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Commodores report 2016-17 SYC AGM



This year the season was officially opened by Dick to Tim who retired as Honorary Solicitor. White. We put on approximately 140 sailing and so- The Club was deeply saddened to lose John Hatcial events for 2016/17. Membership stayed stable at ton. John has been a long-time member, Past Comto grow family memberships thanks to Emma Morris ber. and the Sailing school.

Westernport Youth Regatta.

State Titles and our all races a success. Once again, dence they will do a better job than me. our Race Management team, led by Mark Graham It has been a pleasure serving the Club, mainly beand rescue/course/starting /finishing boat teams led cause of the excellent contribution of every member by Garry Morris demonstrated the professionalism of the General Committee, every member of the subthat has become at trademark for Somers on the wa-

We have had a fabulous social, led by Lisa Tuck, and bar program led by Stephen Brown, the highlight was our Heroes and Villains New Year Eve. Thank you to everyone who helped at each function, setting up, cleaning up, serving at the bar, setting the trivia, showing their talent, playing in the band or making a friend of a dolphin and making each event enjoyable for everyone. Our Mid-Winter Ball was a huge success. More recently Friday afternoon Bridge sessions have proved popular with social and sailing members alike.

I am pleased to report the Club's finances continue to be strong. Club improvements rely heavily on additional grants, donations and sponsorships to make them a reality, over the last six years we have raised \$140,000 in this manner. This has enabled us to improve Club facilities whilst minimising membership

fee increases. Our building development and lift will not get off the ground unless all members participate in the fundraising.

This year the McCutcheon awardee was Simon Morris for his work supporting the Sailing School and the myriad of handyman jobs at the Club over many years. Special thanks to Tim Rintoul and John Carter who after nearly twenty years of organising of the trophies awarded themselves a rest! Thank you also

706 of which 332 were women and girls, we continue modore, McCutcheon award recipient and Life Mem-

This will be my final act as Commodore and I would Somers sailors have again proved their superiority like to thank the immediate past Commodores as I winning the Westernport Challenge, the Westernport stand on their shoulders, building on their achieve-Teams racing, and getting 2nd and 1st placings in the ments. I am excited for the future of the Club having had the pleasure of nominating my succeeding Flag Thank you to all the members who made the Sabre Officers John, Amanda and Mike who I have confi-

> sidiary 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.

Thank you!

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From the (New) Commodore's Desk



social side of the club's activities, for sailors this edi- tect! We would be keen to have any thoughts from Somers is stirring, sailors are heard murmuring about ber to share your views on this. their latest tuning tweaks and boats old and new are appearing in the yard.

not the normal 2:30 pm. That's to give time for sail- fund the project. Through careful management of ors, sea rescue and race officials to doll up for the club funds, we have gradually built our reserves, but Opening Day Cocktail Party starting at 6:00 pm. The much of that is already earmarked for future asset re-Cocktail Party is a free Members Only event but newals. That means a major project such as the proplease RSVP via Trybooking to let us know you are posed renovation can only come to fruition by raising coming (the link is https://www.trybooking.com/book/ additional dollars. I'm excited to see that thanks to event?eid=323865)

Day address last year? Well, don't know if we can claim him as entirely our own, but Dick's son Martin We were saddened to hear of the passing of John Aljust won the GRAND MASTERS LASER RADI- sop. Our thoughts are with Judy, Emily, Ant and fam-AL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP in Croatia. Check ily. the honour boards - he started his successes at Somers! Congratulations to Martin – and to Dick for his Great to see the club being used on a Friday afternoon pivotal part in that fantastic performance.

Your new General Committee has had its first proper Don't forget that your membership renewal was due mittee roles and the various sub-committees that con- to help 0418 576 622. tribute to the functioning of the club. Amazingly we

have identified 62 separate members who contribute to the management of club activities in one way or another. And that doesn't include Sea Rescue and Bar volunteers! No wonder things seem a bit complicated at times!

