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November 2019

The Flag officers for Season 2019-2020

Mike Sandiford -Commodore

Dianne Otto - Vice Commodore

Sean Bly - Rear Commodore



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From the Commodore's Desk



Commodore's Reflections

With the start of another sailing season upon us, our 59th, it is with considerable sadness we acknowledge the passing of former members David Wilcock, Anne Bartholomew and Jim Enever. David was a McCutcheon awardee in 2003 recognised for his work in establishing the Windward Bar. Anne was an active and much loved member of the club who contributed in many ways. She will be sadly missed by us all. Jim was Commodore of the club in the period 1999-2001. The foundations of the club's current successes were substantially laid by Jim and his fellow flag officers, at a time when the club was much smaller. The club owes all three a debt of gratitude as is evident in the way our members have participated in [their respective remembrances](#). The club is honoured that the families of all three chose our club to host their remembrances.

As I take over as Commodore, it is with special thanks that I acknowledge the work of our immediate past Commodore John Tilleard. Over the last few years I have watched in awe (and some trepidation) how John has managed the role. In large part in consequence of John's leadership, the club is in great shape in terms of finance, membership and infrastructure. The successful completion of the "lift project" is just one testimony to John's skills. But as John tells me, buildings in themselves are not the things that make a club like ours succeed, and are not the critical "KPI". Rather, it is the way the membership rallies to such projects through a culture of engagement and participation. John, your ability to foster a community of engagement has been extraordinary. On behalf of all members, thank you.

Of course, John had great support from Amada Nutting and the general committee and special thanks go to the contributions of Libby Moore, Norm Dewar, Stephen Brown, Graeme Tiplady, and Kate Dalton, who have made way for new(ish) comers Nigel

Beddoe, Dianne Graham, David Goble and Keith Moore.

With Amanda taking a sabbatical in Perth for two years, my stint as Commodore has come a little earlier than perhaps might have been anticipated. It means also our normal progression of Flag Officers has had to be somewhat rejigged. I am both grateful and delighted that Diane Otto and Sean Bly have nominated for Vice and Rear Commodore, respectively. It is a great reassurance to have such a competent, experienced and energetic duo to work with.

This year we have taken the decision to reinstate the position of Club Captain as per our by-laws. The Club Captain has responsibility and oversight for race management and it is befitting that Mark Graham has accepted the position. I am delighted also that, despite her temporary relocation, Amanda Nutting is still contributing both as a member of the general committee and in her unofficial capacity as "Commodore-in-waiting".

The lead up to the start of the sailing season has involved a huge amount of work by too many people to thank individually. However I do want to especially thank Norm Dewar and Garry Morris for their work over the winter on sea rescue maintenance, Mark Graham for the onerous task of compiling the calendar and putting together the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, Lisa Tuck and the social committee for devising a special set of events, David Goble for club maintenance, Keith Moore for bar management, Richard Fakhry for membership, Tim Brock for keeping a beautiful set of numbers, Roy Higginson for making sure I know what is going on and where, and Bridget for making sure I get there.

As a final note, John Tilleard assures me that with the hard work done on the "lift" project, now is the time for all to "just enjoy". I am hoping he is right. My only concern is that with all the free time he now has available, John will be putting his not inconsiderable energy towards more effective "Impulse" control.

Watch out "That's It!"
Mike Sandiford

Vice Commodore's Report



I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to step up and act as Vice Commodore during Amanda's time in Western Australia.

For those of you who don't know me I will give a little of my background. I have been coming down to the Somers Yacht Club for 48 years. I have been a member since approximately 1978. Our children sail at the Yacht Club and now our grandchildren will be starting to sail as well. I have recently retired from Wealth Management and Financial Planning and prior to that was a Primary School Teacher. My main role at the club during this time was at first in the Café de Sails, then I served on the General Committee for a number of years in the capacity of Social Co-ordinator and then Bar Chairperson. I have also spent time in recent years helping in the race control tower. My husband Malcolm has been Club Secretary, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore, which will greatly assist me in my role over the next two seasons.

The Club is in a very good financial position at present and there is therefore much planning afoot to further improve and protect our facility and continue to promote our wonderful sailing program. We are working hard on plans for an upgrade to the Men's toilets and showers as soon as possible. I will keep you informed as our planning progresses.

