



Windward

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Date September 2017



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From the Commodore's Desk



By now you will have received your Membership renewals and Sailing and Social Program for the coming season. Please check your membership details and renew as soon as possible, this helps our hard-working Membership Secretary and Treasurer complete their jobs efficiently. Make a note of the key dates on the program in your diary. I congratulate the Sailing committee, Social committee and Bar committees on putting together such an exciting and comprehensive program.

During the winter, our Facilities committee has been hard at work constructing shaded areas on the front and back decks, plus a myriad of minor maintenance and improvements to our Club. The Finance committee has produced a budget for this year (with a modest cash surplus), they have also finalised last year's accounts. These have been reviewed by our Honorary Reviewer Leon Moran. The Club is in good financial shape, but will still rely on substantial fund raising to make the Club building additions a reality. Cameron Harvey and his team have worked hard and creatively on the plans for our future.

Whilst many of us have been away during the winter the vibe on Friday nights has still been there as member share their traveller's tales and plans. Our Mid-Winter Ball was a huge success, coming as many returned and just before many joined a flotilla off Italy. Lisa and the Social Committee created a wonderful winter theme at the Club that was anything but wintry once the Jazzy Jets started playing and the dance floor was packed!

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and for the Roast afterwards. This will be my final act as Commodore and I will say this again and again.... It has been a pleasure serving, mainly because of the excellent contribution of every member of the General Committee, every member of the subsidiary committees, and every member who has stepped up and volunteered their time and effort in a myriad of places on the land and water. The strength of the Club is based on a wide number of volunteers and without your help my job would have been impossible.

Chris Gurney



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SOMERS YACHT CLUB INC.

NOTICE OF 55th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2017
10.30 AM

AGENDA

APOLOGIES – Please enter names on the sheets provided at the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE
54th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 25th SEPTEMBER 2016

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

COMMODORE'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS
AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Please note:

Nominations for Office Bearers and Professional Officers to be submitted to the Honorary Secretary by
Thursday 14 September 2017.

The AGM will be followed by our traditional roast at 12.30 pm

THE AGM SUNDAY ROAST

Roast dinner and dessert- \$32 per adult / \$18 per child

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Vice Commodores Report



The official reports say it's been Australia's warmest winter on record but for Somers that's a bit hard to believe. It certainly seems that it's time for the weather to warm up so our thoughts can turn to sand, water and boats sometime soon. I know some people like to sail right through the year, but I quite like the sense of anticipation that comes towards the end of an extended break as a new sailing season looms ! Did you know Mal Otto has ordered a new Impulse ?

In the meantime, yacht club business keeps chugging along. Preparations are in hand for the AGM. Roy as Secretary is looking after all the requirements of our rules for nominations, notices, etc. And Tim as Treasurer got the annual accounts done and signed off before his current european jaunt. The program as always was a mammoth team effort. You should all have that by now. If anyone can out-proof-read Jeremy Grant and find a mistake, let me know! Richard Fakhry looked after the mailout with Roy's help when everyone else disappeared from Somers retreating from the wintry blast.

It's a year for changing of the guard at the AGM so put it in your diary and come along for the fun – and a chance to discuss where we are up to with the lift project. Don't forget to book in for the AGM roast afterwards.

Although people are away and things are generally quiet there something is always happening around the club. Those 90 or so who glammed up for the mid winter ball had a great night out. Friday nights

remain stubbornly popular despite the weather and great to see an embryo Friday afternoon bridge group starting up. There has also been a steady dribble of private functions at the club. Don't forget it as a venue for gatherings or celebrations. Great spot for a pre-Christmas party!

Just as well Grahame Tiplady was back in Somers for a month or so between trips to keep an eye on things around the club. Grahame supervised the new shade structures – built with a SunSmart grant – and plugged away at the long list of maintenance jobs. He also responded to the alarm a couple of times including someone prowling around the tower at 3 am in the morning!

Thanks to Grahame and Simon Boadle for organising a new LED floodlight for the carpark. It will hopefully be installed by the time you read this – I'm told it will turn night into day! Simon has also arranged for a light sand and seal off the floor to tide us over until the proposed remodelling works.

