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### COMMODORE'S REPORT



Welcome to the 2021/22 edition of SSCBC Tidings Magazine. As I reflect on the past 12 months at the Club, my first as

Commodore, there are a few words that spring to mind. Unpredictable, un-precedented, challenging yes, but also words like community, future and pride sum up how I feel about the season just gone.

This past year we managed the challenges of the pandemic and even had to close for a few days over summer due to staff shortages, but the common thread that was always evident was a strong sense of community. The capacity of members to pitch in to support each other was fantastic to see, and there was a level of gratitude from everyone, that whilst the season was not quite what we had hoped for and expected, we were still incredibly lucky to get to enjoy the best sailing club in Australia and our beautiful little patch of Sorrento.

As you turn the pages of this magazine, you will see that despite a rather topsy turvy 12 months, there is still an incredible number of things that we have achieved, implemented and initiated, all of which contribute to the SSCBC community, set us up for the future, and I hope give us all a sense of immense pride.

When we look towards the future, the thing that immediately springs to mind is the redevelopment, and as I write this article the old Clubhouse looks very much like a demolition site. This project has, of course, been many years in the making, but through the tenacity, resilience and expertise of our Infrastructure sub-committee, we got there! We said farewell to the old Clubhouse in February and broke ground not long after. There are renders and drawings included in the article on pages 22-24 of this magazine, but at the heart of the design is creating a world class Clubhouse for all of our members, whilst continuing to honour the history and traditions of SSCBC.

In the meantime, it has been wonderful to see how members have embraced the temporary Clubhouse and facilities. The more intimate marquee space, the proximity to the water and the deck on the eastern lawn have created a different member experience, but if the numbers who join the Friday afternoon happy hour are anything to go by, it is a resounding success. Our sailors have also enjoyed post sailing celebrations on Lavender Hill and of course, we have been lucky enough to be able to use spaces at the new Continental Hotel for our major events and functions.

One of the pleasing aspects of the 2021/22 season was welcoming a number of new sponsors, as well as retaining many of our long term ones. As we welcomed all of our sponsors at the annual sponsors lunch late last year, there was a real sense of partnership and this was certainly evident during the season. Whether it was t-shirts and caps on race day, after race hospitality or even trampolines on the beach, all of our sponsors played a pivotal role this season. Each of them is represented within this magazine but it would be remiss not to thank KPMG, Jellis Craig, CUB, Clamms

Seafood, Sanpellegrino, Pommery, carsales, The Wooden Boatshop, Yabby Lake, Mr Trampoline, Acacia Energy, Berwick Motor Group, Coastal Living, Steadfast IBG Insurance and The Continental Sorrento for their contribution to the Club.

This past year we launched our Community Engagement Strategy and sub-committee, led by Deb Kwasnicki, one of our General Committee members and volunteer coordinator. Our Club has always proudly contributed to the community within which we operate, through our Bosun program, the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School, through schools using our facilities for sailing activities and via fundraising with Ladies Lunch and other events. In this issue, we hear from the Mornington Peninsula Foundation, specifically about their inspiring No Limits program, that focuses on improving literacy levels in some of the Peninsula's most disadvantaged schools. Our donation from the Ladies Lunch ticket sales went directly to this program, so have a read about the incredible work the Foundation is doing. The Community Engagement Strategy and sub-committee ensures the Club leverages our resources and people to make an impactful contribution to the community, whether that is financial, through providing expertise, or through opening up our facilities. It will be exciting to see our level of community engagement continue to develop and grow, particularly once we complete the redevelopment.

As a parent of young sailors, I have been thrilled to watch our sail training and Off The Beach program go from strength to strength. For yet another season we



had fantastic participation rates for sailing at all levels, but particularly pleasing was the incredible results our Team Sorrento sailors achieved at both a national and international level. In particular, congratulations to Aidan, Callum, Dmitry, Jorja, Henri, Augustus, Miles, Maya, Lottie and Riley who have been selected to compete in the Worlds, European and Asian Championships and train in the development squads. Read the Sailing Centre report for the full details.

