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Thomas Johnston and Piper Duell – International Cadet National Champions – credit Jarrod Barnes

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Commodore's Report

Thank you to our wonderful community of SYC members. Your loyalty continues to underpin and further strengthen our Club and its positive culture. With your unwavering support we have successfully navigated an incredibly challenging year that was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Immediate Past Commodore Ash Trebilcock handed over the Commodore reigns last year, he said he "may be remembered as the Commodore who closed down the Club – twice". Whilst not true, one of his legacies was leaving us with the membership motto 'It's Great to Belong' and how fitting that is.

Throughout the last year our membership has grown by 5%, despite the global pandemic. There is a good ratio of male, female and families. SYC will be a safe haven to its members moving forward and we encourage you to get the family, partners and your friends involved. Our membership community is friendly, welcoming and we have introductory offers with flexible arrangements as well as membership incentives on offer. All this bodes well for our future.

I hope you like the cover photo on this edition of *Off the Wind*. It's a spectacular shot of Thomas Johnston and Piper Duell, winners of the Cadet Nationals which were held at SYC in April 2021. This is just the eighth time a Victorian team has won the nationals in its 59 years. Congratulations also to Mischa Suda and Dillan Barnes who finished 3rd overall.

COVID-19 has continued to create many uncertainties in all of our daily lives including at SYC. For us here at Sandringham it has meant many cancelled events, postponed or abandoned racing, very few regattas and limited cruises in company. The very pleasing and exciting observation is whenever we could run events, they were well supported with great enthusiasm. Due to the pandemic, we constantly had to adjust our plans and respond accordingly. This may be the case moving forward – last minute adjustments to events, both on and off the water. One thing we do know, when we get the green light there will be plenty on offer for everyone at SYC.

During the year it gave the General Committee an opportunity to look to the future and re-set our plans. We also felt it was a great opportunity to get member input into this planning process. To that effect, a member survey was conducted in December 2020 and 683 members participated. The outcome of that planning process is an updated *Plan for the Future 2021-2026* which you can read about in more detail in this magazine. As part of this plan, you asked us to do a bunch of things and three we have actioned are:

- 1 The ongoing refurbishment of our marina. The current activity is the re-waling and finger upgrading of our longest row, B West including its 26 finger pontoons.
- 2 Upgrading the Ken King Centre. Pleasingly, new glass windows have been installed providing wind protection. The shade canopy has been replaced, steelwork repainted, grassed areas established and new heaters installed. Our special thanks to SYC member Bill Skunca for his donation. Thanks also to the Monday BBQ Boys for contributing to the new heaters. As I write this the works are being finalised with more member support and I will thank those members and groups in full when we have a celebratory re-opening.
- 3 A new travel lift has been ordered and is currently under construction. Delivery is due by the end of 2021. This will replace our current ageing machine with lots of new features to ensure safe lifting of boats in and out of the water and placement in the yard.

Hopefully as you read this article, our 2021-22 sailing season is well underway for our keelboat and off the beach sailors. I also hope our recreational boaters are enjoying the wonderful events made possible

through our recreational boating community. Keep an eye on the weekly e-news for all the detail.

Recently we conducted our Annual General Meeting. If you missed the meeting you can still download the annual report in the members section of the website. Despite the many challenges, with your support we managed to navigate COVID-19 and we posted a pleasing financial performance for the past year, as well as an improvement to our general financial position. That said, we face many challenges ahead but with your support we will navigate these.

In these difficult times, I would like to also express our sincere thanks to our loyal major club sponsors – Club Marine, Veolia and Mercedes-Benz Brighton. Your continued support of our great Club is very much appreciated.

SYC is truly fortunate to have had a sustained history of strong leadership, with capable and passionate volunteer members who have and continue to serve our great Club – a special thank you to them all. Again, I would like to commend you, our members. Your loyalty continues to underpin and strengthen our Club and its positive culture. As the saying goes "we are all in this together". We will survive, grow, continue old friendships and welcome new members.

In closing I would also like to extend a special thank you to our loyal staff. I have witnessed first-hand their collective efforts throughout the year and it has been one of complete commitment and dedication – they are a great asset to the Club and I extend our appreciation to the team.

...it's great to belong.

Garry Anderson
Commodore



Sail Report

Mercedes-Benz
Brighton



Wow, what a difficult year for keelboat sailing at Sandringham Yacht Club.

We are now in the midst of COVID-19 lockdown number 6. COVID has taken its toll on our sailing calendar as has the weather.

But in the midst of all that, SYC sailing has soldiered through and all-in-all, it has been a great year with exceptional participation and wonderful camaraderie amongst our competitive teams.

There was no racing in winter 2020.

The warmer months of the Mercedes-Benz Brighton keelboat sailing season were split into two, Spring Racing and a Summer Series. This season also saw the introduction of a new trial rating system in ORC Club (ORC). With ORC results run in parallel with our Saturday racing, the popularity of this rating has grown significantly. However, as this was run as a trial, there will be no Club Champion for ORC in 2021.

Our Spring Racing consisted of all races being scored as individual results. Entries were pleasing with members taking every opportunity to get onto the water. For a time, we sailed with reduced crew numbers and had to race whilst wearing facemasks. This in itself, made spinnaker hoists, drops and repacking very difficult for some. Individual results can be viewed on the website. Given the constraints, entries into our various race days were well supported with Wednesday Wonders up to 38 entries, Thursday Twilights up to 49 entries, Saturday racing up to 35 entries, Sunday Sailors up to 22 entries and our One Design Sprint Series up to 13 entries.

January 2021 saw the start of a new year. The Sydney to Hobart, Melbourne to Hobart and most associated Bass Strait races were cancelled and Victorian boats were unable to attend the Adelaide to Port Lincoln race due to border closures. But here at home in Sandringham we got racing away in early January.

One feature was the introduction of a Double-Handed Series with eight yachts entered. Racing for this fleet was held every second Saturday and typically around a 25 nautical mile course.

Thursday Twilights were fantastically attended with 62 entries and the introduction of four female helm races (make sure you read the Thursday Twilight and Women in Sailing reports to hear more about it). In total, nine of the 11 scheduled races were completed. The winners were **Scarlet Runner-11** (Rob Date) in Division A and **Jet** (Simon Grain) in Division B.

Sunday Sailors had 23 entries and completed eight of the scheduled 10 races. The overall winner was **Foggy Dew** (Robert D'Arcy).

Saturday racing was once again split into the Round the Stix and Saturday Aggregate Series.



2021 Association Cup winners

The Round the Stix Series completed two of five scheduled races with the weather causing three abandonments. The winners in Division A were **Wicked** (Mike and Mark Welsh) for AMS and IRC and **Scarlet Runner-11** (Rob Date) in PHS. For Division B, our winners were **Bullet** (Eddie Ragauskas) in AMS, **Intrusion** (Luke Reinehr) in IRC and **True Colours** (John Strahan) in PHS.

For our Aggregate racing, we achieved eight of a possible 10 races losing only two to the weather. Entries were strong with 16 boats entered in Division 1, 21 in Division 2 and 10 in Division 3.

Winners of our Aggregate Series are crowned as our Club Champions and for the 2021 Summer Series these champions are:

Division 1

AMS and IRC – **Xpresso** (Ari Abrahams)

PHS – **Esprit** (Garry Anderson)

Division 2

AMS – **Watermark II**

(David Suda & Herschel Landes)

IRC – **Arch de Triomphe**

(Alistair Murray, Alex Newman & James Taylor)

PHS – **Vixen I** (Christine Matheou-Fox)

Division 3

AMS – **Joyride** (Darren Cutts)

PHS – **True Colours** (John Strahan)

The Association Cup was held in April and after being deferred to the re-sail day due to a gale warning forecast, racing was looking promising with the first race started in a steady 12 knots. Little did we know that this would be the only

race sailed as the wind dramatically dropped to nothing. This saw the race shortened at the leeward gate after one lap. SYC's team consisted of **Xpresso** (Ari Abrahams) and **Watermark II** (David Suda & Herschel Landes) in AMS with **Joust** (Rod Warren) and **Wicked** (Mike & Mark Welsh) in IRC. Taking 1st place in race one was **Xpresso** on AMS and **Joust** on IRC with **Wicked** floating quickly into 2nd on IRC and **Watermark II** into 3rd on AMS. After waiting for wind for over an hour, all further racing was abandoned seeing SYC claiming victory of the 2021 Association Cup.

SYC members have also gone as far and wide as they were able to during the interrupted season with many participating in the ORCV events.

SYC has helped to increase numbers in many events:

- Cock of the Bay – 40 SYC entries
- Apollo Bay Race – 13 SYC entries
- Melbourne to Devonport (Rudder Cup) – 2 SYC entries
- King Island Race – 9 SYC entries
- Port Fairy Race – 3 SYC entries
- Launceston to Hobart – 1 SYC entry.

This COVID year has placed a lot of pressure on the group of members who work passionately to ensure all on the water are safe and have the best racing available. Race Management and the volunteers are so critical in ensuring that racing is of the highest possible standard. Many are national and internationally qualified and we thank the entire team for their efforts.



Association Cup winning skippers; David Suda, Ari Abrahams, Rob Date (Sail Captain), Rod Warren, Mike Welsh

We also have the SYC Boating Office staff who ensure that everything runs smoothly for our heavy schedule of summer and winter racing. The office is led by James Sly and his team of Maddie Commins, Graeme Mills and Mitch Kerr-Read. We also have Russell (Tug) Tyson who oversees our fleet of Club boats so a big thank you to Tug as well.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the Sail Committee who meet on a monthly basis and continuously contribute to all of our enjoyment in sailing at SYC. They are:

- Lova Paszko – Club handicapper and race documentation
- Bruce Humphries – Race Management
- Marissa McManus – Safety
- Jack Fullerton – Protests and Thursday Twilights
- Paul Mentiplay – Wednesday Wonders
- John Neville – J24s and Thursday Twilights
- Stuart Morrison-Jack – Sunday Sailors
- Tracey Gottliebse – Women in Sailing.

I would also like to acknowledge Mercedes-Benz Brighton and Geoff Quirk and his team for their ongoing support and sponsorship of our keelboat racing.

As I write this I dream of normality where we can sail again at our wonderful Club, travel to local and interstate events and socialise with family and friends.

Take care and be safe.

Rob Date

Club Captain, Sail



Vixen I chasing the fleet

Jan Ballantine



Tight rounding

Jan Ballantine



Downwind flyer

Jan Ballantine



Close Saturday racing

Jan Ballantine



Leeward rounding

Jan Ballantine



Reaching home

A McKinnon Photography



Club Champions 2021



Division 1 AMS/IRC
Xpresso
Ari Abrahams



Division 1 PHS
Esprit
Garry Anderson



Division 2 AMS
Watermark II
David Suda & Herschel Landes



Division 2 IRC
Arch de Triomphe
Alistair Murray, Alex Newman
& James Taylor



Division 2 PHS
Vixen I
Christine Matheou-Fox



Division 3 AMS
Joyride
Darren Cutts



Division 3 PHS
True Colours
John Strahan



State and National Champions 2020 – 2021



S80 State Champions
Intrusion
Luke Reinehr



Tasar State Champions
WAC
Heather Macfarlane & Chris Payne



International Cadet National Champions
Bullet
Thomas Johnston & Piper Duell



J24 State Champions
Checkmate
Brendan Lee

Recreational Boating Report

This past year has been one none of us could have ever foreseen. The challenges of COVID-19 have put pressure on and brought changes to all aspects of our lives, even down to how we enjoy the Club and all it has to offer.

Amid this pandemic the team working behind the scenes organising Recreational Boating events has still managed to run a great number of events, enjoyed by both new and old members of the Recreational Boating community.

The season started out with our Annual Fishing Competition kicking things off in mid-November 2020. This event was run over 48 hours from 11:00 Friday to 11:00 Sunday. Participants were able to fish whenever they chose during the time window, weighing in at one of three allocated time slots across the weekend. This new 48-hour format proved a success and will be back next season. The overall winner of the competition was Andrew Read, catching a very nice snapper weighing in at 4.55kg.

Next up in the season was Opening Day. With a theme of Red & White, the recreational boaters of the Club were well represented and out in force, with Andy Allsep taking out the best-dressed Recreational Boat on **Rebecca II**.

Finally, with some easing of restrictions we managed to get back to running Cruises in Company. With overwhelming member support, we ran five cruise events from December 2020 to April 2021, when further lockdowns halted cruises. Our first cruise was to Docklands on the second weekend in December 2020. With 10 boats heading up on the Friday, then another 18 on Saturday, the whole western section of Melbourne City Marina was allocated solely to us. While there was a fun Friday night catch-up, the



Australia Day Cruise – Geelong catch-up

Saturday afternoon and evening proved to be the highlight with drinks and nibbles on the wharf. The excitement of the afternoon was a very warm-hearted congratulations to George Shaw for winning Recreational Boating Club Person of the Year.

Next was our Summer Raft-Up, in mid-January 2021. With a lovely summer's day just over 70 people cruised in 20 SYC boats, to raft-up along the main jetty of the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.

With the 2021 Festival of Sails in Geelong cancelled, the opportunity arose to run an Australia Day Cruise from 23 to 26 January, heading down to Geelong, then Wyndham Harbour and back to SYC on Australia Day.

The weather gods were on our side with a very leisurely cruise to Geelong in light winds. With the flotilla of 24 boats safely tied up, the 70 people on the cruise caught up on the Royal Geelong Yacht Club lawn area enjoying the bar and restaurant hospitality. Sunday presented a very laid-back sail to Wyndham Harbour in 35° conditions, leading to many enjoying a swim. With a hot 41° Monday morning the group activity was put on hold and following the arrival of a cool change at midday, opportunity presented itself for a large wharf party.

This gathering allowed judging of the regular Simon Hemingway 'Boat Quiz', which involves each boat crew writing a story, poem or ditty that must include the names of all boats on the cruise. After some deliberation, including a fair few laughs, the winner was announced as **Ariel II** (Andrea Halford & Mike Ferguson) for a cracking yarn titled 'Waves of Winsome'. Following another fun evening, most saw in Australia Day by setting course for SYC early on Tuesday morning under a grey overcast sky with a 15 to 25 knot southerly settling in.

With some degree of COVID-normal times, we managed to run the only regular calendar cruise for the 2020-21 season. Our Labour Day weekend cruise kicked off on Saturday 6 March with 15 boats heading off to Queenscliff. Once safely tied up, the more than 40 strong crew caught up on the upper deck at Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club viewing the wonderful sunset and catching up with friends old and new.

Sunday presented a great 27° autumn day and it was at this stage that the cruise spilt in two, one group setting sail out The Heads to Flinders in Westernport for the night. The other group headed to the Quarantine Station for a relaxed lunch and afternoon at anchor. This second group, then gathered back at QCYC for another



Sunset at Queenscliff – Labour Day Cruise



Coming back through The Heads – *Sunchaser II*

great evening before setting sail on Monday back to SYC. Those who headed to Flinders enjoyed a night on anchor in Westernport, a sail back to QCYC on Monday and a relaxed sail home on Tuesday.

The last cruise we managed to run was a delayed version of our Annual End of Daylight Saving cruise. On Saturday 17 April, 47 people on 20 boats enjoyed a lovely sunny Saturday afternoon trip in a softening 10 knot breeze to Docklands. Again we had the whole western section of Melbourne City Marina allocated to us. A great day continued in the Marina lounge for a wine tasting, hosted by Lee from Chirping Bird Wines and platters of nibbles organised by the Recreational Boating Committee.

The standard cruise activities continued and after a fun start to the evening, we enjoyed a nice dinner and further time with friends. Sunday brought a very calm overcast day, seeing most enjoy a leisurely motor back to SYC.

Feedback from all those who joined cruises this year was that they had fun and enjoyed themselves. A large factor in this was the level of participation, along with the attendance of

so many new members. Based on the positive feedback we are expanding the number of cruise opportunities for the 2021-22 season and look forward to seeing many more members attending and enjoying cruising events.

Last but not least, the only other regular event we managed to run was the SYC Cup Navigation Rally. Whilst normally in February, it was run on Sunday 3 March 2021. A number of boats set off in fairly unpleasant weather, with attendees from SYC, Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club and Mount Martha Yacht Club. It was a great day for SYC with *IV by VIII* (David & Kate McCutcheon) taking 1st place and *Vixen I* (Christine Matheou-Fox & Philip Strong) 2nd. SYC also took home the CUB Cup for the most successful club competing (our second year running).

While we managed to run a very good number of on-water events, unfortunately COVID restrictions impacted our ability to run off-water events. There were no Guest Speaker Nights and both the Presentation Breakfast and the Christmas Party were cancelled. Looking forward, we hope to return to the running of off-water events soon.



Fishing Comp – Andrew Read



Docklands Cruise – April 2021



Labour Day Cruise – Rafted-Up at QCYC

On behalf of the Recreational Boating Committee, a big thanks to all members who have participated in the last year. Their patience and perseverance with the repeated changes to event schedules was appreciated. We look forward to seeing regular attendees, our new 2020-21 attendees and more new attendees joining the 2021-22 season.

Lastly, I must thank a number of people without whose help and assistance, the running of events this season would not have been possible. Firstly, to my preceding Recreational Boating Captain Simon Hemingway, for handing over the helm of a well-trimmed ship despite the pandemic. Secondly, to the Boating Office team, James, Graeme and in particular Maddie, for their assistance and effort in pulling all sorts of items together, often at very short notice and with many COVID rule changes and impacts. Most importantly, to the volunteers who made up the Committee – Steve Aulich, Dawn Cleaver, Peter Hickey, Doug Jackson, Hugh Pilsworth, Bruce Saunders, Cheryl Sutton and finally the late Phil Burke, who will be missed by all.

David McCutcheon

Club Captain, Recreational Boating

Off The Beach Report

When I took over as a fresh, new OTB Captain, a few people remarked that it was an unusual time to be taking the reins and that theme has continued over the course of the year. This sailing season has been on and off, like the weather on Port Phillip. When we have managed to get on the water, there has been massive appreciation.