At present works that have been in the planning process (thanks to John Tilleard) are now being completed. Our Carpark has been smoothed out and new gravel applied. There is a new bitumen path for access into the front door of the club. This serves a number of purposes, easier access for those using a wheelchair or using a pram etc and for **everyone's use** to try to keep as much gravel off our polished floors as possible. You may notice the new fencing of our recently acquired extra space outside the main doors. New gates for this entrance and for the East end of the boat yard will follow.

In the kitchen and bar area there has been an annual commercial service completed for the coffee machine, a commercial clean of the oven and flu, a service and new switch for the dishwasher (thank you to Harry and Dennis M) and in the bar a brand new fridge installed. The Race Control Tower has had an upgrade of working space with a new minimalist approach providing more room for our race data entry computer volunteer as well as the usual race control team.

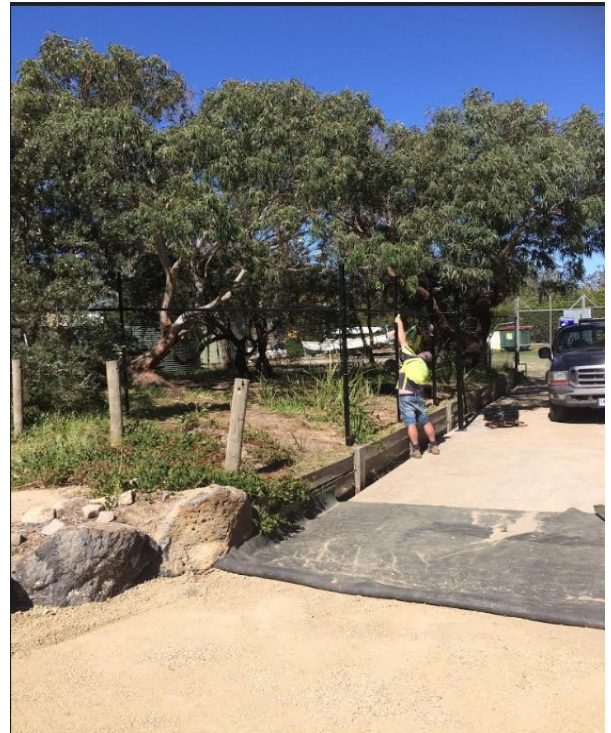
On another note we had an extremely well attended working bee on Sunday 20th October. 78 people signed on and completed a large number of tasks. Our briefing area has been rearranged and a new whiteboard installed, the upstairs storeroom has been rearranged to accommodate more chairs and table storage. Upstairs in the club was a hive of activity in the kitchen, storeroom, on the tables and chairs, cleaning windows and in our Bar area. Outside the clubhouse was cleaned and cleared up ready for the sailing season with numerous tasks completed. Fallen trees were removed, tree stumps removed, ladies change room seats painted and the Pacers returned home, to name but a few.

Our club is the success it is today because of the **enormous** number of members we have who are prepared to volunteer their time and expertise where ever and whenever they can – and not only at working bees.

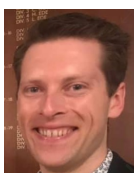
A big thank you to David Goble and his team for organising the working bee this year and to our Social Committee members and helpers for providing the morning tea and sausage sizzle to follow.

Let's stay together and have fun- happy sailing!

Works to repair the car park and entrance of the Yacht Club



Rear Commodore's Report



By the time that you're reading this, Opening Day will have been and gone, and what a great night to get the season underway.

I have been made aware that one of the Rear Commodore's duties is to organise a fair and stable breeze for racing. Unfortunately, I over-ordered for Opening Day, resulting in a massive surplus of wind. I promise to work on getting the purchase order correct! In the meantime, make sure that your shackles are tightened, your knots are tied, and your boats are ship-shape and ready to go!

During the winter break, Emma Morris and Wendy Wilson were both nominated for Australian Sailing awards, and invited to Sydney to attend the awards ceremony. Unfortunately, both were pipped at the post, but what a great result to have our club represented on the national stage. Emma and Wendy, you're both winners in our eyes!

I'd also like to congratulate Mark Graham on his appointment to Club Captain – a fitting recognition of the work that Mark does behind the scenes to ensure that our reputation for running good club racing and regattas is upheld, whilst also making sure that our busy schedule is captured in our yearly calendar.

Speaking of which, be sure to read the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, and put each and every race on the calendar in your diary, as well as all the other fun activities on offer. Thanks again to Mark for all the work that he does year after year (and not to forget Di!) putting these together.

You will notice that some changes have been made to the Divisions this year, with the Hobie 16s joining Division 1, giving our smaller cats in Division 2 some breathing space, and providing the Division room to grow our small cat fleet.

