



# Windward

Sailing at its best

April 2019

Written for members by members



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# From the Commodore's Desk



Running a state Championship Series at the club gives us reason to reflect on who we are and what we do. My contribution for this edition of Windward is a selection of material – some written by us and some by others – that gives us a snapshot of how the club presented itself for the Tasar State Championships on the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> March this year. Makes you proud !



### 2019 **Tasar** Victorian State Championships 9<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

On behalf of the members and committee of Somers Yacht Club, it is my pleasure to welcome **Tasar** sailors, family and friends to our village of Somers on Western Port Bay.

Somers is on the "quiet side" of the Mornington Peninsula, just over an hour from Melbourne. There is a café in Somers but no shops, pub or takeaway food. That's all available at Balaclava, 10 minutes away by car or 30 minutes on a bike track. There are houses to rent in Somers through all the normal outlets, cabins at the Somers Holiday Park or camping 10 minutes away at Balaclava Beach. If you are stuck, Pat Pedicini is also organising some billets with yacht club families.

We are an all-volunteer off-the-beach club. Our army of volunteers has developed a reputation for running fair, safe, competitive racing and I trust you will find us friendly and helpful too.

The club is in a bush foreshore setting but our large clubhouse has all facilities including good access for all and there should be a great view of the racing.

We will have coffee, snacks and lunches available at the club house on Saturday, Sunday and Monday – and the bar will be open. As well as Saturday's welcome BBQ, you may also like to join our weekly Friday night dinner in the clubhouse (details to follow).

We'll make room for your boats in our secure yard and we'll have the yard open for you from 3:00 pm Friday. Call me if you need earlier access. Trailers get tucked away behind our boatshed for the duration because the yard and the carpark will be FULL.

We look forward to sharing our club, our water and our wind. Good sailing!

John Tilleard  
Commodore

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### TAV Thank you

Hello all

The TAV wish to thank each of you for the commitment you made to ensuring we had a very memorable and professional regatta. I had the privilege of working beside each of you. You always had a smile, thinking "what else", checking in with me and marshalling huge numbers of volunteers to make sure we were welcome from the moment we arrived.

All competitors were impressed that you had so many of your Club members sailing a Tasar. This has not happened before, you have set a new benchmark!

Mark, your skills as a PRO were tested over the weekend. From howling gale, to very light winds, to understanding the importance of fitting in 7 races for our regatta leaders. A reflection on your capability and your on-water team.

Lisa you gave up sailing in the Titles so we could all be well catered for, and we were. The Welcome night dinner was top class (liked the icecreams) and a huge spread for our Presentation.

Thanks once again

The Weather Gods played fair and foul for the Tasar States, serving up some beautiful sailing conditions - and some not so beautiful. But SsYC did a beautiful job throughout. Thanks to all who helped the club make it a professional and friendly event on and off the water. And congratulations to the large contingent of Somers Sailors who impressed all by venturing forth in their Tasars, some for the first time!

Great job by Mark Graham as Race Officer - the job that everyone can do better except they don't! And an outstanding contribution by Lisa and the Social Committee who did much of the catering. Thanks to all who volunteered to showcase the club's credentials - looking after the car park, the yard, race management, first aid, bar, photography, radio, results, and everything else that just gets done. And a special commendation to Norm and Garry and the rescue boat team for another fine job. Acknowledgement and thanks to RC Mike and the Sailing Committee and to VC Amanda and members Pat and Cary Pedicini who not only sailed in the regatta but also worked with the Tasar Association to bring all the details together.



**TASAR ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA, INC**

18 March 2019

John Tilleard  
Commodore  
Somers Yacht Club  
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Dear John,

On behalf of the Tasar Association of Victoria, thank you for hosting our 2019 Ronstan Victorian State titles. With 34 boats attending, including five interstate crews and three Tasar World Champion crews this was again a very successful and keenly contested Championship.

Your Club proved to be well suited to the Class and a convenient location for many to enjoy a week end away. The renovations and facilities were first class. It was great to see the active support provided by Club members in making this a memorable regatta and the ten Somers based crews that participated in the regatta. It was also great to see Lucy Ede win the junior helm award and it would be excellent to see some of your crews at our next States as part of Sail Melbourne 17-19 January 2020.