The season kicked off with a first ever Zoom Presentation Night, ably chaired by Dave Suda, our outgoing Captain. A big thanks to Dave for all his and his family's massive efforts over the past two years, resulting in our segment of SYC flourishing even more than in the past. The Suda family, however, could not give up all volunteering duties and Mischa was crowned OTB Junior Captain to kick off the season.

Those lucky enough to live close to the Club have been able to sail recreationally, and we have managed to get some racing away when restrictions allowed. The Spring Series exploded with fleets of 70+ boats as we all washed off the lockdown cobwebs and relished our new found freedom on the water, with every fleet well represented from the Musto Skiffs through to Windsurfers and Optis.

The next event we all waited to get the go-ahead on was the OTB Christmas Party. With restrictions easing just in time, we were able to host our usual get-together with an eager turnout and fantastic salads to match. Thanks Mon.

In the lead up to Christmas, the Kingston Sprints were run with over 60 entrants and eight good races. Six on the Saturday and a further two on Sunday in light conditions. As usual with sailing, the cream floated to the top and the overall regatta winners were our very successful Tasar champions, Heather Macfarlane and Chris Payne. The highlight in February was a COVID-delayed Sail Sandy, again on tenterhooks until the last moment. Despite this, over 200 boats enjoyed champagne summer sailing conditions. We held



Metung beach

the Windsurfer and the 29er State titles with nearly 50 and 20 entrants respectively. Thanks to the 100 plus volunteers who made this happen, especially Dean Robson and his team for pulling it all together and also De Crawshaw who made sure sailors and volunteers alike were all well fed, despite working with tricky restrictions in the canteen.

The March long weekend saw our Opti fleet head north to Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. Lottie Griffith was our highest placed SYC sailor in 11th, narrowly missing out on 1st Victorian Female by three points. We had a strong representation in the Intermediate fleet with Augustas Buivadas finishing 3rd and his fellow Sandringham sailors close behind filling up 4th to 7th places. Our Cadets had a great regatta at Metung Yacht Club with Thomas Johnston and Piper Duell finishing 3rd overall.

Our Easter pilgrimage to Metung was a roaring success after the cancellation the previous year. Light and drifty conditions did not deter sailors and race officials alike with Strongy (Phil Strong) presiding over another successful series. We are all looking forward to the 60th anniversary in 2022. Thanks also to Eagle (Rod Edwards) and his crew for their wonderful hospitality.

The Cadet Nationals were hosted at SYC straight after Easter, seeing **Bullet** living up to its name, skippered calmly and competently by Tom Johnson with Piper Duell up the front. This makes it the eighth time an SYC boat has won the Nationals. Mischa Suda and Dillan Barnes took out 3rd overall and 1st Girl Skipper in a real coup for the SYC cadet squad. It was nice to recognise them at a Club OGM, with many of the older members congratulating them on their podium finishes, as well as flying the flag for OTB.

The live-in weekend went off with a bang despite being delayed until late April. We held a very well attended transition day showcasing Cadets and Optis. The 29er speed machine had the usual queue of hopefuls keen for an adrenaline rush. Our partnership with the J24s saw them taking teams of sailors out on the J24 and also the new J/70 which turned a few heads of not only the young, but also the more experienced sailors.

Considering all things Tasar, the fleet had a fantastic, albeit condensed, 2020-21 season once restrictions allowed. The Ronstan Australia Day Regatta at McCrae Yacht Club saw a strong fleet of nine Tasars compete in glorious sunshine, all keen to get in practice before the State Titles which were due to be held at the same venue a few weeks later. The Chelsea Yacht Club FOAK Regatta saw a great team effort from the four Tasars entered, taking out 3rd place overall (including a \$100 prize). Sail Sandy was a season highlight, with a great entry of 16 boats reinforcing the popularity of the class and the great depth of competition that continues to exist for all ages. The Tasar State Titles in March saw entries from as far away as Sydney and with 30 boats on the start line, there was fierce competition throughout the fleet. SYC took home a 1st and 2nd with Heather Macfarlane and Chris Payne winning from Paul and Bronwyn Ridgway, with a further three SYC boats making it into the top 10.

With the prospect of a full season ahead, the Victorian Tasar class has a jam-packed calendar. The usual season highlights such as Sail Sandy, which has been rescheduled for February 2022 and will be joined by the new class favourite of



Presentation to Thomas Johnston and Piper Duell by Commodore Garry Anderson at the OGM



Maddi Crawshaw and Mats Maertens

Sail Bellarine in May, which had an outstanding inaugural event in 2021. The National Championships, having been cancelled for two years running, will be held in Port Lincoln, South Australia and the anticipation for this amongst the class is palpable. Amongst these events there are also a number of fun, family-focussed events as well as training sessions for all abilities, so it has never been a better time to get into a Tasar. All details will be published on the Tasar Victoria website when available.

The big event that the Tasars are gearing up for is the Tasar Worlds in 2024, due to be held at SYC. The last time the Worlds were held in Australia, there were 122 entries and we are fully expecting this to be even bigger and better. So time to start training.

This year saw the 9er fleet grow and build some serious numbers. Three weekly training sessions are starting to gain momentum with new entrants in the fleet Aaron George and Dan Conacher, Maddi Crawshaw and Scarlett Zerbe, Mats and Emma Maertens, as well as a rumour Mischa Suda and Felix Duell and a crew from Mordialloc will soon join the group, alongside SYC 9er poster boys Dan and Josh Griffith. Sam Gourlay and Ollie Van Der Slot still make appearances when the wind is over 20 knots to strut their stuff.

Off the back of a dream 2020 Summer of Sailing, the Laser fleet is somewhat in recovery mode. In a massive announcement, the Victorian Laser Association named SYC as their training hub for the top end of the bay. We now see fleets of competent Laser sailors launching for training



Spring Racing



Mixed fleet racing



Heather Macfarlane and Chris Payne

from SYC on a regular basis throughout the year. The OTB fleet has grown with many intermediates joining in the Sunday racing, giving the masters a run for their money especially when the conditions become lighter.

A massive thanks to the Club and also the Boating Office for a well-supported year of sailing in difficult conditions. We all really appreciate your hard work and dedication.

All in all, the sailors are looking forward to a time when we can get back down to the Club and enjoy our time on the water. Here is hoping the vaccine works and we can sail freely again in the near future.

Yours in sailing,

Andrew Crawshaw

Club Captain, Off The Beach



Aaron George and Dan Conacher



Argo XVI



Cadets at Sail Sandy



Lasers at Sail Sandy



SYC Opti sailors



Thomas Johnston and Piper Duell

Wednesday Wonders Report

The imposition of COVID-19 restrictions in March 2020 brought the well-established cycle of winter and summer Mercedes-Benz Brighton Wednesday Wonders racing to an abrupt halt. The last of the 2019-20 Summer Series races was held on 18 March 2020. Not only were the on-water activities affected, but also the social interactions including the ever popular Presentation Night which was cancelled. Some finely-tuned planning by Sail Committee saw the introduction of a 2020 Spring Racing program comprising 10 individual races from 28 October to 30 December. Eight went ahead but two were abandoned as a result of the weather. By the end of the program 53 yachts had taken to the water at an average of 29 yachts per race. Four yachts completed all eight races – **Andante 1** (Keith Woodruff), **Pegasus** (David & Andrew Lynch), **Razzle Dazzle** (Andrew Stopp & Grahame Jones) and **White Pointer** (Tom Raft). The 24 prizes for podium finishes were collected by 19 yachts. The prizes for Start of the Day saw ties in races 1, 4 and 5.

The program got off to an incredible start with both **Arch de Triomphe** (Alistair Murray, James Taylor & Alex Newman) and **Esprit** (Garry Anderson) crossing the start line on zero seconds. This perfect start was followed by the narrowest of wins by **Alex-Team Macadie** (Jock MacAdie) coming from the back of fleet to win the race by one second from **Arabesque** (Milton Green) in 2nd place and **Summer Wind** (Martyn Sly) 3rd. Strong winds saw races 2 and 3 abandoned. A south-easterly breeze welcomed the largest fleet of the program for race 4. It was won by **Midnight Magic** (Bernadette Moore) which led from start to finish, crossing the line 2 minutes 4 seconds ahead of **Summer Wind** and 8 minutes 24 seconds ahead of **Vixen I** (Christine Matheou-Fox).

Race 4 had the largest fleet of 38, whilst race 10 had the smallest with 13. The wind averaged 18 knots for race 10, resulting in a runaway win for **White Pointer** winning by the greatest margin of the spring – 6 minutes 36 seconds. **Alliance** (Alex Hall) not only won Start of the Day but finished 2nd and **Bacardi** (Martin Power) finishing 3rd. Race 9 proved something of a boon for yachts with handicaps over 50 minutes. With a handicap of 51 minutes **Brannew** (Clive Sondheim) made a perfect start to win Start of the Day and finished 2nd in the race. **Carpe Diem** (Paul Commins) (handicap 53 minutes) was first across the finish line with **Pegasus** (handicap 51 minutes) crossing in 3rd place.

Summer Wind was the standout yacht in the spring program. She won Start of the Day twice and recorded a win, a 2nd place and two 3rd places in the eight race program. Only two

other yachts recorded multiple podium finishes. **White Pointer** recorded a 1st and 3rd, whilst **Bacardi** recorded a 2nd and a 3rd.

The Summer Series saw a return to the more familiar Wednesday Wonders format. It was held from 6 January to 19 May 2021 comprising 20 races, including five Century Class races. Of the 20 scheduled races, four were abandoned, one due to COVID-19 restrictions, one from too little breeze and the remaining two races abandoned as a result of strong winds. Fifty-four yachts entered the series with an average fleet of 34 yachts in each race. Race 5 saw 41 yachts have a magnificent race in a 16 knot south-easterly and was won by **Cassandra of Melbourne** (Bob Reeves), her second prize in consecutive races. Five yachts completed all 16 races. They were **Esprit**, **Magic** (Phil Spry-Bailey), **Saltshaker** (Ken Gayler), **White Pointer** and **Vixen I** and they all finished in the aggregate top ten. Prizes for the podium finishers were shared among 27 yachts with 13 different yachts winning races. **Roller Coaster** (Geoff Simpson), **Skulduggery** (Garry McCarten) and **White Pointer** were the only multiple prize winners with two wins each. Throughout the series prizes for Start of the Day were shared among 12 yachts with eight of them making perfect starts.

One of the distinctive features of this series was the changes made to handicaps. The handicapper honed his skills with almost every yacht in the series finishing with a lower handicap than when they started. Those which did not finish with a lower handicap at the end of the series had the same handicap at both the start and finish. The average handicap dropped from around 33 minutes at beginning to 27 minutes at the end, which appears to have produced tighter finishes. The average time between yachts crossing the finish line was 41 seconds compared with 57 seconds in winter 2019 series.

Race 9 produced a remarkably close finish. Eleven minutes 24 seconds separated the 37 yacht fleet in a race held in a south to south-westerly breeze averaging about 13 knots for the afternoon and increasing as the race progressed. The race was around the 7-leg, 10.6nm, course 30, one of the longer courses of the summer. First across the finish line was **Willarie** (Graeme Kaufman) followed by **Pzazz** (Michael Vandertop) then **Bon Vivant** (Russell Keays).

Two races in particular produced runaway winners. After making the third best start of race 2, **The Secretary** (George Shaw) was still 4 minutes 41 seconds behind the leader at the rounding of Mark 4, completing the remaining legs in quick time to win the race by a margin of 7 minutes 15 seconds. This runaway win was totally



Foggy Dew

Bruce Parry



Lebrok

Bruce Parry



The Secretary

Bruce Parry

eclipsed in race 16 by **Skulduggery**. Thirty-four yachts took to the water on an afternoon of light and variable breezes. There were times when yachts were almost becalmed and others when they were propelled by gusts of 7 knots. The lack of steady breeze resulted in a shortened course which became the shortest of the series. **Skulduggery** was the most successful in finding the breeze. She established a good lead early on and extended it during the final leg, finishing 22 minutes 25 seconds ahead of her closest rival.

The Jaffa Cup, race 11, was actually held on Saint Patrick's Day and contested by a fleet of 34 yachts. The fleet was greeted by blue sky, flat seas and a largely southerly breeze averaging 9 knots. The breeze strengthened as the race progressed and saw seven of the last 10 yachts to start among the first 10 to finish. Many would have seen **Club Comedie** (Darren Eger) cross the finish line with a handsome lead and believe her to be the Cup winner. However, in a late twist **Club Comedie** retired leaving **Lebrok** (Theo Korbel) the winner of the **Jaffa Cup**.

White Pointer began the series at the top of the aggregate and spent nine of the last 10 weeks there. There was a slim possibility that she could be dislodged in the last race of the summer and her place taken by another yacht and it almost



Bacardi

Bruce Parry



Skulduggery

Bruce Parry



Cassandra of Melbourne

Bruce Parry



Esprit

Bruce Parry



Pegasus

Bruce Parry

happened. Thirty-four yachts took part in the last race held around the 9.4nm, course 25 in a 10 to 15 knot northerly. In the final moments of the race **Pippa** (Jeffrey Woolhouse) was overtaken by **Second Nature** (Paul Mentiplay) crossing the finish line in 5th place, one second ahead of **Pippa** which finished 6th. That one second was enough to allow **White Pointer** to hold on to top spot and win the aggregate on a countback to be awarded the **Shebessa Shield**. **Pippa** finished 2nd in the aggregate and **Magic** 3rd. **Skulduggery** not only won the **Misty Blue Trophy** for the best starter of the series but also the **Noelle Coram Trophy** for being the best-placed yacht of the 18 contesting both the Wednesday Wonders and Sunday Sailors series. The five race Century Class Series attracted a fleet of 11 yachts. Six yachts sailed all five races producing four winners. **Bon Vivant**, **Cassandra of Melbourne** and **The Secretary** each won a race with **Pippa** winning two. By race 2 **Pippa**

had moved to the top of the series where she remained adding the **Century Class Trophy** to her collection.

At the time of writing, the 2021 Winter Series is well advanced but continues to be severely disrupted by both COVID-19 restrictions and strong winds. We can only hope that things improve for the future.

Graham Furness



Summer Wind

Graham Furness



Pippa

Bruce Parry



White Pointer

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Midnight Magic

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Magic

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Sunday Sailors Report



Upbeat



Copyright

After a lengthy COVID-19 lockdown, the Mercedes-Benz Brighton Sunday Sailors were finally back on the water for the inaugural Spring Racing program. The program of five individual races was held from 1 November until 20 December 2020. Of those five, two were abandoned, one due to lack of breeze, the other abandoned following a gale warning. Thirty-six yachts entered the program with 30 of those sailing the three races with an average of 21 yachts in each race. The honours for Start of the Day were spread among six yachts, with four of them in an unusual 4-way tie at the start of race 5. Seven different yachts shared the nine prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place with **La Mer** (Michael Ebeling) and **Winsome** (Simon Hemingway) the only multiple recipients, receiving two each.



La Mer

The weather was kind for the first race with light winds and plenty of sunshine. The breeze averaged about 7 knots for the morning, which proved enough for all the fleet to finish the 9.9nm, course 14, with time to spare. It proved to be a rewarding morning for **La Mer** which not only won Start of the Day, but also was first across the finish line. She was followed by **Winsome** with **Razzle Dazzle** (Andrew Stopp & Grahame Jones) in 3rd place.

It was not a close race with 43 minutes 46 seconds separating the 20 contestants. If the weather was good for the first race it was even better for the second, which saw 22 yachts race around the 9.8nm, course 24. It was a great result for the three X Yachts in the race. **Xenia** (Kooos Theron) won Start of the Day, recording the second fastest elapsed time behind **Xpresso** (Ari Abrahams) which finished in 1st place, whilst **White Onyx** (Ben & Kath Solly) recorded the third fastest elapsed time and crossed the finish line in 4th place. **La Mer** successfully prevented an X Yacht trifecta by finishing 3rd.

Both races 3 and 4 were abandoned which left race 5 to complete the program. It was the longest of the Spring Racing taking the 20 yacht fleet around the 10.8nm, course 41, in an increasing south-easterly to southerly breeze that averaged about 9 knots for the morning. It was a good race for the four yachts that flew spinnakers, with three of them finishing in the top five. **First Light** (Mike Coulter), **Panache IV** (Egils Stokans), **Skullduggery** (Garry McCarten) and **Winsome** were the four yachts in a rare 4-way tie for Start of the Day, with **Myuna III** (Geoffrey Nixon), **Debonnaire** (Phil Gomez) and **Winsome** finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The short but enjoyable Spring Racing proved a good precursor to the 10 race Summer Series that followed.

That series started on 3 January and continued until 16 May 2021. Eight of the 10 races went ahead with two sailed around shortened courses. As well as prizes for Start of the Day and yachts finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd, there were two trophies to be won – the Sunday Plate and

the Noelle Coram Trophy. Thirty-seven yachts entered the aggregate with an average of 16 yachts competing in each of the eight races. **Foggy Dew** (Robert D'Arcy), **Skullduggery** and **Winsome** sailed all eight races and all three were in the hunt for the trophies at the end of the series.

Light winds and rain dampened enthusiasm for the first race which attracted the smallest fleet – 11 yachts including three visitors. Not only did the rain ease as the morning progressed but so too did the breeze, resulting in a shortened course. Nevertheless, there was a result.

Winsome won the start, **Foggy Dew** crossed the line in 1st place with **Anna** (Anthony Barbour) 2nd and **Wicked** (Mike & Mark Welsh) 3rd. In contrast, the largest fleet – 23 yachts, lined up for race 3 which also produced the closest finish of the series. **Upbeat** (Peter Dunne) won the start with a time of 2 seconds. **Café Racer** (Alan Clapham) won the race with **Valiant** (David Keyes-Tilley) finishing 2nd and **Copyright** (Stuart Morrison-Jack) 3rd.

Race 4 was abandoned and with only light and variable winds; race 5 became the slowest race of the series and, with a median start time of 68 seconds, it had the slowest start. With a time of 10 seconds **Copyright** won Start of the Day. In what was her first race of the series, **Myuna III** was 1st across the finish line with **La Mer** and **Debonnaire** flying spinnakers to help them finish 2nd and 3rd. At the halfway mark of the series **Foggy Dew** was leading the aggregate, with **Winsome** in 2nd place and **Hot Chipps** (John Chipp), which had sailed consistently but had not yet made it onto the podium, in 3rd place.

