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Sailing at its best

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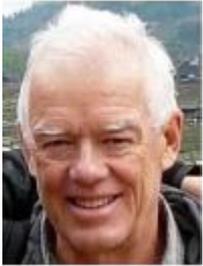
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From the Commodore's Desk



I hope you all had a great Christmas break and I wish you the very best for 2019.

What a busy time the Christmas and New Year period is for Somers with the influx of visitors and families corresponding with a ramp-up of activities at the club. After another fun New Years Eve, it seemed a bit quiet in the yard during that first week of the year – at least compared to last year's Hobie Hullabaloo! That's partly because we had a bunch of sailors off winning trophies at various Nationals around Australia – leading to a later start for sailing school this year.

See the list of SsYC Nationals sailors elsewhere in this edition and be proud of all these sailors who perform so admirably at this high level.

Back to frenetic activity now though with Discover Sailing Day leading in to Start Sailing and Start Racing sailing schools and lots of activity in the yard and around the club. What a pleasure to see Emma's young instructors introducing the next cohort of students into the joys of sailing and all round SYC fun.

Just as well the Yachting Westernport Sandy Point Cruise was abandoned this year – a stinking hot day followed by a nasty change would have beached the fleet from Cerberus to Merricks – but the big annual Yachting Westernport event – the Westernport Challenge – was a great success. It was our turn to host this event and we managed a very smooth operation with 80 boats in exciting fast sailing conditions. Thanks to Mark and Di Grahame who ran the event and all who helped with the day. I'm pleased to say that the trophy remains in pride of place on our wall for another year. Sailors owe a great debt to the skill and dedication of all who volunteer in the tower and

on the water through this busy time of year and for week after week through the season.

Thanks also to Westernport Yacht Club for hosting the teams racing and congratulations to all the sailors who participated.

Thanks to our Social Committee for keeping New Years Eve as a highlight and for Vic's amazing seafood night. Thanks to Max and Simon Taylor for a great trivia night. More science questions next year please!

Enjoy the new clubhouse facilities as we get into the rest of the season. Lots more sailing to come as we settle in to the Championship series. Let's hope that the run of good sailing weather continues and the spirit of Somers Yacht Club continues to thrive.

John

The Off the Beach Race



Sailors lined up and ready



Boats ready to go



...and they are off and running



Vice Commodore's Report



There have been two first aid sessions run by the Club recently.

One of these was for patrol boat crews – see separate article – and another open to all club members - to learn how to do bystander CPR and how to use the defibrillator machine.

Thanks to a successful sporting clubs grant we now have another defibrillator, which is accessible to the public. This lives in a cabinet outside the base of the tower. Our own club defibrillator is now located near the kitchen door .

First aid supplies will shortly be moved to the first aid room next to the lift downstairs.

The new building works are being enjoyed by all. The job was completed on time and on budget – with no builder initiated variances! Great work Mick and Jason from Tuecon Constructions

We still have a way to go to complete the myriad of small jobs which need to be done after the builders have gone. We are getting there slowly. For this I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Grahame Tiplady who (mostly singlehandedly) manages to sort so many jobs around the Clubhouse.

We couldn't do it without you Grahame!

Trophies are up, downstairs store room is fitted out as a fabulous new space for all bar needs, and the meeting room is proving invaluable when the club is busy.

To keep the floor clear we are trying to store as many extra chairs and tables in the upstairs storeroom.

Russell Dalton has kindly donated the four very effective ceiling fans – which were installed recently by Dennis Middleton and Bruce Harrison. Many thanks for this Russell.

Finishing off the capital raising for the completed building works continues, with the ongoing support of our

tireless Capital Raising Committee.

In the coming months there will be a couple of final events, involving members and non-members, to finish the fundraising.

The member “postcards” led to a good outcome, and several members who have been adopting a “wait and see” approach have seen the result and are now donating.

Remember that any donation, even a small one, helps to pay for our wonderful new clubhouse – as well as being an indication of your support for the General Committee and for the many members who have worked to bring the building project to fruition. If you haven't yet donated, please think about doing so now.

Amanda

Somers Juniors Photo Competition 2019.

Open to all Junior Members, maximum of 3 photos per person
Entries close : Jan 31st 2019.