The race management was outstanding, delivering fair and timely racing despite the changing weather conditions. In particular, the timely provision of results and getting the last race away before the 2pm cut off on Monday made the event. The changeable weather meant we were on the water for a while and thank you to the race management team including all on the on water crews on the safety boats laying marks.

A big thank you to all your Club members that contributed to the regatta. It was a real team effort and in particular, Amanda Nutting, Lisa Tuck, Mike Sandiford, Mark Graham and the many volunteers. I must note that the catering was consistently first class and thank you to the many volunteers that made it happen.

TAV is delighted that Caitlin Bly has agreed to participate on the TAV committee and to facilitate Tasar related communications and support with your Club. In any case, I seek your support for this arrangement and the opportunity to maintain our relations for future events.

Regards,



# Tasar States—Somers Yacht Club 2019

Amanda Nutting  
and  
Lucy Ede



Libby Moore  
And  
Wendy Wilson



## Meet the General Committee



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John Tilleard



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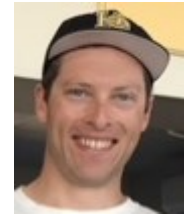
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## Yard Report –Simon Morris



Sailors are reminded that boats should be tied down to the ground to avoid any damage from high winds being caused to people or property. Your boat should also have a minimum of third party insurance at all times.

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**Working Bee –All hands on deck  
Sunday April 28th 9.00am  
All members welcome to participate .  
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Make sure you sign on**





## Division 1 Report –Peter Foulson

### Somers Yacht Club Division 1 Report March 2019

Beautiful weather and great sailing conditions has meant there has been a lot of activity in Division 1. Matt Stone competed in the Australia Day weekend Regatta at McCrae Yacht club and absolutely cleaned up the 18 yacht fleet per the result sheet extract below:

Series: 2019 Ronstan Australia Day Regatta - Alpha Course Group: Aus Day - Div 1 Alpha

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Pos	Class	Sail No	Skipper	Crew	Club	Nett	Race 4 27 Jan 19	Race 3 27 Jan 19	Race 2 26 Jan 19	Race 1 26 Jan 19
1	Mosquito Cat Spin	1833	Matt Stone		Somers YC	3	1	(2.5)		
2	A Class Open	1035	James Wierzbowski		Merricks Yacht Club	7.5	(7)	2.5		
3	A Class Open	AUS 4	Stephen Brayshaw		McCrae	8	4	1	(11)	

Matt even beat the foiling A Class catamarans over the finish line on the final race. Well done Matt on your excellent result.

Matt Stone, Michelle Bursa, Robbie Lovig, Justin Prior and Gina Webster competed in the Mosquito catamaran Victorian State Titles held at Lake Boga Yacht Club over the Labour Day long weekend. Michelle was sailing Jeremy's Mozzie and Robbie was sailing Daniel's Mozzie. (Jeremy was skiing with Jules in Canada and Daniel was on his honeymoon with Meg in Bali). Matt showed excellent form again and came away with 1<sup>st</sup> place overall in the Spinnaker division. Matt's worst result was a 3<sup>rd</sup> place which was dropped from the score card. Congratulations to Matt, adding the state title to the National title and to Michelle for a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> place overall in the spinnaker division and winning the handicap title. Michelle was also best placed female skipper. Robbie was also a very creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the handicap results. Justin and Gina competed in the sloop rigged division picked up 5<sup>th</sup> place overall in their division and continued to learn from the very experienced sloop rigged crews.

To local activity; Robbie Lovig has joined division 1 with another F18 Wild Cat and has been joined by Torben Wick as crew on their new yacht. Michelle Bursa has a regular crew in Adam Gristwood.

Jeremy Pearse, Peter Dalton, Brian and Ben Gristwood, Justin Prior and Gina Webster were also worthy

winners/place getters in the Commodore's Cup/Williams point Regatta. Well done to all.