Race 6 was held in fine but choppy conditions in what was one of the faster races of the summer. For the second successive week **Copyright** won Start of the Day with the better time of 2 seconds. However, the race really belonged to **Amicus II** (Warwick Stenford). She made the worst start of the 15 starters but was already leading the fleet at the halfway mark. She was 1st across the finish line 2 minutes 41 seconds



Amicus II



Cassandra of Melbourne



Debonnaire

ahead of her closest rival, **Upbeat**, which finished 2nd and **Winsome** which recorded her second podium finish of the series, in 3rd place. Race 7 was the fastest race of the summer held in a breeze that averaged 15 knots for the morning. There was little positional change in a race that saw **Panache IV** lead the fleet from start to finish, winning by a margin of 9 minutes 34 seconds. **Alegria** (Simon May) finished in 2nd place with **Foggy Dew** finishing 3rd. **Lebrok** (Theo Korbel) won Start of the Day with a time of 1 second.

A gale warning saw race 8 abandoned and observations from Fawkner Beacon indicated the wind averaged 26 knots for the morning, with a maximum gust of 44 knots. Race 9 went ahead in northerly breeze that averaged about 17 knots for the morning. Eighteen yachts started the race with **Skullduggery** winning the start with a time of 1 second. At 10.6nm, it was the longest course of the series and the race was won by **Foggy Dew**, followed across the line by **Skullduggery** and **La Belle Vie** (Grant & Nathan Anderson).

The win took **Foggy Dew** to the top of the aggregate on 23 points with **Winsome** 2nd on 24 points. There was plenty of breeze for the last race of the series with a north-westerly that averaged about 17 knots for the morning. **Hot Chipps** won Start of the Day and the race was won by **La Belle Vie** with **Foggy Dew** in 2nd place and **Winsome** 3rd. After spending six of the 10 races at the top of the aggregate, **Winsome** finished the series equal on points with **Foggy Dew** which was declared the winner on a countback. With a total of four podium finishes for the series, **Foggy Dew** was awarded the **Sunday Plate**.

The Noelle Coram Trophy, awarded to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their placing in the Wednesday Wonders Summer Series and Sunday Sailors Summer Series, was contested by 18 yachts – the largest fleet in recent times. Finishing 6th in both the Wednesday Wonders and Sunday Sailors Series the **Noelle Coram Trophy**, was won by **Skullduggery** which finished 1 point ahead of **Foggy Dew**. **Skullduggery** sailed all eight of the Sunday races and 13 of the 16 Wednesday races.

At the time of writing, the 2021 Winter Series is still trying to gain some momentum. That is not through a lack of interest, but COVID-19 restrictions have resulted in four of the first six races in the 9-race series being abandoned. Here's hoping the future is brighter.

Graham Furness



Panache IV



Skullduggery



Foggy Dew



La Belle Vie



Winsome



Hot Chipps

Thursday Twilight Report

It was a short but popular Mercedes-Benz Brighton Thursday Twilight Series this year with the COVID deferred series officially commencing in January 2021 instead of the normal time of the previous October. Nevertheless, this series may have been shorter than usual but it still saw plenty of action take place.

The shortened series saw 9 of 11 races sailed on top of the Last Blast at the end of the season, with 75 different yachts competing throughout the series. On average, there were 47 boats that competed each week with standout weeks in

races 5 and 7 with 61 and 62 boats respectively, which was an amazing spectacle.

This season we also saw the introduction of our female helm races, where boats could nominate one of their female crew as the helmsperson for the race. In total, there were four female helm races conducted in a variety of weather conditions. The first race was perfect, the weather was stunning, the winds were light and we had 26 out of 56 yachts competing with a female helmsperson. What a way to launch this initiative.

We are looking to include the same in this season's Thursday Twilight Series and we look forward to seeing more boats participating. There will also be a number of youth helm races introduced into the series which we hope will be as successful as the female helm races, so make sure you get on board with that also.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021 Mercedes-Benz Brighton Thursday Twilight Series winners:

Division A

- 1st **Scarlet Runner-11** (Rob Date)
- 2nd **Bandit** (Ashley Trebilcock)
- 3rd **Esprit** (Garry Anderson)

Division B

- 1st **Jet** (Simon Grain)
- 2nd **Joyride** (Darren Cutts)
- 3rd **Second Nature** (Paul Mentiplay)



Red sky at night – sailors' delight

We would also like to thank our fantastic team of Race Management volunteers for their efforts throughout the series as well as our Club Handicapper, Iowa Paszko and of course our Sail Committee representatives, John Neville and Jack Fullerton.

Rob Date

Club Captain, Sail



A beautiful twilight sunset



Our first successful female helm twilight race



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J24 Report

Season 2020-21 – the season that almost wasn't. With the back end of 2020 season ending disappointingly in a COVID-19 induced whimper where the Twilight and Summer Series were disrupted and our State Titles cancelled, the new season dawned optimistically for all J24 One Design lovers.

There was a packed season ahead with winter, summer, twilight racing and target regattas of Sail Sandy, National and State Championships at SYC. Everyone was keen to see the back of COVID. Unfortunately our disrupted COVID summer became a winter of discontent with the 2020 Winter One Design Sprint Series also cancelled. With restrictions being eased and an uncertain horizon, we managed our first race in over six months on 1 November 2020, as part of our standalone Spring Racing Series. With restrictions still in place we initially sailed 3-up and via agreement between skippers, it was determined on each race day, whether spinnakers were to be allowed. Whilst not ideal this certainly made for some fair and very close racing over the series. Despite the COVID and crew restrictions everyone appreciated the Club's efforts getting us back out on the water with **Checkmate** (Brendan Lee), **J Force** (Warren Campbell), **Hyperactive** (Kirsty Harris) and **Baile de Luna** (Adam Keyes-Tilley) showing early season form.

Regatta Season – Corona Cup

9-10 January 2020, 14 boats, 6 races

Unfortunately with so much uncertainty around threats of border closures and the potential for crews to suddenly be placed in 14-day quarantine, the pin was pulled on the Nationals. Emerging from the ashes a two-day local Victorian regatta, aptly named Corona Cup, was held with 14 boats competing crewed by many of the SYC OTB sailors who were unable to travel to their various national events. The Corona Cup quickly became a celebration of community and our primary collective love...sailing. Fourteen boats were treated to beautiful weather, great racing and tall stories shared at the Ken King Centre after sailing each day. Congratulations to those amongst the chocolates:

- 1st **Checkmate** (Brendan Lee)
- 2nd **Bruschetta IV** (Hugo Ottaway)
- 3rd **Wildfire** (Ron Thomson)

Sail Sandy

20-21 February, 9 boats, 8 races

Our next regatta, Sail Sandy, was a little different. Although we had our own start we shared the course with skiffs and Lasers. Many obstacles kept us on our toes as well tight reaches under spinnaker on the final leg to the finish. The final leg often witnessed boats luffing, broaching on their approach to the finish with boats completing 360 penalty turns downwind with spinnakers and mere seconds covering bunched groups across the line. Congratulations to those on the podium who all sailed consistently and managed to keep out of trouble, unlike many of those who finished behind them:

- 1st **Wildfire** (Ron Thomson)
- 2nd **Checkmate** (Brendan Lee)
- 3rd **Two Dogs** (Jack Fullerton)

Victoria State Titles

27-28 March, 15 boats, 8 races

After not being able to hold an official Victorian Championship in 2020, the J24 Committee successfully held two days of racing in light to moderate winds. With so many boats in contention for the title racing was extremely tight. Day one saw individual and general recalls as the order of the day. Going into day two, points were extremely tight between the top five



Winner of the 2021 J24 Victorian Championships **Checkmate** (Madeline Lee), Brendan Lee, Jordan Sunkel-Lozell, Dan Cave, Daniel Abbas, Angela Andres

boats. Race 5 saw **Baile de Luna** (3rd overall) round the last mark in front, closely followed by **J Force** (2nd overall), with the series leader **Checkmate** back in 5th. **Checkmate** then roared into gear using every last ripple on the downwind run to the finish to take the horn in an amazing last leg. For the remaining three races with everyone pushing hard and one general recall too many, the Race Committee deployed the U flag for the last few races. From that stirring comeback in race 5, **Checkmate** began to assert its dominance to take out another State Title with the minor placings going right down to the wire, whilst in PHS three boats also battled it out right to the end.

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| 1 st Checkmate (Brendan Lee) | PHS 1 st Joyride (Darren Cutts) |
| 2 nd J Force (Warren Campbell) | 2 nd Haywire (Richard Taylor) |
| 3 rd Baile de Luna (Adam Keyes-Tilley) | 3 rd Panarea (Chris Ravesi) |

Summer Sprint Series

15 boats, 10 races

The series yet again bore witness to a last day of racing where the final four places were available with three races and a drop scheduled. With some consistent sailing by **Two Dogs** a trophy was well deserved. Well done to **J Force** finishing 2nd to round off a great summer of improvement and **Jet** jumping to 3rd on the last day, with the same order featuring the PHS podium:

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| 1 st Two Dogs (Jack Fullerton) | PHS 1 st Two Dogs (Jack Fullerton) |
| 2 nd J Force (Warren Campbell) | 2 nd J Force (Warren Campbell) |
| 3 rd Jet (Simon Grain) | 3 rd Jet (Simon Grain) |

Handicap Highlights

Twilight, 33 boats, 11 races

- 1st **Jet** (Simon Grain)
- 2nd **Joyride** (Darren Cutts)
- 9th **Panarea** (Chris Ravesi)
- 12th **J Force** (Warren Campbell)

Saturday Aggregate Div 3, 8 boats, 9 races

- PHS 2nd **Joyride** (Darren Cutts)
- AMS 2nd **Joyride** (Darren Cutts)
- 11th **Jab** (Warren Slater)

Thanks to the efforts of the regatta organisers, the volunteers and the J24 Committee ably lead by our President, Warren Campbell, the J24 community competed in 33 J24 One Design races over the season. Now that is something to be celebrated.

As we look forward to the 2021-22 season we farewell a J24 stalwart Ron Thomson, who is relocating to WA. We thank him for all his efforts at National and State Committee level over the years and wish him all the best. We also farewell Brendan Lee as a skipper in the J24 Class, although he will still be around racing J24s now and then. In the meantime watch out for Darren Cutts as the new owner of Ron's boat, **Wildfire**. The Nationals are to be held at SYC in January, roll on 2022.

Happy Sailing.

Adam Keyes-Tilley

J24 Committee



Women in Sailing Report



First Thursday Twilight female helm race festivities

The 2021 Mercedes-Benz Brighton Thursday Twilight Series held its first female helm race on 21 January 2021, with over 60 boats competing with 26 nominating a female helm. The weather was fantastic and a beautiful sunset finished off the night. Further races were held every three weeks with the final race forming part of the Last Blast on 25 March 2021. With around one quarter of the fleet opting for a female helm, it turned out to be a magnificent night despite an average forecast and poor weather in the days prior.

Looking ahead to the 2021-22 Mercedes-Benz Brighton Thursday Twilight Series, the female helm races will continue to be a feature. Every four weeks, boats may nominate a female helmsperson, with an overall series winner to be awarded at the end of the season.

The Women in Sailing Challenge (WISC) is an annual event held at Sandringham Yacht Club and forms part of the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series. There are three divisions based on crew make up. Division 1 is for an all-female crew, Division 2 for mixed crew where the requirement is for females to hold positions of helm, main and bow and Division 3 must

have a female skipper and the rest of the crew can be female or male.

This year's event was held on Sunday 21 March 2021 in constantly changing weather. Varying winds of 10-25 knots, rainfall and shifting winds meant the fleet was met with different conditions across the three races. Katie Holroyd skippered **Serious Yahoo** (RBYC) to take out 1st place, Division 1 in AMS, IRC and PHS. In Division 2 Robyn Ragauskas skippered **Bullet** (SYC) and finished 1st in AMS and PHS, while in Division 3 **Ca Bouge** (RMYS) skippered by Liah Hunter finished on top in AMS and PHS. A special congratulations to Robyn Ragauskas and the crew on **Bullet** for taking out the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series for 2021 in AMS and PHS.

It was a small field for the Challenge this year with fifteen boats entered across the three divisions. Three SYC boats entered in 2021, **Bullet**, **Razzle Dazzle** and **Foggy Dew**.

The date for WISC next year will be Sunday 6 March 2022 and will coincide with a celebration of International Women's Day. It would be great to see more SYC boats enter in 2022, so keep the date free and help support women's sailing

around the Club. The day will also include some entertainment and guest speakers, thanks to recent funding received from the Victorian State Government's Change Our Game Grants Program. This grant also provided funding for training which has enabled the Club to run a female start helming course at a reduced cost. This funding has been further boosted and extended by the Club, resulting in a significantly reduced cost to participants.

At Sandringham, we love sailing in our regular mixed races throughout the season. We are a mixed Club and many of our female sailors have found success and enjoyment sailing with our fellow male sailors in our regular weekly races. We want to strongly support any women around the Club who may be finding it difficult to find the right boat or the right opportunity to increase their skills across the regular sailing season. If you are a female member and need assistance to find the right boat or need help with some mentoring, we would love to assist. Please contact Tracey Gottliebse on 0402 243 943 if you would like further assistance.

Tracey Gottliebse

Women in Sailing Representative



Bullet

Dave Hewison

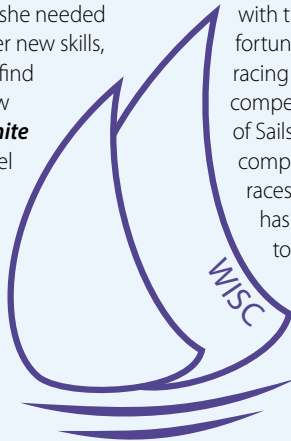


Racing underway at WISC

Dave Hewison

A New Member's Introduction to Women's Sailing at SYC

Clare Cope, is a relatively new member who enjoys sailing weekly at SYC. Inspired by a sailing trip overseas, Clare came home with a hunger to learn to sail so she joined SYC under the Season Pass membership in 2019. Realising she needed some experience to test out her new skills, she searched MemberPoint to find boats that were in need of crew and was welcomed aboard **White Noise** by Daniel Edwards. Daniel gave her the opportunity to try different positions on the boat including mast, bow, trim and pit which was invaluable in getting started. Daniel also offered Clare an experience of sailing across Bass Strait and getting her ocean legs, when he asked her to help bring his boat back from Hobart after he completed the Sydney to Hobart with his crew – an amazing opportunity for her after just one year of sailing. Welcomed aboard **Pegasus**, Clare now races regularly with them on Wednesdays and



Saturdays, mostly playing the strings in the pit, fine-tuning her skills on trim, or at times stumbling about on the bow. David and Andy Lynch have created an ideal environment of fun, competitiveness and learning and with the **Pegasus** crew. Clare has been fortunate to venture beyond SYC racing and take up opportunities to compete in the Cock of the Bay, Festival of Sails in Geelong and has also competed in the ORCV Coastal Sprint races. Clare has always found that she has been given great opportunities to gain experience in different roles, finding her fellow crew always willing to teach and support her on her journey. Regularly sailing with **Pegasus**, she finds there is always something to learn from each crew member, who are happy to share their knowledge and skills. Her experiences at SYC have always been positive, with both men and women providing a great dynamic to learn and enjoy sailing.



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Race Management Report

This past year has been a year like no other. With COVID-19 affecting so much of the past sailing season, naturally this has had a flow-on effect to the level of activity of our race management team. Nevertheless, after missing the 2020 Winter Series, our race management team jumped straight back into it when sailing resumed in November 2020, as if it had never stopped.

There was not much to do last year with Melburnians being stuck in lockdown, but that did not stop some of our eager and aspiring race management members from jumping online and participating in Australian Sailing's Club RO (Race Officer) course. More than a dozen of our volunteers undertook this course which put them in good shape to put their new-found qualification to practice when racing resumed.

On the Club racing front, the offering was like no other season as we were forced to adapt to the restrictions in place. Despite our pre-Christmas sailing consisting of standalone races for our sailors across the Club, it was still business as usual for our race management team. For our keelboat fleet, weekly racing was delivered on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays on top of fortnightly racing for our Sunday Sailors and One Design fleets. Irrespective of whether the pre-Christmas races were standalone or not, they still required a team behind the scenes to make them happen and that's exactly what our dedicated team did.

It was a similar situation for our OTB sailors and race management team and despite most of the racing pre-Christmas being standalone races, there was still plenty of action with over



Race Management at the Cadet Nationals

Jarrod Barnes

70 boats and boards at times making it down for the weekly Sunday afternoon racing. This certainly was a good test of our OTB race management team and to their credit, they handled the large number of competitors from varying classes exceptionally well.

Unfortunately there were a series of events that were impacted by COVID-19 such as our annual Sail Sandy Regatta and the J24 Nationals. Fortunately our Sail Sandy regatta was able to be deferred to February 2021 and despite coming out of a five-day snap lockdown on the Thursday prior to the weekend, it was a huge success with over 200 boats and boards competing. The volunteer numbers were again strong, with over 100 volunteer shifts each day and another quality regatta being delivered.

Looking ahead, at the time of writing this report, we are due to have a busy summer of keelboat and OTB Club racing and a series of National Championship regattas for the Flying 15, J24 and SB20 classes. We will also see Sail Sandy deferred to late February 2022 and both the Optimist and J24 State Championships in March.

If you have ever considered giving back to your great Club, or simply wanting to learn how it all comes together, please reach out to the SYC Boating Office and we will be sure to get you underway on your own race management journey.

James Sly

Sailing Manager



Good times on the water

Jarrod Barnes

SYC Plan for the Future 2021-2026

SYC has a strategic plan, aptly titled *Plan for the Future*. It is updated every 1-2 years and the last version was updated in September 2019. This year we felt it was a great opportunity to get member input into the plan and to that effect, a member survey was conducted in December 2020. Thank you to the 683 respondents who took the time to complete the survey. A very pleasing statistic from the survey was the level of membership satisfaction, which came in at 93%. Moreover the plan was updated with your input, so it is very much a members' plan.