The success of the program led by David White and his team is clearly evident when we reflect on such incredible results. With international travel now back, at the time of writing this we have a team busily preparing for the prestigious Global Team Race Regatta in New York, where eight SSCBC sailors will represent SSCBC as the only club from Australia. We wish them the best of luck.

Some of our signature events such as KPMG Day, Ladies Lunch and Portsea Cup (and picnic!) had to be either cancelled or postponed which was terribly disappointing, but our ever agile management team, Committee and of course members did their best to navigate a few very unpredictable weeks. The events we did manage to run were all great successes.

In particular, whilst our Acacia Energy Next Gen Day didn't have quite as much wind as we would have liked, the Next Gen Committee did an amazing job both on the day and throughout the season. They continue to outperform their goal of increasing sailing participation in that 18-35 year old category, and truly represent the future of this Club. Likewise, this year we relaunched Lady Skippers Day, supported by Pommery, through the SheSails taskforce, with over 120 sailors participating on 24 Couta Boats, including some people who had never sailed or helmed before.

Congratulations to our Aggregate Couta Boat winners, Sally in Div 1 and Mercury in Div 2, who took out the season with the decider, The Continental Sorrento Cup, being sailed on the day of the presentation dinner. It was certainly a competitive season and one that was celebrated in style at the awards night. Well done to all involved in pulling this night together, particularly Jane and Amanda. One thing that stood out for me was how much our amazing team of volunteers was applauded at the presentation night, with their table front and centre – very much an indication of their importance in getting boats on the water every week and getting racing done, sometimes in very tough conditions.

Hopefully, the past two years of lockdowns and pandemic protocols are nearly behind us and we can now look forward to an exciting next twelve months. I, and the General Committee, appreciate the level of understanding and patience that members have shown throughout this period, as well as now, whilst we undertake the redevelopment. I would also like to thank our wonderful General Committee, our sub-committees, management team and staff for all of their hard work in ensuring this Club continues to be the most special place to sail, socialise and enjoy time with fellow members.

The new season will be here before we know it, and I can't wait to see everyone at the Club in our incredible new Clubhouse.

Georgie Silverwood



Pommery Lady Skippers race presentation



### CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Another sailing season is almost complete, and we should all be proud to have survived the

ongoing challenges of COVID. We also had to tackle a wicked easterly breeze that refused to stop blowing and work around the start of renovations.

Despite these challenges, we managed to complete one of the most enjoyable and competitive aggregate series for many years. We also saw some stellar performances from our junior dinghy sailors and youth team racers.

We started the season a few weeks late with The Wooden Boatshop series. After Christmas we got a bit more serious with the Berwick Motor Group Couta Boat Nationals. That series was just completed when COVID made its return with the New Year's outbreak that seemed to strike every twenty-something on the Peninsula. Sadly, KPMG Day had to be cancelled and the Portsea Cup was postponed.

The club soon bounced back and we had a busy summer season. One of the highlights was the Acacia Energy Next Gen Regatta which ran out of wind but turned into a party as everyone jumped off boats and went for a swim. It was only matched by the Pommery Lady Skippers Day that saw a record fleet and brilliant sailing. Both events helped us to be more inclusive bringing new sailors into the fleet. The incredible achievements of our junior fleet are covered elsewhere in this edition of Tidings. I want to add my congratulations to all the Opti sailors who pushed themselves even on those tough windy days. Thank you to the marvellous parents who support their children and each other, and the coaching team led so capably by David and Jack.

What you may not know is that our next-gen sailors represented the club at a series of team racing events in dinghies and small keelboats. These included strong performances in the National Sailing League and the VIS Cup. These provided a solid training ground for the team we are sending to the Global Team Racing Regatta which is running in July at New York Yacht Club.