As expected, Matt Stone has been a prolific winner of club races and wrapped up the Championship series with a bag of 1<sup>st</sup> place results and only dropping a couple of results where he was helping Michelle and Robbie setup the borrowed Mozzies for the State Titles or was pushed beyond the limit and capsized. Well done to Matt for winning the title that counts most !!

b race results can be found on the yacht club e.



## Division 2 Report Steph Schwarz

JAN/FEB 2019

What a fantastic Westernport Challenge Somers can put on? The weather was a steady 12 up to 18 Kts and some sunshine. All Divisions started on time, and the 14ft Div II saw 8 Somers boats with some great competition between the PT's and Phil coming in ahead of Steph after Gideon bottled just before the finish and coming 4<sup>th</sup> after Vlad, Malcolm, Zoe, Steve W and Maz. Great performance from Phil, finishing 13<sup>th</sup> overall Catamaran, and as the 16's being relegated into Div I, Simon finishing 5<sup>th</sup> overall Cat. Well done Simon, Meagan, Nigel, Emma and Ant and crews. Austarlia day weekend was just one of those memorable times that we dream of. Saturday saw a steady 10 to 12 kts and sunshine, with a great tussle between the 14's and the 16's, resulting in various winners. Sunday started with a gentle sunny 8 to 10Kts, and building up to just below 20kts in the second race in which some of us holding on for grim death, and with a lot of DNFs. Championship 2 was sailed in fantastic Somers Sunshine and steady 10 kt start which died to near zero, with Emma heading Vlad, Steph, Phil, Malcolm, and Gideon, and the rest following. The 9<sup>th</sup> February was forecast all week to be a no sailing day, and so it turned out. Champ 4 saw another brilliant Somers Sunshine day with steady 12 to 15 kts dying a little towards the end. The 14's of Phil, Vlad and Steph took command after the start, and held on until the 16's took command with Maz and Emma heading Simon and Jo, and then Steph overtaking Phil at the Yellow

straightening mark and beating him by 9 seconds ahead of Nigel, and Vlad missing the straightening mark so having to go back around it, losing him his position. Peter T headed Steve W just before the finish. Unfortunately I can't comment on the tussle the 16's were having as they are so far away. Champ 5 started a little late as the wind was playing games with our champion course layers, who got it nearly right, but after the start the wind changed again and lost it for some and gained it for others. The 14 footers gained great advantage over the 16 footers by taking out the first three places after a great battle. Champ 6 looked a bit dodgy as the Northerly was gusting strongly and which scared a lot of us off but the brave ones finished up having a great race with the 16's of Emma and Maz leading from Gideon, Nigel and Abi, then Eli and Gen, and Ant and Wil, with Peter T the only PT competing and finishing.

**Steph Schwarz**

The many colours of Somers





## Division 4 –Nick Ede

### 2019 Victorian Laser Titles (McYC 9-10 February 2019) Report for Radial and 4.7

Richard Jagger, Nick Ede and Lucy Ede raced in the Radial whilst Daniel Laverty raced for the first time in a Laser 4.7. As noted above in Simon's report, Saturday was blown out and a cold windy Sunday morning greeted everyone. With great resolve, everyone got out on the water for an early 9.30AM start to enable a full 4 races to be completed with one drop. The first two races were held in 15-22knt overcast skies whereas the sun came out and the wind moderated a little for the final two races.

In the 39 strong Radial field, Lucy Ede led the way for Somers coming 15<sup>th</sup> and winning the Youth Women Championship! Richard Jagger was next with a consistent score card to come in 21<sup>st</sup> overall followed by Nick Ede in 26<sup>th</sup>.

Daniel Laverty raced with 18 4.7 competitors for the first time and with the winds being strong, he did exceptionally well. Daniel scored a 5<sup>th</sup> in Heat 3 which clearly demonstrated his future and potential in the class. Daniel has now bought Lucy Ede's fast boat (ex-STELLA) and is looking forward to the Victorian Youth Championships in April.

If not for some untimely capsizes, Lucy and Daniel would have finished closer to the top of the leader board. The first two races in particular were extremely brutal.

### 2019 Victorian Masters Laser Titles (RGYC 16-17 March 2019)

Simon Wilkins, Richard Jagger and Nick Ede checked out the venue for the 2020 Masters World Titles at Royal Geelong Yacht Club. See separate report from Simon for the full rigs.