The plan was ratified by General Committee and it has the full support of our Life Members and Past Commodores. Importantly, our plan aligns itself with another very important Club planning document – SAMP. This stands for SYC Asset and Maintenance Plan. This particular plan sets out all our asset and maintenance planning over the next five years. The plan for the future similarly takes a five year view, but many of the actions and outcomes will benefit this Club for generations. You should also know that our financial modelling adopts a five year outlook as well. The end result is we have a five year plan, which aligns with a five year facility plan which aligns with our five year financial model. All our key planning and modelling is in sync. The plan is in a new, easier to read format with clear key targets set for the next five years including:

- 95% member satisfaction
- 80% active boats – our target is to have 80% of all boats at the Club participating regularly in Club activities so we will be reintroducing our Member Participation Scheme in 2022
- 98% marina occupancy

- 90% rental 10% licence – of the 360 marina berths, our target is to have 90% in the Club rental pool and 10% under licence
- FMP2 – our target is to be completely free of FMP2 debt.

Refurbishments Works – over the next 3.5 years we will invest a further \$1.5m into major marina maintenance and in doing so we will complete the refurbishment of the marina. You have also told us you would like a bigger, better Members' Bar with more functional adjoining areas, so we are planning to do this and we will call this 'Stage 1 Clubhouse Improvement Works'.

Our vision is to be the best yacht club in Australia. We want to be the best club we can be for you, the members. We have also embraced safety as a big theme within the plan and it is evident in the wording of our vision and mission statement.

The plan has six key pillars:

- On-Water
- Membership
- Facilities
- Community and Environment
- Governance
- Communications.

Each of the pillars has clear goals and actions and our aim is to achieve them all within the next five years. Importantly, they all centre around our focus to address the members' needs. We have also set up four working groups to make sure we action the key themes you asked us to address. These focus on membership, food and beverage, the marine precinct and capital expenditure.

The Plan for the Future gives us our direction and bearings and provides a platform for committees and SYC management to implement and review the plan, supported with the necessary capital and operational provisions. We also take the view that it is a living document that will be flexible and evolve with the needs of our members. The plan can be downloaded from the members' section of the Club website, syc.com.au.

We hope you enjoy the read.

Richard Hewett
Chief Executive Officer

Plan Overview

ON-WATER

participation & engagement
diverse & joint activities
respond to member needs
enhance on-water safety
pursue absolute excellence
embrace change

MEMBERSHIP

evolve, embrace change & trends
membership working group
remove barriers & reward loyalty
enhance membership value
member participation scheme (80% boats)
highly satisfied membership (95%)

FACILITIES

SAMP (asset & maintenance plan)
food & bev + marine precinct working groups
waterfront assets are key
protection from Port Phillip
lease management
sandringham harbour opportunities

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

community engagement
charitable endeavours
manage external stakeholders
step up environmental efforts
community leadership
industry relationships

GOVERNANCE

risk management
funding & debt strategy
financial model + capex working group
sound governance
succession planning
syc foundation

COMMUNICATIONS

informed members
be mindful of our demographic
discover sailing via sail pass
personalise the message
embrace the digital world
events coverage



Marina Update

In 2021 our marina turned 28 and she continues to underpin the overall performance of our Club. Here is an update on a few of the key elements related to this wonderful floating asset that houses in excess of 360 vessels.

We have 360 marina berths and 250 of those berths are currently in our rental pool and 110 are licensed to members. In August 2023 an additional 75 pens come off their long term licences and they will enter the rental pool. This is another key moment in time for our Club – as at that point, we will have 90% of marina berths in the rental pool.

The performance of our Club is inextricably linked to the occupancy of the marina and ideally that occupancy is at a comfortable yacht-to-powerboat ratio. Just as important is that our marina tenants are active in Club life. At the moment our occupancy is high (98%) and the ratio is 68% yachts to 32% power boats. Whilst occupancy is high we will always do our best to find room for incoming boats that are keen to participate in our core on-water activities. Moving forward we will be offering a wide range of events and encouraging all tenants to participate to some degree in Club activities as participation is the key for a vibrant Club.



Another key focus with the marina is maintenance and we continue to invest heavily in this regard. In September 2021 we will conclude our fifth major phase which was the



B West

refurbishment of row B West. The walkway as well as all 26 pontoons on that arm received new timbers, cleats, thru rods, knee brackets and so forth (as pictured). Our annual program thereafter will see us undertake a similar scope of works on row C West in mid-2022. All finger pontoons will be addressed on D, E and F rows in mid-2023 and the works will be completed in mid-2024 when we tackle A West and its pontoons. Other maintenance works include various pontoon replacements on D West. Our pedestal replacement program has continued to advance and our recent improvements to the marina entrance – new sliding doors, fuel kiosk, fuel jetty handrails, re-treaded gangways – have been enhanced with the Ken King Centre refurbishment. In addition to the marina itself, we continue to carry out staged maintenance

works on the wavescreen. We also intend completing our service pedestal upgrade, the switch to LED and all fire hose reels by mid-2024. Seabed depths are a further consideration and in early 2021 an hydrographic survey was completed. This is viewable on the Club website as is the suggested pathway for those exiting/ entering the marina from the western side. We are in talks with Parks Victoria about the siltation build-up in this vicinity as well as the non-operational navigational marker. The SYC marina continues to be our jewel in the crown and we continue to be indebted to those who had the vision to see it come to fruition in the early 1990s.

Richard Hewett
Chief Executive Officer



Ken King Centre Upgrade

In the Sandringham Yacht Club member survey late last year, members asked us to give the Ken King Centre (KCC) a facelift. Because you asked, throughout 2021, the good old KCC has undergone some major improvement works including:

- the lawn area was replaced by an enlarged synthetic grass area,
- the 18 year old canopy was replaced and the frame treated,
- installation of retractable windows facing out to the marina,
- painting and deck maintenance and
- installation of five new roof heaters.

As we write this, we are finishing off some further works including:

- a bar top installed along the northern side with stools, so members can overlook the marina and
- some other touch-up painting and bits and pieces.

These works complement the marina entry improvement works including the recently installed marina entry doors, fuel jetty improvements including the new fuel kiosk,



We would also like to thank the 'Monday BBQ Boys' for their donation which funded the heaters and which were provided to us on friendly terms by SYC member Bob Reynolds (thanks Bob) and SYC Social for their kind donation for the stools. Also our thanks to the team at Club Marine who have provided us with some great market umbrellas. Enjoy the improvements.

safety barriers and flagpoles, new gangway improvements and the new pump-out station.

These improvements will see increased trading hours at KCC over summer with a new food menu and occasional live music.

Our thanks to SYC member Bill Skunca and his family, for their generous donation which funded the majority of these works. Once the season kicks off we will have an opening and recognise this wonderful donation by Bill.



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Sandringham Harbour

Sandringham Harbour is our backyard, but it is also one of the iconic yachting and boating destinations within Port Phillip. To ensure that it continues to be a safe and efficient maritime precinct for many more years to come, Parks Victoria is developing a Maritime Precinct Plan for Sandringham Harbour. This project is part of Parks Victoria's local ports forward planning program. The aim of the plan is to define the vessel channels, propose a future for Hampton Pier and provide direction regarding the future of swing moorings

and berths within the harbour and identify and provide for existing and emerging off the beach boating activities. SYC will have appropriate input as part of the stakeholder engagement process at key stages of the development of the plan.

Sandringham Harbour supports a diversity of recreational and commercial boating and other water dependent activities. Harbour users include SYC and our Club members, other clubs and their members, beach walkers, dog

walkers, anglers, off the beach boating (e.g. kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, sail boards, kite boarding and dinghy sailing), keel boats and yachts, motor boating, commercial boating (e.g. hire boats, training activities, boat repair and sales), swing mooring holders, emergency service providers and others.

The precinct plan project group is underway with the final plan to be released in mid to late 2022. Further information can be accessed via the Club website.



Ian Peewress

SYC Fixed Marks a timely upgrade

As part of Sandringham Yacht Club's ongoing asset planning, five of our eight fixed marks on Port Phillip were upgraded in April 2021.

The marks are a standardised Sealite Yellow Buoy. They are big, bright yellow, clearly labelled and have nice big numbering – you won't miss them. They also feature synthetic mooring lines and 400kg concrete weights, generously provided by SYC Member Gary Finmore of Mentone Pre Mix.

The marks were deployed to their new homes in Port Phillip and a big thank you to Bert Cross and his team from Aegir Divers who managed the deployment. This was another sizeable investment in essential assets that enable the conduct of Club racing at SYC. Our thanks to SYC staff member Russell (Tug) Tyson for managing the project.



Mark No. 4 being deployed with Bert (Aegirs Divers) and Tug Tyson (right)

New Travel Lift for SYC



SYC's travel lift will resemble the one pictured

At the Ordinary General Meeting in May 2021, Sandringham Yacht Club members approved the purchase of a new travel lift for the boat yard. Many of you will remember that the current travel lift was purchased in 2002. It has given us excellent service over the last 19 years but like all things at some point, it is approaching the end of its useful life. The travel lift is used six days per week and lifts in excess of 1,200 boats per year.

Given how important the boat yard is to SYC boat owners, it is imperative we have a reliable travel lift, so last year we set about sourcing a suitable replacement machine. After much research and investigation, the Boat Lift BL50-TL90° was identified as the preferred replacement machine. The key features of the Boat Lift BL50-TL90° we have ordered is:

- 50 tonne lifting capacity
- 2 tonne jib crane
- all-wheel drive
- wireless remote control
- Iveco 75hp diesel engine (or equivalent)
- wire lifting mechanism.

Boat Lift is an Italian company with excellent credentials. With your blessing, we ordered the machine back in May 2021 and the lead time is 150 days plus transit. So all things going well, we hope to have the new machine up and running in December which will be a timely Christmas present for the Club.

New Defibrillator

We have added a new defibrillator onsite.

This means we now have defibrillators available in the Main Office, in the Members' Bar and at the Ken King Centre (thanks to a member's suggestion), with the Ken King Centre defibrillator available for members to access if required, especially outside of trading hours.

As you may already be aware, we also carry a defibrillator on the water onboard our rescue RHIB, Watty, during our keelboat races and regattas to assist in the event of an emergency.



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SYC Social Report

Sandringham Yacht Club 2020 was very quiet on the social front. Some say it was *the year that wasn't* and sadly, 2021 is feeling a little like déjà vu. Even though there have been few opportunities to run social events for members over the last 12 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they could not go ahead. So we have been busy in the background, planning, with our fingers crossed. Thank you to the members of SYC Social for their perseverance in the planning of events despite most not coming to fruition.

Our team of workers behind the scenes include Robyn Coombs, Eryl Harris, Noreen Maher, Tommy Raft, Cheryl Renouf, Lorraine Smith, Di Tyndall, Margaret Whitbread, Vanessa Yates and me. A special word of gratitude to Eryl as our retiring Chairperson of the last 10 years. Eryl has worked tirelessly and has overseen SYC Social with the same elegant and warm manner as is her nature. Thankfully, Eryl is staying on but taking more of a back seat role.

On a not-so-happy note, 2020 saw us having to cancel the Roaring Twenties Ball, which was quite a disappointment as it had been two years since our last Ball. We were itching to get on our dancing shoes, but COVID-19 fizzled out the roar of that event. We were also to host the Legends of Rock Sunday Lunch, the ever-popular Melbourne Cup Day in the Members' Bar and the 2020 Trivia competition for June, July, and August. However, I believe the trivia buffs carried on amongst themselves, honing their knowledge with trivia competitions over Zoom. There was also the weekly quiz which the Club ran to keep us engaged.

Luckily, in 2021 we had a small window of opportunity between lockdowns to get to Oakdene Winery for lunch on the Sunday 22 May. Yes, finally. A packed bus of members headed down on a beautiful, sunny, autumn day to Club member Peta Davis' family award-winning vineyard, Oakdene, on the Bellarine Peninsula. We were greeted by the effervescent Peta who ushered us into the



Peta Davis



Esprit crew at Oakdene

tasting room. It was the first time since the start of the lockdowns that the tasting room was full of patrons, as the easing of restrictions now allowed larger groups. General Manager, Steven Paul took us through the offerings on show, as we sipped, enjoyed and purchased their fabulous, award-winning wines. Then we were free to wander around the quirky grounds till lunch time. Peta's mother is the creative force of the vineyard and her whimsical, artistic style is worth checking out. Next, was a delicious lunch at the vineyard's restaurant, Mr Grubb. We had the entire restaurant to ourselves and it overlooks the beautiful courtyard. It would be a lovely place to linger in the warmer months – one to pencil in when we have our freedom again. It was a great day all around and it felt like old times.

We were ever hopeful that our planned events could proceed. Next on the calendar were the Trivia Nights, planned for the last Friday in June, July and August. We were thankful the June date was able to proceed. A fun night was had by all and the toss the coin at the bottle proved to be a popular challenge. Unfortunately, the July event was postponed to September and the August event was cancelled. Looks like the prized Jaffa Cup will stay in mothballs for another year.

Our plans for a Glitz and Glamour Gala Evening in July 2021 was moved to August in the hope that restrictions may be eased enough to allow a full house and dancing. The Port Phillip Room was booked, décor and decorations were sourced and made, the Baker Boys band booked, advertising program done. We were jumping out of our shoes in anticipation for our uncaging but alas, again due to COVID-19, it was not to be.

I suspect the lunch and show 'A Day in Vegas' planned for September 2021, will have been cancelled by the time this article goes to print. We hope this is the last of cancelled events. It is imperative we stay safe and the sooner our population is vaccinated, the sooner we can have some normality in our lives again.

A survey of members was conducted earlier in 2021 to establish what social events interested members. The respondents favoured the following, in order: band night, comedy night, intimate dinner and live show in the Harbour View Restaurant, music trivia with live band, seated lunch and show, winery tour including lunch. The Club has been right on with the band and comedy nights in the last couple of years, however we hope to cater more to the wishes of the members in planning of future events. Thank you to those who participated in the survey.

SYC Social runs member events at breakeven cost, although we have managed to accumulate some monies over many years. As in the past, we are again looking at returning these funds to members by way of contributing to some of the ongoing refurbishment works around the Club. Currently, we are favouring contributing to the Ken King Centre refurbishment. We are pleased to be able to give back on behalf of members who have contributed and of course, had fun along the way.

I sincerely hope that in 2022 our lives may be able to return to a pre-pandemic lifestyle so we can get back to the Club we love, socialise with our fellow sailors and friends and enjoy all the SYC Social events we will have on offer.

Susan Tuma



Brenda Cuthbertson, Tony Russell and Susan Rendall



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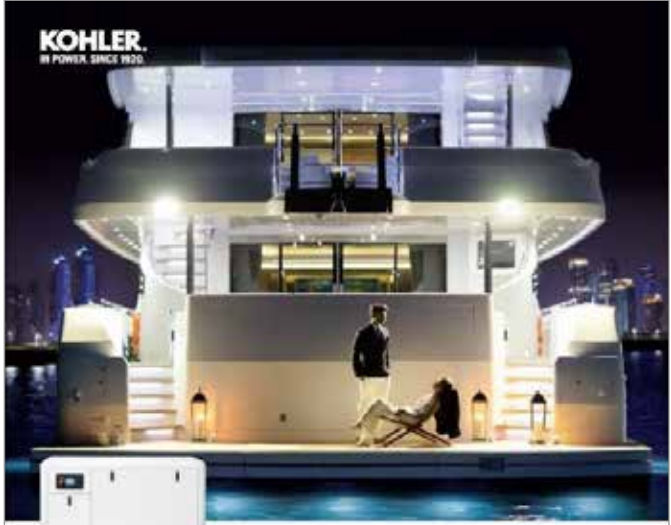
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Opening Day 2020

RED & WHITE BOAT PARTY



Sue Bowes, Garry Anderson, Daniel Conacher and Mark Welsh

What a different Opening Day it was on Saturday 5 December 2020, not only because of COVID, but because of the weather too. In true SYC form, neither deterred our members from celebrating the opening of the 2020-21 sailing season and getting into the spirit of the theme, Red & White and celebrating with family and friends on your boats for our Boat Party. It was so good to see you all and catch up after having been away from the Club for so long.

With the Opening Ceremony pre-recorded and shown on various devices, we were lucky to have Past OTB Captain, Daniel Conacher to fire the cannon, which rang out throughout the marina.

Unfortunately with the gale force warning, we were unable to undertake the traditional Sail Past, but I thoroughly enjoyed being ferried around the marina with Vice Commodore,

Sue Bowes and Rear Commodore, Mark Welsh. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing your happy faces, well-decorated boats and receiving the traditional three cheers...maybe not being drenched with water so much, but it was all part of the fun.

The awards for the best dressed boats went to:

Keel:

Rum Jungle (Matthew Weston)

Recreational Boating:

Rebecca II (Andy Allsep)

Off the Beach:

Tsunami (Emma Suda) and **Spitfire** (Mischa Suda)

The boat parties looked to be in full swing and Andy Healey had finished his wandering marina performance before the rain hit, so I thank you all for making the effort to come down to our great Club.

Garry Anderson

Commodore



The Sail Past



Scarlet Runner-11



Esprit



Amalfi III



Wicked



Vixen I



Bandit



Seabird II



Bacardi



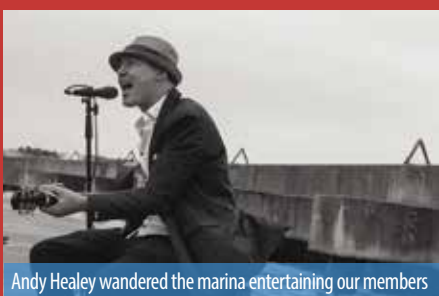
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Summer Wind



Rum Jungle Corona Testers



Andy Healey wandered the marina entertaining our members

Mercedes-Benz Brighton Port Phillip Challenge



Some close action



The Trophies

Congratulations to those who took home the silverware:

1 st place	Veloce III	Fujitsu
2 nd place	Sierra Chainsaw	A.G. Coombs (team 3)
3 rd place	Scarlet Runner-11	Australian Airconditioning Distributors (team 1)
Commodore's Award	Esprit	M Squared Electrical
Start of the Day	Second Nature	Dean World Cargo
Nautical Incident of the Day	38 Degrees South	A.G. Coombs (team 2)

We were so lucky to be able to host the Mercedes-Benz Brighton Port Phillip Challenge on Friday 26 February 2021. Well over 200 participants had a great day in a fleet of 18 keelboats taking part in a pursuit race.

