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Diane Otto Vice Commodore



Hobies, as far as the eye can see, make a colorful lineup on the SsYC beach as they ready for their state titles.

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From the Commodore's Desk



While “fire, flood and pestilence” sounds rather “Old-Testament”, it has become our reality this year. We have been fortunate indeed to have been largely unaffected by the fires

and floods, and as of the time of writing, I am not aware of any COVID-19 infections amongst the club membership. Sadly this will inevitably change in the near future, as the virus continues to spread.

As we are all too aware, COVID-19 is having a severe impact on business and social activity everywhere, including our beloved yacht club. Like all organisations we have been working hard to understand our obligations with regard to club activities, both to our members and to the broader community that hosts us. With medical and government advice being updated in real time, we have been faced with plenty of challenges in deciding the appropriate arrangements and communicating decisions to members.

In SsYC HQ, we have adopted a conservative approach making an early call to cancel our social and racing activities and, most recently, closing access to the club house for the time being. Our primary concerns have been to minimise the risk of infection both to club members and within the broader community of Somers.

In making such decisions it has been gratifying to receive the support of many club members. Being able to call on the wonderful diversity of talent and wisdom in our club membership has made the process so much easier. I want to particularly thank the other Flag Officers, the General Committee and many of our members who have assisted with medical expertise and advice.

Whilst this has led to a significant disruption to our programs, it is salutary to remember that what we really do is “sail little plastic things around little plastic things” (to quote Amanda). It is a small sacrifice at this time when so many of our community are doing it so hard.

Despite the current health crisis, we have to remember the season has also had its highlights. One of these was the amazing event held to raise money for the bushfire appeal, helping to raise over \$30,000. It was a demonstration of the capacity of our community to come together in tough times and do good.

In tough times, the best in us often comes to the fore.

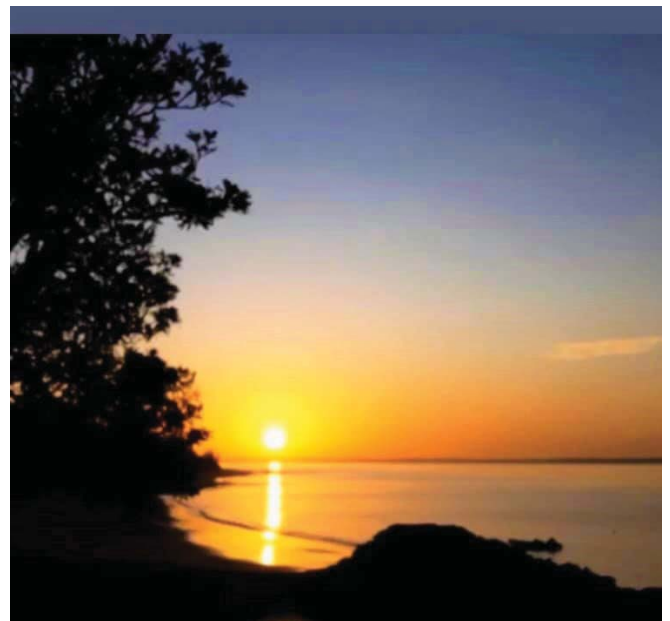
The next 6 months are going to be tough for many in our broader community, and inevitably for some of our members. This is a time for the club to show that goodness once again by

1. supporting local business and particularly those that have been so generous to SsYC fund raising efforts over the years,
2. looking out for our members, especially our older cohort.

We will continue to keep you updated with arrangements for our program, which will almost certainly see postponement of our annual presentation night. Keep safe over the coming months, keep a look out for others and don't hesitate to let myself, Di or Sean know if there are any ways in which the club can assist individual members or the broader community.

That's it.

Mike Sandiford



Soon we will be able to see this sight, all together.



Vice Commodore's Report



Our lives have been turned upside down and we are now having to do things we would never have imagined a couple of months ago. Practicing social isolation and self quarantining. And there may be more to come.

Personally, my garden is getting daily attention, my grandchildren are getting some knitted garments and best of all for me, that list of jobs (for Mal) is finally getting some attention!