Richard and Nick raced in the Radial against 28 competitors. Five heats over two days in light to moderate breezes were held under the excellent stewardship of PRO Peter Merritt. The racing was tight and hard with no quarter given. Champion Somers sailor and ex-world Laser Radial Grand Master Champion Martin White also came down from Sydney to compete (finishing 13<sup>th</sup> – how hot is the Victorian fleet!??).

Richard sailed a brilliant and consistent series (8, 6, 6, 12, 16) to finish 8<sup>th</sup> overall and 4<sup>th</sup> Grand Master (55-64 yo). Nick sailed well but inconsistently (7, RET, 24, 16, 13) to finish 17<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Master (45-54 yo).

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The highlight was heat 1 where Richard and Nick were 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to the first mark! After a quick "good job" between us we got on with the job. Whilst we couldn't hold our lead, it was definitely a highlight for the regatta!



Lucy Ede (215085) nails a good pin end start



Our three Somers sailors at the Nats: Harrison Ede, Lucy Ede and Richard



Simon Wilkins

## Optimist Victorian State Championships

The Optimist Victorian State championships were held over the March long weekend at the Royal Brighton yacht club in Melbourne. There were 105 youth sailors, with age ranges from 7 to 14 years old. The majority of children were from Victoria but some out-of-state and some international! Two New Zealanders came over to compete. In return there will be a group of twelve Victorian sailors crossing the Tasman Sea for the New Zealand National Optimist Championships this month.

At the Brighton State championships, there are 62 sailors in the open fleet, 25 in the intermediate fleet and 18 in green fleet. There were also rainbow fleet sessions for the very young sailors which were essentially learning to sail sessions held over the weekend. Daniel Laverty sailed in the open fleet and finished mid fleet. Chloe Laverty was in green fleet, also finishing in the middle. Lucy Laverty moved up from green fleet and sailed Quack' in the intermediate fleet. She took third place female in her fleet.

Overall the weather was favourable however on the Saturday there were some incredible wind shifts. I was working on a rescue boat and at one point we were towing the kids back to the beach in a daisy-chain as there was no wind. Surprisingly this shifted in a matter of a few minutes and we were soon rapidly unhooking the kids so they could get back to racing in 25 knots. This was a very challenging afternoon, there were numerous individual and group recalls as sailors were trying to get a good start. It was hard to hold your position on the line in the wind and waves. Ultimately black flags were needed. It was difficult for race organisers at the start line with the wind shifts. At one point the boat end was so biased that there was extreme congestion at that end with 61 sailors competing for the perfect spot on the line ! There were quite a few capsizes that afternoon but no injuries nor distraught sailors. I was kept busy on the rescue boat and I also got very wet! Overall the event was a great success. The kids from the local sailing clubs on the Peninsula banded together and had group debrief's. This included sailors from Somers, Westernport yacht club, Davies Bay yacht club and Mornington yacht club. Whilst the racing experience was very important, it was equally great for the young sailors to reacquaint themselves

with other friends from other yacht clubs. With constant changes in the weather there is always down time for laughter and playing on the beach with friends.

Our next event will be a two day training camp held at Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club over the Easter holidays.

Sadly, this past State Championships was Daniel's last event in his Opti. After much deliberation he has decided to join the VLA. We wholeheartedly support this as he will have some great Laser mentors within our family club!

**Maureen Cooper**





## Division 5 Report—Dennis Paskins



Another period of varied wind, and weather conditions, that has impacted on both fleet sizes and ultimate results. The Sabre State Titles were held over the weekend of the 9/10<sup>th</sup> February, but like us the Saturday Race was abandoned, but our sole competitor Wendy

Wilson achieved a creditable 16<sup>th</sup> place, over the two races held on the Sunday, a sizable improvement on last year. Well done Wendy.

At least the Sabres now have a benchmark for our own club's performances.

It also points to the fact that the "Yardstick" in place for division 5, could be considered realistic.

If you place Wendy's result (16<sup>th</sup>) against her local performances against the two Impulses that we all race against.