Thank you to our corporates who took part in the day including Mercedes-Benz Brighton, C.H. Robinson, Hunter Industrials, Fisher Brothers Electrical Contractors, Methylated Spirits, A.G. Coombs, Australian Airconditioning Distributors, Dean World Cargo, Evolution Business Systems, Fujitsu, M Squared Electrical, Metricon Homes and Henslow.

We would like to thank all boat-owners and skippers who donated their yachts as well as the crews who kindly donated their expertise and time. A special mention also to our wonderful Race Management team and of course our MC, Bill Stubbs. A huge thank you to our friends at Mercedes-Benz Brighton, Geoff Quirk, Anni Jensen, Russell Morris and the team for their contribution to and support of this fabulous event.

We are excited to announce that the date for the next Mercedes-Benz Brighton Port Phillip Challenge is Friday 18 March 2022. Along with the date announcement, we are thrilled to have Mercedes-Benz Brighton return as our event sponsor.

We have already had some 2021 participants register their interest for the 2022 event, so if you would like to get onboard simply register now with Richard at ceo@sync.com.au



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A.G. Coombs on Bandit



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In September 2020, our Club Marine Sandringham Yacht Club Boating Academy had completed a bumper year with approximately 2,500 course bookings and experiences through in the 12 months prior. This effort saw us finish on top against all other Discover Sailing Centres in the country. In September 2021 as I write this, it is a very different story after suffering from the impacts of COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions with the number of courses and experiences down to a little over a thousand in the past 12 months.

Despite this, when we could, we operated at our maximum capacities to cater for all those who wanted to give sailing a go for the first time or to further their sailing ambitions. Our Tackers, OutThere Sailing and Adult Dinghy programs could not commence until the December school holidays after restrictions prevented our September school holiday programs, as well as our term four afterschool and weekend programs from being held. Unfortunately, it is looking much the same for this upcoming season.

The last 12 months have seen several of our courses postponed numerous times but hopefully the end of this current lockdown is not too far away and everything will begin to return to some sort of normality. We very much look forward to this time so we can deliver more and more of our courses this summer.

On a more positive note, over the last six months in particular, it has been pleasing to see an increased number of SYC members taking

advantage of our academy course offerings, especially the Marine Radio, Diesel Engine and Bareboat Cruising courses. We are thrilled to see so many of our members benefiting from our course offerings.

Looking forward, we have a number of courses ready to go as soon as we can resume including our Tackers, OutThere Sailing, Adult Dinghy, Keelboat, Powerboat, Bareboat Cruising, Marine Radio and Diesel Engine courses. These courses are all offered in a variety of formats with our Tackers, OutThere Sailing and Adult Dinghy courses offered during the holidays, afterschool and on weekends. The rest of our courses are typically offered on weekends with the exception of some of our classroom-based courses which take place on weeknight evenings.

All of our courses are conducted by qualified instructors and we are very lucky to have them in our team. Our instructors continue to professionally deliver our varying courses at an exceptional standard and I would like to thank them for this.

If you or any of your family or friends are interested in learning to sail, getting into boating, or furthering your current abilities, then our Club Marine Sandringham Yacht Club Boating Academy is the perfect place to look. Whether it is a Discover Sailing Experience, one of our Keelboat Spinnaker or Racing courses or a Powerboat Handling Course, there is guaranteed to be something to suit.

James Sly
Sailing Manager



Reciprocal Club Program



Team China with Chris Carlile and Felicity Frederico

Reciprocal Club arrangements have been ranked in an International Council of Yacht Clubs (ICOYC) survey as being one of the top three benefits of membership of a yacht club.

Basically Reciprocal Club rights give members the opportunity when travelling around Australia and the world (remember those days?) to be made welcome at wonderful clubs with an impressive array of facilities and to be made welcome by like-minded people. Being reciprocal, it goes without saying that we at Sandringham Yacht Club will go out of our way to make visitors from reciprocal clubs welcome, so if you detect a foreign accent or come across a visitor from one of our fellow clubs, please form a line to buy them a drink.

SYC currently has formal reciprocal links with over 50 yacht clubs across five continents. Information on these clubs can be found on the SYC website under 'About', 'Friends and Partners', then 'Reciprocal Clubs' and if you would like to visit any of these clubs, see our inimitable Eimear at the front desk, or email Andrea at membership@syc.com.au, both of whom will be more than pleased to arrange a letter of introduction for you.

Typically the Reciprocal Club Program includes clubhouse access and member rights, but some even extend to offering accommodation. As examples I have stayed at Royal Thames Yacht Club in London on a number of occasions and the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron has been my home away from home whenever I visit Sydney. So, for this article I checked with Eimear on what reciprocal visits we have had over the past season and for very obvious reasons, there have not been any. So I have gone back through a few old photos just to give you a flavour.

Royal Cork Yacht Club

I have featured this great club for a few reasons. Firstly, Tracey and I were very warmly welcomed there a few years back on a driving holiday around Ireland. Secondly, one of our SYC members, Robert Jeffreys, is moving to Cork for a year two, and will hopefully be making a connection with the club and making some great friendships. Thirdly, believe it or not, Royal Cork YC has thrown its hat into the ring to host the next America's Cup...can you believe it? Yes, Team New Zealand has put the hosting rights out to tender. Finally, Royal Cork YC has a great history, being the world's oldest yacht club. They celebrated their tri-centenary last year, having been established in 1720 and having been a 'Royal' club from 1831. In 1900 they admitted Sir Thomas Lipton who famously went on to challenge for the America's Cup on a number of occasions, being unsuccessful each time. Royal Cork YC has full facilities, around 1,800 members and hosts the famous Cork Race Week every second year.



Tracey and Alistair Murray visiting Royal Cork Yacht Club



Alistair and Tony Chi at the Lakeside Café at Shanghai Yacht Club, China.

Shanghai Yacht Club

I have had the pleasure of visiting this inland yacht club a couple of times and their President, Tony Chi, has visited SYC. He loves our belts and other merchandise because they are also SYC. Shanghai Yacht Club is a young club and is growing dynamically, with an emphasis on training and youth development. They were thrilled to have their first ever Olympic representatives in Tokyo, with their crew of Xueze Yang and Xiaoxiao Hu finishing in 16th place overall.

Team China

I dug out this photo of Team China during Sail Melbourne when Chris Carlile was Commodore, just to show you how much our visitors enjoy our hospitality. Lots of smiling faces there.

So, next time I report in *Off the Wind* we can only hope the virus is behind us and we are all out and about enjoying our travels and visiting our friends around the world.

Happy sailing and stay safe.

Alistair Murray AM



Shanghai Yacht Club President Tony Chi and SYC member Peter Dowdney at Sundance Marine at SYC



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Club Persons of the Year

The 2020 Club Person of Year Award was awarded at the AGM on Tuesday 24 November 2020.

This year it was actually a Club Persons, plural, of the Year award, and was awarded to two very deserving members, James and Chris Mitchell, who demonstrated outstanding service to Sandringham Yacht Club in 2019-20.

2019-20 season saw SYC's biggest Summer of Sailing with five Laser regattas being held only months and sometimes just weeks apart, from November 2019 to February 2020. As the key organisers of these regattas, here is some of what they delivered:

- five regattas including three World Championships,
- these events attracted 725 competitors from 55 countries,
- those competitors were accompanied by 156 coaches,
- the events were held over 26 competition (regatta) days,
- in all there were 200 volunteers enlisted to help deliver these events and
- managed the budgeting, billeting, accommodation, functions, environmental/sustainability initiatives and fostered unbelievable camaraderie.

It was not an easy feat. They spent two years planning for the execution of these events. They spent four months full time (taking time off work) to be involved in the delivery of the events. As Olympic qualifiers, the standard of these regattas was very much run to Olympic standard.



James and Chris Mitchell with Ashley Trebilcock

They were the face of the regatta for many of the stakeholders... essentially spending their life at the Club to ensure their successful delivery including engaging on all levels – boat park rubbish pickups, washing boats, sign on/sign off, Regatta Office, food distribution pre-race & post etc, etc. James and Chris also raised the profile of SYC within the community and to our interstate and international competitors and their guests. The feedback from all was overwhelming and a true reflection of the standard to which our winners delivered these regattas.

Congratulations James and Chris

Recreational Boating Club Person of the Year

The Recreational Boating Person of the Year was awarded at the AGM on Tuesday 24 November 2020 and presented to a long-standing, wonderfully active Sandringham Yacht Club member, George Shaw. More broadly George has been vital in supporting SYC charities and has been a backbone of the Melbourne-Osaka two handed races.

In Recreational Boating he has been a longstanding committee member and an enthusiastic participant in many of their events – even if we have had to suffer his early morning trumpet playing. Additionally he always lends a hand, whether it be finding guest-speakers, organising entertainment for their Christmas function, finding prizes for fund-raising, taking on the microphone to facilitate events (because he is the shy type), or even exhibiting his professional mastery of the two-up game. *Congratulations George*



George Shaw and Ashley Trebilcock

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Life Membership

The honour of Life Membership was awarded to John Chatham at the AGM on Tuesday 24 November 2020. John joined Sandringham Yacht Club in November 1978. For over 40 years he has made a significant contribution to the success and high standing of the Club. His involvement with the life of the Club has covered:

- serving twice on General Committee for a total of six years,
- being a member of the Club's Sail Committee for over 12 years,
- Club Captain Sail from 2003 to 2006,
- founder and initial organiser of the highly successful SYC Sunday Sailors, in which he regularly competes,
- founder and inaugural chairman of the SYC Sail Training Committee and
- member of the SYC Sail Foundation 2002 to 2003.

For Club racers who were looking for a competitive racing handicap system, in 1997 John created the Australian Measurement System (AMS) which was readily embraced by yacht-owners both within Victoria and interstate. Since then it was updated in 2012 to accommodate modern yacht designs with a Sportsboat Measurement System also introduced, which has had international acceptance. He continues to be directly involved with maintaining the technology and update of the system.

As an active sailor John has successfully competed in both Club and ocean racing events winning numerous races including:

- 1999-2000 AMS Commodore's Trophy in *Island Trader*,
- 2002-2003 AMS Commodore-in-Chief's Trophy in *Island Trader*,
- 2009-2010 First Division Trophy in *38° South* and
- competing in his yacht *Island Trader* in four Melbourne to Hobart races with two 1st places and a 2nd.

John has taken numerous new sailors under his wing and they have grown to love sailing and become competent due to his tutoring, patience and caring. Additionally, John has encouraged women to participate in sailing through generously making his yacht available over the years for the Women in Sailing events, which he has enthusiastically supported and spent time coaching the crews.

In 2003 he was a member of the Melbourne to Osaka Race Management Committee including being Chairman of the Race Safety Committee and attended the race finish ceremony in Osaka as a SYC representative.

As an Australian Yachting Federation Yachtmaster Instructor, over the years he has conducted many sell-out information nights for SYC sailors on rules, safety,

navigation, boat handling, sail trim, tactics and race management. Due to demand John has extended these programs to other clubs around the bay which has resulted in improving the knowledge of their sailors for the overall benefit of the sport.

Additionally, John has been a member of the previous Victorian Yacht Club Executive Committee and Chairman of the Interclub Keelboat Committee including the responsibility for risk management and a member of the Planning Committee.

In 2001 he was awarded Yachting Victoria's Services to Yachting award for his ongoing commitment in so many diverse areas to improving standards and knowledge of the sailors for their enjoyment of sailing.

In 2010 John's contribution to the sport was further recognised by the then Yachting Australia with him being awarded their Club Volunteer of the Year in recognition of his unstinting support over the years as a club volunteer.

Through knowing David Rogers who is the CEO of the charity Challenge – Supporting Kids with Cancer, John saw the opportunity to have SYC involved in fund-raising for this cause and giving the kids the opportunity to have some fun sailing. John has therefore been the driving force behind organising this now annual fund-raising event providing enjoyment for kids who are contending with cancer. These annual events have resulted in raising over \$100,000 to assist with research to overcome this unfortunate disease.

There is no doubting John Chatham's love of sailing, his continuing dedication and unselfish giving of his time and knowledge for the benefit of Sandringham Yacht Club members and making an outstanding contribution to the recognition that SYC receives as a leader in the sport and within the community.

Congratulations John



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Dawn Cleaver



I joined Sandringham Yacht Club in 2010 after purchasing our first keelboat and have been a member of the Recreational Boating Committee since 2015. With my husband, Garry, I regularly race in the Sunday Sailors and we thoroughly enjoy the camaraderie of Cruise in Companies, Opening Day festivities and the Annual Recreational Boating Christmas Party.

I started sailing in my 20s after Garry enrolled in a Learn to Sail course and came home and encouraged me to do the course as well. We continued crewing on keelboats, mostly Wednesday Wonders, at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, alternating each week so one of us was available to look after our two young daughters. We also had the opportunity to venture out of the bay into Bass Strait and to Refuge Cove.

We enjoyed several bareboating holidays before taking the plunge in 2010 and buying **Kaos**, a S&S Defiance 30. Whilst waiting for a berth at SYC we had **Kaos** at Westernport, which was a great learning experience. We started attending Rec Boating Guest Speaker nights and also enjoyed our first Winery Tour. We were warmly welcomed and it was a fantastic way to meet other members.

In March 2012 we left Westernport for Sandringham, via Tasmania. We enjoyed seven weeks exploring north-east Tasmania and the Furneaux Group in Bass Strait, day sailing all the way back from Wineglass Bay.

Through Rec Boating events we meet Hugh Pilsworth. A group were having a meal in the Members' Bar when Hugh asked if we were interested in crewing for part of his circumnavigation. It needed very little encouragement before we said "yes". We were fortunate to join Hugh on **Blueflyer** in Lombok and sail with him across the Indian Ocean.

We had to return home for work, but Hugh continued on and 18 months later we rejoined Hugh and **Blueflyer** for the trip from Tahiti to Australia. I still pinch myself to have been privileged to have enjoyed these experiences. You never know what a friendly lunch in the Members' Bar can lead to.

In 2019 we upsized to **Sapphire**, an Elan Impression 344 and are looking forward to exploring more of the Australian coast and maybe further away. Anyone want to do a Cruise in Company to Lord Howe Island?

Geoff 'Middo' Middleton



In 1998, the company I was working for planned a move to Melbourne.

I was sailing with a bunch of mates out of Royal Motor Yacht Club in Pittwater doing the twilight, aggregate and ocean races and I didn't really want to leave that. But the offer was good, so I spoke to my family and we decided to give it a go. I asked the boys at the club which was the gun yacht club to join when I got to Melbourne and the answer was emphatic. Sandringham.

So down we came to Melbourne and I bought a house in nearby Cheltenham and headed to Sandringham Yacht Club to see about joining. One of the girls in the office asked if I'd like a tour of the Club. "Sure" said I and up the stairs of the old clubhouse we went. In the Members' Bar I met Geoff 'Hendo' Henderson who was having a meeting with his crew. "So do you want to come for a sail on Saturday?" said Hendo. So began a ten-year association with great crew of **Rumbeat**. We sailed everything that SYC and the ORCV could throw at us and had a ball.

Around 2002 I was looking to get my own boat and former Commodore SOS (Steve O'Sullivan) suggested I look at **Lionheart**, the boat that Jesse Martin sailed, single-handed, around the world. The poor old S&S 34 was languishing on a swing mooring off the Club collecting birdshit and looking a bit worse for wear, but when I stepped aboard, I fell in love and soon she was

mine. I spent a lot of time and money getting her back to sailing standard and soon was racing her in Wednesday Wonders, the Twilights and even Sundays while still sailing with Hendo and the gang on Saturdays. After a bunch of seconds and thirds, I eventually won Wednesday Wonders which anyone will attest is a very hard thing to do. I went everywhere on **Lionheart** and even did a bit of two-handed racing with Dennis Jeffries, as well as a couple of Melbourne Latitude races. We also did Geelong a few times and picked up a win in our division. I had **Lionheart** for around 10 years and eventually did a deal with a guy at QCYC for a bigger yacht of the same style – but it was never a patch on the mighty S&S 34.

In recent times, I've had a few health issues and had to slow down, but I am now getting back into sailing and I'm proud to be sailing with one of the Club stalwarts, Phil Spry-Bailey, on **Magic**. I maintain that I'm only on board to lower the average age of the crew, but we have a great time Saturdays and sometimes when it's our weather, we even do quite well.

I've loved my time at SYC and sometimes I think that I don't know what I would do without the Club. I've made life-long friends and will no doubt stay a member until they tip my ashes out of a jug somewhere out near Number Two.

Gill Stubbs



I joined SYC in 2008 a few years after my husband, Bill. Maybe it was a case of wanting to become a closer part of the fun and action too?

We had been living in Hampton since 1990 and always loved our bayside activities which included the Hampton Life Saving Club with our son being a member there and for us a tinnie/runabout for plenty of fishing fun.

But, as many would understand and maybe lament, there is always the calling for a 'bigger boat' so with school fees almost done, the decision was made to purchase the good ship **Gillian**, which we did in 2006 from former member Michael Fairweather. She was originally named **Barbara Betty** after Michael's wife, so we followed that thought and hence the boat's new name became **Gillian**. Certainly, it was an accolade having a boat named after you – or perhaps it was 'marriage-saver'?

Boating has been a huge part of our life at SYC and has involved many amazing experiences, plenty of 'learnings', wonderful new and valued friendships, a few hairy moments but absolutely so much fun.

Highlights over this time have included travels around Port Phillip, over to City Marinas and holiday time spent at the special and quaint QCYC on Sand Island at Queenscliff. A case there though of what happens at QCYC stays at QCYC.