The willingness of volunteers is a key to keeping our club functioning. In another bit of navel gazing, the committee is going to have a think about what else it is that makes us so successful a club. Important to While there's been no winter rest for the bar and the understand that, so we know what's important to protion of Windward pretty much marks "Happy New members on what the club is doing right. Please take Year". As the temperature sneaks up above freezing, the opportunity to talk to me or any committee mem-

Progress continues on planning for a round of Clubhouse renovations to include a lift. It's a complex Don't forget the Opening Day Race starts at 1:30 pm business but it will all ultimately turn on our ability to Steve Clifford, we now have a very enthusiastic fundraising committee that is about to pick up on the Do you remember Dick White's engaging Opening pledges already made and tackle this task. Stand by!

for Bridge. Get a group of friends or just come along and join in any Friday at 4:00 pm.

meeting. Welcome to Kate Dalton who has joined the on 1st October. Despite some major improvements committee. Kate will take on a role supporting jun- this year, we know that the process for renewal iors and families in the club. More to come on that in through the Australian Sailing database is still causing due course. In the meantime, the committee has em- some grief. If you have any problems, our long sufbarked on some navel gazing, looking at existing com-fering Membership Secretary, Richard Fakhry is there



Vice Commodores Report



Hello Members!

Commodorial duties - handing over the Sailing reins to Mike as I become reponsible for the Club's Finances and Facilities.

I had been told that Vice Com is a much less hectic wards. job than Rear Com - but it seems that with the exciting clubhouse redevelopment project, things will be very busy for me still! The project involves new entrance, lift, family change, and renovations to ladies change rooms - setting the Club up for decades ahead.

This is a really exciting project and I encourage all members - sailing and social - to be involved in the future of our Club

You will have seen some sketch plans in previous communications and there will be further information about this at our Opening Day Cocktail party - so come along!

In preparation for the new sailing season we recently ran an all day Race Officers Course. This was attended by Somers and other Westernport club members. Louise Hutton (Australia's youngest accredited National Race Officer and current Sabre sailor) was a fabulous presenter.

Brief jottings from me as I morph from Rear to Vice The WORKING BEE is happening next weekend please all come along as there are a myriad of jobs for all hands and skill sets. Good opportunity to meet with other members too!

9am Sunday 22 nd October . Sausage sizzle after-

I am looking forward to working with you all as Vice Com over the next two years - see you at the Club!

Amanda



Race officers course 2017





Rear Commodores Report



With the opening of the sailing season imminent, I hope you have been paying due deference to the wind space. If you have a boat in the yard that you won't gods.

I know some have.

As students of Greek mythology may know, the wind god Aeolus resides on Aeolia - a mythical floating island somewhere in southern Italy. Aeolus was visited by Odysseus in the Odyssey. Aeolus gave Odysseus a west wind to sail home to Ithaca, as well as a bag containing all winds but the west. In sight of home, while Odysseus was sleeping, his crew opened the bag and the winds burst out with such a roar that it drove the Odyssey all the way back to Aeolia.

Over the off-season, an intrepid group of Somers sailors set out along the Amalfi coast, not far from Aeolia. It seems one of the crew must have inadvertently opened just such a bag of winds. Apparently, Aeolus was not best pleased, testing Captain Tiplady and his team with a maelstrom of epic proportions. Despite a few bruises and some damaged egos, neither boat nor sailor was lost. The demonstration of sailing skills appears to have appeased Aeolus' wrath and, I trust, set us up for a great season of winds.

If not, blame Tippy and his crew.

Off-season sailing preparation have progressed well, courtesy of the hard-work on sea rescue by Garry Morris and Norm Dewar, sailing instructions by Mark Graham (a true work of art), and, in a first for Somers, a hot off-the-shelf race management software developed by Brian Gristwood with help from Di and Mark Graham. We will be prototyping it for the first few months of the season, in anticipation of adopting it formally.

Indications point to a very crowded sailing yard, with a number of new boats. It is great news for the sailing fleet, but a challenge for yard master Peter Foulsom. Fitting all the boats in will no doubt test our topological skills, so we will be on the lookout to find extra be using, or only using on special occasions, please let Peter or myself know, and we might discuss alternative arrangements.