Winners announced at Family Dinner and Games night, Feb 16th.

Rear Commodore's Report



With the wind gods in a surprisingly benign mood, our busiest part of the season has seen us complete almost all our races over the Xmas – New Year period, and some more.

A huge shout out to our sea rescue and tower volunteers who have put in a massive effort to ensure that the busiest part of our racing program has been completed successfully and safely, especially for our twilight events. Particular thanks to Gerry Lewis, Tim Rintoul and Lindsay Pullin for accompanying our Pacers down to WPYC for the teams racing and for Garry Morris for his work on and after the twilight Lady Skippers and Novice race, extending way into the evening.

The New Year saw many of our sailors flying the SYC flag in Nationals elsewhere, with SYC representation at the Mosquitoes (the Stone brothers and Justin Prior and Gina) the Lasers (the Edes and Richard Jagger), the Finns (Nick Carter), the Optis (the Laverty's), the Hobies (the Morris girls) and the Tasers (Pedicinis). Well done to all of you.

Back home, the Summer Cup produces 9 out of 10 completions with some notable results. Brian Gristwood completed a rare clean sweep winning all 9 Div 1 yardsticks. New sailors Nique Briggs won a

Div 5 yardstick in only her second race (with a little help from dad John). While Ella Roberts put the Tasers on notice with a second place in heat 2 in Div 3.

The highlight of the summer program was our defence of the Western Port challenge. In the open division SYC sailors finished in the top 5 places being lead home by Michael Vandenberg, Pat Moore, Jeremy Pearse, Brian Gristwood and Simon Morris. SYC filled 17 of the top 20 places in open, the top three positions in the Women's division (Michelle Bursa, Megan Bursa, Emma Morris) and the top three positions in the Junior Division (Giddy Seagal, Zoe Morris, Daniel Laverty). Jeremy Pearse provided the Hollywood moment by dropping his mast across the finish line (I am told the video is quite spectacular).

With conditions getting pretty willing by the end of the race, approaching 20 knots, a wonderful attribute was the age range of SYC sailors, that spanned 78 years. Particular congratulations to Steph Schwarz and Malcolm Kemp, at one end of that range, and Chloe Laverty, at the other.

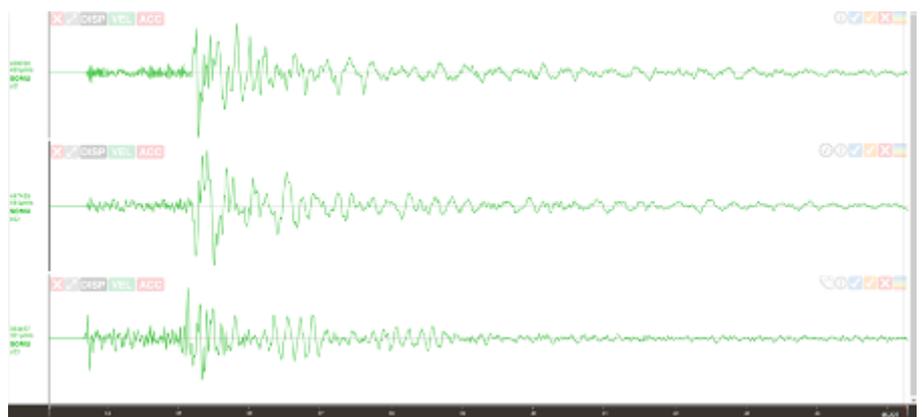
While we now settle back to weekend racing, the buzz around the club remains infectious, with sailing school in full flight.

Then Again, That's it

Mike

The Great Somers Earth Quake

The great Somers earthquake, as recorded on the seismometer in Mike's cellar in Somers. The details are the S-P time difference (the small amplitude initial phases are P-waves, the later arriving larger amplitude phases are S-waves and surface waves) which uggets about 12 kms along the ray path from the source.



Meet the General Committee



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First Aid Update for Patrol Boat Crews

Keen rescue boat crew members attended a first aid session at the Club on Sunday Nov 18th.

Caitlin Bly (Davies) and Mark Tuck ably presented a variety of scenarios which could be encountered at sea and on land.

