



Windward

SAILING AT ITS BEST

March 2022



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From the Commodore's Desk

Belated greetings to the 2021/22 Season!

Our first Windward news for a little while so lots to update - it certainly has been a season like no other.

In particular it has been a difficult summer as in so many ways the covid 19 pandemic affected the Club more than in the previous two summer holidays -when there were no actual covid cases around.

January in particular was a challenging time with so many members in isolation or at home unwell with covid 19. But of course the inimitable spirit of Somers Yacht Club prevailed and we decided to try and keep as much going as possible.

The great news is that we managed to hold virtually all of our sailing and social activities throughout the summer period. This was of course only possible due to the huge assistance of our many volunteers and to the support of those many members who attended the events. Thank you all!

At the beginning of the season the Committee voted, in the interests of members' health, to make the Club a fully vaccinated facility which has been greatly appreciated by most members. But it has caused extra work with covid marshaling and the like.

Despite being deferred slightly, our Opening Day celebrations went ahead, with an acknowledgement of our past seasons' Champions. We also paid tribute to our Victorian Volunteer of the Year, Norm Dewar, who opened the season. Norm has been serving the Club for decades and has become an icon of the Club – we are so lucky to have him and to reflect in his glory through the award.

SAILING SCHOOL: There were 5 summer sailing schools, all fully subscribed, with Emma and her instructor team doing a terrific job. This program is invaluable to our Club and it is wonderful to see so many new families joining us through this route.

YOUTH/JUNIORS: Over January, the youth committee organized a wide range of activities – including a movie night, trivia night, two games nights, photo competition and up next a Mexican Fiesta – kindly subsidised by The Coast Real Estate.

SAILING: As well as our regular club races we enjoyed many other events including cruises to Pt. Leo and Sandy Point (well, almost there!), extra social sailing (as requested by members in the most recent Club survey) and an adventure cruise to Middle Bank.

Somers YC also participated in the annual Yachting Westernport Teams Racing and the mighty Montalto Marathon.

WESTERNPORT CHALLENGE: As the principal Yachting Westernport event of the season the WPC is always well attended. Somers had a fleet of 38 starters (out of a total 91 boats) A great effort – and even more so as we managed to win back the shield! Congratulations to

all involved and especially to WYC for running this event – our turn next year!

SWISH: The SWISH contingent have enjoyed sailing on many Friday afternoons and a group of over 30 female sailors benefited from coaching at the SASSY regatta – even if most of it was on land this year. Thanks for all your work Wendy.

SOCIAL: Despite the challenges of covid, the Social Committee, with Lisa and her team, were determined to run as many scheduled events as possible. As a result we had Santa's annual visit by boat, the Christmas cocktail party, the Trivia Night, the Open Mic night and family BBQs.

And I must make a special mention of the farewell party for long serving duo Di and Mark Graham, who, after decades of service, moved to NSW to be nearer their family. We have missed their calming presence in the tower and wish them all the best.

We are hosting the Impulse State Titles over the March long weekend – come and enjoy the spectacle!

CATERING: I'd like to give a shout out to our hard-working caterer Jill Midlovets who kept looking after us through the covid downtimes. Please support Jill – whether on Friday nights, or Saturday lunchtimes- or both!

IMPORTANT NOTE: on a more serious note, the Club is going through a period of transition at present- as all clubs do from time to time. We have some stalwart volunteers moving on from roles that they have performed for many years, often decades. This natural transition causes challenges but also offers opportunities for others to step up. As has often been said, volunteering for a community club often brings as many rewards for the volunteer as for the club, if not more. It certainly is a great way to build your friendship group within the Club, as well as to leave the Club that supports you a little better than when you found it. Please talk to me – or any Committee member – if you'd like to get more involved.

Unfortunately covid has caused a delay in our volunteer training, but over the coming months we intend to run more training sessions especially in the areas of sea rescue- stand by for further updates.

We also need more volunteers to help in the bar and will be running an RSA course soon. Please watch out for these courses and come along if you can. Volunteering to help in the bar is another easy way to meet people in our community.

See you around the Club!

Amanda

Vice Commodore's Report



It's hard to believe that we're already into March and the end of the season is approaching fast. Whilst COVID continued to impact our members over the summer period, it is wonderful to see our members enjoying our clubhouse mask-free and smiling again!

Donning my sailor's hat for a moment, I cannot remember a season where we have experienced so many Saturday Easterly winds. It seems to have coincided with our new bar servery window that has been installed on the eastern wall onto the deck. This window has made a big difference in opening up service to the deck and barbeque area. Many sailors have taken advantage of this new feature to enjoy a drink on the deck and bask in the summer weather. You'll see some more changes to the bar coming soon, with a refit commencing shortly. This will include new shelving and refrigeration, making the bar a much safer place.

