



IN AROUND

SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB

WINTER 2015 ISSUE



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FROM THE COMMODORE

Summer and autumn were so busy at Sandy it is nice to take a breath, slow down and enjoy our Club at a more leisurely pace.

Our Presentation nights were highlights of autumn.

Rob Date gave the address at the OTB Presentation Night and all who attended loved hearing about his successful world campaign on Scarlet Runner.

Sail Presentation Night was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. It is great to know fierce competitors on the water enjoy each other's company at the end of the Season.

Congratulations go to Nigel Fellowes-Freeman who was named Intermediate of the Year on the night. This prestigious award was well deserved and acknowledges all the hours and effort Nigel has put into the Young Members Committee. This committee has been moving from strength to strength over the last few years and their events are becoming increasingly popular.

Our Recreational Boating Person of the Year was announced at the Annual Recreational Boating Breakfast. When Mal Billings announced that this converted award went to Tommy Raft, it was to a very loud acclaim.

Another highlight of autumn was the Three Tenors' lunch. The event was a sell-out and congratulations go to Eryl Harris and her team who put on such a great show.

Eryl and her team are now working towards our Spring Ball. Tickets are available now so don't forget to get yours from the front desk.

You may have noticed some changes happening around the yard. Rob Date and Garry Anderson have been working to improve safety in this area. Cement barriers have been placed so there is a strong delineation between the working yard, the hard stand and the launch ramp.

We feel strongly about OH+S and are keen to make this area as safe as possible for all users. A reminder that all those in the work area must wear safety vests.

It has been over six years since we moved into our new Clubhouse and like all homes there has been some wear and tear on our furniture. We are increasing our maintenance program to keep our facilities in top condition.

The foyers and Olympic room have been repainted and the bar tables have been given a sprucing. In July it was the turn of the Port Phillip Room to be repainted and have a face lift. A special thanks go to members Andrew Molnar and Gordon Mather for their advice and work in the Port Phillip Room. Thanks also to Garry Anderson for his efforts here.



If you notice things around the Club that need maintenance please bring it to our attention by putting it in the Maintenance Reporting Log book which is on the front reception desk.

Three years ago we had a great addition to our boating Department in Sulis.

Sulis was originally staying for two years but we persuaded him to make it three. It has been three fantastic years. Sulis has built up our race management team enormously and has added so much expertise to our team. Not only that but he has become a friend to so many of us. Unfortunately for us it is time for him to return to his home and family in Greece. We have tried to persuade him to stay but do understand that he has missed his family and that must be his priority.

Thank you Sulis for your friendship and for sharing your expertise with us.

Endeavour III has been sold and is on her way to the Gippsland Lakes to become the Metung Yacht Club's Committee boat. I couldn't think of a better place for the much loved boat to end up especially considering our lengthy and close relationship with the Lakes. Many of us look forward to Endeavour III still being part of our lives when we race in Metung at Easter.

To those going north to race in the Queensland Regattas – good racing and fair winds. To the rest of us still shivering in the last month of winter in Melbourne - keep warm and enjoy your Club.

KATE MITCHELL
Commodore

OFF THE BEACH UPDATE

The 2014-2015 Off The Beach sailing season culminated with a wonderful celebration of participation and achievement at the OTB Presentation Night. With a Hollywood theme and the Port Phillip Room stylishly decorated by Junior Club Captains Julian Sasson and Ashley Cavanagh, and their families, we were welcomed by a red carpet and a number of Papparazzi (alias Chris Furey and Peta Davis). A highlight of the evening was guest speaker Rob Date's presentation of the adventures of Scarlet Runner over the last couple of years. It was a privilege to be able to present two inaugural awards at this presentation night. The first of these awards, the Calm trophy for the most Improved Single Handed Junior Sailor, has been donated by the Van Der Slot family and this year was proudly presented to Thomas Bartl; with Liz, Olli and Georgina Van Der Slot presenting this new trophy for the first time.

Eddie Wall-Smith was a member of SYC for many years and also a long term and active member of the Brighton Beach Rotary Club. In recognition and memory of Eddie's contribution to both communities, the Brighton Beach Rotary Club have very generously endowed a coaching bursary to our junior OTB sailors. Each year, the



recipients of the Calm trophy for the most improved Single Handed Junior and the Ron White trophy for the Most Improved Junior will each receive a \$250 bursary, which will go towards their Junior Development Squad coaching fees for the following season. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Linn Maskell from Brighton Beach Rotary Club for working with us to establish this bursary. It was wonderful to be able to have Linn, along with Eddie's daughter, Lisa attend our Presentation Night to present this award to Thomas Bartl and Zoe Rae. A full summary of the 2014-2015 OTB awards can be found on the Club website in the Winners Circle area, but I would particularly like to congratulate the following outstanding young sailors on their achievements.