Somers is the best place to be quarantined. On our early morning walks we meet the local wallabies, swans, ducks and other water birds plus the little hooded plovers on the beach. And of course the dolphins. I could really get used to this !

We have had to make significant changes to the operation of the club and it is now closed. Unfortunately our sailing season has also come to an abrupt halt because of the pandemic. I want to thank you all for your support and understanding during this period. However, it is definitely time to reflect on the very successful, but short season we have had.

We have, I think, one of the best and largest groups of volunteers in Australia. Every area or activity in the club relies on you, and you never disappoint. All we have to do is ask and you are there. And what's even better is that you are not just there for yourself you are there for every-one else.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU again for making our club so successful and so much fun to be a member of. One of the club activities that is always extremely well supported by volunteers is the working bee in May. As with everything else at the moment, we will not be able to run it as per usual. **HOWEVER!** We will still need to do some works around the club in

preparation for winter and the new season. We will most likely decide to work in very small manageable groups, one task at a time. That is of course entirely dependent on how COVID-19 develops in our country and how our government responds. We will certainly let you know and will call on people when we can to lend a hand if they are comfortable with that and if it is advisable.

Work continues on the refurbishment of the men's toilet and change room. Quotes are being sought and should be ready for General Committee approval by April. When this work can commence is entirely dependent on the COVID-19 restrictions and best practice for all.

Plans are underway and being drawn up for the upstairs bar, kitchen and member area - very exciting indeed!

Please be assured the General Committee's priority is to take steps to try to ensure your health and safety and to do our part to help slow the spread of the virus in our community. I want to thank the General Committee for all their hard work during this season and especially as a result of the pandemic.

As I've said before we have a duty of care to you, to minimise contact with the COVID for all members and to responsibly manage the club. Should a case of the COVID-19 virus be detected within our club the personal cost to our members would be devastating.

Remember, SOCIAL ISOLATION is an act of LOVE to your fellow man-kind!

Regards

Diane Otto



Rear Commodore's Report.



"As summer draws to a close... we have just 20 more races left for the 2019/2020 season."

It's hard to believe that just a month ago, this was the opening statement for my last report to you all! One month later, we find ourselves facing challenges that no one could have thought of weeks or months ago.

Making the decision to end our sailing season early was the toughest, yet simplest decision that we've had to make as Flag Officers. As Mike and Di have mentioned, the health and well-being of our members, and the broader community that our members are a part of, is and always will be our club's highest priority. Having said that, our club provides a wonderful avenue for our community to come together and form strong ties, and bond over our love of wind, water and sail.

Despite the fact that we must physically separate for now, communities and families are defined by the challenges they face and overcome together. Great communities stick together through the good times and the bad. Whilst 'social distance' is all the rage, I'd encourage you to change your perspective to 'physical distance, social proximity'. More than ever, we must stick together, and keep in touch, whether it be a sensible sail amongst friends on a fine day, or a simple phone call to someone in need of a chat.

As this crisis peaks and finally ebbs, the Flag Officers and General Committee will keep you informed in regards to our program, and planning for when we can finally get together and mess around in boats again.

Finally, to end on a positive note, I'd like to thank everyone who helped to make the Hobie State Titles such a roaring success. To quote the President of the Hobie Cat Association of Victoria, ***"Thanks for a great weekend. The event ran very smoothly and we very much appreciate all the work ... the Somers team put in. You guys did a great job both***

on and off the water and all the sailors seemed to have a great weekend."

A special thanks go to Mark and Di Graham for managing all the on and off racing administration, to Simon and Emma Morris for the effort they put in to look after the sailors on land, and to all the sea rescue, kitchen helpers, tower crew, and everyone else involved.

Please keep safe, look out for your loved ones and fellow members, and take the time to get your boats shipshape for season 2021!



Little Black Faced Wallaby on one of the paths through Coolart.

Division 1 Report

Peter Foulson

Congratulations to Matt Stone for defending his Mosquito with Spinnaker state title at Loch Sport on the Gippsland Lakes over the Labour Day long weekend. Matt's worst result was a 2nd place but it was a tight tussle for 1st place with only 2 points separating 1st and 2nd place overall.