Speaking of the deck, a survey has been conducted

to ensure that we can maximise its lifespan and identify anything that requires fixing. Work has already been done in response to the assessment (thanks to Simon and Nigel), with further works to be completed at our next working bee and in the off-season. You'll also see some changes being made to the Yard Arm at the north of the clubhouse. Thanks to Cameron Harvey, the club managed to secure a grant to open this area up and install lighting. It will be a great space for young and old when completed.

We're always on the lookout for helpers who know their way around tools. If you think you're handy on the tools and can lend a hand, please get in touch with myself or a General Committee member. It is a great way to meet other members and support the club.

Finally – there are so many jobs, large and small, that get done by members without comment, complaint or recognition. I want to give a big thank you to all those who put time into keeping our clubhouse standing and running, led by David Goble, our Maintenance Coordinator. To everyone who chips in around the place, we appreciate your help.

See you on the water, in the yard or on the deck.

Sean Bly



2022 Australian Laser
Masters
Championships
Sean Bly



Rear Commodore's Report

Hi all,

For those of you who don't know me, I'm more at home tinkering with boats in the yard or renovating bathrooms than on the computer so I'll keep this short. I'd like to thank all the amazing volunteers our yacht club has that provide their valuable time. Times are changing at the club as we enter a transitional period with our volunteers; this is especially evident in the sea rescue and race control areas. We are encouraging more members to step up and get trained in areas that are at the forefront of our club, which is our Saturday sailing. Areas that need many volunteers every week are race management and patrol boat driving. So if you have been considering obtaining your powerboat licence we strongly encourage you to do so. This can be done with a basic test at Vic Roads or other accredited training providers. We can then provide you with on-water training after getting your licence.

We have had a promising season so far with only a few races lost to the wind gods! Without encapsulating the whole season, I'll mention that Somers Yacht Club has once again won the Westernport challenge title.

Sailing School provided a vibrant atmosphere at the club throughout January, thank you to the blue top

team (our Instructors) for all your hard work.

Sassy was hit hard with crazy weather, being called off and postponed to a day with a strong northerly, providing challenging sailing conditions.

The Montalto marathon was another great success and was attended well by Somers sailors. Congratulations go to Michael Vandenberg who took first place overall.

Saturday racing has been well attended by most divisions (div 2 where are you?) but Sunday sailing has been awesome. The sight of so many boats and colours littering the bay provides a wonderful spectacle.

The impulse sailors will be visiting our club for their state titles on the labour day weekend and we are still short on volunteers for patrol boats so please text me if you are available.

For those keen division 1 sailors, there is the Around French Island Marathon coming up on the 19th of march with \$10,000 shared prize money.

Notice of race can be found on the Cowes Y C site.

And for those smaller division 5 sailors, the annual Hobie Hawk titles is being held on the 9th of April, so kids time to get training!

Have a Hobie Day

Simon Morris





Membership Report

The 2021-2022 has been a very strong season for membership with 351 memberships generating a total of 780 members. We welcome all new members and their families into our Yacht Club Community.

The Mid Week news, which normally is normally distributed via email, on Wednesday night, is the main source of communication in the Yacht Club. Members are encouraged to come to the club on a Friday night for a meal, which can be ordered on Try Booking, or just come and enjoy a drink at the bar.

Lunches are also available on Saturday.

Members are reminded that they can bring their own food to the club and sit inside or outside the building to eat. Visitors, over the age of 18, must be signed into the club house at the main entrance upstairs as well as QR coding in downstairs.

Every member has a Username on the Rev Sport data base and you are encouraged to login to this via our SYC Webpage portal on the right- hand side of the Home Page, in order to make changes of to your

personal details, when appropriate. If you have mislaid your Username just email membership@somersyachtclub.com.au and request to have it sent to you. We can only keep in contact with you if your details are correct .

Somers Yacht Club welcomes the following new members in January / February 2022

Anthony Cross, Dominica Zetner and Joaquin Cross
Kathleen Ragheb
Cindi Dawes
Connor McCartin
Isobel, Christopher, Samuel and James Reid
Kevin Natalie and Daisy Wheeler
Sarah Sunderland
Finn, Sonja and John Sawtell-Rickson
Michelle Thomas and Daniel Wallace
Sterling Garbler
Jordon Tomkins

Libby Moore



Members having fun!

Three of our young Somers girls attended Sailing Sleepover Camp at Morningson Y C.

The three girls were Mavis Laverty, Greta Schwarz and Vienna Jones.

Sadly the wind was gusting at 30 kn so they did more bonding, sailing theory and eating popcorn.

Dressed and ready to sail
Go SsYC girls!



Division 2

It's been great to see more Dragoon sailors racing and especially the new sailors getting out and trying the tough conditions.

Last Saturday we had Tom Lows' first race on his new Hobie Dagoon with his crew Leona Twist- Congratulations, and we hope to see you guys out each weekend. There was an amazing performance by Gidi Segal on his Hobie 14; capsizing multiple times in front of the club while SASSY was blown out. Gidi, you really are seeking adrenaline.

