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From the Commodore's Desk



It's great to have a successful start to the sailing season and it's great to be out there on (and in!) the water. Congratulations and thanks to all those who make the racing happen week after week.

Some fun and busy sailing ahead with the Summer Cup rejigged to fit around the Hobie Nationals and including some popular twilight races. I was at a Yachting Westernport meeting last night and am pleased to report a lot of club activity all around Western Port. Cowes YC is hoping for record entries in the around French Island Catamaran Challenge on 4th January, Westernport YC is hosting a mammoth 18 boat Teams Racing Event on 5th January then we are all off to Sandy Point on the 8th January. The Westernport Challenge and the Westernport Youth Regatta are on the 13th and 14th of January respectively. Those dates are a must for your diaries if Somers is to reassert its dominance!

There's lots happening off the water too.

The social calendar is off and running thanks to the social committee's enthusiasm and the bar committee's constant hard work. Please try to make their lives easier by booking in for events before the last minute. Book now for the Christmas Cocktail Party and the club's famous New Years Eve celebrations. Bar volunteers are needed whenever the bar is open and we'd like to see as many as possible attend the "responsible serving of alcohol course" on December 2nd.

New Years Eve at the club will be particularly fun this year with an influx of visitors for the Hobie National Championships. This 4 day event will keep the club busy for the days before and after New Year. There is no doubt that hosting an event like this interferes with our normal sailing schedule but it's going to be a fantastic few days for our club, our Hobie sailors, our visitors and our reputation. Please come down and see the spectacle – or better still – offer to help out with welcoming and supporting the best Hobie sailors from around Australia.

There has been lots of movement with the Clubhouse development project thanks to the efforts of Cameron Harvey and his building working group and Steve Clifford and his capital raising committee. The club manages its finances

very well and plans ahead for "renewal" investments. But a project like this one will provide new facilities and new access as well as renewing some existing facilities. It can't be funded from normal operating reserves. Please think about the importance of Somers Yacht Club in your lives, your family's lives and in the community, and be ready to support the club with a big stretch donation over the next few weeks.

On the club administration front, the club continues to move along. We now have a tap and go credit card system in the bar that will also help the bar committee and the treasurer with stock control and managing takings. You are welcome to use a credit card for any bar purchase – big or small.

After the last General Committee meeting, Marg and I were very pleased to host the new committee and their partners to a "welcome" dinner at our home. Everyone seemed to have a good evening despite massive over-catering on our part. I think we have finally caught up with the leftovers! Going around the table, each person shared their view of "what makes our club a success" and "how can we keep it that way". More on that in a future newsletter.

The General Committee has set up a Membership Subcommittee to help with improving the membership renewal processes, maintaining the membership database, supporting new members, providing for junior and family members, child safety requirements, communication with members, and so on. Thanks to our newest General Committee member, Kate Dalton for taking a lead with Richard Fakhry on this subcommittee. If you would think this might be an area where you can help the club, don't wait for a tap on the shoulder, contact Kate or Richard.

This new subcommittee has already endorsed the great work done by the last committee on the important issue of child safety. Thanks to our new Honorary Club Solicitor, Ben Davidson for helping interpret the legal requirements around the "working with children" certification process. The General Committee will consider a policy on this at its next meeting.

We are also looking to formalise a Facilities Committee to help Grahame Tiplady and Simon Boadle with that never-ending task of clubhouse and yard maintenance. Let them or Amanda know if you can help. Or at least give them a pat on the back for their tireless commitment next time they pass you in the yard.

John

Rear Commodore's report



It's It, Nautilus is saying Somers is the greatest sailing club on earth. Fake news, believe me.. Somers doesn't even have a wall. Well not a real one anyway. Not like Mar-a-lago."

"Donald, it's not fake. You've got it wrong. It's not the wall that makes Somers great, it's the lifts."

"That's It, give me a break. Somers doesn't even have a lift."

"Hey Donald, believe me, we so do, lots of them. Ask Mal."

"Whoa, hold on there. Last time I talked to this guy Mal it didn't turn out so good. Ended up me agreeing a real bad deal. No, not doing it again."

"No, no, no. I mean the other one, Mal Otto."

"What, you mean you got two of them? Who's this Otto guy anyway. What does he know about lifts? Beats me how a lift makes you great. A lift won't keep you safe."

"Well, the other day Mal came around the top buoy, by then actually the bottom buoy - it's a bit complicated because the wind changed - sailed into a massive lift and stormed home over the top of sailing supremo Glen Collings to medal in Div 3. As I said, it's the lifts that make Somers great. But remember, with every lift there is a knock. Just ask the commodore."