- Lachlan Coman: The David Shaw medal for Leadership and Sportsmanship
- Julian Sasson: The Morrison Award for Contribution to Junior Sailing at SYC
- Jack Challands: The City of Bayside Award for the Best Junior Sailor

The following Friday (19 June) saw Sandringham Yacht Club host the 2015 OTB Marine Yachting Victoria Awards, with a number of SYC Junior and Intermediate sailors being recognized at this event. A highlight was Jack Challands being announced as Junior Sailor of the Year, as well as Tess Lloyd as Female Sailor of the Year. We extend our congratulations to Jack, Tess and the following sailors who were also recognized on the night:

Victorian Dinghy Championships

- 1st Place Ollie Tweddell
- 3rd Place Nicholas Sharman and James Grogan

Victorian Sailing Cup

- 1st Place Nicholas Sharman and James Grogan (420)
- 1st Place Tayla and Harrison Rietman (Viper)
- 2nd Place Jack Challands (Viper)
- 2nd Place Julian Sasson and Mischa Suda (International Cadets)
- 3rd Place Lachlan Dare (Laser Radial)

While many of us shivered through a cold and wet school holidays a number of our SYC OTB sailors headed north to the sunshine at the Queensland Youth Week, held at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron from 3 – 7 July. We congratulate the following sailors on top 10 finishes in their divisions:

- 5th Place: Patrick Distefano (O'pen Bic)
- 6th Place: Nicholas Sharman and James Grogan (420)
- 6th Place: Matty Goss (Optimist Intermediate Fleet)
- 7th Place: Hugo Llewelyn and Jasper Pluim (420)
- 7th Place: Lachlan Hartnett (O'pen Bic)
- 9th Place: Lachlan Hughes (O'pen Bic)
- 9th Place: Harrison Sly and Louis Schofield (29er)



While there is no OTB racing over the winter months, the OTB committee continues to work hard to prepare for another successful season in 2015-2016. If you are missing the OTB, there are still some opportunities for you to come and catch up with everyone. We are planning a series of working bees in the OTB area in order to clean up the storage area and paint the interior of the breezeway and training rooms.

These working bees will take place on Saturday 15 August, Saturday 22 August and Saturday 5 September, commencing at 10.30am each day. If you are able to come and lend a hand for an hour or more, your support would be greatly appreciated and those who are around at lunchtime will be able to share in a sausage sizzle.

Krystal Weir is offering a lecture series focusing on race technique and tactics for Laser, O'pen Bic and International Cadet Sailors over the winter months. For more details please click [here](#). Planning is well underway for Sail Sandy and volunteers are being invited to register with the boating office. The 2015-2016 OTB calendar has been published and is now available on the Club website and our next Pie Night will take place on Friday 25 September - can't wait to see you all there!

Finally, I know you will all join me in wishing our 2015 International Cadet National Champions, Julian Sasson and Mischa Suda, all the best as they represent SYC and Australia at the 2015 International Cadet World Championships at Fraglia Vela Riva, Lake Garda in Italy. These championships take place between Saturday 1 August and Friday 7 August, with results available at www.cadet2015.com/results.
Go Team Samaran!!

CATHRYN FUREY
Club Captain Off The Beach



RECREATIONAL BOATING UPDATE

Hello to all Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) members and in particular those with interests in the recreational boating part of the Club.

With winter comes a slowdown of on water activities, the exception being the well-attended Cruise in Company to RMYS but not so for our off water events.

On Wednesday 24 June our Guest Speaker Night saw Phil Spry – Bailey giving a wonderful talk on the outstanding courage, daring and success of the skipper and crew of the submarine the USS Sealion II in WWII.