Speaking of the carpark, after the new Foreshore Committee failed to find a way of working together, Parks Vic have again been appointed as Somers Foreshore Committee of Management. Parks assure us that a thorough regrading of the carpark is planned as soon as it dries out.

That brings me to a brief update on our clubhouse remodelling and lift project. Plans have been backwards and forwards a few times but a preferred lift has now been selected and a final floor plan is ready to be circulated for comment. The plans are based on a concept developed by Janus Karnowski to extend the clubhouse toward the carpark to create a new area for the stairs and lift. That gives the opportunity for some additional improvements in downstairs layout and opens up some exciting options for the future. If you would like to have input, keep your eyes on the weekly email and jump in with your views.

Third Generation Somers Yacht Club



Third Generation Somers Kids—and a couple of second generation as well .

Lachie and Courtney's parents are Alison Hatton and Cameron Harvey, Alison's parents are Elizabeth and John Hatton.

Harrison and Lucy's parents are Nic and Anna Ede, Nic's parents are Don and Euphie Ede. Taylor and Hayley's parents are Ant and Eileen Poon, only second generation Somers parents.

Claudia and Patrick's parents are Philip Schwarz and Libby Cuming. Philip's parents are Steph and Barbara Schwarz.

James Brigg's parents are Rob and Caroline Briggs. Rob's parents are Bill and Tish Briggs.

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Mail Out

Within the next few days you should receive in the mail renewal information for season 17-18, together with formal notice of the AGM.

Hopefully, the postal address we have in our data base is correct.

This is one of the main reasons to keep your contact detail up to date. If you have moved to a new house, changed phone numbers, or have a new email address we need to know.

Renewal Process

This year the online registration is a little easier. Through the weekly email from the Club you will receive a link to the renewal page. This can also be found under the "Membership" drop

Just remember that **everyone who is a member has a YA number**. If you can't remember your password just use the retrieve facility.

If you have a problem finding those associated with your couple or family membership, it may be because family members have different email addresses. The system groups memberships by a common email address.

As you move through the registration process, please check your details, including emergency contacts and full boat details, including sail number, hull colour etc. These details are important for identification from the tower during racing.

If you are renewing as a couple or family, only check the payment box for the first person.

For those that don't have a computer, or an email address, or have real difficulties in handling the on-line system, there will be advertised evenings at the club where assistance can be given for renewal.

Absentee Membership

A reminder that anyone who wishes to take up Absentee membership for the year needs to apply to the Committee by 31st December.

An Absentee Member relinquishes all rights to access and participation in Club activities.

Kayak Storage and Registration.

This year all kayaks, SUP's, windsurfers etc that require yard storage will have an ID sticker attached to the hull.

The details will need to be included with your registration, and the numbered sticker will then be issued to you.

It's a busy time so please be patient and if you have any difficulty at all and need help, call Membership Secretary, Richard Fakhry on 04118 5722.

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Somers Sailing School

With the bright, colourful and fun loving Hobies coming to our club for their Nationals this season we have the following dates for our January 2018 sailing courses.

Start Sailing Course

Starting time is 9am—1pm

The dates will be

Wednesday January 10

Thursday January 11

Friday January 12

Monday January 15

Tuesday January 16

Adult Start Sailing Course

Start time 9.30 am—1pm, **Sundays**

Sunday February 4

Sunday February 11

Sunday February 18

Sunday February 25

Sunday March 4

Don't forget for the Start Racing course you need your own boat. The Sailing School boats will be used for the Start Sailing Course.

Sailing School enrolments will be open on the website from the first week in November for members only.

You will need to renew your membership or becoming a new member for the season to book your spot in sailing school.



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What did Social Somers do in winter?



Bastille Night July 14th



Kenny celebrated a birthday with his children and grandchildren



Thommo on the drums at the Mid Winter Ball



Thommo, Michael and Nick at the Midwinter Ball



What did Somers Sailors do in winter ?



Lucy Laverty sailing at Albert Park Lake in Melbourne



Daniel Laverty Sailing in China



Winter Laser sailing by Simon Wilkins and Nick Ede

Several Div 4 Laser sailors have been active so this winter. At the end of April Simon Wilkins travelled to Yarrowonga SC for their ANZAC Regatta (29th/30th April). About 40 boats were there with Paper Tiger, Finn and mixed monohull fleets. First day consisted of three races in 8-12 knots whereas Sunday morning was no wind and thick fog. No races were possible on Day 2 so the results from Day 1 stood. Simon was 2nd overall in the monohull fleet behind multiple OK National Champion Mark Jackson.



