



## **OTB Forum**

26/10/2022

Moderator: David White

Attendees: Ben Fels, Bret Levenspiel, Cameron Smith, David Beck, Georgie Silverwood, Jack Felsenthal, Jack Lewis, James Cunningham, Jessica, Joby Graves, Julia Mackinnon, Kay Christian, Maree Deeth, Michael Cantwell, Michelle Levenspiel, Nick Nuske, Nick Sankey, Paul Simmons, Richard Brearley, Rowan Williams, Scott Llewelyn, Trevor Gray.

Meeting Minutes: Julia Mackinnon

### **Adult OTB Sailing**

Which communication channel would be best to reach adult sailors?

- The more the better
- eTidings, Calendar, WhatsApp-Group, Social Media

Which day is best for OTB racing?

- Stick to Sunday for regular OTB racing (low availability on Saturday)
- Idea to offer "over-18"- Saturday race once a month
- Suggestion to get interclub racing going with Rye and/or Blairgowrie on one or two days in February

How do we get the adults out on OTB boats on Sundays?

- Idea to offer race in Quests and Pacers for adults once a month (possibility to pair up with experienced skipper for the race)
- Suggestion to offer more training options for adults on Quests and Pacers
- Idea for upskilling weekend in Cats (swap crew in and out)
- Idea to have Jubilees racing with OTBs on Sundays or even offer Jubilee day (critical mass already at the club and very adult friendly boats)

Action Plan adult OTB sailing:

- Increase communication on regular Sunday OTB racing
- Create more structured rosters for Sunday's racing
- Offer more adult training on Quests and Pacers
- Set dates for adult's race in Quests and Pacers once a month
- Organise Jubilee forum to further explore regular racing in OTB fleet
- Organise Cats forum to further explore upskilling experience
- More regular meetings on OTB sailing and racing for both adults and kids



## **Team Sorrento Junior Sailors**

- Our Junior Team Sorrento is mainly comprised of Optimist Sailors which is aligned with the Australian Sailing Pathway.
- Our Team has a base program which trains on Sundays which is aligned with our Club Racing and during the busy summer months, there are five 4 day long camps
- Team Sorrento receives support at the following regatta's which are spread roughly 1 month apart (Sail Sandy, Sail Country/Inlands, Buxton Cup, Snapper Point, State Titles).
- We suggest are more advanced sailors who have goals to be on the State and National Team do more than are base program and work with class associations.

What transition classes should optimally be chosen?

- Ideally, same boats (makes coach logistics and racing easier)
- Currently popular at the club for teenagers Lasers, 29er, Waszp
- Currently close relationship with VIODA, VLA, Waszp, Wingfoils and Victorian Team Racing
- Option to get together with like-minded people and decide to buy a small fleet of a particular class in the coming years

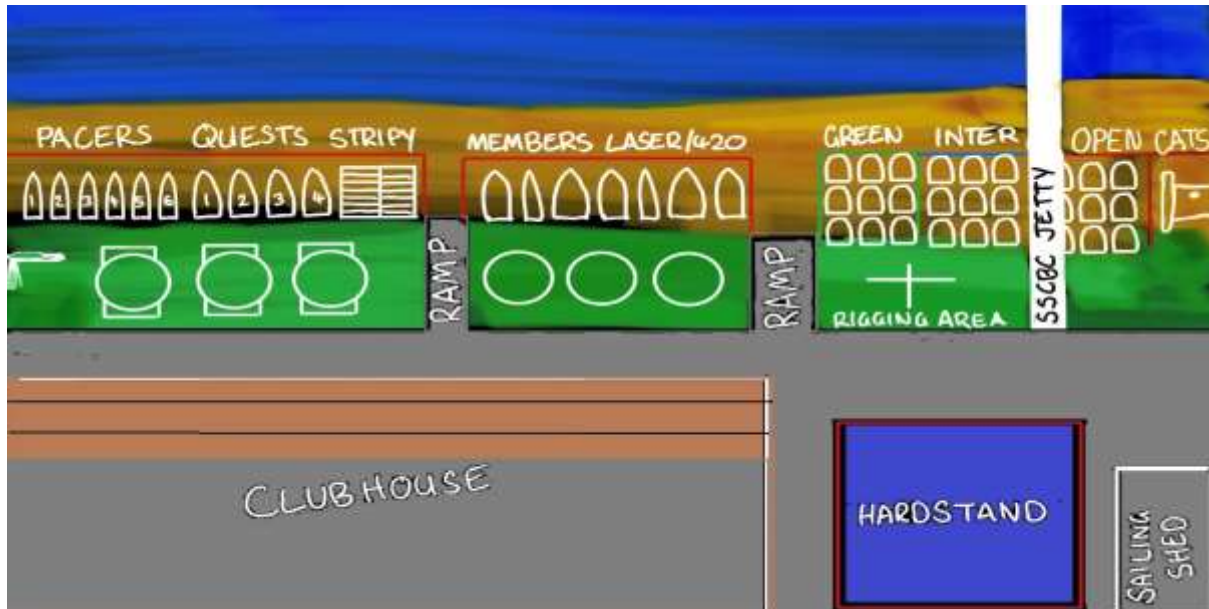
Action Plan Kids OTB sailing:

- Organise Kids OTB forum to talk more about development and the upcoming season for the young sailors

## **OTB summer at the club**

What will OTB boat storage at the club be like in summer?

- Space cleared to offer members places on the beach in front of the clubhouse (see map – first stage of long-term plan)
- Options for better use of hardstand currently being explored (e.g. racking)
- Options to improve club access for OTB's are being looked into
- Need for safe place to store sails and rudders in summer
- Problem that shed is not always accessible (Bluetooth padlocks are being explored as solution)
- Emphasise to everyone to take care of boats on the beach (brief members and staff, ask bosuns to police beach where possible)
- Plan to create QR-Code for each boat and equipment to make it easily identifiable



What family/social functions are possible in summer?

- BBQ's on Lavender Hill will be available
- Camping at external regattas
- Option to get everyone out sailing on Couta Boats

What is volunteering like at the club?

- Currently quite a healthy number of volunteers
- Especially parents are very engaged – thanks a lot and please keep it up!
- Will have more non parent volunteers integrating and developing their skills - Working up for youth champs
- If interested in joining the volunteers, please contact Ben Fels:  
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