These included management of hypothermia, head injuries, fractures, wounds, the use of a spinal board and the recovery position and, for each attendee, at least two minutes CPR practice on the mannequin.

Thanks go to new member Peter Brown for arranging the loan of this teaching aid from The Bays Hospital.

We are very fortunate to have the breadth of member expertise for this – thanks to everyone involved.

If any Club member – especially a sailing member --has a medical condition which they feel we should be aware of – PLEASE let us know so that we can appropriately prepared.

Amanda



Somers Juniors



Juniors Games Night

On Mon 7th Jan we held a family games night at the Yacht Club. The evening started with some new beach games, and then back into the clubhouse for a few old favourites. It was great to see everyone reconnecting and meeting new friends. The extra space in the clubhouse worked really well, and allowed parents and guardians to catch up around the bar and deck area.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Jan 6th

Another successful sausage sizzle saw us raise \$1000 towards the clubhouse project.

Thanks to the kids big and small who helped out! Max & Simon Taylor, Tara & Gary Veale, Gabi and Hans Eggers, Bridget Robinson, Barry, Leonie & Vienna Jones, Alex & Claire Kostas, Sarsha & Sabrina Williams, Leon & Therese Moran, Sandy, Jack & Greg Cassano and Kate Dalton.



Upcoming events:

Sat 19th Jan: Westernport Youth Regatta ay WYC

Sun 27th Jan: Family Talent and Trivia Night

Sun 10th Feb: Somers Great Land Race

Sat 16th Feb: Sailing School Presentation Dinner and Family Games night

Somers Juniors Flinders Cruise

The Hobie trip to Flinders
by Max Casalaz and Will Morgan

The inaugural Hobie trip to Flinders started on a pleasant Sunday afternoon. With winds up to 15-20 knots, 6 kids and 3 adults set off from Somers on 4 Hobie 16s accompanied by a powerboat. You could feel the excitement in the air as they began their trip, stopping first at Balnarring to pick up 3 more valiant sailors before continuing to Flinders.



After arriving at Flinders and hauling the boats up to the grassy area beside the yacht club, the group headed to the Flinders Pub for dinner before setting up to camp. On the way back to the campsite, they took an unexpected detour through some monuments which displayed the heritage of Flinders. They then went for an eventful walk along the pier before running back to the campsite along the beach.

Somehow all 11 kids managed to sleep under, or on top of, the Hobies. With little headspace and no room to move around it was difficult to get to sleep.

In the morning, most people's sleep was disrupted by the continuous beeping of a gate. If you were lucky enough to sleep through the beeping, you were awoken by the glorious sound of

"Good Morning Vietnam" blasting through the speakers at 7am.

After a quick breakfast and pack up, the group set off on their lengthy return sail. It was a painstakingly long trip back because of the lack of wind, but was made fun by the kids playing on the trapeze.

After reaching home and derigging, everyone went home happy and content, even if a bit tired.

A big thanks to Emma, Simon and Tim for organising and running the trip. Another thank you to the parents who provided and transported food and other necessities for the group. Also thanks to Ann (the Morris grandmother) for her help with getting gear there and back.

A huge thanks to big Max and Ed for driving the powerboat all the way there and back.

Finally, a very big thanks to the Flinders yacht club for their welcome and excellent hospitality in letting us use their facilities.





Division 1 and 2 Reports

Division 1

Despite the poor start to the sailing season with cancelled races due to either too much wind, not enough wind, thunder storms, rain and poor visibility there has been allot of activity in Division 1.

Morgan Carter took his A Class catamaran Hervey Bay, Queensland to compete in the Australian and World titles. It was a great opportunity for Morgan to compete with and learn from the best. Morgan competed in the classic division which was essentially non foiling except that all but 3 catamarans including Morgan had "C" shaped centreboards. Every day the wind was above 20 knots so it was a huge learning experience. Morgan broke his mast during race 3 and had to buy a new mast at the event which also put a huge dent in his overall performance result but Morgan learnt allot and has improved significantly since the titles.