After race 6 both Matt and Gary Maskiell from GLYC were both tied on equal points and the clincher came in race 7 when Matt was behind and below Gary but was able to fly a hull, get more boat speed, go under and through Gary's dirty air then point higher and slip away for a win then follow up with a win in the last race.

Congratulations also to Justin Prior and Gina Webster for their 2nd place overall in the sloop division and with a win in race 5 over a very experienced and multiple state titles team and an improvement from their 5th place overall last year. Justin and Gina's worst place was 2nd so watch out for them next season when they start using a barber hauler for more off-wind speed.

The conditions at Loch Sport were ideal all weekend which was a bit different from Somers where the Hobie State Titles saw strong winds up to 27 knots on Sunday afternoon with many yachts capsized all over the course. Congratulations to Nigel and Abi Beddoe for their 5th place overall and to Megan Bursa who was instrumental in getting Pip Pietromonaco from Westernport YC to 3rd place overall crewing on Saturday and Sunday.

It was great to see so many Somers Hobie 16s competing and fantastic to see our juniors; Elly Morris, Harry Taylor, Emily Casano, Georgia Wood-Freeman and Ollie Davenport all out there getting invaluable experience racing in state titles.

Rumour has it that Simon Morris had a broken side stay that resulted in a dropped mast DNF and as a result a DNS in the last race.

And so to the Hobie Wildcats where Robie Lovig and Torben Wick cleaned up with 1st placings in all races contested. Congratulations also to Ben Gristwood crewing for Pete Skewes in 2nd place overall and Michelle Bursa and Adam Gristwood in 3rd place overall.

It looked like there was a consensus from all to not race in 20 to 27 knots or compete in the last race where the outcome had already been finalised.

Back to the club races where there were lots of strong winds except for the 22nd and 29th February where the conditions were ideal. Notable points of interest were; lots of capsizes in big seas and rough conditions, a new mainsail for Morgan Carter has seen him improve significantly, Gina Webster needs to stop breaking ribs on the side stays and seaweed on the rudders will definitely slow you down.

All club race results can be found on the yacht club website.

See you all next season or post Covid-19 !!



"Sailing is always fun!" says Ollie Davenport seen here with his dad Anthony.



Division 2 Report



Steph Schwarz PT 3014

Finally a great Somers sailing day. Tim Brock and crew set a beautiful short SE course for the 5th championship, which was contested by six PTs (the most for a long time), and only one Dragoon. Harrison once again led the field home after a great tussle with Vlad, Phil, Steph, Zoe and Matilda, James and Peter T.

The second Series race was led by Vlad from Phil, Zoe and Matilda; the others of us didn't compete.

Steph led the field home in Race 6 but was judged OCS !!*#??, so Vlad, even after gear failure finished in front of Zoe and Matilda, Harrison after leading us, had an altercation at the bottom mark with another boat so we passed, but he finished behind the girls, and in front of Megan, Maz, Pete, Banji and Kate.

The 2nd race was won by Steph, Vlad, Zoe and Matilda, then Peter. The two visitors also filled top places.

The March long weekend was a great success with about 40 Hobies taking part, and our crews did exceptionally well. Championship race 7 was, you guessed it, blown out so only one more race to go.

The standings at present are: Harrison, Vlad, Zoe and Matilda, and then the rest of us.

As you all now know these will be the final standings, as sadly we won't have any more competition due to the precautionary measure of no more gatherings at the Yacht Club. Hopefully we will all be extra keen to start next season.

Regards, Steph.



Having fun on a light day.





Division 3 Report

Well what a season to remember and forget all at the same time; heavy winds and a virus, one for the record books that's for sure.

Michael Vandenberg wins the Club Championship on scratch and on handicap, with Patrick and Glenn filling in 2nd and 3rd respectively; well done to each skipper.

Sean has seen the light and is moving to a Contender next year, so will put real pressure on the top 2 in the division I expect!