Sadly, due to expected low numbers, the Laser fleet will be disbanded, with the Standard and Radials joining Di-

vision 3, and last year's Division 5 taking back ownership of Division 4, with the 4.7s becoming part of this division.

You'll also notice that we have added the ND Series, which will run in conjunction with the Club Championships. This is in response to the desire for shorter, back to back racing, and to help keep our divisions from spreading out too much. These two series will run side by side, so there's even more glory and spoils to chase!

Following Opening Day, we get right into the Pre Xmas Series, with SWISH (Womens Social Sailing) on Friday afternoons and our new Out-There Sailing Program for teenagers on Sundays, looking to provide a diverse range of activities for others to come and get involved. If you're looking for an excuse to get your friends and family down to the club, these programs offer a great, low-effort way to introduce them to the fun of simply messing around in boats.

Sean



Division Reports

Division 2 –Steph Schwarz



What a lovely gentle start to our competitive sailing season last Saturday, with flat seas, wildly swinging 5 knot Northerlies, occasional bullets and cooling rain! But it was great to be out there again, particularly after the disappointing cancellation of Opening Day Race. The Cocktail Party made up for it. Division II was well represented with 3 Tigers, 2 sailors, Gideon and Vlad on rescue boat duty and Jack and Greg Cassano hoping to hit the water in their new Hobie Dragoon, one of the three new colourful 14 foot Hobies which will grace Div II. Steph led Peter T and new boy on the block Harrison Ede, who after a cracker start was still working out by the finish how to make these stupid boats with two hulls go. But mark my word, it won't take this experienced sailor long to be showing us the way. We are looking forward to a fun, competitive season.

Steph Schwarz

Sail sandy—Nick Ede and Chloe Laverty



Division 4 (Ex 5) Dennis Paskins



Had the weather gods been kinder then this report could have reported on sailing activity, and for those who have not read the Sailing Instructions, but sailed would know that Division 5, is now Division 4.

The Division is, as was last year "Monohulls, Yardstick's 122 to 142" perhaps that two things you have lookup.

Its clear that in reviewing the the boats that sailed in this division, last season, that there are four competitive groupings, with possible the Club Pacers (with-out Spinnaker) making a fifth.

Last season we had three regular 125's with the indications that there could be more,

The Sabre's the largest group of the division, could on perfect day field 14 boats with a 50 percent

Female representation, a fact hat many institutions would welcome

Next we have not so "impetuous" Impulses, last year we had two, but am informed that there could be more who are testing the water, with their new Impulse, with the reduced sail.

Then last .but certainly competitive, we have the "small Sail"Lasars one last year, possibly more

All this will make a very busy and competitive Start line (Note still second start)

Also the information is that there will be a move to shorter races, but obviously more than one.

This will assist the slower boats too at least maintain some contact with other boats.

The one thing we all crave for is weather to suit our abilities, and this more than anything will determine the size of the fleet sailing

Good sailing



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SWISH is a Social Sailing event for women using the club's Pacers. No sailing experience is needed- support is provided by experienced female sailors or you can watch from the power boat.

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Swish will be held (weather permitting) on Friday 1st, [6th December](#). Fridays are [2pm to 5pm](#) and Sunday i

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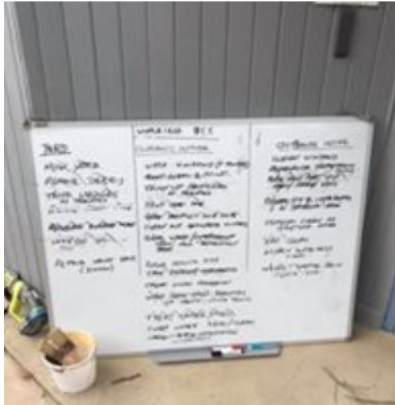
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Vale Jim Enever

Jim grew up in Brighton. He was the son of the well-known butcher, Albert, and Scottish Immigrant Margaret. He attended Brighton State School and then Brighton Tech where he exhibited an academic bent. He then went to RMIT where he simultaneously completed diplomas in civil engineering, geology and mining engineering. He did this in the time most of his peers completed one. He then converted his civil engineering degree into a bachelors at Melbourne University and went on to complete his master's degree. His special interest was the field of stress in the earth's crust and its relationship to the stability of mining and civil excavations. After a brief stint at BHP Jim obtained a role at CSIRO where he eventually became a senior principal research scientist and program manager. Jim authored and co-authored over 90 scientific papers, presenting his research all over the world where he gained an international reputation. His research that was developed over 30 years ago is still being used today as the international standard for rock stress investigations.