Matt Stone, Daniel Stone, Justin Prior and Gina Webster competed in the Mosquito catamaran National Titles held at Mordialloc Sailing Club over the Christmas/New year break. Both Matt and Daniel showed excellent form and came away with 1st and 2nd places overall in the Spinnaker division. Congratulations to Matt as defending National champion and to Daniel for not quite getting the conditions that would have suited you best. Justin and Gina competed in the sloop rigged division and learnt allot from the experience. Gina just needs to remember when you capsize stay with your yacht and don't swim to the observing patrol boat otherwise the result is a DNF.

To local activity; Meghan Bursa has purchased a F18 Wild Cat and has been skippering with various crews to get to know her new yacht and iron out any set-up problems. Both Jeremy Pearse and have new sails to ensure that they are racing at maximum efficiency. Andrew Robertson and Ben Gristwood returned to racing over the Christmas break and Andrew showed some good form again in light winds winning the twilight race and Yardstick pursuit race.

Jeremy has had a few problems with a broken Dolphin Striker and loose traveller but these have now been fixed and Jeremy returned to the winners circle with a wonderful win in the catamaran division of the Westernport Challenge with Brian Gristwood in 2nd place. Well done to you both.

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

Peter Foulson

Division 2

First Champ was started in a steady Northerly which built up to an unpleasantly gusty race upsetting many sailors, with only about half the fleet finishing. Simon headed Vlad and Eli and Gen, well done girls! Ant and Hugo were next, then Gideon, with 6 non finishers, amongst them Steph with a rudder not having been pinned. Shame! From sublime to ridiculous, the back to back 5 and 6 Pre Xmas was started half an hour late due to no wind, which picked up to a steady 12-15 pleasant sail, and only one race being sailed, with Emma and Zoe heading the Old Man with Edward as crew, Malcolm after a fabulous tussle with Steph, beat him by 3 seconds, with Gideon after loosing and finding his tiller extension, followed by Ant and Will, and Matilda and Abi. Pre Xmas 7 and 8 were abandoned, so we come to the Boxing Day regatta 1 which was taken over by the Hobie 16's, followed by Gideon and the great PT battle was won by Steph, next Phil and Malcolm. Race 2 was ably won by Gideon, followed by Steph, Nigel, Malcolm, Ant, Phil, Maz and Simon. Summer Cup 1 was won by Nigel, Gideon, Steph and then Ant. The second race was abandoned. Summer Cup 3 was taken out by Gideon, then Steph, Malcolm, followed by Matilda. Race 4 was a close tussle between Steph, Gideon and Malcolm, and Ant and Ollie. Race 5 saw Gideon again leading the field with Steph, Malcolm and Maz behind. As the wind came up race 6 was dominated by the 16's of Simon and Eli, and Nigel and Glen, then Gideon and Steph in the rear. The Yardstick Pursuit saw Gideon come in 4th catamaran, a great performance. With only three more Summer Cups to sail, the title looks pretty safe in Gideon's hands, as he is 3 points in front of Steph who is 16 ahead of Malcolm. The Twilight race was sailed in heavenly, if light conditions and was a great battle with positions changing right throughout the race between the top four boats, and won by Gideon. It was great to have Peter Thompson back on the water. Heats 8 and 9 were sailed again on a perfect Somers day with 10kt steady winds and short courses, so one had to be on top with tactics, and the first was won by Vlad with Gideon 12seconds behind and Steph another minute. Next was Nigel and Abi, Malcolm and Phil, and it was nice to have Stephen Wilson back on the water. Race 9 saw Gideon in front again, with Vlad next and a gaggle of 16's followed by the other 5 PT's. Gideon had it sewn up, even though not finishing in the twilight 10th race. This was won by Simon and Emma, with Eli and Ed being the only other finishers. Well done Gideon!

Steph Schwarz PT 3014



Division 3 Report

Division 3

Division 3 in the period from opening day to Xmas has been dominated by the Finn, sorry the Contender as Michael proves it is indeed never too late to learn new tricks.

The speed of the Contender on the up and down wind legs when on trapeze is indeed impressive as the rest of the fleet continues to fight for minor placing.

Hot on heels of Michael are Pat also a Contender sailor with Ian and Nick quickly picking up the skills needed to sail these boats at the required level.