The Summer Cup is behind us, and we are now five \* (One abandoned) Championship races into that Series, two more scheduled with a possible re-sail. Remember this series !!, the first race was in December last year.

In reviewing the races so far in their respective classes, it's clear that you have to "be in-it to win-it."

The two Impulses, are obviously battling amongst themselves. Graham is gradually hauling in Mal, with only 14 seconds separating the two in the last

outing. Both boats have completed all five races

With the Sabres it is also, at this stage, a race between two boats, with Libby, possibly able to take advantage of Wendy's "fall from boat" on one race, Then being the sole Sabre competitor in the last completed race.

However if Karen, or Caitlin return for the last two races, things could change.

Both Stephen Teh & Wendy Davies along with some effective home schooling, have both completed three races, and could be in the mix for a handicap podium finish.

With the Pacers, the combination of Patrick & Colleen seem to be holding their own, taking full advantage of their four completed races so far, and think the Racing Helmet is a must Colleen. Again they took advantage of the conditions in the last race. Nigel & John Briggs are their closest competitor

In the 125's, and based on races completed, Odds & Ends /Evan Gaulke, (3), and Shenanigans/ Ida Gaulke(2), along with Strange Brew /Bruce Hart (3), who was another who took advantage of the conditions in the last race (2<sup>nd</sup> March), It's my observation that the crew, that takes full advantage of the spinnaker, will win the day !!

One of the more astute Sailing members advised me to at least make the start of any race, you can always come home if conditions do not suit ' just pass the "Start boat" not always a thrilling prospect in a Northerly Good Winds & Happy Sailing

Dennis Paskins

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# Membership News –contact details update



As the season draws to a close, it is timely to remind all members that their correct contact details are important.

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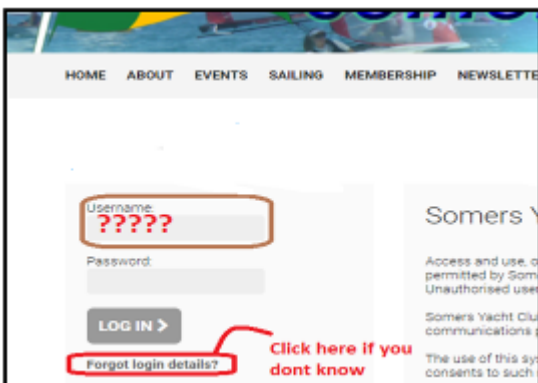
To ensure that your details in our database are up to date you can easily check by logging in through the Somers Yacht Club website. The screenshots below will help.

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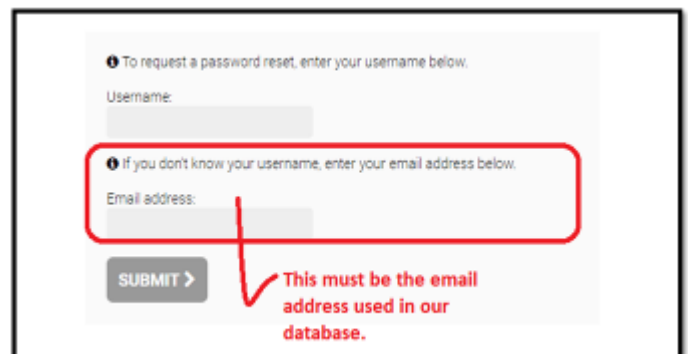