Sunday 5 July, we held our ever popular Recreational Boating Presentation Breakfast in the Members' Bar. This year we had a wonderful turn out, with 110 people enjoying the delicious hot breakfast from Kol and his staff, beautiful pastries from SYC member Yves Morvan of Éclair Patisserie and Bakery, followed by coffee from Procaffe. I am



also reliably informed the Gluhwein, Bloody Marys and sparkling wine were also very popular! Once again, we had a fantastic array of raffle prizes very kindly donated by members and local businesses that Eloise rounded up to contribute to the event. A special mention must go to members Tommy Raft, Sue Bowes and Peter Hickey for their kind donations. All funds raised by the raffle go straight back into Recreational Boating for future events, so thanks to all the members and guests who dug deep for the occasion. Hugh Pilsworth tested everyone's knowledge with some challenging trivia questions. It was my great pleasure on the morning to award the Recreational Boating Club Member of the Year to Tommy Raft. A very deserving win for a man who contributes so much to Recreational Boating and SYC in general. Be sure to congratulate Tommy when you see him around the Club.

We will soon be through the cold months of winter and entering our spring program of events:

- Guest Speaker Night on 27 August where Peter Dransfield will give an informative and interesting talk on his life/style over the past decade which involves sailing/cruising in Europe.
- On Saturday 22 August "The Winter Winery Bus Tour" to T'Gallant Winery and Restaurant will be taking place. There is a wine tasting at 11:00 followed by lunch. Then we will move on to another tasting at Morning Star Estate. Whilst the bus is fully booked, if anyone would like to join us independently at any of the stages please give me a call or put your name down on the waiting list in case of cancellations.
- Opening Day Sail Past on Saturday 3 October.
- Guest Speaker Night with fishing hints and tips on Wednesday 21 October.
- Fishing Competition on Saturday 25 October.
- Two Cruises in Company in November:
 - Cup Weekend 31 October to 3 November and
 - 28 - 30 November to coincide with the Queenscliff Music Festival.
- Guest Speaker Night on Wednesday 11 November – Philip Middlemiss on Wyndham Harbour, Werribee (due to be operational by the end of the year).

Please make sure you check out the Recreational Boating section of the website as all these events and many others have been posted there.

On behalf of the Recreational Boating Committee, thank you for supporting the events and we look forward to seeing you on the water or around the Club.

MAL BILLINGS
Club Captain Recreational Boating



SAIL UPDATE

Hello all sailors. Winter is certainly upon us, at the time of writing this article we have just frozen through the coldest week of the year, none-the-less our enthusiastic Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) keelboat sailors have been showing up in strong numbers in all of our Mercedes-Benz Brighton events which include Saturday Round-the-Stix, Wednesday Wonders and Sunday Sailors.

Race #1 of the Saturday Round-the-Stix series saw an unfortunate incident which resulted in yacht *BARNSTORMER* being beached in the vicinity of No 7. Some quick action from SYC Boating Manager Sulis with the help of our tower staff (after assessing there were no casualties) saw the yacht towed off the beach and back to deeper water within two hours of the beaching resulting in minimal damage to the yacht. This was a great team effort all around.

Our SYC women sailors made their mark in the Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta held over the Queen's Birthday weekend with *MORE NOISE* (Stephanie Strong and team) and *HYPERACTIVE* (Kirsty Harris and team) taking out the AMS titles in divisions one and two respectively in a strong field consisting of representative teams coming from Australia wide.

Congratulations go to David Suda on winning the 2015 Yachting Victoria Keelboat Sailor of the Year. This is a fantastic achievement by David who has put so much into the J24 class at SYC and Australia wide also having won many championships both national and state along the way, well done!

SYC had a J111 representative team made up of the *JOUST* (Rod Warren) crew who acquired a boat and raced in the World Championships at Newport Rhode Island. In what was a very competitive field they finished around mid-field whilst pushing the past world champion in many races and even pinching a second in one race! Well done team.