The Norm Dewar Series is a great idea (assuming the Championship race length is not compromised, but that's another story) and was hotly contested by about 3-4 boats, with the Finn taking the honours in the end, relating more to being on the water for most races, than actual sailing ability I suspect. For those that might not know, I first raced Norm in the Mosquito along with Brian Gristwood way way back; Norm was a very good skipper, and it took some years to get on the same page re speed and boat handling, so it means a little more to me to take out this first event named after a great Somers yacht club skipper and all round good bloke.

I could say spend the next 3-6 months in the gym prepping for next season, but the gyms are closed, so I am having a crash course in pilates (lucky Robyn is an instructor) on the back lawn with Morris the Labrador supervising, so I expect to be in very good shape for 20/21 the year of the Finn they say!

Stay safe over this crazy period.

See you in October

Nick Carter Finn AUS280



A picture from the glorious days of A Class racing in 2004, primarily to show Morgan how to sheet on hard and trap flat.

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Division 4 Report

What a strange season it has been. It seems that the weather gods did not want us to have the amount of sailing we would like to BC (before Covid-19) and then the health gods did not want to sail DC (during Covid-19). Hopefully we will be out there again very soon AC (after Covid-19).

Whilst I sit in the lounge room and it rains so much that I cannot even go for my daily walk I think that often in the lead up to the Easter break and the Autumn king tides we have had many still days of cool mornings and evenings and beautiful sunshine to sit under during the middle of the day. Races have often been cancelled due to lack of wind. I think that at present the weather and health gods are working in unison. If we are isolated, we might as well have foul sailing weather as well.

A summary of our season in division 4 sees Mal Otto in Number 14 winning the championship in his Impulse. Wendy Wilson in Heart Beat was the winning Sabre and Lachie and Ava Otto and Matt, Freddie and Eliza Otto were winner of the Pacers without spinnakers. Of course, the division is not divided into classes but it is good to recognize success of all sailors. It looks like we will have a lot of time to tinker with our boats over the coming months. There will be no excuse for poor performance or boat breakages in the coming season of 2021.



Popcorn following Wendy Wilson in Heartbeat.

Luck in a time of hardship

As the Corona virus has taken gradual hold of our life style, Keith Moore has had a very lucky result from a health issue which we should all be aware of.

Keith had been experiencing a burning sensation in his chest for 4 months following a bad cough. He had also experienced the odd pain in his left shoulder. After some gentle encouragement from his wife he visited a GP who sent him to a cardiologist. Four days later he was in hospital after a failed stent operation which identified blockages of 100 and 90% to coronary arteries.

Whilst Libby was isolated at Somers, Keith was isolated in surgery, ICU and finally the coronary ward of Epworth Box Hill. Keith was given the best of care during a time when the hospital was gearing up for the anticipated outbreak of Covid -19 in Melbourne. As he left hospital, with the heart of a 24-year-old, 6 days after a 6 hour quadruple bypass operation the nurse discharging him said "Keith you have been given a second chance"

In 2015 one in five Australians died from or with heart disease.

Don't leave it up to your partner to turn into a screaming banshee. If like Keith you have a family history of heart disease or if you experience any new or unusual symptoms please visit your GP and request further testing.

Stay Well

Libby





Division 5 Report

The 2020 Optimist State Championships were held at Sorrento Sailing and Couta Boat Club on the March long weekend.

There were 87 competitors split into three fleets; 22 kids were in green fleet, 26 in intermediate fleet and 39 in the open fleet.

The bulk of the entries were from Victoria, however there were competitors from Tasmania, New South Wales, Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia and even one boy from France! Day 1 had very tumultuous weather with patches of sunshine interspersed with rain; typical Melbourne weather! There was a southerly breeze and an average of 12 knots.

Day two had solid wind of 15+ knots; this was too much for green fleet so they joined up in groups and had pleasure sailing on the club's Quests.

Day three was similar but quite gusty which made picking the sides of the course challenging and typical for Sorrento, there were strong tidal conditions. As usual there was plenty of time for bonding and catching up with sailing friends during the regatta. Many parents volunteered on rescue boats which surprisingly were not greatly needed, I only recall seeing a couple of capsizes !