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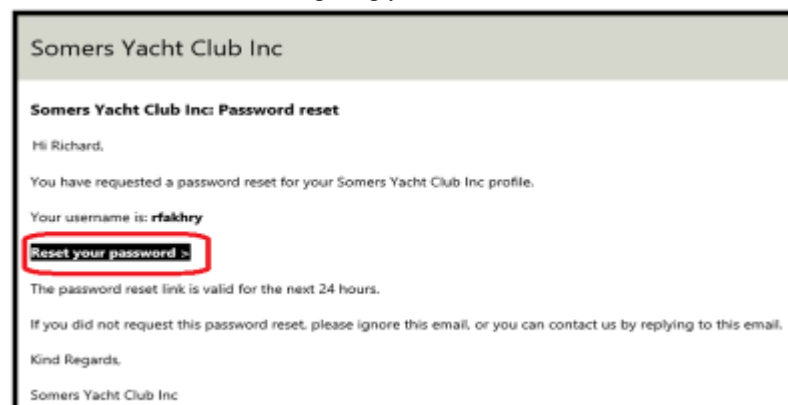
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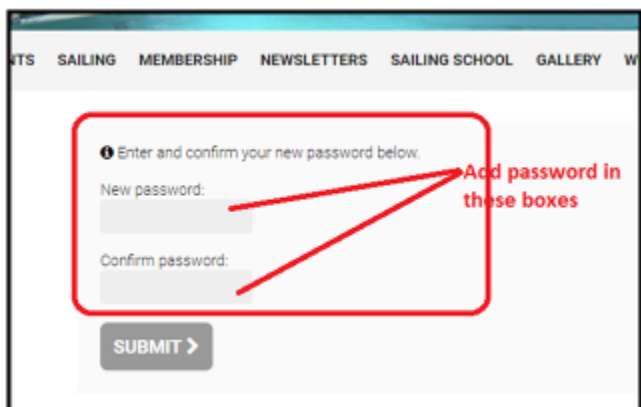
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Click on "Reset your password"



## Membership continued

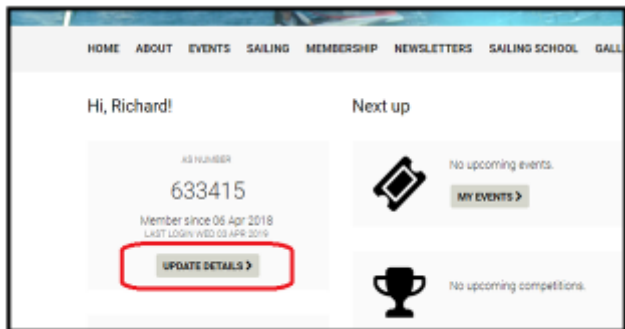
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Your password must be at least 8 characters.  
Once submitted, you will be redirected to the login page, where you can type in your user name and password.

### Step 6



You are now logged in to your personal page, and can update your details by clicking on the "update details" tab.

## Hobie Hawke Titles –Somers

Conditions were tuff. The seas were big and messy with winds blowing 15 -20 knots. We got three races in then a big 25 knot front came through and we called everyone in for an early lunch. The winds did not give up so the kids played games and had a great time together, then a presentation dinner later that night.

Winner :Jack Cassano

Second place : Mckenzie Davidson

Third Place: Alexandra Wood Freeman

Thanks to our rescue boat drivers and race committee which was made up mainly of our competent teenagers at Somers Yacht Club.



## Somers Yacht Club Car Rally

The Car Rally. (The Great Race)

The day started out as though it was in the middle of Winter.

It was Cold, Wet and Rainy.

There were about 12 cars in the Rally including I think a 1954 Peugeot, a very decorated Mustang and an All Electric Car which has a lovely note as it whines off like the Metro to the next station. (A definite must get one in the future)

Hope the battery lasts for the whole Rally I heard the Commodore saying.

Mr Mustang thought it was a Car Race and so did one BMW. They disappeared out of sight heading from the Red Hill Baker to Mornington.

However we all caught up to them at the Briars because no one could find out what Kur-Ber-Rer was. Having blocked Mr Mustang in so he could not reverse out, we managed to make up ground.

Ker-Ber-Rer was the Koala walking track.

We then headed along Nepean Hwy to Dromana trying to Count Beach Huts from Anthony's Nose to the last one.

So many that we had to send out a scouting party in the rain to count 68 of them.

Next leg was via The Pier and McCrae Lighthouse.

Had a big smile of our faces when Mr. Mustang left the pier and turned left when all of us turned right.

Have you ever read the "Tortoise and the Hare"? Ha ha.

We all headed up to Arthur's Seat for Coffee and then to Seawinds to find the Sculptures. It seems a lot of people got out of their cars in the rain to find them when all we needed to know was that William Ricketts was the artist.