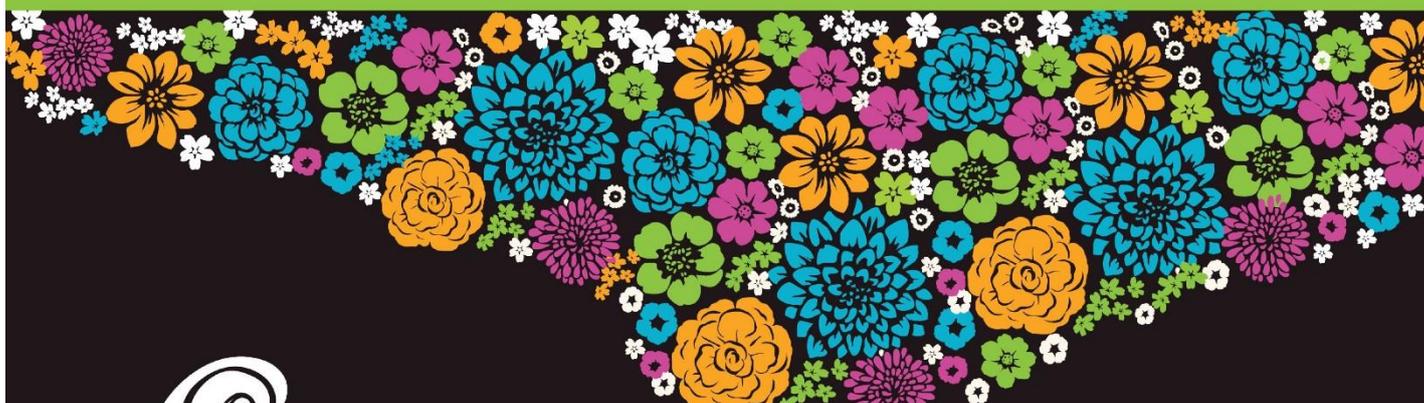
The northern exodus of boats has begun with many sailors heading to the warmer climates to race in the Airlie, Hamilton Island and Magnetic Island regattas. We wish all SYC sailors the best of luck in these events. Don't forget your hat, sunscreen and stubby holders!

It is with sadness we see SYC's Boating Manager Sulis Papantoniou leave us after three years great service. Before heading back to his family in Greece, Sulis is heading to Brazil to take up a position as a race officer in the 2016 Rio Olympics, Sulis has brought great knowledge and professionalism to our Club which has been invaluable to our Race day volunteers and SYC boating staff alike. We wish Sulis all the best for the future and we will miss his smiling face around the Club.

JASON CLOSE
Club Captain Sail



Sandringham Yacht Club Social Committee presents



Spring Fling

BALL

Saturday 5 September
SYC Port Phillip Room
7.00 for 7.30pm

Dress: Formal
\$99 per person
3 course dinner
incl. welcome drink

Entertainment by Jam the Funk

Bookings essential & open 23 July.

Contact Naomi on 9599 0999 or visit syc.com.au for bookings & more info



August, September + October Club + Social events

AUGUST



SEAFOOD COOK OFF

Friday 14 August @ 19:00
Harbour View Restaurant



YOUNG MEMBERS' KARAOKE NIGHT

Saturday 15 August @ 20:00
Members' Lounge



RECREATIONAL BOATING WINE TOUR & PICNIC

Saturday 22 August
Departing SYC 09:30
Returning approx. 17:00



SAIL WINTER INFO NIGHT in conjunction with RECREATIONAL BOATING GUEST SPEAKER

Thursday 27 August @ 19:30
Port Phillip Room



SYC TRIVIA ~ FINAL ROUND

Friday 28 August @ 19:30 for 19:45
Olympic Room

SEPTEMBER



SYC ANNUAL BALL ~ SPRING FLING

Saturday 5 September @ 19:00
Port Phillip Room



FATHER'S DAY

Sunday 6 September
Harbour View

Breakfast 09:30 - 11:30
Lunch 12:30 - 15:30



SYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 15 September @ 20:00
Port Phillip Room



For more information on these events and for bookings
please contact Reception or Naomi in the office on
9599 0999 or refer to the website syc.com.au

SEPTEMBER



SAIL WINTER INFO NIGHT Race Management for Sailors

Thursday 24 September @ 19:30
Port Phillip Room



OTB PIE NIGHT

Friday 25 September @ 18:30
Members' Lounge



CLUB WORKING BEE

Sunday 27 September @ 09:00

OCTOBER



SYC OPENING DAY - "BOATING IS BETTER THAN FOOTBALL"

Saturday 3 October



MERCEDES-BENZ BRIGHTON THURSDAY TWILIGHT SERIES

Commences Thursday 8 October



MERCEDES-BENZ BRIGHTON WEDNESDAY WONDERS WINTER PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday 9 October @ 19:00
Port Phillip Room



SAIL SANDY

Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 October
Lou Abrahams OTB Sailing Centre



RECREATIONAL BOATING GUEST SPEAKER NIGHT

Wednesday 21 October @ 19:30
Port Phillip Room



RECREATIONAL BOATING ANNUAL FISHING COMPETITION

Sunday 25 October - Very Early!



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