As your newbie Rear Commodore, I am on a steep learning curve, and very grateful for the support from Amanda, John and Chris. My hope is for a safe sailing season with lots of tough competition, but, most of all, fun and camaraderie. It is what makes Somers so great.

Last year we achieved a total of 1231 racing hours (= 51 racing days), across a total of 1359 individual race completions spread amongst 148 skippers. As a bit of a data nerd, I think those are amazing numbers, and speak to the very significant success of our club, and the immense effort by our wonderful sea rescue and race management teams. My hope for 2017-18 is to best those numbers.

Special thanks are due to all those who have put in so many hours over the off-season to make sure we are ready for the opening regatta and especially Amanda for her wonderful work as Rear Commodore over the last few years. Very hard shoes to fill.

To all sailors, my best wishes for a great sailing season.

Mike Sandiford



New Committee for 2017 / 2018

Congratulations and thanks to all those members who volunteered and were duly elected

Commodore: John Tilleard
Vice Commodore: Amanda Nutting
Rear Commodore: Mike Sandiford
Secretary: Roy Higginson
Treasurer: Tim Brock

General Committee:

Stephen Brown Bar Lisa Tuck Social

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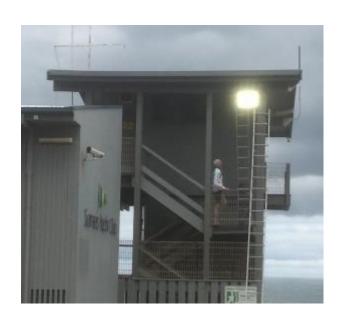
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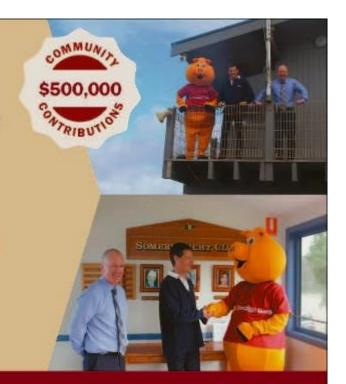
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Sailing 101 Sailing mentoring session

Are you the type that finds it really hard to start the sailing season?

Feeling like you need a refresher on many of the basics in sailing?

Have you just completed sailing school last season and want to get out on your own boat, but want someone to guide you along a little?

Do you have a new boat for the season and want time or assistance to rig and sail it?

Has winter been very long and you just feel a little uneasy starting out again? Do you just like hanging out with others on the beach rigging and on the water sailing?

Well this season we have something new for you!

Sailing 101 is free to our members and run by our more experienced sailing members to help you get on the water confidently at the start of the season. It is booked into the calendar, all we ask is that you register your interest on Facebook under events, so we have an idea of numbers and if weather looks inclement we can contact you.

Dates are 11th November and 2nd December, Saturday morning 10:30 start

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Start Sailing 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, Jan 09:00 - 12:30BYO own boat Start Racing 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, Jan 09:00 - 13:00Adult Start Sailing 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Feb, 4th Mar 09:30 - 13:00

Bookings only taken from sailors who have paid their membership for 2017/2018 **Further information** on the sailing school web page.

Any concerns please email Emma Morris at simemmorris@bigpond.com

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Somers Juniors

What is happening for the start of a super season ahead you may ask?

- Opening day sailing, starting at an early time of 13:30. Then a quick trip home to fancy up for the evening cocktail party. It is a great time to catch up with everyone after a long winter.
- Don't forget we have a dedicated rescue boat to Division 6 for all our club races, so you can feel more confident on the water.
- Family BBQ night Sat 4th Nov.
- Sailing 101 Sat 11th Nov 10:30, which will be great for you all to become more comfortable on the water, picking up tip from others who are happy to share. Second session Sat 2nd Dec.