We would love to see more boats racing for the upcoming autumn series in the current Dragoon favoured division.

There has been a lot of social sailing for division 2 boats, including Justine Swan becoming familiar with the Hobie 14 and Tom, Harry and Ned getting many hours on the water on their Windrush. Social sailing has been a great opportunity for people to refine their skills and enjoy the wind.

In the near future we are hoping to have some cameras on the rescue boats to capture some epic action and sailing.



Matilda Morris

Division 3.

Division 3 Rocks!

News Flash!

Patrick Moore Wins Westernport Challenge!

Michael Vandenberg 2nd.

Michael Vandenberg Wins Montalto Marathon! Amanda Nutting and Steve (where are we stopping for lunch?) 5th, with Daniel McCutcheon and Claire Gustavsson 6th .

This season has seen the intensity of competition rise with the usual suspects all finishing within seconds on corrected time with the winner often decided by the conditions and which way to go on the beat. The Contender is a weapon in strong winds but if it goes light, the Tasars, Impulses, Finn and Lasers are dominating. We saw in the second Championship race sailed, outstanding performances by Shawn Bly (official rock star sailor), Nick Carter and Amanda Nutting and Maureen Laverty with flashes of brilliance shown by Harrison Eade (who needs to check the course) .

The Championship series has also moved back to longer courses providing multiple tack beats which

are far more interesting than the one tack short courses we saw in the previous races. The geometry of these courses has improved but not eliminated the VERY broad reaches which have taken some of the wild rides away from our course. BUT the broader reaches are favoured by the Laser and Finn levelling up the playing field so not all bad.

Knowledge sharing continues to be a feature of the division and there have been tuning sessions in Tasars and Contenders as well as the constant sharpening of Impulse skills on non race sailing days (rumour has it that Mike Sandiford has got a shiny new mast (to negate any perceived advantage that Mal Otto may have with his new set up.

Aside from the competitive side, there have been picnic days out on the sand bar (which is weird to see in the middle of the bay) and lots of social sailing with the small rig Impulses from Division 4.

On a sadder note, Division 3 mourns the passing of Mike Sandiford's partner Bridget Robinson. To lose your soulmate is a very difficult thing and our thoughts and support are there for Mike.

Michael Vandenberg Contender 2678





Division 4

This season has been dominated by the Impulse 6.6's and in particular Mal Otto.

In the pre-Christmas series Mal set the pattern for the season to date with an impressive set of results with 4 wins out of 5 races on yardstick. Wendy Wilson in her Sabre came in second on yardstick, denying the Impulse 6.6's a clean sweep.

Thanks to an adventure with Covid isolation Mal was absent for the two Summer Cup races, so it was on for young and old to try and hit the leader

board. Rob Briggs had an excellent two races with wins on yardstick and on handicap, while Evan Gaulke and Herbie Goodsir snagged a victory on handicap in their 125.

The Championship races have also seen the dominance of Mal and his fellow Impulse 6.6 mates. We hope that all this excellent sailing will bode well for the Impulse State Titles being held at Somers over the Labour Day weekend.

Evan Gaulke



Sometimes the wind is strong and sailing is fast.

And sometimes there's just no wind at all.





Division 5

Spotlight on two new sailors.

Henry Hutchinson.

Henry is eleven years old and in year six at Somers Primary School. His Hawk, named Peter Duck is his first boat. Henry's father is a sailor and after experiencing Try Out Sailing day, he went onwards. He says "the wind is your friend but capsizing is not".

Like many young folk, Henry benefited from Somers Sailing School where he made many new friends, some of whom also sail Hawks.

Henry came fourth in his first race on the 19th of February this year.



Hector Labart

Hector is twelve years old and in year six at Clifton Hill Primary School. His family joined SsYC in 2021 with sailing being a family affair for the three boys and their parents.

Hector says "sailing is really fun but it is hard when it is really windy".





SWISH

Somers Women In Sailing Happiness.

SWISH has been a real highlight of my first two Somers' summers!

I'm so grateful to super-organised and serene Wendy, all the salty sailors who so graciously and patiently pass on their expertise to novices, as well as Michael, Andy, Daniel, Lyndsay and other volunteers who make the events happen. Thanks to SWISH my confidence in sailing has really increased and I am loving taking any opportunity to hire a Pacer at weekends for time on the water. The social aspect of SWISH is also really fun and there are lots of laughs. Looking forward to more!

Melinda Gamlin.





Sea Rescue

This season was my first attempt at doing the Somers rescue boat roster.

It is a huge job and requires lots of patience (which many of you know I lack!)

I would like to thank all those that have assisted this season.

There are a number of non sailors who do so much work, week in week out, so a big thankyou to them.

I have introduced a roster where every sailor com-

pletes one duty for the season, allowing sailors to only give up one sail in the season.