Team Tasar is as always in the mix with Chris and Cheryl arguably taking the pre Xmas Tasar honours with Mike, Amanda and Rob all sharing solid results.

The Impulse fleet has changed this year with John pretty much waving the flag; his last early January race showed when conditions are right he is very much a podium contender.

As for the Finn it continues to be fun, however a challenging boat to sail fast!

Nick Carter



Division 4

Australian Laser Championships

Richard Jagger, Harrison and Lucy Ede competed in the Australian Laser Championships on Bass Strait in Devonport Tasmania in the first week of January. Sean and Caitlin Bly were also in Devonport coaching. Support from coaches and ribs was important with a 4 mile journey to the course area since the club is 2 mile up the Mersey River which flows quickly depending on the tide. Conditions were perfect with a mixture of winds and sea state. The final day really blew with swells of 3-4 metres which really tested everyone. All three Somers sailors finished in the 40's out of 70 competing. The Radial fleet seems to get hotter every year and it was wonderful that all our team were often right in the top group. Hydration and food intake was critical and mistakes were evident in the final race of each day if this important part of sport wasn't taken seriously. This is an important lesson for any sailor competing in regattas. As always, the start and first beat were all important to get in the mix with the top competitors. Lucy nailed a few ripper pin end starts against both the current men's and women's world champions. The challenge was to stay with them! Next year's Nationals are in Melbourne so a perfect opportunity exists to sail in a very large regatta.

Nick Ede



Division 4 Report

'Tis the season for a number of major regattas! Somers Laser sailors have been out and about competing in a several big events over the last few months.

But first... a look at what's been going on at Somers YC.

The Pre-Xmas series wrapped up before Christmas with only four races being sailed and was won by Richard Jagger followed by Sean Bly and Steve Clifford.

On the 1st December, the first Championship series was sailed on a sunny day with a strong gusty northerly wind (20+ knots gusts) and was won by Richard Jagger, followed by Nick Ede in a Radial and Simon Wilkins.

Boxing Day saw two races both won by Lucy Ede followed home by Richard Jagger and Harrison Ede in races 1 and 2 respectively.

Off the Beach race (28th Dec) started off with a nice breeze but dropped to little or no wind half-way through before the wind picked up again. The race was abandoned elsewhere on the course as one determined sailor (Simon) rounded the gate mark and headed for the finish in a nice breeze.

The Summer Cup was sailed over the festive period (27th Dec-8th Jan) in a range of great sailing conditions and only one race (Race 1 on the first day) was lost due to a lack of wind in the ten-race series. On yardstick, Simon Wilkins sailed in eight races and scored eight firsts to take out the series followed by Steve Clifford in his new Laser (as yet unnamed) and Taylor Poon in 3rd. Steve Clifford won the series on Handicap and with it the Summer Cup!

Away from the club:

At the Go for Gold regatta 24/25th November at Black Rock Yacht Club, Lucy finished 2nd in a fleet of 6 Laser radials.

Sail Melbourne is one of the biggest sailing events in the southern hemisphere and over 350 boats entered for the event 12-16th December. 37 Laser Standard and 35 Radial rigs entered from 13 different countries including the World no.2 (Matt Wearn), world no.4 and Rio 2016 Bronze medallist (Sam Meech).



Getting ready on Day 2 (Simon 198120)

The fleet was world-level competitive and the starts were fierce with no room for error otherwise you would get instant bad air and dumped out the back. The first day saw huge waves and strong winds as a weather front came across Port Phillip which made racing eventful to say the least! Day 2 in the Standard fleet saw the race committee posi-

Division 4 Report continued

tion a buoy next to a known reef resulting in six boats hitting it damaging centre-boards and hulls. No races were possible on Day 3 due to a lack of wind and so 3 races were scheduled for the final day in arguably the best conditions. Simon finished 30th and Harrison 33rd from 37 entries. In the Radial fleet, Lucy Ede finished 25th out of 35 entries.



Getting ready to head out on the second day

Forthcoming Regattas:

Australia Day long weekend 26-28th January Somers YC

Commodores Cup/Williams Point Series (6 races over three days)

9th/10th February McCrae Yacht Club
VIC Laser State titles

23/24th February Royal Brighton Yacht Club
George Mac Regatta

16/17th March Royal Geelong Yacht Club
VIC Laser Masters State titles

See you on the water!