"That's It, you sure got me confused. But this commodore, sounds my kind of guy. Hasn't he also got Impulse control issues. Anyway, tell him the knockers are all fake."

A bit later the twitter-sphere lit up "Keep Somers great - build the lift", so confirming the 54th season had started at the greatest sailing club on earth. And, as the 40-odd volunteers and 90 very-odd sailors that have participated so far can testify, that is most definitely not fake news.

Beautiful sailing conditions, with testing winds and ripping tides, and great race management (including a brand new home-grown race management system courtesy of the Gristwoods) have seen an average of 32 completions each race across the first month of sailing. With a total of 193 race completions to pre-Xmas 6, it's clear that the wind god Aeolus is in a beneficent mood, albeit with a somewhat wicked sense of humour (for the record, to the same stage last season we had 81 completions).

Judging by the general level of confusion at the top buoy it seems that Alignak, the Inuit god of tides and earthquakes, is more than a little miffed. In what was either an attempt to appease him, or a thanksgiving (Alignak's side job is returning souls to the earth to be reborn), or just possibly an issue of Impulse control, John "Danger Mouse" Tilleard managed to hit the first buoy of the first race of his first season as commodore, losing sight of the fleet in so doing. Notwithstanding this heroic act of leadership, further sacrifices are clearly warranted.

Judging by the amount of seaweed trailing "That's It" around the course, it would appear I've offended Salacia. I've sent a dol-

phin.

Notable early season performances include:

Andy "Fate" Griffin, who on his first outing in his new A-class tempted its namesake by demonstrating the seemingly impossible - a 360-degree role tack,

Nick "Locked and Loaded" Carter, who has been pacing it with the Tasars and Impulses in Div3 despite the impossible Olympic yardstick attached to the Finn,

Will Davenport and Isobel Allen, who in their first appearance together in the Pacer "Tacks Return" left the Div5 fleet in their wake,

Lisa "Orange Blossom" Tuck, with two bullets in the pre-Xmas,

Peter "Catman" Thompson, who shredded his handicap by streeting Div2 in the pre-Xmas 6 in yardstick and handicap (the latter by a whopping 13 minutes), and

most importantly, our early SYC-STARS nominees (for those showing Singular Tenacity, Application and Resolve in Sailing): Gina Webster, Lucy Laverty and Hamish Schap-er.

With an average 4.8 completions per race, the sentimental favourite TeamDiv6 is well positioned in the peloton in the annual "Voile de Somers". Div3 has bolted (averaging 8.7 completions) but with most of their skippers at 60+, fatigue is bound to set in. I'm backing Div6 to mow them down by end January. Div4 may be the smoky, now that exams are finishing, despite lengthening odds. Current placings have Div3 at 8.7, Div2 at 5.5, Div5 at 5.3, Div6 at 4.8, Div1 at 4.7 and Div4 at 3.2.

So many old faces, some new ones, along with a few new boats, have already graced Somers waters, making a truly wonderful start to the season. A great welcome to:

new-new sailors Nigel and Abbie Beddoe in a Hobie,

new-old sailors Vlad Buynevich in the paper tiger "Catweazle" and Peter Dalton in the appositely named A-class "Zeus", and a growing assembly of new and newly recycled boats ("Chill Factor", "Quack") and

new members in race management, including John Baldwin who, under Norm Dewar's watchful eye, completed his first day as Race Officer for pre-Xmas race 3.

May you all enjoy the winds, the tides and the camaraderie at the greatest sailing club on earth.

That's it!

Membership



Membership Fees.

Membership registration and payment is progressing, however there are still approximately 150 members from last year who have not registered or renewed for this season. Payment of all fees is required by 31st December, as the rules of the Club provide for all members rights being sus-

pended if payment is not received by this date.

If you do not propose to renew, or would like to discuss any special arrangements, please contact the Membership Secretary.

Absentee Membership

Also, please note that if an Absentee membership is required for the season, this must be applied for and approved by the General Committee prior to 31st December.

Kayaks.

There are still some kayaks on the racks that have not been registered. If you do own one of these kayaks, could you please register and pay the required fee, or remove it from the yard. All registered kayaks will have a numbered Somers Yacht Club sticker fixed to the hull.