A younger set rescue boat was introduced this season, providing opportunity for the up and coming members in the club, to skipper and jumpboat.

Thanks everyone for a great season and remember **“without rescue boats there is no sailing competition!”**

Gina





SASSY She sails At SomerS Yacht club.

SOMERS YACHT CLUB

Coaching and Racing for Women and Girls. Sunday 13th February.

This wonderful annual event saw Pacers, Sabres, Hobie16, Hobie Dragoon, Optimist and Hawks sailed by females aged from 9 to 70 +. Coaching was delivered by Jarka, Mike, Phil, Emma and Zoe with Jeremy Pearse conducting a last minute

rules session while we waited in vain for the wind to abate. Only a few very brave sailors entered the water.

Once again many thanks to Wendy Wilson for organizing such an enjoyable and rewarding day.





Point Leo Cruise

As Ernest Hemmingway once said, *"It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end."*

It could be said that this year's SsYCs flotilla that set sail for Point Leo Boat Club satisfied both ends of Hemmingway's coin. Beginning with the latter first, the fleet was cruelled by half, with the Morris and Co Hobie crews in action at the Nationals. Despite this, a strong showing was seen traversing Western Port Bay, some 25 yachts in number, with single hulls and catamarans equally represented.

The party was gifted a consistent Zephyr of 6 knots, making the trip swift and uneventful. Upon arrival, it was clear that the *"end to journey toward"* equally mattered, representative by snags fresh off the Point Leo Boat Club Deck BBQs, an ice cold beverage

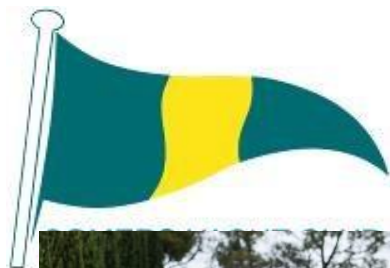
and a great welcome and camaraderie shared between the two clubs; all in spite of CoVid and restrictions.

The trip home was equally uneventful, although with more assistance from the wind. *Husky Hobie*, on its second journey with its new crew was pushing its limits at 8 knots.

I am sure I speak on behalf of those crews and sailors that made the trip to Point Leo Boat Club, and SsYC as a whole, a huge and heartfelt thanks for the amazing hospitality afforded and we look forward to more shared events. I hear the PLBC annual cocktail night is an event not to miss.

Xavier McLaurin





Somers Yacht Club Members Tie the Knot



Congratulations to Pat Moore and Jen Thomson who were married on January 29th 2022. On their third attempt, they finally defeated Covid Lockdowns to have a beautiful celebration at Barn and Co in Balnarring.

Congratulations to Michelle Bursa and Robbie Lovig who were married on February 25th at the Treasury Gardens and had their reception at the Hotel Windsor.



We wish both couples happiness in their future together



Laser Standard Apprentice Division – Sean Bly 2nd Place (Photo: Jon West Photography)



SsYC Club Merchandise.

Kids T- Shirts \$20

Kids Fleecy Sweats (Windcheater) SsYC logo
Chest - Somers Yacht Club on left Sleeve \$45

Kids Fleecy Hoodies (Windcheater) SsYC logo
Chest - Somers Yacht Club on left Sleeve \$45

Ladies Boat Neck Long Sleeved T-Shirt SsYC
logo Chest \$25

Mens Long Sleeved T-Shirt SsYC logo Chest \$25

Mens Fleecy Windcheater SsYC logo Chest -
Somers Yacht Club on left Sleeve \$45

Savannah Soft Shell Jacket SsYC logo Chest -
Women \$130

Synder Soft Shell Jacket SsYC logo Chest- Men
\$130

Trackpants - Somers Yacht Club down the left leg

\$45

Adult t shirts \$25.00

All items are now available to order from the
Club' <https://www.somersyachtclub.com.au/shop/>

with pricing, colours and sizing listed for your se-
lection.

A login is not required to order, however logging
in with your Australian Sailing member details
will record your purchases and prefill ordering
fields. Your selections are made to order and are
usually ready for delivery or collection from the
Club twenty one days later. The current COVID
shut downs and restrictions will affect availability
and delivery.





2022 Australian Laser Masters Championships

Westernport Yacht Club played host to the 2022 Australian Laser Masters Championships – the first National Laser event to be held since COVID hit in 2020. 106 sailors aged 35 and over from all over Australia (plus one sailor from Samoa) took to the waters of Westernport Bay to compete for the title of National Champion across nine age divisions.

As an Olympic class, let's just say that Laser sailors have a reputation for not being a party class. It isn't unusual for a Laser social function on New Years Eve to be wrapped up by 9:30pm. It was a welcome surprise to find a bunch of Laser sailors that not only stayed around to socialise, but also compete at a regatta that was sponsored by a brewery!