Simon Wilkins (simonwilkinssailing.tk) and Nick Ede



Simon rigging up on Day 4 near world no. 2 Matt Wearn (199015)

Be careful moving your boat
in Summer



Swish Report

Do the following appeal to you?

Views? Champagne? Cheese? Dips? Conversation? ... then maybe SWISH is for you.



What better way to kick off the New Year than with a SWISH session on the 1st January. The wind was kind and all six club Pacers were out on the water. Altogether 13 ladies, including three new to SWISH and a mother/daughter duo (Lisa and Lucy Tuck), headed out for a social sail. Setting out at low tide was a different experience from the high tides of Easter and set a new challenge for a couple of us newbies.

With no competition, other than trying to get a word in after the sail, SWISH is a perfect opportunity to come down and get to meet the many faces across the broad range of ages that make up Somers.

Not a sailor? No worries, nor was I. No sailing experience is required. Come and join us on Friday afternoons by jumping onto the Trybooking site. There are options for experienced, inexperienced and those who would simply like a ride on (as opposed to jumping from) the safety boat.

As always a huge thank you to all those who make it possible, with a special mention to Wendy and Michael W., Lindsay, Stephen and Norm.

Jo Dalton

Teams Racing at Westernport YC

On Sunday the 6th of January three teams, The Somers Pirates, Birds of Spray and The Little Chillies, ventured over to Western Port Yacht Club to participate in their annual teams racing. The Pirates, lead by Simon Wilkins, competed in the top of three divisions while The Little Chillies, lead by myself, and Birds of Spray, lead by Wendy Wilson, competed in Division B. The conditions were perfect with a consistent 10-15kt breeze coming through. Somers most successful team, The Little Chillies, made it to the grand final which consisted of a best of three. We lost the first race, won the second but unfortunately lost the third by one point which resulted in us walking away in number two.

Johnathan Dunlop

Somers Little Chillies receive their awards for second place



Somers Birds of Spray



Somers participants in Teams Racing enjoy some downtime between races



Division 5 Report—



The first month of the Holiday Season is always a busy time with the Club putting on the Summer Cup 10 race Series, plus a couple of extras. Division 5, which now includes the Impulse 6.6, 125's & the Pacers along with the Sabres, has the potential to be the largest division, and hopefully will maintain its premier position. In the Club Championship race run on the 1st December 16 boats registered (although not all started). During the Summer Cup Series we have reached fleets of 14. In my case and with many others, family commitments have made it difficult to Sail. Weather conditions also have played their part in reducing the fleet on occasions to a committed six. It is hoped that with more settled weather predicted!! that the fleet will register a competitive 16 plus on a ongoing basis.

It has been enjoyable sailing. The faster Sabres have been challenged by the entry of the modified Impulses (6.6), whilst the balance of the Sabres have enjoyed competitive sailing alongside the 125's & the Pacers.

With us sailing in composite fleets, the results are given in Yardstick & Handicap.

Yardstick to me is like The DR System, in the Cricket, it is a very technical system devised to solve a difficult problem, which everyone accepts, but not necessarily understands.

Handicaps are easier to understand, and graciously received by those struggling for place. In closure, and on behalf of all Sailors would take this opportunity to applaud the committed efforts of all the people who give up their time, to make it possible for us to sail both safely & competitively.

Dennis Paskins



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Membership News



With the season now well under way, and Sailing School commenced, there are still a number of memberships that have not been renewed.

Whilst there have been some difficulties with the new system due to the corrupt data transfer by Australian Sailing, it is function well if you follow the process.

Members need to be aware that they can login through our website and update their details, ie postal address, email and phone.

If we don't have your latest contact details, we can't reach you.

There is a LOGIN tab at the top right-hand corner of the home page. If you can't remember your user name or password, follow the prompts and these details will be emailed to you.

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Rescue Boats

What happens when they break down ?
SA 11 Rescues the Start Boat



Matt Stone—National Mosquito Champion



Daniel Stone—When your brother beats you



Mosquito National Championships

This season the Mosquito championships were held at Mordialloc sailing club over the Christmas break.