Only (Chloe) Mavis Laverty from Somers competed this year, her sister Lucy was still getting over a bad case of the flu and couldn't compete. Mavis had a great regatta, she was the first girl in the under tens category and was third female in the intermediate category.

The trophies were locally made and sustainable; one was made from beach shells and driftwood and the other was made from recycled timber incorporating an aerial map of Sorrento Beach. A big thank goes out to Dave White, the VIODA committee and the Sorrento club for putting on such a great regatta!

Maureen Cooper



Our Chloe (Mavis) on the podium for the under 10's award and below sailing her Opti.



Sea Rescue

“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these volunteers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds”

Camaraderie and the mission gets this group of volunteers up and active in the vital role of setting up and monitoring the course of the sailing day.

There is a good core group of regular volunteers in Sea Rescue that keep the standard consistent. They readily pass on their knowledge to other team members, creating a pool of emergency replacement volunteers with skills and experience on more than one vessel which is important for roster changes for Norm Dewar and Tony Duboudin.

It is always good to see sailors, especially the young members, join sea rescue for a rostered day as crew or jump crew. This especially gives the younger sailors a more rounded view of the volunteer operations of the SsYC.

Always, moving around quietly in the background, is Garry Morris our unsung hero who keeps the show on the road, checking and replacing equipment and making sure that items are correctly stowed and seaworthy.

With the volatile weather during March, likely to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse, there has been plenty of standbys or sea rescues for the team to perform.

The weather has certainly thrown its challenges up in this post Christmas stage of the year's sailing calendar. Many Saturdays have seen the team prepped and ready to launch only to be held in irons by the postpone flag often followed by the race abandoned flag.

Saturday, 14th March, was a prime example with SA11 sitting out towards the Nobbies recording wind gusts over 24 knots and SA4 holding close to buoy 4, waiting for wind direction for laying the start line.

SA1 sat on the beach, still attached to the tractor, waiting for launch instructions that never came. SA2 just sat and went nowhere much to Ollie's disappointment.

Last but by no means least we are all in the hands of our skillful tractor drivers who perform success-

ful launches and retrievals under varied and often difficult conditions



Partners in rescue.



When the wind is blowing from the West and the tide is running out toward Flinders and the seaweed is in a mound on the water line, it is their skills that get us back on land along with the much appreciated sailors who come over to help the retrievals on to the trailer.

Packing up and closing down Sea Rescue is a group activity; many hands make light work.

The rewarding part of the day is getting back up to club and having a social chat and a drink and sharing the stories and challenges of the day.

Then going out and doing it all again the next weekend.

Michelle Gregory



WOW: Women On Water

Is it on? Is it off? The weather in March continued to keep us guessing as we have encountered anything from a gentle 8 knots to over 30 knots and even severe thunderstorm warnings! Thankfully the dolphins have not been deterred and they put on an amazing acrobatic performance for a few of our lucky SWISH-ers.

This season, SWISH has again included 'first timers on the water' through to the highly experienced sailor. We meet at 2pm on a Friday and after taking the club Pacers for a leisurely spin (or drier option of a ride on the power boat), we finish up in the clubhouse for a chat, drink and nibble. All for a very modest \$10. A perfect way to start the weekend.

If you have ever considered giving it a try – jump on board!

A big shout out to our hard working volunteers – Wendy W, Michael W and Lindsay P. Without you this would not happen.

Keep an eye out for the booking link on the club website.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BGIXM>

For more information or to join the coterie please contact Wendy Wilson: Mob: [0407 876 950](tel:0407876950)

Jo Dalton



WOW tender at the ready. Wendy and Lindsay.



Spotlight on Division Five.

What is the best thing about sailing?

Hanging out with friends and competing against them. My sailing friends are from Geelong, Melbourne, Redhill, Mornington and Tasmania.

What is the part that you don't like?

I don't like coming last in the race.

Is there a skill that you have recently learnt?