The weather dished out a bit of everything, giving visitors a tasting platter of what Westernport Bay has to offer sailors. Light winds, strong winds and strong tides made for some tight racing and amazing downwind rides for all. Sailors were overheard in the boatyard commenting about 'some of the best surfing conditions they've sailed in'.

Two sailors from Somers competed – yours truly and new member Ludo Labat (you may have seen him and his family in Tasar 'Fearless Frog'). After four days and ten races, Ludo finished 10th Radial Master (ages 45-54). I managed to finish 3rd over-

all in the Standard division and 2nd Apprentice (ages 30-44).

Somers was well represented in the race management stakes too. A large number of our members volunteered their time to help make the regatta a success. It was great to see Amanda Nutting and Wendy Wilson out on the start boat. This sailor was very thankful to be able have someone to hand his food bag to! John Tilleard was helping to lay the course – and shouting word of encouragement from the sidelines. Garry Morris was also out on a rescue boat over the weekend, and Jeremy Pearse also provided his expertise in race management. Nick Ede, as chair of the Organising Committee, did a fantastic job with his team to put on a great event, with support from clubs all over the Mornington Peninsula, including Somers.

The oldest age category in Lasers is the Legends Division, open to those 75 and older. The winner of this division, Kerry Waraker, managed to win this division against a bunch of relative youngsters at the ripe old age of 82! I guess this sailor only has to wait another 40+ Nationals before he gets a shot at that title – that is if he's still fit enough to get a Laser around a race course!

Sean Bly



Ludo Labat
(Photo: Jon West
Photography)



Social Committee

How lovely it is to know that events can be planned now without the threat of lockdowns.

We have had a number of very successful nights, New Year's Eve was a different night out on the deck with thanks to Steve, Andree and Arch for the music. The Trivia Extravaganza was fun and many thanks go to Simon and Harry Taylor our hosts. Luke's Open Mic Night was well attended and although we couldn't dance, lots of talent came out of the woodwork.

Thank you to the Social Committee and everyone who has supported the social program so far this season. If you have any ideas for events for next season or would like to join the Social Committee, please email me on lisanutting@bigpond.com.

Upcoming Events:

Dinner with the Impulse sailors!

Saturday 12 March 2022 7pm

Members are invited to attend alongside the Impulse State Title entrants.

Book through next week's Mid Week News or on the website.

Menu Adult Meals \$25 Children \$12.50

Butter chicken curry (mild)

Madras beef (medium)



Winners are Grinners Trivia Night

Sri Lankan sweet potato and cashew nut curry
All come with fragrant rice, mint raita, chutney and papadum

Family BYO BBQ with The Jets

Saturday 9 April 2022

From 6pm

Bring your own BBQs are always popular and very casual for families to get together and relax at the club. Please remember to BYO plates, cutlery, salad and meat and use the washing up facilities in the BBQ area.

Easter Bunny, Egg Hunt (Coffee and Buns from 9:30am)

Sunday 17 April 2022

All Somers children welcome but remember to bring a parent or guardian!

Somers YC Golf Cup and BYO Lunch at SsYC

Sunday 15 May 2022 Cerberus Golf Club

9am

Details and booking link currently being finalised.

Lisa Nutting



Justin enjoying New Years



Youth update – Summer 2021-22

Our SYC Youth Sailors have had a fantastic summer.

Over 3 busy weeks in December and January, Emma Morris, Jonathan Dunlop and their team of dedicated Instructors, ran an amazing 9 Sailing School courses! 66 junior sailors took part, had fun and improved their skills. This is an amazing way to introduce new sailors and their families to our club, and to help our youth members build skills and confidence on the water. A huge thanks to the incredible team who made all this possible again this summer.

Our new SYC Youth Committee (Emily Chiu, Nique Briggs, Abi and Will Morgan, Harry Taylor, and Tom McCracken – led by co-chairs Zoe Morris and Gidi Segal) and been working hard to run events both on and off the water for our junior members and their families. They've organised multiple **Games Nights**, a **Youth Trivia Night** and **Photo Competition**, judged by member and

award-winning photographer, Alli Harper.

They're also running the popular **Somers Short Film Festival** again this year – entries close 27 March, so start filming!

On 19 March there's a **Mexican Fiesta night** for youth and their families, sponsored by *The Coast Real Estate*, with dinner + desert, the 1st screening of this season's Sailing School movie, and the award of the Alan Angwin Sailing School Award. If you're planning to attend, please make sure that you head to the [Events page on the SYC website](#) and Register, so we know how many to cater for.

There's been lots of youth racing success too – most recently in Jervis Bay, with Zoe Morris and Emily Chiu taking out 1st place in the inaugural Hobie Dragoon National Championships and Nique Briggs securing 3rd place; Gidi Segal winning the Hobie 14s Youth category; and Zoe Morris and Tom McCracken winning the Hobie 16s Youth category.