Somers great Land Race

- Sunday 12th Nov 10:00. Sign up your team on the white board downstairs and get ready for some fun and action on foot around the hood of Somers. Who knows what challenges you will be asked to achieve this year! Parents make your own teams and compete against your kids!
- Are you connected to our Facebook and instagram page? It is a great way to share pictures instantly, send a message to ask other juniors to go sailing together and get reminders of what is coming up.
- Look us up on facebook Somers Yacht Club Juniors or chuck us a follow on instagram somersyachtclubjuniors
- Spotted- some speakers down stairs so you can play your own tunes while you hang out. Just connect your phone via the 3.5 jack plug at the back. Just reminding you this is your area and equipment to care for. If things get damaged it will not magically be replaced. It will just disappear, so look after the place together.
- A few more exciting things for later in the season to look forward to are the junior pacer regatta, junior party night, junior games morning, beach volleyball and lots of informal, last minute get together for more fun.



Friday Bridge at SYC

A few members have started up a small Bridge game on Fridays at 4.0 pm. If members are interested in playing please come along. If there are any members with Bridge experience that could help members wishing to learn this fascinating game it would be most appreciated



2017 Montalto Women on Water Regatta



Somers YC female sailors at the 2015 regatta

Our neighbour Westernport Yacht Club is hosting the 4th Montalto Women on Water (WoW) Coaching Regatta on November 11 and 12. It is a great opportunity for Somers women and girls to gain confidence and improve their sailing in a fun and supportive event.

It is an all female coaching, mentoring and sailing regatta for females of all sailing abilities – from beginners to experienced. Women are also invited to gain more experience in race management.

The age range in past events has been 7 through to 77 years and displays that sailing is truly an intergenerational sport.

This year there will again be some Olympians and elite sailors who will be sharing their enthusiasm and commitment to sailing with ordinary club sailors.

The invited classes this year will be Optimists, Minnows, Open Bics, Sabres, Pacers, Impulses, Hobie 14 and Windsurfers.

There are some boats available for charter or BYO.

For further information please contact: Peta Pietromonaco: ppietro@bigpond.net.au

Enter here via this link www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=320886 (Places are limited).

If you need help to get your boat there contact Wendy Wilson 0407 876 950

Hope to see lots of Somers sailors there again this year!







GO TIGERS!



AFL Grand Final at SYC

On Saturday 30th September there was a gathering of members old and young to watch the Grand Final at the club. The bar was open. Pies, sausage rolls and saveloys were provided with the standard being lifted by those who brought the cheese and fruit platters to share The majority of the crowd were Tigers supporters with their colors on display. The Adelaide Crows had a few valiant followers who were feeling pretty good after the first quarter but soon lost heart as the Tigers took over the game to win. There was much cheering and excitement to be had.

Thanks to those who organised the event.









Winter Laser sailing by Simon Wilkins and Nick Ede

UK Laser Masters National Championship, Hayling Island, UK 30th June-2nd July.



Waiting for the wind- 30th June



Sitting with my coach and 13-time Laser World Masters champion, Keith Wilkins

South Pacific Laser Masters, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Brisbane 21-24th July.

Simon also escaped the wintery weather to head to QLD for four days of 20+ °C sunshine. 39 standard Lasers competed in the Masters with a strong contingent from New Zealand. The fleet was competitive but the

light shifty winds of around 5 knots made the racing very tricky (i.e. flukey) with many sailors having a result in the top few and a result in the bottom few. A highlight was an 8th in the windiest race (a huge 8 knots!) and Simon was also lying 8th in another race when the wind dropped and the race was abandoned! Another great learning experience and good big fleet practice for next season.

Queensland Youth Week, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Brisbane 1st-4th July.

Lucy and Harrison escaped the freezing conditions in Melbourne to sail in the Queensland Winter youth regatta. Both were very happy with their performance, each well inside the top half of large and competitive fleets. The location, RQYS, is where next season's Laser national championship will be held so it was good to get a head start on planning.



Harrison and Lucy lacing up the boots in sunny Queensland

Royal Brighton YC Winter warmers regatta 15th-16th July. Lucy sailed this regatta and combined with training from Krystal Weir (former Olympic Laser sailor) every two weeks, is determined to make her mark in the highly competitive Div 4 next season.