Our involvement within SYC has been mostly in the Recreational Boating area and we have found participation in Navigation Rallies, Raft-Ups, Fishing Competitions and Cruises

in Company; all great ways to experience challenges and fun with the support and friendships from fellow members. Bill enjoyed his term as Club Captain Recreational Boating in 2011-12 but on the down-side 'winning' the NavRally wooden spoon in the 2013 SYC Cup was nothing less than a disgrace. A real thrill for me was being awarded the 2015-16 Recreational Boating Club Member of the Year; a tribute I truly value.

Plenty of merriment has been had over the years on Friday evenings at the legendary member key-draw and wheelspin raffle and I have delighted in assisting with the administration, whilst Bill works the microphone to announce the winning numbers. This social setting is the ideal chance for new members to casually find easy introductions to other members in a friendly, if somewhat at times noisy, but always fun environment.

A more serious role I perform within the Club is as the Club Almoner. This position is to support SYC Members and/or their families when there is a time of need, normally in the case of an illness or sadly, a passing. My role is to act as a liaison between the member's family and the Club in order to ensure the Club is doing everything it can to support the family in need. It has indeed been an honour to represent the Club and to provide care and assistance where and when appropriate.

SYC is a lifestyle and a family all in one and I certainly appreciate and love our Club.

Kirsten and Craig Wiley



We joined Sandringham Yacht Club almost 10 years ago after moving to Black Rock from Brisbane. Little did we know when moving that the waters of Port Phillip would play such a big part of our lives.

A Cadet OTB skipper friend of our eldest daughter, Georgia, had been instructed by her dad to "find the smallest kid in your class and ask them if they want to crew in a Cadet". After a few hours of looking, they realised Georgia indeed matched the request.

Georgia started sailing and one of the first of many 'OTB Cadet family' trips we did was to Lake Macquarie in New South Wales. We ended up on the start boat with the Race Officer, Stephen Aulich. Kirsten's maths teacher bent with numbers quickly became an asset as a timer on the start boat, while I quickly googled 'what are the start flags for sailing racing' as Steve handed me the lines for the start flags. Our youngest daughter, Zoe, also crewed in a Cadet and both girls made

lifelong friends as part of the fantastic Cadet family at SYC.

Since then, we have owned our own power boat **Vixen**, a 37 foot Riviera and explored Port Phillip in her, as well as using her as the occasional SYC start boat. We have really enjoyed participating in a number of Cruise in Company and NavRally events and met some truly awesome friends doing so.

We have spent countless hours happily volunteering in Race Management, initially with the OTB with our kids sailing, but now mostly keelboat and large SYC regattas. Craig is one of the SYC Race Officers and runs many of the One Design races. Kirsten is often seen time-keeping on the start boat – being the real RO.

It is indeed great to be part of SYC. Every time we drive down Beach Road, we get that special feeling knowing what all the boats out there are doing.

Jeffrey Woolhouse



It was Gai who encouraged me to take up sailing. She remembers the day I brought home my first Hobie 14. It was the day I also brought her home from hospital with our first child. We purchased a Kombi van, hitched up the Hobie, loaded the kids on board and sailed most weekends in summer at Carrum Yacht Club, country Victoria and interstate for Hobie Nationals.

Early retirement gave me the opportunity to buy a small yacht. I found a red yacht called **Pippa** to match our red car. It had been owned by Peter Boulton. Peter was a skilled sailor and provided me with ongoing constructive comments.

Soon after joining the Club, I was welcomed to the Monday bbq by Bruce Coram and other mature gentlemen, including Jan with his **Bad Habits** and a dozen or so other Jeffrey/Geoffreys. By the time lunch had finished Stewy Howarth had adjusted my radio, I had advice about getting a mooring and I also had a tender to use from Geoff Middleton. This has been typical of the experience I have had at SYC for the last 20 years.

Pippa was at the end of the fleet for most of my early Wednesday Wonders races. Tower ladies of the time, Fay and Denise, would call 'Pippa, Pippa are you still racing?' This was followed after the race with a comment "Your turn will come Jeff". Within a few seasons handicapper Peter Algie, presented me with the Most Improved Award. I was delighted. Other awards given to **Pippa** have been a clock for the latest start time, when **Pippa's** bird netting had wound around the

rigging. Then there was the Breakwater Award when the motor conked out and we hit the rocks. This award was a hand-crafted model of **Pippa**, made by Jerry Visik. I was very glad I didn't receive the Sand Bagger Award, which was a bag of manure. **Pippa** has finished in the top 10, 14 times over the last 20 years. The most satisfying award, which has been received four times, is the Shebessa Shield, combining both summer and winter results.

These results are due to my reliable and skilled crew – Bob Crozier, John Snare, Andy Lynch plus my infallible forw'd hand, navigator, caterer and wife, Gai.

Recently I have developed some health problems and it seemed possible that I would not be able to continue to sail. I have appreciated the offer from a number of sailors to assist, in particular having Andy Lynch joining us, who has contributed great skill, humour and understanding. With Andy, Gai and John and recently, Kylie, I have been able to continue to enjoy Wednesday Wonders races and hope to do so for some time.

I have appreciated the support and extra work put in by members and staff for a few novel ideas introduced to spice up Wednesday Wonders: Century Class – Di Tyndall and Lee Windward; Mark Windward's report and other reports – Windward Buoy (Graham Furness); Grand Prix Car Yacht Race – George Shaw, Harpo and tower crew; Photos in Action – Bruce Parry and others; Leader Flag – Margaret Whitbread.

Steve 'Harpo' Harper



It was a pleasant surprise and indeed an honour when the Committee under the commodoreship of the late Ron White, accepted my application for membership of this great Club back in the dim, dark ages of 1977.

...it's great to belong

There have been far too many yachts I have sailed on for me to remember and there have been far too many adventures and good mates misbehaving (including the girls) for me to detail. Besides, some people have paid good money to not have me mention them here.

Also lately there have been far too many scotches on far too many power boats for me to remember.

...it's great to belong

Having won absolutely zero individual ability cups, pennants or medals over the journey I am however, happy to report a Recreational Boating Wooden Spoon came my way, which, of course, I blame on the rest of the incompetent crew.

Without doubt my greatest achievement was

joining the prestigious members of the Stirrer of the Year Award in 2014, which I believe Commodore Chris Carlile awarded to me out of pity. Looking at the photo attached (for those who don't know, I'm the one with the gold bow tie) – jeez we haven't aged well.

I thought I was a huge chance for a back-to-back the following year when, after listening to all the advice from the armchair admirals watching the start of a race from the Bar, I commented, "have you blokes noticed the older you get the better you were". You all know who you are – LOL – they didn't talk to me for months after which was a splendid outcome.

...it's great to belong

I have avoided responsibility for most of my time here but take this opportunity to commend the Club's Flag Officers past and present, dedicated members of all the committees, the senior executives and all our fine staff, for their fine work and dedication.

...it's great to belong

Sue and Graham Furness



We visited Sandringham Yacht Club for the very first time in January 2000 fresh from a three-day sailing course on **Crystal**, an S&S 34, based in Brighton. The skipper told us that SYC kept a book of boats looking for crew. Jenny Vickery saw us as we signed and offered to take us out on **Frequent Flyer** for the day in the Wednesday Wonders race. This was the beginning of 21 years of Wednesday Wonders racing. We then crewed on Patrick Johnson's **Jaffa**, Paul Mentiplay's **Flight** and Colin Smith's **Antares** amongst others, eventually ending up on Phil Spry-Bailey's S&S 39 **Magic**, where we remain.

In 2005 we purchased our boat **Milluna**, a Duncanson 35, that provides us with a comfortable base in which to explore Port Phillip.

We have made many friends at SYC over the years and shared good times with them in places far and near. We joined Cec and John Murray on **Delphian** for Queensland races and cruises. We have sailed Jackie Hope's **Blue Bohemia** from Croatia to Greece visiting

some wonderful areas enroute. We joined Chris Thomson and Hugh Pilsworth on Hugh's **Blue Flyer** for the voyage from Panama to Tahiti. Most recently we joined Anton Lindeman's **Four Seasons** exploring Sydney and surrounds and onwards to Hobart.

For 18 years we sailed almost every ocean race on **Magic**. Now there are no more spaces for plaques on the bulkheads. Of course, we still compete in Wednesday Wonders, Saturday Round the Stix and the occasional Sunday race. We and the rest of the crew, now content ourselves with reliving the highs and the lows of ocean racing in the cockpit with after-race refreshments and proudly haul up our large array of battle flags for the Opening Day sail pasts.

We have gained a great deal from our membership at SYC. The companionship and friendships which go hand-in-hand with sailing, along with the memories of many greatly enjoyed Club activities. We look forward to many more years of the same.

Jon Evans



I joined Sandringham Yacht Club as a Cadet in 1972, being nominated by the Commodore, my grandfather, Bernard Heath. My first experience on a yacht was with my father, Peter, on a Sailfish. As far as I can remember, I had great interest in boats and yachts. At seven years of age, with the help of my father I built a Tom Thumb Dinghy which came in kit form. Most holidays and weekends were spent at my grandparents' Portsea house where I would go fishing with my uncle Graeme, grandfather and cousins. We sailed Mirrors at Shelley Beach racing in the annual Shelley Cup and I would sail his Northbridge Junior.

My father and I joined the Beaumaris Yacht Club and sailed together in a Gypsy Moth until I turned 10 and was eligible to join SYC and sailing became my sport and passion. Being small and light, I had no trouble finding a skipper to sail with and spent my first year as a Cadet crewing for Viv Riddell, firstly in a Club boat called **Barkoa**, then in a boat called **Atomi**. Next, I sailed with Ashley Dugan in **Argo II** for two years before becoming a skipper at age 13 after purchasing the first **Argo** from the Vickery family. I had good success in my first season as a skipper winning Best First Year Skipper. **Argo** was replaced with **Atomi** in 1976. In those days Cadets would progress to bigger, faster boats at the age of 18 years and so I moved to 14 foot Skiffs.

Commitments around children's activities and the untimely death of my lifelong friend and sailing partner Malcolm Strong, put yachting

on the back-burner until my son Adam became a Cadet at SYC. Then it all started again, firstly in race management, rescue boat operating and mark laying before moving into keelboat racing with my friend Ron Walker on the Farr 37, **Good News**. For the next seven years we completed many Bass Strait crossings and sailed in all the Saturday races. This period was most enjoyable and rewarding as I became more acquainted with the keelboat sailing members.

Next was the purchase an 11 metre One Design called **Frenzy**. In partnership with helmsman Philip Strong and a very dedicated crew, we managed to become Club Champions several times in the very competitive Division 2 both in AMS and Performance. I hope to give **Frenzy** one more shot, post-lockdowns and then move on to larger, more comfortable sailing vessels. 2020 was quite unpredictable and the crew of **Frenzy** have been sailing on **Vixen I** with owner/skipper Christine Matheou-Fox, where we also became Club Champions Division 2, Performance.

Another interest is NavRallies. Philip and I have competed on various boats, winning once. I spend hours plotting the course with 30 seconds between way points so Philip can steer the boat around the course as accurately as possible.

SYC is my second home and I hope to have many more exciting and rewarding experiences here as I move into retirement and have even more time to spend boating.

Monika Suda



My connection with Sandringham Yacht Club started in the late 1990s when I facilitated weddings and functions providing hospitality in the restaurant to many members, I call friends to this day. Now 25 years later, I am involved with keelboat racing on *Watermark II* alongside my husband Dave and together we enjoy the OTB supporting all sailors, including our daughters both of whom are dedicated Cadet skippers.

Dave loves sailing and he introduced me to the sport. Early on I enjoyed going out now and then when it was nice and I am the first to admit that at times part of me hopes racing is abandoned on those super windy, rainy, cold days. I initially started crewing on a J24 *Pacemaker* and participated in many States and Nationals. They were fun times. It was at the Nationals in South Australia almost 16 years ago that I suddenly felt nauseous and remember the bowman kindly telling me that focussing on the horizon helps. A few days later I discovered we were expecting. Our baby girls were born two years apart and our focus turned to raising our young family with only Dave sailing on the J for the next little while.

We started our ongoing association with the OTB when a nine-year old Mischa was invited to crew with Julian Sasson and together they went on to win two National Titles. Cadet sailing took us to Lake Garda, Italy, a majestic place I would

love to call home when it is winter here. As soon as we became involved, we were hooked and loved spending lots of great times with the SYC Cadet family. Our journey with Cadets continues as the girls are now skippers and we love being around the place on and off the water. While Dave was OTB Captain, I looked after running the canteen along with other dedicated parents. In summer we spend half our week at the Club. Thursdays and Saturdays we race *Watermark II*, while Fridays and Sundays are reserved for OTB racing where we love to help out.

Close to five years ago, Dave and Herschel felt it was time to move on from the Js. There was maybe a month that we did not share our own boat and I remember how having your own provides you with a sense of freedom and fun. There is no doubt that 'life is definitely better with a boat'. There was one thing that I asked Dave and Herschel to consider with the next purchase – the next boat had to have a loo – no more buckets. At the time of writing, I am looking forward to gaining some experience and confidence on the tiller and look forward to the women's helming weekend in early September. I feel excited that the season opening is soon, so we can enjoy Twilights, particularly on those balmy nights and then cannot wait to go to Largs Bay, South Australia for the Cadet National Championships which should be fun.



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Display of the vast array of SYC memorabilia within the clubhouse is always a challenge given the limited space available. The Heritage Committee is in the process of acquiring two new display cabinets to house some of our key historic items which will soon appear in our reception area. Along with some other cabinets generously donated by one of our members Andrew Molnar, the additional cabinet space will allow the display of some significant items of Club history.

As members may recall, a significant portion of SYC's history was sadly lost in clubhouse fires, so a key focus of the Heritage Committee is to digitise Club records. A visual presentation of

some of the history with pictures and supporting text will shortly be displayed on the screen at reception. Members may also be aware that our website now contains a history of Club Officers (see About/Our History) as well as a boat history, containing some history of notable SYC boats and a record of those owned by some of our long-standing members. Additional histories will be added as they are collected, so keep an eye on the page. If you have suggestions for additions to the page, or would like to contribute, please contact one of the Heritage Committee members.

Our Club Library, located in the Members' Lounge, contains a large number and variety of nautical books. The Heritage Committee will shortly be introducing a library management tool to catalogue the content of our Library and provide a borrowing capability – watch for further announcements on this.

Your Heritage Committee would like to hear from any member who has memorabilia, photos or any other stories that make up our Club's history. Please contact reception in the first instance and we will contact you.





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Memories from Richard Bartholomew – an 80 year member

I think I must have been the youngest junior in 1941. I remember it was winter. I must have been 12 years of age. I'd been sailing off the beach for four years at that stage. The Japanese were on a roll towards Australia and we had air-raid shelters dug in every school.

I'd learnt to sail in 1938, at nine years of age, courtesy of a friend who had a balanced-lug sprit sharpie with an 8 foot hull. It was fully decked and very heavy to manhandle across the beach. His mentoring technique was to simply abandon me after a quick demo of the basics. He slipped overboard and swam ashore and I was left outside the surf-line at the Royal Avenue beach on a brisk day. I learnt quickly. Coming over the sand bank on surf, you have to retract the plate and rudder at the right moment, as well as manage the sheets, set the lug on the lee of the mast, dodge a jibe and avoid a breach.

My father then bought me a lathe-and-canvas, fully decked 11 foot sailing canoe from Aubrey Mackenzie. He'd built it for his son. My mother sewed up some old curtains to hang on the gunter rig I'd contrived out of 2 inch dowelling and fencing wire. They were good enough for the friend's brother and I to use a trapeze on a 75cm beam canoe. By 1943, I was racing with the Club on Saturdays with my future brother-in-law in his Snipe class, **Talulah**.

I think that was before Aubrey became Commodore and used his clout to organise the new breakwater. He extracted me from the Railways track design office to take the initial set of soundings between the Club and the pier.

The following week we had a king tide that almost topped the Club seawall and flooded the yard. The wooden pile seawall was the defining feature of the Club as it maintained the narrow strip of land on which the yard and Club existed, so there was a lot of anxious members watching. The photo partly entitled 'looking towards the clubhouse' shows the wave cut platform between the seawall and low water – tidal flats – and on the left, the slipway, winch and part of a cradle. The winch was usually operated by another Club institution 'Old Barney', the winchman. His job was full of challenges. The winch was situated just inside the main gate and behind the traverse which ran all the way behind the seawall to the clubhouse. The slipway had to cross the tidal flats and was mounted on piles about 1.5 metres up in the air. It then sloped down into low water but was still waist high above the seafloor at its terminal block.

Derailments weren't uncommon. I could hear the crowd roaring at the grand final at the oval at the top of the cliffs when **Vayu** derailed one freezing afternoon, while still about 20cm to go before it was afloat. That meant that we were using timber levers to rerail it with the sea up to our chests and Barney getting really restive because he was expected to watch the final siren. This was on top of dealing with a temperamental winch engine.

One memory that sticks in my mind is that the Club had a very active 16 foot skiff class which required the boats to be manhandled across the wide tidal flats every day, so they built a wandering tramway which became known as 'The Burma Railway'. Of course that was before the Club burnt down and the flats were reclaimed for a new clubhouse (not our present place, but superior in some respects) and our current extensive yard.

About that time, 1943, a naval architect, McPherson, (I never learnt his first name) had built in his workshop in the shadow of the Old Brighton Gas Works, a 40 foot version of the new US Lawley 225 Class. It was double-ended leaf on the water, left no wake and was very fast, out-reaching the larger Phantom from Brighton which was regarded as the fastest yacht on the bay. Being wartime, brass screws were unobtainable so he improvised by attaching the six-ply planking with galvanised clouts. This meant that when I bought it from its initial owner, it had descended the bottom of the harbour, bringing within financial reach of a rookie engineer. The 750kg fin worked its way into the sandy bottom and snapped off, allowing the hull to float. I refastened the planking, bought a discarded Star Class fin and was on my way as a skipper. That was 1948.

The 1950s were pretty good. I had the impression that many of us had built our own boats. I replanked and fibreglassed mine. Our honorary secretary was Norm Desmond, virtually an institution. His brother Ambrose built a Star class that a cabinet-maker would have been proud of. Fittings were nearly always custom made of cast brass, stainless steel was a dream on the horizon and shrouds and stays were galvanised castings. Someone told me to boil my gal shrouds in oil. They failed to say that the sticky residue picked up wind-blown sand which cut the sails to ribbons.