Vale

Bridget Robinson

In Memory of a great friend,
Bridget Robinson
19 June 1958 - 11 February 2022

Somers, and Somers Yacht club mourn the loss of a fabulous lady and member, Bridget Robinson. Bridget and Mike Sandiford, who was Commodore of SsYC 2020-2021, joined the club in 2004 as sailing members and spent many happy hours together out on the water - well mostly. In fact Mike created an award called Patience and Forbearance which went to the crew of the husband/wife team that spent the most hours on the water together and were still in harmonious relations by the season's end.

Despite spending time away, Bridget was always a Mornington Peninsula girl. She arrived from England with her family in 1962, settling in Mornington. Bridget's parents, Moira and Phil opened and ran the very successful Robinson's book shop in Frankston. Bridget had a fun-filled childhood with two brothers and a sister, her parents creating a warm and generous household with lots of friends. Bridget always made friends easily and some of those friends have been in her life since kindergarten. The family loved adventures and the beach at Walkerville remained one of Bridget's favorite places where a shared beach house was the backdrop to memorable holidays.

Bridget was an excellent student – she could always focus on making things happen – and after school studied psychology at Melbourne University. No doubt the studies helped, but Bridget had high emotional intelligence and good instincts with people which contributed to a very successful career as a clinical psychologist. She worked with families and new mothers as well as executive and career counselling. She also trained as a midwife and practiced for a time before returning to psychology. Mike called it her 'midwife crisis'.

Mike Sandiford came into her life when Bridget was in her teenage years. Bridget was friendly with Mike's sister Nicky, and Mike friendly with

Bridget's brother Andy, so meeting was inevitable. Mike tells us he was smitten from the start, but it took him a while to convince her. Mike's early view that simply sailing fast would be enough to win her over, proved woefully naive. He soon had to change his strategy, including co-opting his would-be mother-in-law as chief advocate.

They married in 1983 and the adventures continued. They moved to Cambridge in England with son Daniel in 1986. After returning to Melbourne in 1987, they moved to Adelaide where Erin and Anna were born, and where they often cruised in a trailer-sailor on the Coorong. Again Bridget made friends and continued with her career whilst managing the family and supporting Mike.

The Flinders Rangers became another favorite place for Bridget where they enjoyed the simplicity of walking, camping, nature and birds (Bridget was a self-confessed bird lover or twitcher as she described it) – and of course rocks for Mike. Bridget and Mike loved the outdoors and went camping and walking wherever they lived. In recent years, as you drove past their Somers house, you would notice that the camping trailer and land cruiser were missing and they had gone 'bush' again, visiting familiar and loved places such as Mt Howitt and the Little Desert.

They returned to the Peninsula in 2000 and bought a house in Eyre Road Somers, managing family and work between Fitzroy and the Peninsula. Having joined the Somers Yacht Club in 2004 Bridget sailed with Mike, crewing a 470. Bridget could be seen kitted up, including the trapeze harness which made her look quite fearless! As a couple they were competitive and regularly named in the results. In 2007/08 Mike and Bridget won the club championship for Division 3 in their 470. Mike remembers Bridget giving him advice to slow down and let someone else win for a change! He ignored her of course, since it was well understood between them, that authority reversed across the low tide mark.



Vale Bridget Robinson continued

In 2013 Mike and Bridget moved to a Tasar with Bridget crewing for him unless she had a better offer for fun with friends. Bridget used the 20-20 rule for sailing – it had to be over 20 degrees with the wind forecast under 20 knots. When crewing on occasion for Di Nutting in later years after Mike went to a one-man boat, she amended the rule to 20-15 and Diana was only too happy to oblige. No-one looked as radiant in the changing room after sailing as Bridget – her wide smile and cheery laughter adding to the fun of the race.

Another aspect of her nautical career was cruising in Croatia with yacht club friends and sailing across the top of Australia and in Tasmania with Adelaide friends.

Mike and Bridget moved to Tasman Road around 2012 and being closer to the water Bridget loved walking around the area and on the beach with her many friends.

As Mike began his SsYC flag officer activities as Rear Commodore, Bridget became more involved with the club and was a great contributor to the Flag Officer group. She joined the Social Committee and helped with numerous events and causes in addition to supporting Mike. She baked cakes, cooked burgers, worked behind the bar and did anything that 'needed to be done'. She was a hard-working member of the team that organised the major fund-raising din-

ner in 2018. Some of you might remember the sponsor board on the night with businesses acknowledged on little cut out sailing boats. That was Bridget's work. Behind the scenes, she also assisted Mike in supporting members who were challenged by the Covid restrictions.

As Mike said at the celebration for Bridget's life, she was always loved, but that was because she always gave love – first of all to her husband, children and grandchildren, as well as her parents and siblings and their families – but also to her numerous friends. Bridget didn't just make friends, she kept them. She'd call, arrange a walk, a film, a meal – or just share a cup of tea. She was always keen to exchange family news, books, ideas, recipes – but most importantly to just share time together. You always felt better from having a brief or extended chat with Bridget. She was always there for people – and no more so than for Mike and their children whether as a listening ear, gentle counsel or just to hang out with.