We had 12 races planned over 5 days with one session of racing starting from 1pm with 3 races a session.

3 Mossies from Somers came to the event: Matt Stone, Daniel Stone, Justin and Gina Prior sailing together (MK2)

Over the week we had wind from 5 knots to 20 knots with waves from nothing to 2 meters and swell.

The first day we had 10 to 16 knots. Matt dominated the first 2 races with 2 clear wins and Daniel not far behind. The wind had come up and the sloops with kite (same division) started to take over.

Justin and Gina were battling with another couple getting to know their boat more and were slowly improving. Silly mistakes can cost you a spot just like racing so hard trying to beat the competitor but forgot where they were going.

Day 2:

Started off well with perfect wind with the first 2 races 10 to 14 knots with Matt winning 2 more races and Daniel 2nd place.

Last race of the day the wind and swell ripped up and was a lumpy ride. Just say there were a few mast bends with kites up and a few nosedives and not that anyone saw a few upside down.

Others hear a girl screaming "TAKE ME IN, IF YOU DON'T, I WANT A DIVORCE".....Happy to say they are still together after a wine.

Day 3: Pretty much same as day 2 but more wind and swell. Matt was in survival mode (just got to keep it up)nope. Daniel being consistent in his sailing with a few more 2nds.

Some say they saw a boat cartwheel at the top mark and a see a girl screaming as she got launched off the boat leaving the girl stranded at the top mark without a boat and skipper. (The divorce papers were ready)

Day 4:

Light winds.....Nice and relaxing day. What can go wrong. A capsize at the top mark in 5 knots. How? You will never know. Daniel finally won a race over his bro.

Justin and Gina are still happily married and learned a lot about their boat and had a lot of fun.

Daniel came in 2nd place with Matt Taking out the NATIONAL MOSQUITO TITALS!

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Optimist Nationals—Tasmania

Greetings from Tasmania! The Laverty family recently attended the 2019 Optimist Nationals regatta in Sandy Bay, Tasmania. There were 280 competitors divided into three fleets, although the open fleet was so large it was divided into two sections halfway through the regatta. The conditions were tricky with big wind shifts (5-30knots) and colder water temperatures. As expected there was lots of traffic at the starting line, teaching the kids good tactical skills such as holding their boat positions. There were jury boats on the race courses ensuring that race rules were followed and during the debrief sessions there was always explanation of these rules. I'm sure all the kids learned heaps! Lucy and Chloe Laverty competed in the Green Fleet and Daniel Laverty competed in the Open Fleet. Lucy had a great regatta, she ended up taking first place, as well as being the first female across the line in her fleet. She didn't mind the rough winds and high swells which worked to her advantage in Hobart. Chloe was one of the younger competitors (7yrs old), she finished mid fleet. She also handled the rougher conditions and managed to complete all of her races. She only capsized once. Daniel had some pretty tough competition in Open fleet with many sailors from New South Wales and Queensland, as well as overseas. He had some great races even finishing first in one of them but equally had some stinkers too. Thankfully they get some drops in the competition! He finished first in the Open Silver Fleet and was all smiles at the end of the regatta.



local competitors. One of the highlights for the kids was being handed a warm pie as they dragged their boats off the beach to the boat yard. Perhaps this is something we can implement at Somers!

If there are any young sailors at Somers that want to learn more about sailing in these types of regattas, please feel free to come up and chat with the Laverty family. It is a great learning experience in addition to a wonderful opportunity to make life-long sailing friends



Overall, the regatta was a great event. The hosting club at Sandy Bay did a spectacular job making it very easy for non-

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Gina and Justin



Pat Moore and Jenny Thomson.
Jenny found a message in a bottle on the beach .

Sailing Safety

Helmets and Life Vests



Helmets and life jackets are available for use of all members in the shipping container at the rear or yard .



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Please return after use .

Summer Sign in at Yacht Club Events

Please do not be offended if you are asked if you are a member as the Christmas period is an important time to protect our liquor licence

Do you want to be more involved in the club ?

Volunteers are welcome in Sea Rescue, (Saturdays) and on the Bar (Friday nights and after sailing Saturdays). Contacts are listed page 16..



Sea Rescue



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