Kiting, this is when I'm on a downwind and I have my mainsheet out and my centerboard up. You lean to the side of your boat that your sail is not on.

I notice that Division Five seem to know their flags where some of us older folk have some difficulty remembering. Is this an age thing or do you have a secret?

I think this is an age thing because you can keep practicing reading them.

Coming from a sailing family, do you ever have normal conversations, like about what coloured socks you should wear?

Yes, we also talk about basketball and we play instruments and I also do gymnastics

You appear to have no fear about sailing in rough conditions. Why is this, because I would really like to copy you. I

prefer rough conditions because they are easier to sail in compared to very light conditions. I'm not scared of capsizing but I don't really like capsizing, this is because you have to bail a lot in an Opti. There are no drains.

How will you practice your sailing during the winter?

There is winter training at Albert Park Lake and often a little bit at Mornington Yacht Club too, I want to go to these sessions.

How do you keep warm out there?

I wear lots of layers. I often wear a thermal, a super warm top and then my spray jacket, I also wear a wet suit and booties with booty socks.

Sometimes I hear you singing. Is this a Ulysses thing?

Singing makes me feel happy

Sometimes I see you taking a swim. Is this to gauge the current?

I just really like to swim!



Do the Optic's need foils?

Yes, foils are my centreboard and rudder. You can put hydrofoils on Opti's, but my boat doesn't have them - YET!





Adult Sailing School

A keen bunch of adults with varied experience on the water and in boats, all achieved highly during our Adult Sailing School.

Their skills learnt included launching and retrieving, points of sail, wind and tide, tacking and gybing on and off the water, a regular race course and flag sequences along with sailing rules.

Did I forget to mention capsizing and recovery?

All managed this well as we had a series of heavy weather days. There were plenty of laughs and social times had on and off the water also. Well done to all that participated and we hope to see you on the water again in the not too distant future.



Royal wave



Below the boom, duck

Emma Morris (School Mistress)



Ha Ha Blokes, pulling strings

Racing in the 2019 Sydney to Hobart.

An interview with Patrick Moore and Janease Graham.

Q. Can you describe what kind of boat you sailed on, the number of crew, and what your position was?

Patrick: I sailed on a Murray Custom 38 with a crew of nine. I was bow watch leaving the heads and helm for my watch.

Janease: I sailed on Wings, a Dehler 46, a racer cruiser. The joke was we sailed to Hobart in premium economy. Although once there, we could see a few who went first class and business. We had all the serious race gear but also a fridge and an indoor toilet with a door! Sometimes it was all hands on deck but I was also in the cockpit, on the helm and trimmer of the sails. We had 4 hours on and 4 hours off and would go through a few positions to keep ourselves focussed. We were only on the helm for an hour at a time to maintain concentration. Number one priority is safety but speed is next. We took 12 crew because we had a huge range of sails and a big boat needs a few crew to run all the gear.

Q. Any women crew?

Patrick: No, not on this one.

Janease: Four women, a good ratio compared to other boats. Overall 10% of the fleet was female, but Newcastle boats have successful programmes for women which is good for the whole competition.

Q. How long did it take you to sail from Sydney to Hobart? Is this what you had expected?

Patrick: Around 4 days. We expected a little bit quicker but we were becalmed for 6 hours on entering Storm Bay, arriving about 7 am which was 6 hours later than expected.

Janease: Three and a half days which was what we expected.

Q. Every sailor has their reasons for taking on the extreme challenges of this most challenging of all races. You are against the current, it's cold, the seas get really steep and you start to break things. So why do you do it?

Patrick: That's what I love; it's my fourth one. First to tick it off the bucket list, and then I fell in love with ocean racing.

Janease: It's a strange thing; it's not comfortable but it is addictive and you see some amazing things on the ocean and you concentrate on eating, sleeping and sailing. It's an intense 3 day sailing adventure but it is enjoyable. It's the challenge, and its sun rise, sunset, birds, whales and dolphins. Tasman Is. and Cape Raoul are quite spectacular; amazing scenery!