Your Club Volunteers—Quiet Achievers



This is part of a series of interviews with people who do things around the club. Some people like the flag officers people know about but there are many people who work behind the scenes. They don't seem to expect accolades for what they do but if they didn't do what they did the club could not function.

Di Nutting has grown up around the yacht club. Her dad Rod was Commodore amongst other roles and Shirley too has been very involved in particular setting up the original Café de Sails with Pam Hendy. Now it

is the next generation of Di and her sisters Amanda and Lisa (and their families) who are active in the club.

So what does Di do? You will have seen her hand in the decorations for New Years Eve and other functions but for the purposes of this interview we will ask her about what it is like to run the bar roster. Every Friday night during the year, Saturdays after sailing and at other social occasions we need members to man the bar. That is a lot of rostering to do

How did you come to take on this volunteer role?

Di: By default really. Stephen Brown was doing the roster at the time and Jonathan Wilcock, who was also on the Bar Committee, asked me to help him out by contacting people on the roster to remind them of their allocated time slot. This morphed into me taking over the roster as it seemed that Stephen had so much on his plate.

What do you feel you get out of taking this on?

Grey hairs!! Just joking. I get to meet so many members which is fantastic and see how generous people are with their time and that's amazing. I feel I've got to know so many members through this process and people are pretty supportive, so you end up with a very positive outlook on the club community.

What is involved for you?

Thanks to Carolyn Briggs who tabled the idea of using the Doodle Poll to let volunteers choose their own timeslot, all I need to do is set up the poll every few months and call for helpers. As the doodle poll print off is graphically challenging, I also setup an excel spreadsheet. This can be added to by hand at the bar and on the downstairs noticeboard. I have to make sure I add the hand entered volunteers onto the Doodle Poll otherwise double bookings can occur. Sorry Malcolm & Noel!!!! I then need to remind people sometime during the week of their approaching duty timeslot.

How much time does it take do you think?

Hmmm. Hard question. Varies wildly depending on the time of year. Over Christmas it's pretty intense as there's so much going on, and naturally the bar is always a pivotal part of the yacht club calendar, so it can be hard task to fill such a busy roster up to mid-January. Once the roster is full, it's easy! During the winter months, there's not much to it. I just get Lisa Tuck to spruik the roster and she fills 6 months in 60 minutes.

What do people need to do if they are on the bar?

We have an initial training session which usually consists of being rostered on with an old hand. For all other sessions, a nominated member will open the bar prior to kick-off and all should be ready to go by the time they arrive. Everything is priced on the shelves and all the price categories have a button on the register. The glasses need to be collected periodically (preferably everyone brings their glasses to the bar when finished) and put through the glass washer. All that remains to be done, is to have fun and stay sober!

What is easy about the job you do?

Creating the Doodle Poll & spreadsheet.

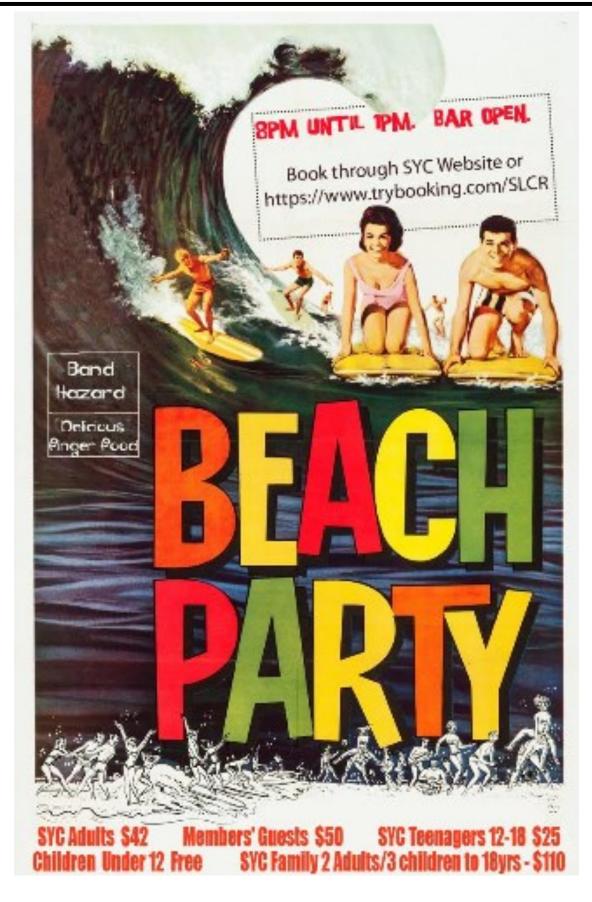
What is hard?