Between all of that we hosted the Moth National Championships, Jellis Craig Buxton Cup, Sorrento Wingfoil Cup and VIODA camp. Not to mention sail training. It was a busy summer.

The end of the season came in a rush as we squeezed in the delayed Portsea Cup, Coastal Living State Titles and Continental Sorrento Cup. The club championship was not decided until the very last race which made the presentation night at the Continental Hotel one of the most exciting to date. Congratulations to our new club champions Jocelyn, Sally, Morning Star and Mercury.

Of course, the season is not quite over. We have the winter series for Couta Boats running and the popular Mr Trampoline Midwinters for dinghy sailors. There is training for juniors through winter on Albert Park Lake. And of course,

planning starts for next season with our new clubhouse and hopefully no lockdowns. If you have any suggestions for the program, please don't hesitate to email the sailing committee on sail@sscbc.com.au

Sailing is the beating heart of the club and I want to thank our Sailing Manager Ben Fels, Training Manager David White, Sailing Administrator Julia Mackinnon and Maintenance Manager Kiean Wicks for getting us through a challenging summer. A special thanks to Peter Osbourne for being our primary Race Officer and all our volunteers on and off the water.

#### Wooden Boatshop Series

Division 1 PH: The Barra C2013 LH: Wagtail C86

Division 2 PH: Mercury C22 LH: Jessamine C1922

#### Berwick Motor Group Couta Boat Nationals Division 1

PH: Sally C82 LH: Wagtail C86

Division 2 PH: Peter Pan C150 LH: Morning Star C157

#### Acacia Energy Next Gen Regatta

Division 1 PH: The Barra C2013 LH: Bella C2016

Division 2 PH: Jessamine C1922 LH: Jessamine C1922

Pommery Lady Skippers Race Division 1 PH: Tess Lloyd, *Margarita* C97 LH: Georgina Oakley, *Bella* C2016



Division 2 PH: Elle Sankey, Peter Pan C150 LH: Elle Sankey, Peter Pan C150

#### Portsea Cup

Division 1 PH: Margarita C97 LH: Jocelyn C2014

Division 2 PH: Aliscia C33 LH: Aliscia C33

#### **Coastal Living State Titles** Division 1

PH: Nepean C08 LH: Jocelyn C2014

Division 2 PH: Kitty Miller C126 LH: Morning Star C157

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#### **Continental Sorrento Cup** Division 1

PH: Sally C82 LH: Bella C2016

Division 2 PH: Mercury C22 LH: Morning Star C157

#### Passage Aggregate Division 1 PH: Sorrento C2011

LH: Georgia C2015 Division 2

PH: Ruby Ann C145 LH: Morning Star C157

#### **Club Championship**

Division 1 PH: Sally C82 LH: Jocelyn C2014

Division 2 PH: Mercury C22 LH: Morning Star C157

#### Team for New York

The Great Couta Salty

Tom Trotman, Jack Abbott, Jack Felsenthal, Grace Cockman, James McLennan, Tom Klemens, Sunday Gibson and George Aulich.

PH = Performance Handicap. LH = Line Honours.

Full results for Couta Boats and dinghies can be found on the club website.

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As the 2021/22 season approached, none of us would have predicted the surge in COVID cases in the community.

Like so many other businesses on the Peninsula, we were affected by staff shortages and, as a result, needed to close the Clubhouse for three days during the peak of the season. Regardless, our amazing staff soldiered on and returned to work motivated as ever and managed to produce one of the best summers on record.

Our biggest project for 2021 was the construction of the new Sailing Shed, providing a dedicated storage facility on the hardstand, close to the water, for our Off The Beach (OTB) sailors. New concrete retaining walls have been constructed to the south of the hardstand, with extensive planting and mulching on the banks. Lavender Hill has been landscaped to finish this area, including new white fencing, stairs toward the BBQs, planting, and gravel paving underneath the picnic tables.