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Somers Yacht Club is committed to our [Child Safety Policy](#) and Child Safety Code of Conduct. Recent changes to the Working with Children Act apply to our club. The Committee is currently updating our club policy which will be shared with all members shortly.

In the meantime, we encourage all members to consider applying for your Working with Children Card.

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If you currently hold a WWC card, please add Somers Yacht Club to your volunteer organisations via the [WWC website](#), and “update your details”.

So get online, get involved, and enjoy the family spirit of the Somers Yacht Club! Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and action in this matter.

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Division 1 Report

Somers Yacht Club Division 1 Report November 2017

Winter 2017 has seen many changes within the Division 1 fleet with Andy Griffin and Morgan Carter buying "A" Class catamarans. Griffio even took Andrew Robertson to help review his prospective buy and help "negotiate" on price !! It's a pity that Andrew suggested that the prospective purchase was better than his own !!! Great to see Morgan leading the fleet early in the season and great to see Griffio practicing his "roll tacks" and having a swim at the same time.

Janus has also made modifications to his "A" Class foils again with new "Z" shape centerboards. We all eagerly wait to see the outcome. We also eagerly await the return of Matt and Daniel Stone with their brand new Mozzies that have been under construction for the last 2 years.

Justin and Gina sold the old Mozzie and purchased a newer model and are getting to grips with the set-up. Teething problems have seen a couple of capsize and both Gina and Justin falling overboard during separate races. Jeremy Pearse has also traded in the Impulse and bought a Mozzie and has had it transported down from Queensland. We believe it will be back on the water in a week or so. Great to have Jeremy back in Division 1 again. Michelle Bursa also has the Nacra 17 on the market is looking to update to an F18.

So now to the racing which has seen great weather, near perfect winds and just a slight chill to the air and water. Great to have the dolphins for company at the bottom marks in the opening day regatta. Short courses and back to back racing has been great to get some leg, stomach and back muscle workouts.

Ben Gristwood has even got Risky Business back on the water early in the season after some initial gooseneck maintenance issues nearly fixed with the aid of a hammer and a block of wood. Brian Gristwood kept the patrol boats busy during race 1& 2 of the pre-Christmas series after capsizing and turtled with conditions that kept the yacht upside down for most of the afternoon. Peter Dalton has had a couple of great races but needs to check the pin end start line flags; it's the orange one and not the pink gate flag !!

Please check out the race results page on the website for race results and progressive standings.

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Division 2 Report

Opening Day Regatta hopefully showed us what the season will bring us, as it was a beautiful sunny to 10 knot day, when the Hobie 16's of Emma and Zoe, Nigel and Abbey, Ely and Gen, Ant and Ollie moved ahead of the 14 foot contingent. After much fierce competition, Steph was able to get ahead of Phil to take second place behind Emma.

Pre Christmas Race 1 was sailed in somewhat more vigorous conditions, with a rather chilly southerly 15 to 18 knotter with Simon and Zoe taking the lead from Emma and Gen. Nigel and Abbey came in next with Steph behind and Vlad starting much later, coming in at the end of the field, but this won't be the case during the season. It is great to have you back Vlad!

Race 2 was not competed.

Race 3 was started about 20 minutes late as the start crews were waiting for the 5 knot wind to stop oscillating about 90 degrees. Eventually we

got underway with Steph clearing the start boat by about 10 cm and reaching the windward mark just behind Simon who headed Emma, but by corrected time Steph beat both the Hobie 16's, and Vlad beating one of them. Lachlan on the Maricat came next, followed by Nigel and Giddy, Ant and H8go and Steve Schaper and Maz not finishing. As we finished late the second race was abandoned.

Steph



Division 3 Report

The last few weeks has not been good for sailing. What with very poor and fickle winds and races being called off halfway through after totally dropping out.

Not many Tasar sailors have not been around due to other activities and poor Amanda is still suffering with her Ear injury.

We had a visit from three Impulse sailors last Saturday, two of them from South Gippsland YC at Inverloch and Glenn Collings from Safety Beach who seems to be a regular these days which will help us all improve. Glenn came second in the National Championships two years ago in my boat Spur of the Moment. So I know

what it is capable of doing. If only Mike Sandiford would stay close enough to me so that I can see how to sail faster. Mike gave me a great tip the other week which worked well. He said Nick Carter always sails a terrific first leg so follow him which I did so I will keep that in mind. Mal is expecting his Christmas present soon. A brand new Impulse but I have heard on the grapevine that there is no Mylar Sail material to be found so the search is on.