3rd race start at Yarrowonga SC

Nick, Lucy and Harrison Ede sailed in the Zhik Midwinters at Sorrento SC on June 10th/11th, the Queen's Birthday long weekend. The sun shone and the wind was kind. Even though it was very light, Nick still managed to injure his knee and has not been seen on the water since.

Also over the Queen's Birthday long weekend, Simon travelled east to Latrobe Valley Yacht Club for the annual Sauna Sail regatta. A great weekend of sailing with 50+ boats but unfortunately no bath temperature water anymore since the closure of the power station last March. Saturday featured a glass-like lake with the only wind coming from the ducks and only one boat, Simon, finished the first race. Sunday and Monday featured 4 more races with the best wind on the Monday morning of just over 10 knots. Simon finished 2nd overall in the fast monohull division behind former world Contender champion Mark Bulka

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Winter Laser sailing by Simon Wilkins and Nick Ede



Looking for the wind (Race 1 Sauna Sail)

The 24th/25th June saw the Albert SC Winter regatta held on Albert Park lake. Saturday featured light and variable conditions with a bit more breeze on the Sunday. Simon won two races (Races 2&3) and had three 2nds behind local ASC sailor Paul Leitinger. Simon was 2nd overall (again!) in the Laser fleet and 8th/55 boats across all fleets on yardstick. Simon had to retire from the last race on Sunday as he had to catch a plane to the UK later that night!



Winter Laser sailing by Simon Wilkins and Nick Ede



Simon looking round for the shift (Race 3) at Albert SC

UK Laser Masters National Championship, Hayling Island, UK 30th June-2nd July. Simon attended the UK Masters event at the end of June borrowing a boat but using his own tiller, ropes and sail. The standard was very high with world, European and national champions, former Olympic Laser sailors and the current World Masters Games Laser champion in the fleet of 50 standard rigs. This was a great international regatta, where Simon spoke Italian, French and Portuguese to other competitors. Countries represented at the event: UK, Ireland, Germany, Netherlands, France, Brazil, and Australia. The organisation was very good too with the races run by some of the London 2012 Olympic sailing staff and racing around the London 2012 buoys! Not the best regatta for results-wise although highlights included rounding the windward mark in 10th ahead of some big guns and a lowlight of a windward roll in the same race! A great learning experience in a big competitive fleet and meeting up with lots of old friends from 30+ years ago.

Official write up: <http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/197114/Laser-Masters-National-Championships>

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Vale Peter Darcy



Peter Daniel Darcy, a devoted family man who had many interests, all grasped with a passion, has peacefully passed away after a long illness.

Peter and Sue Darcy moved to Somers in 2005 and quickly became part of the community by joining and actively participating in the Yacht Club and Probus. Though not a sailor, Peter was a regular attendee at the Friday evening dinners, and was often seen behind the bar as a volunteer. Many Friday nights were spent at the yacht club with his friends sharing laughter and discussions about golf and football. Peter and Sue also cheerfully did bar duty on Friday nights until they had to give it up due to Peter's illness.

Peter was the founder of the unofficial yacht club golf

group called SMAGS (Saturday Morning Amateur Golfers) at Cerberus and a great mentor and friend to all the members of the group. This has become an "institution" with many Club members participating. Golf at Flinders was a ritual, rain hail or shine and commanded his interest, almost matching his keen following of the North Melbourne Football Club.

Peter will be sadly missed by all the friends he made in Somers and the legion of friends made in his schooling, career and life before Somers in Melbourne. A tribute to his loyal character is that he has maintained those friendships throughout. His funeral was attended by at least 200 people, many from Somers.

Peter was a kind and gentle man, always ready to listen, and offer wise words of advice. He will be sadly missed.

He was a devoted husband who had a great pride in the outstanding achievements of his two sons, James and Brendan. Sincere condolences to Sue, Brendan, James and their families, and his much loved grandchildren.

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