

Somers Sailing School

**Enrolments for 2016-2017
Season
will be open from 7th Nov**



Working Bee

The Working Bee was a great success. We accomplished many jobs that need attention.

We had the regular Yard Crew bush cutting, hedge trimming and Toby with the Mower. We had members who couldn't help on the Sunday that came along on the Friday pre-clearing the yard of rubbish, branches and Gum/Banksia Nuts, Thanks to John and Vicki Best.

We had the use of Andy's industrial high pressure water machine, and in fact the job was so great that Andy worked on the Decks and anything else he could spray for two days.

We managed to get a crew of painters in to the Men's Changing rooms for a badly needed spruce up. Just in time for the Blokes on the Bay race.

We still intend to have mini Working Bees during the season and hope to hold these once a month. We will inform you by Weekly News Letter and hope that one or two of you could manage a couple of hours.

I would like to congratulate you all for turning out and making a terrific effort to help us kick start the season with a club to be proud of.

Grahame

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Social News



Upcoming Events at the Club
After a fun Opening Day, the social committee is looking forward to welcoming you to:

BYO BBQ with 'The Jets'

Saturday 19th November

6pm

BYO Meat, Salad, Plate and cutlery
Washing up facilities near BBQ

Christmas Cocktail Party

'Shaken Not Stirred'

Saturday 10th December 2016

7pm

\$28 Per Head

Finger Food and Bar open

Complimentary 'Bubbles' on arrival

Invite your Friends to come and celebrate Christmas!



Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/NINU>

BYO BBQ with Santa Claus

Saturday 17th December

6pm

Dress with a 'Touch of Glitter'

BYO Meat, Salad, Plate and cutlery

Washing up facilities near BBQ

Bar Open



New Years Eve Party

'Heroes and Villains'

Saturday 31st December 2016

8pm – 1am

Band 'Hazard' Finger Food

SYC Members \$45

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Sailing and Social News

Did you know

- ⇒ Lisa Tuck has purchased a Sabre
- ⇒ Jeremy Pearse has a new Impulse (see left)
- ⇒ Meagan Bursa has purchased a Hobie 16 and is sailing with Maddi Moore .
- ⇒ Pat Moore competed in an Ocean Racing Event from Melbourne to Stanley (Tas) in order to qualify for the Sydney to Hobart .
- ⇒ Adam Gristwood is working at The Boat Shed
- ⇒ The Hobie 14, Yellow Peril is up for sale check it out the club notice board .
- ⇒ Daniel and Matt Stone have new Mosquitoes—watch out !
- ⇒ Congratulations to David Fakhry and Tach on the birth of Louis. A little brother for Xavier .



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Sailing Days at Somers

There are many ways to join in life at Somers Yacht Club and meet other members both sailing and non sailing.

Sailing lunch at the Yacht Club

Members and their friends are reminded that Vic makes lunches at the Yacht Club every Saturday and other race days from 12-1.30pm.

Vic serves sausage rolls, pies, dim sims. He also makes flavoursome fresh sandwiches and Barista Coffee.

After Sailing drinks

Members and their friends are invited to social drinks following racing. The bar is open from 4.30 pm until 6.30pm . Tea and coffee is also available. Results of the days racing are read and nibbles are provided .

Bar Roster

Members are invited to join the bar roster after races or on Friday nights . This can be done via doodle poll on the following URL

<http://doodle.com/poll/ktfnvdshsnw8a5gr>

Sea Rescue

Members are invited to help man the rescue boats on race days

Whilst our experienced sailors will continue to be rostered on to "sea rescue duty" , non-sailing members are encouraged to volunteer as "assistants" on all three rescue boats involved in course setting, starting procedure and sailor safety. You may even consider obtaining your boat drivers licence and doing a safety handling course. Also, we need to expand our number of tractor drivers to launch and retrieve our rescue





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Guess Who ?



This person is seen regularly at the Club on a Friday evening, and at most of the functions that involve dressing up in bizarre clothes.
Occasionally seen at golf on a Saturday morning with SMAGS.
One of these cars in the family would normally be enough,
but no – for this family there must be two.



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OR

Go to the SsYC website and click on the 'Lift Project' link

All amounts pledged will be recorded and acknowledged by the club. You will not be called on to pay your pledged amount until works begin on the installation of the lift. This could be next year or even later

Make a Donation

You can make a donation that will be held in trust by the club until it is needed when works begin. This can be done in a number of ways:

A direct deposit to our Bendigo Bank account

BSB: 633-000
Account Number: 155281033
Account Name: Somers Yacht Club Inc
(Please include the word 'Lift' in the reference section)

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Please see Libby Moore to provide details

By cheque

Please make out to 'Somers Yacht Club'

All amounts donated will be recorded and acknowledged by the club. You will receive a 'Lift Debenture' to the value of your donation. Should the project not go ahead, all amounts donated will be refunded to you.

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