Bridget was diagnosed with cancer in 2012 and with new treatments had 10 years of making the most of life. She never wanted to be defined by her illness and we think she achieved that.

It is a privilege to say we have been and always will be friends of Bridget Robinson and know you will agree that the world is a better place for her time in it.

Cheryl Gurney and Margaret Tilleard



Sailing in Croatia with the Gurneys and Nutting-Cliffords.

Bridget at her daughter's wedding.





Vale **Marje Enever** 27 10 1944 - 10 09 2021

Marje was a hard working, disciplined and efficient wife, mother and grandmother. Her tea towels were always ironed .

She and Jim loved to travel including overseas conferences and outback fossicking for gems. Marje loved having Mat, Alice, Bonnie and Tess living nearby. She often minded the grandchildren , taking them to sporting activities after school and was interested in all they did.

I often dropped in for a cuppa and chat; the house was always spotless and the garden stunning. Roses, camellias, azaleas and natives; all well watered and lawns neatly mown. Jim and Marje also had a beautiful house and garden in Mount Waverley which Marje's brother Roger built.

Marje worked full time till retirement. She was a capable practical and perceptive occupational therapist helping many clients over the years.

Marje lost her dad during the second world war. Her mum worked full time so Marje stayed with family friends at Somers during school holidays and loved the coastal village. She enjoyed returning to Somers to retire,

became involved with the local community and was a keen bridge player.

She also kept in contact with all her relatives offering them hospitality, meals and or a bed. Summer family holidays with her boys David and Matt were often at Somers and in winter skiing at Mount Baw Baw.

The Griffins and Enivers were on the yacht club social committee for many years;. Fundraising included picture nights, dinners, dances and New Years celebrations. Preparing food, decorating the hall, then cleaning up afterwards. Lots of fun was had by all.

Marje keenly followed politics and held strong views about government and looking after all people particularly the disadvantaged. She kept up with a number of O.T. colleagues meeting them regularly for meals and fellowship or to stay.

Marje died in the Frankston Hospital after a very short illness.

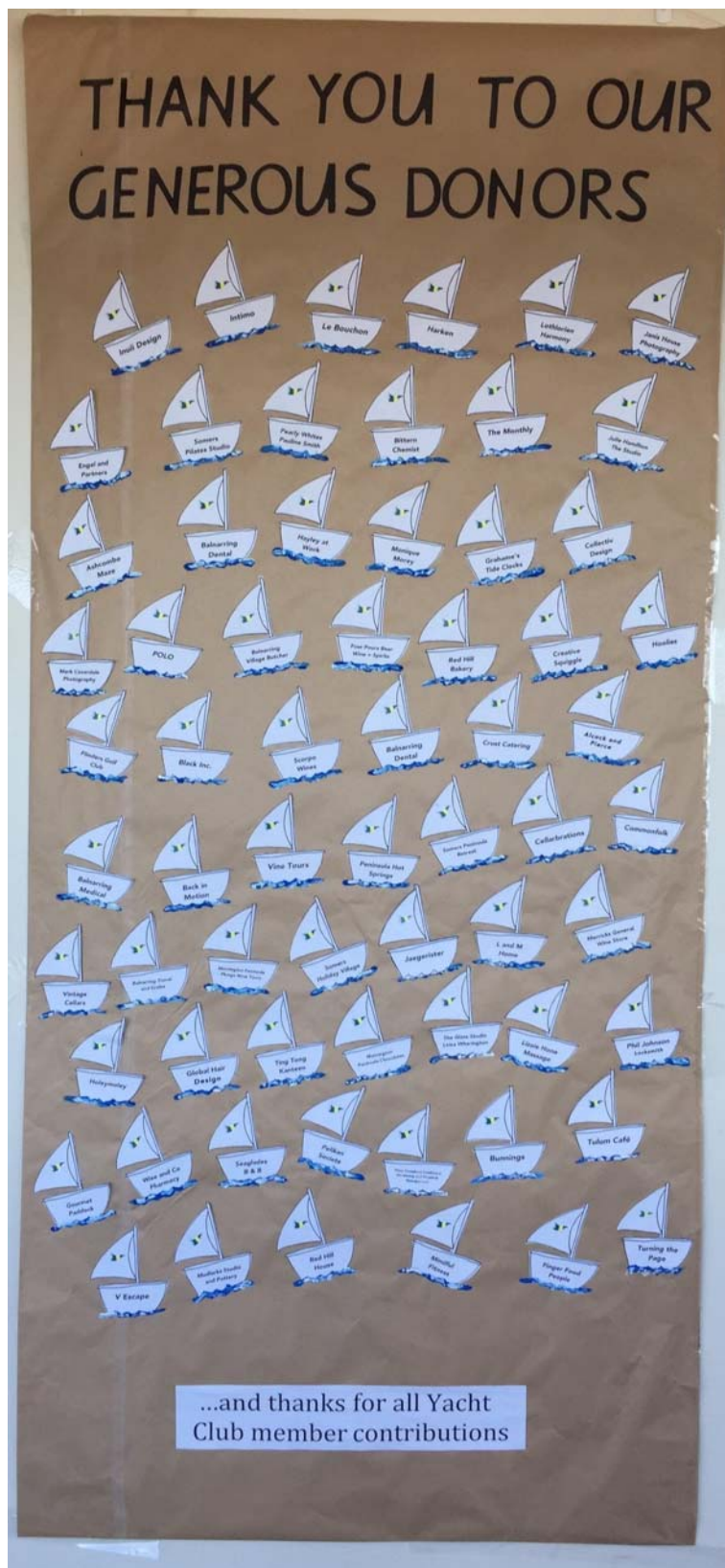
Marje will be fondly remembered for her generous hospitality and friendship and she shall be greatly missed by many.