Getting the roster filled and finding a replacement at the last minute.

So everyone support Di in what she does and sign up to bar duty. If you haven't done it before give it a go. It is a great way to meet people around the club.

Thanks Di







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Social Events

Vic's Halloween Night
Friday 27th October 6pm
Book in for dinner with Vic – 0450 784 969
Adult Meal - \$25 Child Meal - \$15

Opening Day Cocktail Party Somers Yacht Club Sailing Season 2017 - 18 Saturday October 28th 6pm



Members are invited to welcome in the new sailing season with delicious finger food and a drink or two from the bar!

Please register your name through Trybooking to assist with catering and name tags.

https://www.trybooking.com/SLCJ

Please remember this is a members only event.

BYO Family BBQ

Saturday November 4th 6pm

BYO Meat, Salad, Plates and Cutlery

Washing up facilities available next to the BBQ. Kitchen Closed.



Social Events Continued

Santa's Visit Friday December 8th 6pm Ho Ho!

Santa is making a special visit to the Yacht Club! If the weather is suitable, he will be arriving by tinny! Bring your friends to the club and stay for dinner. All children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Book in for dinner with Vic – 0450 784 969

Adult Meal - \$25 Child Meal - \$15

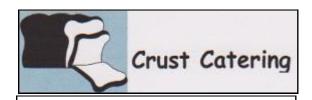


<u>Christmas Cocktail Party with 'The Jets'</u> Saturday December 9th 7pm

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The Somers Yacht Club Great Land Race



It is a fun race for all ages involving navigation, on foot, walking or running around the Somers area collecting check points and doing small tasks along the way to gain further points.

Your team of 2-4 people will be supplied with a map marking many of the check points, but not all. Some may only be found by solving riddles for their location. Extra points may be scored along the way by doing further task. These maybe physical or mental challenges.

You will have a limited time of just under 2 hours to gain as many points as possible around Somers, and will not want to be late back, as a harsh penalty will be given for late arrivals home.

It is for **all** members of Somers Yacht Club, even **not so junior!** It you are under the age of 10 we request that your team has an adult to help you along the way. Each team will need a phone that can take photos along the way.

A small presentation will be held after and a BYO BBQ lunch for people who would like to stay and tell of their tales and adventures they had.

So get your team together, create a name and sign up on the sheet on the downstairs white board. Sign up can also be on the day before 10am

Membership Renewal 2017-2018

Membership renewal for the next season is required by 1st October. Renewal can be done via the website or via the link below. If you require help to renew your membership please contact Richard Fakhry on 0418 576 622.



Club House Development

Over last summer we prepared a SYC Masterplan that looked at a range of possibilities to build on the legacy and contributions of the past 50 + years.

The immediate project at hand is the Lift Project.

We sought inputs from members to guide the functional and operational aspects of the club and the words that seemed to be repeated across the many conversations were;

- * Open, accessible, inclusive
- * Multi -generational
- * Sailing Centric
- * Safe
- * Coastal, casual, relaxed
- * FUN

Over the winter we have further developed the options and have improved the proposed entry / arrival experience for our members and friends. The concept was presented to members at the AGM with a Q & A session which provided valuable feedback.

Click here to see the <u>basic floor plans</u> and <u>artist impressions</u> for the current concept.

We are seeking member feedback before moving to detailed design and planning. Should you have any queries or wish to offer any feedback please contact Cameron Harvey 0414 384 625 or charvey@ptid.com.au after 7pm and he would be pleased to spend some time with you.

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