Sailing was abandoned last Saturday due to 20 knot plus gusts and the three guest Impulses with Mike and John went out for a quick thrash to the Cardinal Mark and back.

Grahame Tiplady

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Division 6 Report

Well what a promising start to the season with Division 6 consistently being one of the biggest divisions. Opening day regatta started off with 9 Yachts entered with a lot of Kids sailing from last season's sailing school. Will Morgan made the biggest impression with a first place in the club X3 miniature skiff! We hope to see many more great results from this young man who has consistently sailed in hawks for the last couple of seasons.

It was also really good to see new opti "Quack" on the water with Lucy Laverty, watch out Daniel! Other notable mentions are Alexandra Wood Freeman who is taking over "little Miss Giggles" and Benji Scott who has hired the club hawk "I win". The usual suspects also raced with Daniel, Luka, Harry, Matilda and Will D.

The pre Christmas series is well under way with lots of participants, particularly the club pacers which can be hired and raced in this division. This is really great for sailors who aren't so confident and are a bit daunted by

the bigger boats and bigger course. At this stage Daniel Laverty is in the lead with Matilda hot on his heels followed by Harry Taylor. These two might have been closer had Matilda remembered to sign on for one of races! It was also great to see Hamish Schaper and Jack Cassano out on the course as well.

The nicest thing about Division 6 is the way all the kids communicate with each other with topics ranging from dance moves to the weather, chatting all the way around the course. Not to mention the start line on which all the kids sail up and down the line for three minutes before the start with no collisions evident at all.

Anyone who is interested in being involved with this division on the rescue boat SA2 please see myself or Norm Dewar. This can be as a driver, a coach or just as an encouragement officer to ensure the kids enjoy their time on the water.

Simon

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Division 4 Report

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Another great season in the Laser class is upon us!

Prior to start of the Somers YC season, Simon and Lucy brushed off the cobwebs (more in Simon's case after 3 month winter break of no sailing) to compete in the annual Sail Sandy regatta 14th-15th October. Two days of competitive sailing in various conditions from 6-15 knots and two mid fleet finishes for Simon and Lucy.



Sail Sandy: Simon middle (198120) Lucy in the foreground (blue cap)



Sail Sandy- Simon (198120) in the waves)

The 2017/18 Somers season kicked off on 28th October with the Opening day race in which 5 full rigs and 1 radial competed which was won by Nick. The Pre-Xmas series is in full swing with a spread of 4 full rigs, 2 radials, and 1 4.7 competing at the time of writing. Some exciting internal battles have been witnessed in the Ede household with Lucy (in her new radial rig) beating Harrison in two races and some tight starts at the committee boat end.

Over the Melbourne Cup weekend, Nick and Lucy ventured up the Hume Hwy to Lake Hume on the border to compete in Sail Country. The regatta also incorporated the Victorian Laser Masters Championships brought forward due to the Australian Masters Nationals in February. This is a wonderfully organized weekend by Albury-Wodonga Sailing Club with 200 entries in attendance.

Competition in the full rig Laser division was intense with ex-world champion and Grand Master Gavin Dagley racing along with some young bucks from the VIS. Nick's body started off pretty well with a 6th (out of 15) result in Heat 1 but as each race progressed, he gradually became more crippled for a scorecard of 6, 7, 8, 9. Still he survived and came away with a 2nd place in the Masters (45-55 yo) division.

Lucy had a tough weekend coming 6th out of 14 4.7 Lasers but had a great time all the same.

Next on the horizon for Lucy is Sail Melbourne 29th Nov- 3rd Dec.

Simon Wilkins & Nick Ede

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Women on the Water

The Women on Water coaching and sailing regatta took place this past weekend (11-13/11/17) at Westernport yacht club. This was the first year both my daughter Lucy and I attended. It was a fabulous event! Being relatively new to sailing and always being crew, I had lost confidence in my ability to be a skipper. This was the perfect venue to regain comfort in the boat. Initially I thought the event was too early in the season. I thought I would prefer to attend an event like this at the end of the sailing season so that I might have had the summer to prepare (so as to not embarrass myself!). However, I now realise the timing of the regatta is perfect as it renews confidence in attendees so they are ready for the summer sailing season. It was also a good excuse to get the boat ready for summer! Our little group of pacer sailors were very friendly and we had a lot of fun together on the water. The coaching was absolutely fantastic, I especially enjoyed the one on one help. I often find decision making tricky with sailing as one does not see instant results when you make small changes in your boat handling. As such, I would often keep changing the tiller or the sail shape too quickly. The coaches were great at helping with this problem. They would be right behind us in a boat, giving advice about when to hold your position and what we could adjust to sail better.