We had a big run downhill to Red Hill and then onto Pt Leo.

There was a quick stop at Merricks Store for wine tasting and then back home to the Yacht club.

It seems virtually everyone won a prize but in the end Mal and Di Otto managed to scoop the first prize.

Thanks to Phil Johnson for his hard work in organizing this great event.

We finished off with a terrific lunch by Lisa and her kind helpers.



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### Somers Golf Day

The competition was very tight as you can see from the results. Congratulations to our worthy winners of Suzanne Middleton, Peter Tovey (also did a great job in carving the pork) Rob Brewer and Chris Thomas whose names will now go on the perpetual Otto Trophy for 2019. Bragging rights are theirs for the year.



Weather was perfect and the ladies who gave up golf (Therese Moran, Veronica Paskins, Julie McInnes, Brenda Karnowski and Paula Rhodes) put on a wonderful lunch back at the club. Thanks also to the golfers who got back early to assist in the luncheon preparations. Thanks must also go to Peter and Clare Witnish for managing the Bar and a special thankyou to Sue Middleton and her helpers who did a great with the washing up and the general clean-up.



It is a mark of a great club where everybody is prepared be involved and help in any way they can.  
Leon Moran

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## End of Season Pasta Night –Saturday 27th April

Details for booking to attend the Pasta Night are on the website and Somers Yacht Club Midweek News .

## Presentation Night –Saturday June 1st

The club presentation night will be held on Saturday June 1st . Watch the website and midweek news for booking details

## Do you want to be more involved in the club ?

Volunteers are welcome in Sea Rescue, (Saturdays) and on the Bar (Friday nights)  
Vic's Friday night dinners continue throughout the year .



Sea Rescue



## Vale Donald Ede

Donald was born in England, and at an early age fell in love with the sea, and at 15 enrolled in the Merchant Navy as a cadet where he excelled in his studies, then went to sea. He travelled the seven seas extensively until 1960, when marriage to Brisbane girl Euphie prompted a move to a shore job with Seatainers in Melbourne.

The Ede family joined the Yacht Club in the late seventies, and at first Donald sailed a 125 with son Nick, but later moved to a Solo when Nick moved on to sailing with other top young sailors. This was the start of the Ede sailing dynasty at Somers which flourishes to this day with Nick, and his children Lucy and Harrison. Unfortunately Donald was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in the late 1990s (as were other ex-Commodores Peter Johns and Alan Angwin), and had to give up sailing around 2002. However, for some years he still helped man the rescue boats, then for some years assisted with race management. Finally he was unable to continue, and had spent the last six years in Shoreham House Aged Care Facility, so would not be known to newer Club members.

Off the water Donald was very active around the Club, both as worker and administrator. He was a flag officer



from 1985 to 1991, the last two years as Commodore, but also organised and participated energetically in numerous working bees. This was the time when Mother Nature endeavoured to wash the Clubhouse away, and Donald led the struggle to save it – ultimately successful! – and amongst many works, older members will remember numerous working bees filling and placing hundreds of sand bags. One of these (empty) was later presented to Donald as a memento.

With John Williams, Donald ran a very successful sailing school for members, and also a separate school for pupils at Somers Primary School. Training was done in a motley collection of boats donated to the Club or on permanent loan, and much maintenance was required. The Edes' cars lived in their carport, whilst their garage was a regular home to Yacht Club boats under repair. His huge contribution to the Club was recognised when he was made an honorary life member, and one of the rescue boats is named in his honour. Sadly, an era has ended.

Jeremy Grant

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## Hobie States –Ballarat Yacht Club



Jack Cassano with his skipper from PNG who won the grand masters and came second in the open fleet



Junior Competitor's – Hobie States



Zoe and Matilda Morris  
2nd in Dragoons class of Hobie .This was the first ever Dragoon regatta in Australia as it is new class to Australian sailing despite being big in Europe



**Car Rally Participants**



**Left**  
Daniel and Meg Stone with Chris and Athol and Daniel's grandmother enjoyed a beautiful Sunday wedding at Coolart followed by a wonderful reception and party at the Somers yacht Club

**Right**  
Golfers at the Ssync Tournament .







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