Margaret Griffin



Marje and Jim Enever

Bridget's Handiwork.





Westernport Challenge

Western Port Challenge 2022 -Won by Somers Yacht Club

On Saturday 15 January, 38 Somers yachts sailed to Balnarring to compete in a fleet of 91 boats in the Western Port Challenge, which was hosted by Western Port Yacht Club.

Patrick Moore was the overall winner for the Westernport Challenge

Other notable results:

- Michael Vandenberg - 2nd overall
- Matt Stone 4th overall and 2nd multihull
- Nigel and Abi Beddoe 6th overall
- Mal Otto 8th overall & winner division 4
- Tim and Naomi Chiu 9th overall
- Elly Morris & Zak Rowden: Lady Skipper

•Matilda Morris and Emily Chiu: Junior champion, Rod Johnson Memorial Trophy and winner Div -2

Somers also won the Youngerset WPC perpetual trophy

As always, our racing is dependent on our fantastic patrol boat crews who accompanied us to Balnarring and home. We also thank our home race officer, Andy, and the volunteers from all the other Clubs, especially our hosts Westernport Yacht Club.

We also thank Dianne and Mark Graham for their central role in this event. Retirement has taken them to a Sea Change in NSW, however, we hope to hijack them for a return performance when we host the Westernport Challenge next year.

Libby Moore

Farewell to Di and Mark Graham

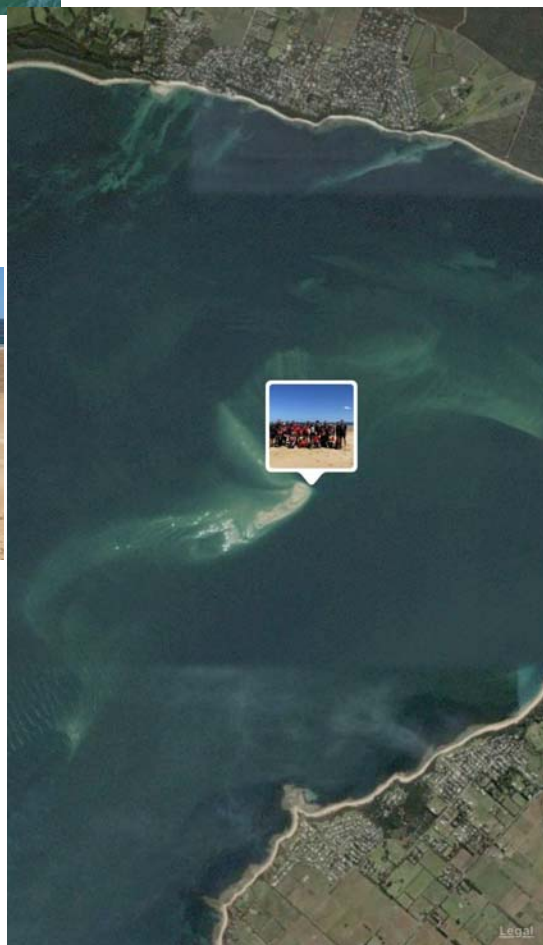
SsYC recently farewelled two of our most quintessential club members, Mark and Di Graham. From the tower, to rescue boats, laying courses, teaching us our flags, keeping the club house ship shape, to organizing presentations and so much more; and always with good humour and a willingness to teach others and share their expertise. They will be greatly missed. The next edition of Windward will showcase their contributions in more detail.





Social Sailing Cruise to Middle Bank

On a recent Sunday with a low tide and a steady breeze, 14 boats sailed together to Middle Bank which is in the middle of Western Port Bay. It has grown exponentially in height lately, so much so



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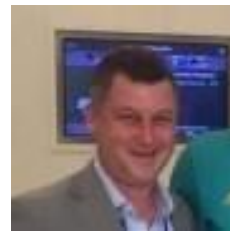
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