My eight year old daughter Lucy attended in her Opti, she was the youngest competitor. She also thoroughly enjoyed herself. Her coaches were very attentive and supportive, perfect for younger girls with less experience on the water.

Last but not least, the Saturday night dinner and Sunday afternoon tea were absolutely amazing. The meal was beautifully home-cooked and the treats at the afternoon tea were delicious. This afforded us the opportunity to meet and chat with other sailors, I shared my dinner table with a sabre sailing grandma from Canberra!

The regatta enabled comraderie between other women and it was fun to catch up with other sailors from our club. I plan to attend next year, hopefully we can have more women and girls attend so we can show the rest of the sailing community what a wonderful group of female sailors we have at Somers!

Maureen Laverty



Lucy Laverty



Meagan Bursa and Maddi Moore



Wendy Wilson and Lisa Tuck

Somers Juniors

SOMERS JUNIOR PHOTO COMPETITION



We would love to share some of our Somers moments with all the club members.

Please send your photo with an optional caption to kdalton@bigpond.net.au

We will display your photo in the clubhouse over the Summer for everyone to see what an awesome place Somers is.

For example, this could be sailing, hanging out on the beach with friends, walking through Coolart, or simply enjoying a fabulous sunset!

Entries close Dec 22nd 2017.

Our Commodore, Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore will be our judges. Winners will be notified via email by Fri 30th December.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Juniors of all ages welcome.

UPCOMING JUNIORS EVENTS:

JUNIORS GAMES MORNING - Thurs 29th December: 9:30am

After all the family Christmas celebrations have finished, let's get together with our friends and have a fun morning of games to reunite!

More details to come!

HOBIES BREAKFAST - Dec 30th-31st and Jan 2nd-3rd

With Somers Yacht Club hosting the Hobie Nationals, there will be plenty of ways to help out and be part of it.

The Juniors will be selling breakfast to the hungry sailors and we will soon be asking for volunteers. Breakfast will be 8-9:30am.

If you know of a morning you (and perhaps your mum/dad, granddad/grandma) can help out, please email kdalton@bigpond.net.au.

Your help is much appreciated and it will be fun!

JUNIORS PARTY NIGHT - Jan 4th

Lock the date in and stay tuned.....

A Contemplative Winter (or was it summer?)

Patrick & Colleen have been diligently applying themselves to things of nautical natures recently. With dissatisfaction of those little light weight dinghies, we have an idea to bring to SYC a new class of yacht, to enhance the range of boats for members (esp. members with holes in wet pockets) to enjoy the sport (or art?) of Slow Sailing. (We realise the current range of classes at SYC is more than sufficient, but this is a unique suggestion and could enhance SYC's reputation around Western Port, Victoria, even Australia?!)

Like Slow Cooking, Slow Sailing is a pastime where the speed is limited to “not raising a wash” and competition can be more in the areas of pivoting in a swing basin, getting into a loch before someone steals your “water”, gathering of fishermen's lines, number of curses for going above “tick-over” speed, etc



NB dog in pic. If you are not English, the dog is optional crew.

We are proposing a new class of yacht, based on the 20 ton Rating Rule. This rule is something out of the ark, but should(?) be able to be accommodated by the club (including ALL volunteers and participants needed for launches and retrievals!).

As you can see we liked the tiller (pics) and the accommodation (double +2, with kitchen, loo & shower, pot belly heater, central heating, TV, wifi, etc). Unfortunately the steering was often non-performing (nonconforming?) for navigating the narrow courses, and many words of encouragement were often announced over the surroundings! and much effort were required to bring the boat into line or to turn a corner. Fortunately the stern locomotive force provided added persuasive powers (added to wild helm gesticulations) and many reversals contributed to a forward progress (and dripping brows).



In the press photo to left, Colleen is indicating approximately where the mast might be placed. We would welcome any educated inputs as to how the shrouds (compressed cable, rod or Dyneema?) might be placed. Also any suggestions on the sail plan would be appreciated, to enhance our initial idea of a square rig, brig or barquentine. We were cogitating where to put in a centre board, but because a centreboard would disrupt the centre of the boat (the master bedroom), our favouring went to not just one but two larboards. Then subsequently considering the recent NZ decision, foils may be the way to go. The existing rudder is seen as a real 18th century dog (as in our experience of turning, the canal banks suffering frequently) and so the flat steel plate's clunky design will be replaced by a more aerofoil sectioned rudder, with the class allowing for bow-thrusters (highly recommended) (and even stern thrusters for tight courses). This class of boat could not only fulfil a racing enthusiast's passions, but could also attract the attentions from cruising sailors who might like to take some time off from always having to perform at racing (are you having to take steroids before race days?), to cruising a circumnavigation of the French Island (on good days, with plenty of high tide (although draft is a mere 2ft)).