Frank Le Plastrier had an enormous hull in the yard which seemed about 12 metres and twenty tons. He dismantled it to the keel and completely re-ribbed and replanked. Barney Dentry and his son arrived with a moulded ply catamaran in the form of a manta ray. Aubrey MacKenzie's brother Eric, was also an institution. He seemed to be around for decades helping everyone with the skill of a genie. When my boat sank at its moorings after being damaged at the waterline, Eric organised a work party to lift it. Alan Trewin was Commodore and I'd been told that he'd built his Herreshof 28 yawl himself. Ray Lippold built a Yachting World cruiser. I forget who built the Seabird but I remember him being excited that he'd planed much of the way back from Apollo Bay. Another facet was the professional fishing fleet on the other side of the pier. Boxes of 10kg snapper. One of the fishermen, a character known to everyone as 'Pappy,' never came to into the Club but was always somewhere around the harbour ready to help the members.



Richard Bartholomew



Vayu c1949 looking towards the clubhouse



Vayu c1970

I think it was sometime in the 1960s that the comfortable men's club had (my impression) a near civil war and women were admitted as 'Associates'. This coincided with the development of the social face of the Club. The Associates ran monthly dinner dances in (I thought) the magnificent main lounge of our previous clubhouse. My wife, Merryl immediately became an Associate and was active in the process, co-opting me to prepare flashy billboards to advertise the fancy dress theme of the night, such as Roman Night and Wild West Saloon Night.

My two teenage daughters, Andrea and Kaylene, later joined as juniors in their Internataional Cadet – inspired by Kay Cottee. Kaylene and my son George joined up as a Country member and Senior member respectively a couple of years ago. My late wife Merryl, was proud to become a Senior member but health issues prevented us from following through with a new boat.

Memories from Brendan Kruger – *an old salt*

My real introduction to sailing was via an old Heavyweight Sharpie and an equally well-used Finn dinghy in the late sixties and early seventies last century. A steep learning curve was mandatory in these two boats which were quite unsuitable for a novice, but like Manuel, 'I knew nothing'.

Sporting a fine set of abs after a couple of years racing the Finn first at Royals, then at Brighton, I spent a couple of seasons 'discovering' the joys of keelboat sailing firstly with the Case family at Royals on their boat *Serifa*, then with Puffy Buxton on his Duncanson 29. This was followed with Ron Edgerton on *Maria van Diemen*, an S&S Hestia which was an early version of the S&S 34 with the same distressing habit of death rolling downwind in a blow. Both these boats were out of Brighton. Then someone suggested that a bloke at Sandringham was looking for crew on an ocean racing yacht so, full of bravado, off I went with a certain Kevin Dawson to the downstairs bar at the old clubhouse to enter a new phase of yachting.

Enter Kenneth Alexander William King. The proud owner of a Swanson 27. Kenny was prepared to set the world on fire with this very latest in IOR designs. His imaginative crew uniform which I refused to wear, was white long trousers, black rayon shirt with *Noeleen* embroidered on the back in large white cursive script and a cravat topped off with a black beret. Yikes. Eye catching – and a source of amusement and bewilderment to the rest of the Club which had a preponderance of very untidily garbed fishos in those far off days. As an aside, Sandringham Yacht Club was known as the 'fishing and fighting club' at the time, so Mr King was a complete anomaly. KK was the self-professed PR man and gofer on behalf of his wife Noeleen, who was a prominent fashion designer of the era and the source of his affluence, hence the boat's name.

The steep learning curve continued as a bunch of novices came to terms with the rather stolid Swanson 27. At least the sails were not cotton as had been on the Sharpie and we had a spinnaker. There were several 27s racing at the time and the competition was fierce both in the bay and in Bass Strait. Off we went to Tasmania, Apollo Bay and King Island, 'full of piss and vinegar' and had some success.

Navigation was rudimentary to say the least with dead reckoning the gold standard. Just as the 'olde tyme' sailors before accurate chronometers sailed to a given latitude and then turned left or right along that line to seek their destination, so we sailed until we saw land then argued as to whether we were east or west of our goal and turned in a consensual direction. We survived but it could be a bit exciting.

This was in a very small boat by today's standards with five or six unwashed, nervous mariners on board. If we were all going to

drown, Kenny wanted company. Dawson's contribution was to take to his bunk with terminal mal de mer shortly after hitting the ocean and then to reappear miraculously lively and refreshed 30 minutes before the finish, to start busily trimming sails to ensure our success. I should mention in passing that other crew members included a Lithuanian bloke, Bill Stanley (his Anglicised name) who returned to his native land to take up a ministerial position thereafter the Russians left and the Ferret who claimed to be a financial adviser to the King of Tonga and was a con man personified, but great fun. Then there was Kelvin P who was last heard of doing time at Her Majesty's pleasure for murdering his girlfriend. There was also a bloke called Brian S who was a pioneer in wearing makeup and eyeliner. An eclectic and colourful bunch one could say and an education for a young lad from Moonee Ponds.

After a couple of years of this, I sailed on *Sarnia* with Kel Steinman who was also into ocean racing before he decamped to the USA to design boats, pursued by women who reckoned he owed them alimony. He also designed Ken King's last boat, *Noeleen III*.

My next foray was into partnership in a Farr quarter-tonner, *Flying Circus*, in which Dawson, Peter White and I had a lot of success, but what a tricky boat it was to sail. Tender just is not the word and when we sold it, the next owner managed to sink it off the breakwater when the boat tacked itself in a big gust with the crew suddenly hiking on the leeward rail. Harpo knows a little of this – at second-hand he reckons.

Next I spent a couple of years with KK on his Miller aka Lexcen 32, *Noeleen II*. More fun times and mixed results in Bass Strait and the bay. A west coaster was a highlight in itself and included a chinese gybe in big wind thanks to the hubris of one John Mooney. KK was left a pale and shaken shadow and refused to put the kite back up once the boat righted itself.

Then four years with Dawson again on Steve Atherton's J24 with mixed results. We went to the Worlds in San Francisco on the strength of being Victorian champions but did poorly, thanks to the utter perfidy of North Sails America. Ask me about it if you can be bothered.

Next came another season or two with KK on *Noeleen III*, a boat whose tiller was referred to as Auntie Jack because it could 'rip your bloody arms off'. I did a Sydney to Hobart on that boat with the usual KK bunch of enthusiastic amateurs including one Graham Warner who, in the middle of the night and on the helm, complained of the breeze dropping suddenly when we were on the wind. A cursory check



Brendan Kruger

determined we were heading downwind back to Sydney with everything strapped in hard. His other notable contribution that trip was to kick over the well-used Porta Potti in the forepeak. It was not empty until he upended it. Then it was. KK was not amused. It was still a long way to Hobart.

Then came a baaaad decision. I got sucked into co-designing a little one-eighth tonner with John Green, Robert's brother. A dog from the outset as we had been persuaded by Laurie Davidson's success with boats with all internal ballast. It was a heavy, slow and very expensive mistake but had a pretty, well-proportioned hull. Big deal.

Then came a Cole 31, a half-tonner, that Peter White and I raced double-handed and did quite well in, racing against the likes of Watty who also had a half-tonner. I occasionally raced single-handed in Club races. What a lovely boat, at its best in a blow. The only boat I ever made money on when I sold it.

After a few more years I bought a Salar that I kept for 13 years, cruising as far as Dunk Island three times until my wife told me she had had enough and drove me back to racing.

So along came a Farr 1020 which I had for eight years, once again with some joyous victories and some disappointments. Naturally. There were five of the class at SYC but all things pass it seems and boats were sold and the de facto One Design racing dissolved so it was time to move on and waste more money on another boat. Again.

So, to *Babydoll*, my Hanse 400e. A boat that has something for everyone. Reasonably quick yet with good accommodation for weeks away with the family. More IKEA than Franko Cozzo below it suits me beautifully and no doubt will see me out as my damned kids like to say. Stuff'em. But I must say they utterly support my SKI-ing. Just as well.

Tribute to our Commodore-in-Chief, HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh



On his 1956 visit, Prince Philip also discussed catamarans with Frank Strange and Commodore A. D. Mackenzie



Commodore-in-Chief's Trophy

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and Consort of Her Majesty The Queen, passed away on 9 April 2021 in Windsor. As Consort of The Queen, the Australian Head of State and Head of The Commonwealth of Nations, he occupied a significant world role.

His was always a voice to be listened to and his comments, on a wide variety of public and global matters, ensured attention and sometimes controversy. In addition to his role of Royal Consort, he was also the Patron of many organisations and learned bodies. Of particular interest to Australia, might be singled out the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and his long-sustained interest in the complex relationship between humanity and the environment.

His Royal Highness graciously accepted the invitation to become Commodore-in-Chief of Sandringham Yacht Club in 1980. Over many years, he took an active interest in the affairs of the Club and we had the security of knowing that he was always there in times of need.

A true friend of SYC, His Royal Highness visited the Club on three occasions.

The Club was delighted and honoured by a visit during the 1956 Olympic Games. A keen sailor himself, His Royal Highness had raced and won many events in his Dragon Class boat *Bluebottle*, which was given to the Royal couple as a gift following their wedding. Some of the older members of the Club can remember the excitement when the Prince came to visit. His geniality struck everyone, along with his passion for sailing. Commodore A. D. Mackenzie was on hand to officially greet him and show

him around the Club. It was the start of a long relationship between the Club and the Prince.

In early 1980, the Club received a letter from Buckingham Palace stating that His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh had accepted the Club's invitation to become Commodore-in-Chief of Sandringham Yacht Club. Prince Philip, a distinguished sailor and yachtsman renowned for his interest in youth, next visited the Club on Thursday 29 May 1980. The day loomed grey and cool, with a forecast of light showers. Gatekeeper Jim Howes was on duty soon after 08:30 to supervise and streamline the traffic into the Club grounds. Final touches were carried out at the clubhouse by a band of helpers. As the time drew near for Prince Philip's appearance, the subdued undercurrent of chatter reached great heights.

More than 1,000 children, mostly from local schools, lined Jetty Road from Beach Road to the clubhouse. At last, the motor cavalcade drew near, coming to a halt inside the clubhouse gates.

Commodore Ron White presented Prince Philip to the Officers of SYC and the President of the Associates, Ngaio Price. He then introduced Cadet Chairman Graeme Disney and Cadet Captain Michael Gotts. The cadets formed a guard of honour and Prince Philip moved along the line, stopping to chat with the boys at regular intervals. He was particularly interested in hearing of the success of Barclay Nettlefold and Michael Cooke in winning the International Cadet National Championships in Hobart. Their yacht was rigged and displayed on the Club's front lawn. Barclay, as skipper, was a tall teenager, while his crew, Michael, about five

years younger, was a smaller lad. Observing this, the Duke asked "Do you put lead in his knickers when you race him?"

At the main entrance to the Club, Prince Philip was presented to the permanent members of the office staff before moving to the main bar lounge, where he took a lively interest in the Club's historical displays, which included a number of national and international trophies. In the main lounge, Prince Philip was presented to the official guests and members. With formalities disposed of, Prince Philip left this huge gathering of people by the external staircase to the car park, where he was introduced to Eric Mackenzie and Warren Smith.

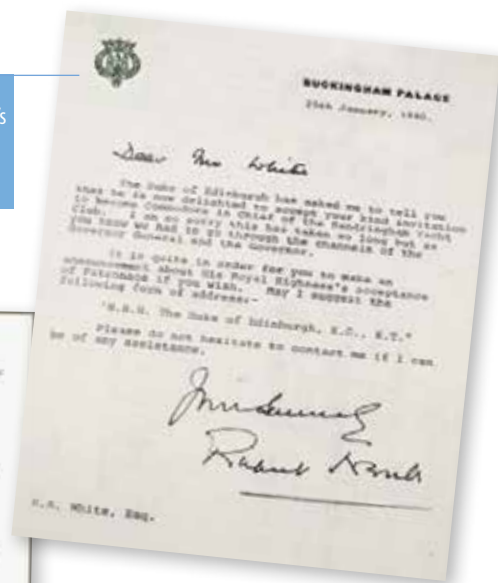


Prince Philip showed great interest in the Finn Class dinghies which SYC hosted as part of the 1956 Olympic Games



Letter of thanks from Buckingham Palace

Letter from Buckingham Palace advising the club of Prince Philip's acceptance of the role of Commodore-in-Chief of the Sandringham Yacht Club



Letter of congratulations from Prince Philip to Commodore Philip Burn on the Clubhouse redevelopment in 2009



After a brief chat with these two yard officers, he walked the length of the yard to the trailer launching ramp, where members of the OTB fleet were assembled. It was here that OTB captain Peter Takle was able to give HRH an outline of this area of the Club and the various boats.

The Prince then strolled along the marina, where some of the larger craft owned by Club members were on display. A huge crowd of people gave him a fitting send-off with a resounding three cheers. He exchanged farewells before heading back to Government House. Members and guests assembled in the main lounge continued their celebration. That year, included in the racing calendar was an inaugural event named the Commodore-in-Chief's Trophy. In May 2000, Commodore Kevin Wood welcomed His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of

Edinburgh and Commodore-in-Chief of Sandringham Yacht Club, on his third visit to the Club.

He met with Jesse Martin and showed considerable interest in his yacht *Lionheart*, which was moored alongside the hardstand and congratulated him on his achievement. Prince Philip also met a number of junior members in the OTB area, talked with members along the walkway with General Committee members, Past Commodores and guests during afternoon tea. He presented the Club with his personal standard and Commodore Wood, on accepting the gift, invited him to sign the standard, which is on display in the Club. As a memento of his visit, Prince Philip was presented with a signed copy of the panorama photograph of Jesse Martin's return to Sandringham Yacht Club upon completion of his epic voyage.

The Duke of Edinburgh was the oldest surviving Great-Great-Grandchild of Queen Victoria, through her second daughter, Alice, Grand Duchess of the small German state of Hesse-Darmstadt. As such, he was related in both greater and lesser degrees to all the Royal Houses of Europe. His Grandmother, Victoria Alberta of Hesse was the sister of the last Czarina of Imperial Russia and the tragic fate of the Czarina Alexandra and her family was something which always affected this branch of his family.

Philipos of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksburg, Royal Prince of Greece and Denmark was born on the island of Corfu on 10 June 1921, the only son and fifth child of Andrew, Prince of Greece and Denmark and of Princess Alice of Battenberg. He was the nephew of the reigning King of The Hellenes (Greece). Prince Philip's maternal grandfather was Louis Mountbatten (Battenberg), a naturalised British subject of German origin, who had a long and

distinguished career in the Royal Navy. In the turmoil of the aftermath of the First World War, Prince Andrew and his family were banished from Greece and settled in Paris.

In 1928, Prince Philip was sent to be educated in the United Kingdom living mainly with his grandmother at Kensington Palace. At the age of eighteen, he joined the Royal Navy and graduated from Dartmouth in 1940, as the top cadet in his course. He saw active service in the Second World War in several areas of conflict and was mentioned in despatches. Prince Philip was present in Tokyo Bay for the signing of the Japanese surrender of 1945.

Prince Philip and Her Majesty The Queen, knew each other for most of their lives. They were blood relatives, or third cousins through Queen Victoria and second cousins once removed, through Christian IX, King of Denmark. Their romance dated from the period of the end of the Second World War, although their engagement was not announced until July 1947. Prince Philip renounced his Greek and Danish royal titles, assumed the surname of Mountbatten and British nationality and converted to Anglicanism. His Father-in-Law, King George VI, bestowed on him the title of His Royal Highness and created him Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth and Baron Greenwich in the Peerage of the United Kingdom. It was expected that the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh would have had a number of years together before Princess Elizabeth became Queen. This was not to be and with the death of King George VI on 6 February 1952, the reign of Queen Elizabeth II began.

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was the longest-serving Consort in the history of the British monarchy. He was recognised by his wife, the Head of the Windsor Dynasty, as the head of her immediate family



Kevin Wood escorting H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh during his visit to the club, 2000

with place, pre-eminence and precedence. As Consort to The Queen, Prince Philip supported her in her duties as Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth and he accompanied her on all ceremonial occasions, giving up his own career upon her accession. The future of the monarchy in direct line was assured through the birth of three sons and a daughter to the royal marriage.

As early as 1956, the Duke of Edinburgh decided to pursue interests of his own. In that year, he founded the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, opened the Olympic Games in Melbourne and visited the Antarctic. He became Patron of a large number of organisations and at the time of his death, these numbered more than eight hundred bodies. His interests were in technology and industry, but not exclusively. He was, on a global basis, President of the World Wildlife Fund.

With the passing of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and the world have lost a significant personage whose opinions were always sought and listened to in a variety of areas. This does not mean that they attracted universal agreement as, His Royal Highness would have been the first to admit, he was an intelligent man without the sometimes dubious benefits of an extremely formal education but he had the ability to reason and to seek out opinions. He was an extraordinary Consort who managed to lead his own life as well as providing an unswerving and loyal support to his wife, The Queen.

We, in Sandringham Yacht Club, are honoured to have had him as our Commodore-in-Chief and thereby to have participated and benefited from the life of one of the most significant figures of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Compiled with contributions from Under Full Sail SYC Centenary Book, Life Member Phil Spry-Bailey and Club Historian Graeme Disney.



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Twilight Entertainment

It seems like a lifetime ago, with our world being turned upside down with COVID-19.

On the upside, at least we were lucky enough to have these fabulous musicians grace us with their talent and bring some normality and even a sneaky dance back into our lives.

4 February 2021 was the first of our long-awaited Thursday Twilight gigs to return to the Club with the fabulous duo of Jason Vorherr and Gary Young. It was a breath of fresh air for the members to have Jason and Gary back to entertain us out on the deck on what turned out to be a balmy summer night with a captivating sunset.

The party continued in March when Gary Eastwood and Jeremy had us fired up with their enthusiasm and prowess in the Members' Bar.

They were followed by the incomparable Field, See and Mason, who had our members lined up on the bar stools watching and listening in awe, once again.

Another fun night was had with our lovable long time regular soloist Tim Watson.