Jim enjoyed many sports with varied success. An early enthusiasm was skiing, where he and some scout mates built a ski lodge at Mount Baw Baw during the 60s. It was a weekend at the lodge where Jim met Marj. They went on to marry in 1970.

Marj's mother was close friends with the Morris and Thompson families. As a child she spent many holidays with them in Somers. In the 1980s Marj and Jim bought a holiday house where they spent many years enjoying holidays with their sons. When Jim retired they moved permanently to Somers in a more comfortable house on Beach Hill Avenue.

In retirement Jim went back to university where he completed post graduate diplomas in Archaeology and History. Amongst other things Jim became an active member of the Frankston Lapidary club. Jim and Marj continued to travel extensively, both overseas and within Australia. Often, they would fossick for semi-precious stones that could later be cut and set into jewellery. Jim also became an active member of the Australian Mining History Association, regularly delivering papers at their conferences where many were published in their journal.

Yacht Club

The Enever family were active members of the Somers Yacht club where Jim became an enthusiastic catamaran sailor. He sailed a Prindle 18 with various crew over many years, and a 16 foot Nacra. Jim became involved in the club administration, culminating in his term as commodore from 1999-2001. Jim encouraged young members of the Yacht club to join in the many activities associated with the younger set, and they always felt comfortable talking to him. At the millennium New Year's Eve celebration, Jim organised a time capsule which is still to be opened. Jim was also active in engaging the local community in the Yacht Club.

Some years later Jim retired from sailing and began sailing radio-controlled yachts at the Patterson Lakes Radio Model Yacht Club.

Sadly, Jim died at the Alfred Hospital on the 9th October. His memorial was held at the Yacht Club on the 23rd Oct.

We will miss Jim.

Jeremy Grant and John Carter



Vale Anne Bartholomew - 8/6/1948 - 8/10/2019

Anne Bartholomew was a member of the Somers Yacht Club and active participant in the wider Somers Community for over 20 years. Her contributions to both were many and varied. Nearly 200 people gathered to farewell Anne on Saturday 2nd November. She was honoured in speeches made by her family and friends and acknowledged for her contributions.

Anne's interests were extensive. One cannot help but remember her love of gardening, home renovating, entertaining and cooking, her keen interest in reading and analysis of literature, her organisation of the "48 Crash birthday party" held last year for eleven 70th birthdays of Somers Yacht Club members, her wit, passion, sense of justice and contribution to sailing at Somers and community life. Anne liked small group or a one on one conversation. She enjoyed teasing out details of controversial topics and was quick to notice a flaw in any argument. She would follow a discussion with research, and come back with added information and advice. Anne always had a project she was planning or completing. She revelled in the minute details especially when planning holidays.

Anne was rarely seen sailing, although she did attend sailing school with Bart in the early years of their Yacht Club membership and made four trips to Sandy Point as Bart's crew. She was, however, seen regularly on the water as a three-person team in the Start Boat with Rob May and Bridgette Pullen. Rob's arthritis resulted in severe limitations on his lifestyle and ability to walk. Anne made his lunch every Saturday and together for nearly 3 years they enabled many of us to sail and enjoy our racing until Rob's health deteriorated and he could no longer participate at the yacht club. Anne's next contribution to our sailing was in the Tower as a regular participant for three years and of course she was regularly rostered on The Bar at this time.

Anne's interests moved to local community and she became a director on the Bendigo Bank, a member of the Somers Residents Association Committee, a member of the Somers Nautilus



Editorial Committee and a volunteer at Coolart Homestead. She was also a member of two Book Groups.

Anne's passion and zest for life, her wit and intellect will be fondly remembered. The way Anne faced her last months was typical of how she lived life - researching it in depth, exploring all options, pragmatic to the end and maintaining that zest for life and French champagne to the last. We celebrate her life and the contributions she made to enrich our experiences at Somers Yacht Club. We acknowledge the depth of loss that Bart, Scott and Anne's extended family have experienced, and we offer our love and support at this time.

Libby Moore and Mike Sandiford

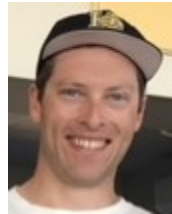
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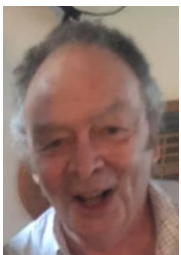
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