If it might interest you to join this new “Slow Living” class, please contact me for I know that there are literally thousands of these boats sitting idly in pens around the UK, and I could be an (English) channel to assist you in searches and purchases. (Importing them to Aus, could be easily done, since containers have 8ft width and this would be adequate for the 7ft beams, although the 56 – 60 footers will have to be cut into halves, and use two containers.

Cheers.



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Who makes them happen ?

Who makes sure the clubhouse cleaners know what is going on?

This is the second in a series introducing you to people who currently perform tasks around the club that don't think about but we would certainly know about if they did not get done

How do the cleaners know what day and what time to come and clean our clubhouse. Probably not you have not thought much about it but it is a very necessary part of our club running smoothly. Obviously they need to clean after Friday nights and after Saturday sailing but what about all those other occasions. That is where Brenda Karnowski comes in.

Quietly in the background she checks the calendar to see what is on, checks with the Club Booking Officer for any special events, checks with social committee and flag officers and keeps and responds to any other requests for extra cleaning. This is a cost to the club so it needs to be managed in the most effective way possible.

Once she has all the information she draws up a roster for our cleaners Christina and Terry. She says Christina and Terry are amazing the way they can fit around the schedule of the club especially over the busy summer period. Sometimes they are in very early in the morning so that the club can be ready for whatever is planned. Next time you see them please make them welcome and show your appreciation for the job they take such pride in.

So back to Brenda. Janus, her husband has been a member of the club since it began. Brenda met Janus when she was 18 and started coming to the club in 1969. They have both been involved in the club in many different roles over the years. They were involved with the social committee in the early days and over the years. In more recent times Janus has been Rear Commodore and Brenda used to be the Kitchen Liaison person over the period when our kitchen needed to be accredited and the guidelines around use of the kitchen had to be changed to fit the new food handling guidelines.

So now she does the cleaning roster. Having a roster that covers a large time span helps to make things run smoothly and keeps our club looking nice not to mention clean. She is the one who communicates with the cleaners and passes on any concerns. She reports to the Vice Commodore if there are any problems. Recently a new vacuum was purchased for Christina and Terry which they find is a great improvement on the old one.

So why volunteer? She believes that a club like ours needs volunteers to make it work and is part of being a member. So what is easy about what she does? Brenda says the easy

part of the job is that she can do it in her own time as she can't always be around. She is confident that the job Christina and Terry do is good and that makes her job easy too.

The hard bit is dealing with situations like when the cleaners are sick. She also says she likes to get it right and that can be a bit stressful.

Someone has to take on the worry so thanks Brenda for what you do.

The Jobs around the club that get done and we don't have any idea they even need doing

There are so many jobs and so many people who do them that I think I will be writing these pieces for years. First I have to work out what the jobs are and then I need to find out who does them!

Have you ever wondered who decides what goes on the walls around the club or how the honor boards are miraculously updated each year. Probably not but for many years John Carter has done this job.

After the clubhouse roof blew off and it was rebuilt he says John Hatton who was Commodore asked him to manage what went where on the walls and was the go to person if there were to be any changes. Such a small thing but really it works well and keeps some consistency around the clubhouse.

John Carter has taken on various roles at the club since he joined the club in 1980 as a sailing family. His first volunteer job was as key manager, then he was on the committee. He has been yard manager and has just finished up the management of presentation night trophies He and then with Tim Rintoul they have done this job for a good many years.

He says volunteering has been great for him and his family. It has enabled him to meet a lot of people especially since they knew few people when they joined.

Just as an interesting aside John said he used to sell wine for the club as a fundraiser for quite a few years before we had the bar. He would buy 100 dozen which were delivered to him and then he delivered it to the members. Over the years he thinks it raised \$ 8000-10000.

So don't forget to check with John first if you want to move things around on the walls

He is also looking for his successor if anyone is interested. One question arose whilst talking to John. We were both uncertain about who polishes the trophies before presentation night. You really are a quiet achiever aren't you.

Merry Christmas



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