Finally on 25 March our short but very sweet twilight season ended with a blast with the fabulous Wendy Stapleton, Paul Norton and Gerry Hale rocking it out in the Members' Bar.

Once again, we hope you all enjoyed the entertainment we organised for the season

and looking forward to getting back to a normal twilight season in 2021-22 after COVID.

Even if Thursday Twilight sailing happens to be cancelled, the musicians will still play hail, rain, or shine, so still make your way down to the Club to enjoy a meal and a few drinks with your mates and soak up the wonderful atmosphere.

Robyn Coombs



That moment when we were allowed to dance



Field, See and Mason



Gary Young and Jeremy



Jason Vorherr and Gary Young



Having a ball with Wendy, Paul and Gerry



Paul, Wendy and Gerry



David Rose, CEO Richard Hewett and Dave Hughes



The Music Men and Michele with CEO Richard Hewett

SYC Comedy Nights

We were so lucky to be able to have not one, but two Comedy Nights on 23 and 24 April 2021. With two sold out nights, it was great to see our members having a laugh.

The entertainment wasn't limited to hilarious comedy from our headline act, David 'Hughesy' Hughes, we also laughed along with up and coming comedian David Rose who nearly stole the show. We were treated to entertainment from host and MC David 'Brooksy' Brooks and his merry Music Men who took the stage a couple of times during the night. Michele who is revamping her singing career, give us her rendition of These Boots are Made For Walking and Steve Cal, a Jimmy Barnes lookalike, performed an hour-long Jimmy Barnes and Cold Chisel tribute show. What a fabulous and great value show. We can't wait to have more nights like this.

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SYC Events for Charity

SYC's primary charities are Challenge – supporting kids with cancer & the Sandringham Hospital

SYC and Challenge enhance their Partnership

Thanks to SYC Life Member, John Chatham who instigated the relationship, it has now been over 25 years that SYC has partnered with Dave Rogers and the Challenge organisation who support kids with cancer. We are delighted moving forward to evolve the relationship to its next phase and this will include:

- Challenge is the beneficiary of funds raised at every alternate Oaks Day lunch (alternating with the Sandringham Hospital)... these have been excellent fundraisers.
- Under the banner of Challenge – Keeping Cancer at Bay, thanks to the leadership of Robyn Coombs and the generosity of SYC

boat owners, SYC hosts the annual "Challenge Kids – Day on the Bay"

- Also under the Challenge – Keeping Cancer at Bay brand, Challenge will also benefit from the fundraising element of the annual Mercedes-Benz Brighton Port Phillip Challenge.

For many years Challenge was also linked to the range series but the above will see Challenge receiving more funds, more regularly and the Keeping Cancer at Bay brand will be more prevalent.

We are very fortunate to have this partnership and we are delighted it is going to a new level.



Challenge
supporting kids with cancer



Challenge Kids – Day on the Bay 2021

We were extremely happy to finally hold our annual Challenge Kids – Day on the Bay. With the cancellation in 2020 due to COVID-19 and postponements in February and March due to inclement weather, it was concerning that it might not go ahead for a second year in a row. But we managed to organise a weekday during the April 2021 school holidays in what turned out to be a brilliant day. Due to COVID restrictions our numbers were limited compared to previous years, however it was still our absolute pleasure to host over 60 kids and their families. After a fun day out on the water, this time we decided to raft-up in the pond where the kids swam between the boats enjoying the party atmosphere and

loud music as **Adrenalin** and the RIBS took the kids in and out on exhilarating rides.

Challenge, like many charitable organisations, had a tough 12 months through COVID-19. Sandringham Yacht Club recognised this and with the greatest pleasure, Commodore Garry Anderson presented Challenge with a cheque for \$10,000 which was warmly received.

Once again, a huge thank you to all our wonderful members for volunteering their time for such a worthy cause.

To experience the smiles and laughter on not only the kids but also the parents' faces was truly heart-warming for everyone involved.

Robyn Coombs



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Port Phillip Room

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Kol's Kitchen

Sandringham Yacht Club's Executive Chef, Kol Gemmell shares an easy and hearty dish which is very popular at SYC.

Chicken Coq-au-vin



Ingredients

- 1kg chicken thighs (skin on bone in)
- 150g cocktail onions (baby)
- 150g button mushrooms
- 100g chopped carrots
- 150g bacon cut into small cubes
- 1 litre beef stock
- 1 litre crushed tomatoes
- 500ml dry red wine
- 2 garlic cloves
- 5 thyme sprigs
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 bay leaves
- 50ml olive oil
- potato mash to serve

Method

1. Marinate chicken in red wine, garlic, olive oil, thyme, bay leaves, salt and pepper preferably overnight or a minimum of 4 hours.
2. Remove chicken thighs from marinade and place on a tray in a hot oven for approximately 25 minutes or until nice in colour.
3. Strain marinade and reduce by half over high heat, add beef stock and crushed tomatoes, turn down to simmer.
4. Place mushrooms, onions, carrots and bacon on separate trays and roast on 180° C for 15 minutes.
5. Once vegetables and bacon are cooked add to sauce, then cover the chicken thighs in a deep dish, put in oven on 130° C for 1.5 hours.
6. When chicken is tender take out from tray, then strain the vegetables and place sauce back on heat and reduce to a sauce consistency.
7. To serve, place chicken on potato mash, then place vegetables and bacon on top, pour the reduced sauce on top of chicken and garnish.

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COVID Community Connections

Sadly the COVID lockdowns continue but at Sandringham Yacht Club we rallied as a community and look what occurred.

C-G-1

At the entrance of SYC the signals on the flagstaff flew proudly showing the C-G-1 flags meaning, "I will stand by to assist you". Instigated by the San Francisco Yacht Club, this display was to communicate to members that SYC would be there when the members are able to return to sailing.



Member Podcasts



Everybody enjoyed the Sunday weekly podcasts produced and performed by the best in the broadcasting business: members George Shaw, John Deeks and Ian MacWilliams. These were always great 'listening' with members interviewed from varied locales, clever themes, wide-ranging topics, the latest news from the Club and certainly these transmissions were always cheery and positive. Currently this talented trio have delighted us with 30+ intriguing episodes. What a grand effort.

Kol's KKC Kitchen



Executive Chef at SYC Kol Gemmill and his valued kitchen staff jumped into action from the first lockdown with provision of tasty takeaway meals for members and the Bayside community to collect from the Ken King Centre. These delicious meals were so popular and certainly appreciated by many who found their lockdown menus lacking.

SYC Community Supporting Our Own

Within our SYC Community we provided a 'Looking After Our Own' initiative which continues to operate (syc.com.au/syc-community-supporting) and has 57 businesses listed under the following categories: Automotive, Business and Marketing, COVIDSafe Products and Services, Family and Pets, Finance, Food and Beverage, Funerals, Gifts, Health, House and Garden, Signage, Trades, Training Courses and Transport. The business and services are those of members and staff and their families, stakeholders and sponsors and gave us all a chance to support and benefit from their fine offers.

Sandy and Surrounds Weekly Photo Competition

Club Events Coordinator Naomi Smith organised a weekly Monday on-line photo competition and the COVID related contributions portrayed members dealing with these strange times in photo form. Everyone enjoyed seeing the winning entry announced on our Facebook each Monday – no prizes just the glory.



Member Raffle



A virtual 'Member Raffle' weekly Friday spin of the wheel is not we all wanted but in those 'difficult times' last year it was a fun option to continue the tradition of this normally noisy Members' Bar Friday evening member activity. A recording was made each week with member Bill Stubbs and his lovely assistant Amanda Thomson (socially distanced) drawing winners from the wheelspin. Those lucky winning members had purchased takeaway meals from Kol's KKC Kitchen and hence were entered in the spin. The 'faux key-draw' recording was then 'live' on the SYC Facebook every Friday at 18:00 hours. The lucky winners received a Kol's KKC Kitchen voucher or a wonderful fruit and veggie box kindly donated by Tommy Raft.

Australian Sailing eSailing Competition



Last year we held a series of eSailing events throughout the lockdown which included a qualifying event to determine who would represent SYC at the Victorian eSailing Championships.

SYC's victor was Josh Griffith, who then went on to finish 2nd in the Victorian Championships and subsequently qualify for the Nationals, where the top two from each state would face off against each other.

On the day of the National challenge, Josh was able to string together a series of results that saw him take the win and crowned the inaugural eSailing National Champion.

Weekly Wednesday Quiz

Quiz masters including Robyn Coombs, Graeme Disney, Eryl Harris, Simon Hemingway, Chris Mitchell, Naomi Smith, Gill Stubbs, David Suda, Freya, Jenny and Stewart Vickery, Mark Welsh and Margaret Whitbread all created nautically inclined on-line multiple-choice quizzes to liven up our Wednesdays with no prizes given and again no results debated! They were a huge test of Club and nautical knowledge and sometimes a little tricky.



SYC Staff

Our wonderful staff were initially utilised in various atypical roles enabling them continued employment whilst supporting the Club with washing cars and boats, cleaning, stocktaking, new member package distribution, maintenance requirements and so much more.



SYC Boating Department's Graeme Mills redeployed in the Yard

Communications

Communication at SYC has always been a strong point and our Club CEO Richard Hewett, Past Commodore Ashley Trebilcock and current Commodore Garry Anderson have all more than adequately kept members informed with direct e-mail weekly updates. Very reassuring indeed especially for boat owners needing to know the latest information.



Let us as SYC members keep being strong, support each other, maintain our resilience, stay the course and remain safe.

Last Virtual Wednesday Wonders Race of 2020

While Melbourne endured many, many weeks of lockdown during 2020, one regular Wednesday Wonders crew found it a little more bearable by holding a Zoom meeting each Wednesday, in place of the race. **Arch de Triomphe** also invited some other crews from the WW family. Race reports were read each week and placings given for Start of the Day, Fastest around the Course and 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In the later months Margaret and Di (Disey), the intrepid, constant WW tower ladies, were invited to join and so the usual practice of holding a raffle continued with prizes each week. Turns were taken to come up with the next week's prizes and to write and present the race report for the following week. What fun was had and it certainly helped to keep the team spirit alive and kicking.

With approximately 24 hours notice, the first post-lockdown race was sailed on 28 October 2020, but the usual Zoom meeting was still held that night after the race. It was **Arch de Triomphe's** skipper, Alistair Murray's turn to present the race report for what we thought would still be a virtual race. He had written it during the week and I was so impressed that he was able to include almost every WW boat, that I insisted it be reproduced here.

"It seems fitting that we would all have a fun race in anticipation of coming out of lockdown for our first real race, yes on the actual water(!), fingers crossed, next Wednesday.

"Of course **Arch de Triomphe**, **Club Comedie** and **Maverick** have been having a ball through the past eight miserable months, getting together every single week for a Zoom call where we have a virtual race call, Club report and of course Wednesday raffle, all conducted with fun and under the watchful eyes of Margaret and Disey. There have been countless laughs and beers.

"So, to today's race, 28 October. According to tradition, of course every race starts in the Bar for lunch, where we enjoyed a **Primo** meal as

always. The offerings included beef and olives (with the **Pippa's** removed), a mysterious **Arabesque** meal, the always present dodgy **Vindaloo**, spaghetti cooked **Andante**, and all served with **Hot Chippis**. Although early in the day, things got a bit out of hand, with lots of **White Noise** and a resulting **Rum Jungle**, with a drinking competition between the **Young Bears**, sponsored by Bundaberg and the team from **Bacardi**. When the top fell off the **Saltshaker** there was a **Stampede** for the door, to go sailing.

"It was time to **Carpe Diem** and **Vive La Vie**, so we headed down to the boats for some **Fun & Games**. Thankfully, the weather did not resemble a **Meltemi** like you might experience at **Panarea**. With a glorious **Summer Wind** and a **Windspeed** of 15 knots we headed out, **Upbeat** about what lay ahead. Days in Melbourne that start with a **Foggy Dew** always end up **Magic**.

"The fleet looked **Debonnaire** as it headed out. **Esprit** and **Razzle Dazzle** always sail with **P'zazz**, operatic airs are heard from **Giselle** and doesn't a **Pegasus** always look magnificent?

"**The Secretary** informed everyone that as the Club horn was broken we would have to listen hard for the substitute **Salt Whistle**, as we lined up for our **Valiant** attempts at Start of the Day. There was plenty of **Skullduggery** on the start line, with the boys on **Alex**, **Lebrok** and **Myuna III** appearing to form an unlikely **Alliance** to sail the **Lady J's** on **Cassandra of Melbourne** and **Rhiannon** away from the line.

"On the first work it seemed **Second Nature** headed left, so **White Onyx**, **Willarie** and **Barnstormer** led the **Stampede** towards the **White Pointers** on the beach, in their **Conquest** to lead at the first mark.

"Big Tone (Tony) in **Maverick**, ever the **Bon Vivant**, will have stories for years to come about



the huge flyer he took to the west, resulting in his **Midnight Magic** finish in last place.

"Disappointingly **Club Comedie** was disqualified for being seen to be running his engine for the entirety of the race. His **Alibi** was he was distracted by the sublime **Dolphin Play** witnessed during the race.

"Anyway, it was a **Roller Coaster** of a race. In the end, on the last work **Bandit** attempted to steal the race, throwing **INSX** of 20 tacks at the leader, but I am sure you will not be surprised to hear that it was a triumph to **Arch de Triomphe** by one second.

"The highlight always though, is the presentation afterwards with the jugs of beer, and eagerly contested raffles, so it was back to the virtual clubhouse. Margaret and Disey looked **Luscious** in their **Baby Doll** outfits! It was a **Wicked** way to finish another great Wednesday at SYC; we cannot wait to next week and every **Brannew** day!"

Thank you Alistair, the crew of **Arch de Triomphe** and all those who participated in keeping alive and well the spirit of Wednesday Wonders during those long lockdown months.

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A Zooming load of fun

From humble beginnings in April 2020 and with the support and friendship of a small group of our SYC family and NSW friends, we initially fumbled our way through Zoom on our phones and laptops. We soon learned we couldn't all talk at once and the weeks and months of lockdown have managed to fly by with a nightly 6 o'clock catch up for those who want to log on, share a drink, have a laugh and don't take life too seriously. This group included; Mal and Gill Billings, Peter and Jenny Geary, Bill and Gill Stubbs, Charles Pukallus and Sue Bowes, Paul and Sharon Quennell, Steve Richards and Teryle Kemp, Ian and Chris Mellett, Nick Truswell (a sailing friend from Sydney), Martin Bridgman and myself.

For Friday fun, our own wheel was spun whilst recipes, birthdays, stories, football, movies, TV series to binge watch and jokes were shared. Props are beside the laptop with 'happy birthday' hats, wigs, Elephant in the Room hat, Captain's Hat, footy scarves – all within easy reach. Then we perfected the Zoom Food Transfer (ZFT) where a perfectly created quiche and salad would magically appear when passed through the screen to Sydney and vice versa. So serious is the set-up, that we have been known to send



props via mail to our Sydney mate such as a Christmas apron, footy cap and a book.

With cancelled flights in August 2020 for Hamilton Island Race week and our much-anticipated week of fun with Ian and Chris Mellett on their 48 Buizen **China Grove** all gone, we relived each day in our virtual way, including a long Hammo Lay Day Lunch on Zoom. From October 2020 to the end of May 2021 our lives returned whilst still Zooming from time to time for a pre-dinner drink and interstate catch-up.

By June 2021 whilst we buckled under the new Coronavirus strain, after the initial gloom, once again we have enjoyed that nightly Zoom. This time with Sydney by our sides and watching their escalating story unfold, we still raised a glass with a joke or two. By July the quick



lockdown reprieve was welcome, but Delta had other ideas. With isolated Sydney friends and our Hamilton Island Race Week 2021 in peril, it was time for Virtual Hamilton Island Race Week 2021 once more. With **China Grove** in Mackay without a crew, another Race Week Zoom 'Lay Day' Lunch was all we could do. Now it's Saturday 28 August 2021 and Virtual Hammo Presentation night is upon us. For in this virtual world, we create our own joy and of course, **China Grove** has competed with gusto. What a fun week – whilst we haven't been together in person, it's been a week of food, fun, cocktails and stories. So, keep positive everyone... I must go and set up our backdrop of trophies, as in this virtual world, we've won every race.

Amanda Thomson

Church aka Sunday Drinks

The text on a Sunday "Are you going to Church?" Sunday 5pm drinks at the Club aka 'Church' – SYC style.

This had been a regular part of a weekend for so many of us for a long time. In March 2020 the Sunday afternoon regular catch-up had gone by the wayside like so many other things during COVID Lockdown.

Zoom chats and team meetings had become the mainstay of our working lives. A Friday night facetime catch-up with Mitch & Glenda from **Maid of Martha**, sprouted an idea. Let's try and have a Zoom catch-up for 'Church' on Sunday. The invite went out for a Zoom meeting at @5pm and @5:45pm – as free Zoom account only allows for 40 minutes in one sitting.

The usual crew were invited; Ian and Sue Boon, Graeme Matthews, Andrew Mitchell and Glenda Hart, Charles Pukallus and Sue Bowes, Bill and Gill Stubbs, Mal

and Gill Billings, Chris Thomson, Judi and Rob Hanke, Tim Little, Neil Kelly, Sandra Robson and Gerard Blokker. It was fabulous to see a friendly face and have a chat and a drink. The change



over @5:45pm allowed for a drink refresh. The invite went out with a message to forward the invite to anyone you can think of. I would regularly get messages saying "Can you add... to the church invite?" By the end we had 32 households. It was great to see so many of our friends. Our best sitting was 24 households in one go.

Sunday afternoons became a highlight for so many of us. We were able to check in on those of us who were flying solo, had health challenges, were renovating, changing jobs, or just dealing with COVID life. It became the way we learnt

about what had been going on for so many of our friends, such as buying boats or moving house. We saw so many rooms in each other's houses – Tim's old Clubhouse items, Lethal's model boats, very creative screen backdrops. We celebrated football scores, discussed politician's actions all as we endeavoured to make sense of the world we were living in. We pulled the pin on 'Virtual Church' late in 2020. Hoping to be back to F2F 'Church' soon.

Be safe all.

Helen Cameron

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