Q. What are your good memories from this race?

Patrick: Four days merge into one. Definitely leaving Sydney Harbour; the start line with a record number of boats, light smoke haze and a lot of wind!

Janease: The scenery, laughing with the team and just being cut off from everything and having a great sailing trip with great people. A fairly easy passage this year so we did enjoy the trip.

Q. Were there any really frightening times and what were they like?

Patrick: It was actually a pretty easy one to be honest. No nothing went majorly wrong. (Then he remembers) Oh yes about 6 hrs of sailing in sea mist where we couldn't see the front of the boat and that was like the opening scenes of Pirates of the Caribbean.

Janease: There's nothing terribly frightening about the race, but when you are helming and you have a lot of sail up and you are sailing downwind you are very focussed to prevent jybng or broaching. In a dinghy you can sail home and fix it but not in Bass Strait.

Q. I know you both, Patrick and Janease, as dinghy sailors. The S2H race encourages innovation in yacht design. Can you describe any 'go fast' gear that was on the boat?

Patrick: The boat I was on was a veteran probably on its last S2H before retiring. However it had all the gadgets; every bit of info about wind, water temp, tide, where we were going and an ipad showing where everyone else was.

Janease: In a dinghy you are sailing by feel. With Wings the owners have 14 sails, a massive wardrobe, B and G navigation and Expedition Navigational software developed for the Volvo Ocean Race. This predicts weather and routing. Also a heap of electronic metrics, VMG, boat speed, speed targets. You might be going fast but in the wrong direction, so it keeps you on track. And a coffee machine which does make us go fast and which was the envy of the fleet.

Q. Looking forward to S2H 2020?

Patrick: Looking forward to getting married in 2020 so I won't be doing it. Current crisis permitting.

Janease: I don't know if Wings will do 2020 but maybe Sydney to Noumea and around New Caledonia. Possibly Sydney to Auckland which will be a bit further and wilder but challenging and as good an adventure.

Racing in the 2019 S 2 H.

Perspectives of Patrick Moore and Janease Graham.





Hobie States held at Somers Y C.

Matilda and Emma Morris

On the March long weekend Somers held the 2020 Hobie States.

We had 64 sailors racing; 35 of them being from Somers Yacht Club as we have the biggest fleet in Victoria at one club. This saw 36 boats all out on the water in perfect conditions looking an amazing sight with their colorful sails.

Five boats returned from NSW after having such a great time at Somers a few years ago for the Nationals. They knew they were in for a great event.

Registration was held on Saturday morning, with weigh in of crew and skipper from the rafters of the club upstairs. A novel way just like they do for massive tuna!

Racing was postponed for a couple of hours on the Saturday afternoon due to a big lull, but it soon came in with a constant 15 knots from the East. Seas were lumpy but it was still great to be out.

The second day started with egg and bacon rolls and coffee offered at the club by our juniors and their families, keeping people well fed and creating a lively atmosphere to start the day. The wind was in its tradition for this season, pleasant and strong for all of Sunday. The Hobie sailors were all pleased and exhilarated by their time on the water, with plenty of stories

back on the beach and at the bar. Breakages, cartwheels, or pushing their ability made many sailors pull out of the afternoon race which tested all to their max. Only 9 boats managed to finish the afternoon race on Sunday, but everyone had a smile and a story to tell.

Monday presented four back to back races and gave us a total of 11 races, allowing us to have 2 drops on our score. The juniors on Dragoons enjoyed this event immensely, it being the second states within Australia to have Hobie Dragoons and also the biggest number of juniors to ever be at a state titles that I can remember.

The social events were a hit with a paella night and the amazing Jets playing for us on the Saturday. This was followed by a Hobie Association BBQ on the Sunday with a Sale of the Century style quiz night.

Thanks to our amazing club; sailors were so impressed by the efficiency and expertise of our Sea Rescue on the water and our friendly atmosphere on the land. A big thank you to all who made the weekend a success. We know it takes many volunteers to run a great event and because of this, Somers is one of Australia's favorite Hobie destinations.



Eloise, Matilda
and Zoe Morris.



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Pics to remind us of summer





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