Our membership management team, led by Sara Petautschnig made further enhancements to our systems and procedures in 2021. All members have now been moved to their new membership categories, which are more straightforward and fairer. Our entire membership experience has been automated, with a dedicated member-only web page, membership access cards and automatic email updates.

The annual Pommery Summer Drinks party relocated to the Western Lawn

was a particular highlight for me. Members danced the night away under a clear roof marguee filled with fairy lights. Another major sailing event on the calendar is the Next Gen day, sponsored by Acacia Energy, which attracted over 250 participants. Whilst the wind was a little light, the Next Gen group made the most of it by swimming out on the racecourse, followed by Post-race festivities held on the Northern Deck, and the atmosphere was electric. Well done to the Next Gen Committee for organising such an amazing day.

Food and beverage continues to go from strength to strength with the appointment of Dan Mestan, our Food and Beverage Manager. With one summer already notched up, Dan, with the support of our Head Chef Bernard, is working on the new Clubhouse offering, with more options, greater function support and fresh pop up specials and concepts. Throughout the redevelopment, your favourite food and beverage staff, Robert and Belinda, will be working in the super cool Temporary Clubhouse.

Touch wood, sailing in 2022/23 will be pandemic and bush firefree!!! We are excited about the appointment of our new Sailing Administrator, Julia Mackinnon. Julia has already had an enormous impact by improving how we communicate and organise the Couta Boats and the OTB fleets. Well done to Ben and David, who head up our Sailing Department, for their ongoing commitment to delivering some of the best sailing programs in Australia. Thank you to all the trainers and bosuns who support the sailing activities. Without their dedication and enthusiasm, we would not be as successful as we have been this year.

You may have noticed a significant overhaul of our Club Sponsors.

Hollie Hick, our sponsorship and marketing manager, has successfully acquired seven new sponsors for the club: Jellis Craig, Acacia Energy, Mr Trampoline, CUB, The Continental Sorrento, carsales and Berwick Motor Group. Hollie will ensure that the contribution of our sponsors will be well recognised with colourful race days and special promotions.

Often the club's unsung heroes, our maintenance department, headed up by Kiean Wicks, will be coordinating a revamp of the way we maintain our fleet of RHIBS and wooden boats. With the addition of new boats, this department continues to be well resourced and supported by industry experts such as The Wooden Boatshop (WBS). Indeed, the WBS will be on-site at the club from October, helping with the renovation of the jetty with the replacement of several pillars.

I'd like to especially thank Jane Morgan and Amanda Pearce, both very dedicated volunteers, for their hard work helping catalogue all of the honour boards that have been moved to storage whilst the Clubhouse is being redeveloped. They have also catalogued and reorganised the trophies cabinet, ensuring that all of the historical information has been retained.

Finally, thank you to Deborah Hodgson (Club Accountant), Rollo Wright (Head of Infrastructure Committee) and Georgie Silverwood (Commodore). They have worked very closely with myself and the General Committee to ensure that the redevelopment is well funded and on course to be completed in November 2022. We are all looking forward to the vast improvement this will bring to the members' experience with worldclass sailing and dining facilities.

#### Henry Dyer

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### **TREASURER'S** REPORT



I am pleased to provide an interim financial overview in this edition of Tidings Magazine. During 2021, a motion to change the Club Rules to amend the financial year end from 31 March to 30 June was carried. As explained at the time, the change was implemented to better align fiscal reporting with club operations as club activity remained significant through March and April, limiting the capacity of Management and the Committee to accurately finalise the year end, undertake the audit, prepare accounts and address other period end compliance matters.

Audited financial statements and the accompanying reports which form the Annual Report will be prepared and made available to members after 30 June 2022. To provide members with a snapshot of the financial performance and position of SSCBC on the legacy reporting timelines, Management and I have prepared this interim report on the unaudited profit and loss statement and balance sheet. These accounts were closed at 30 March 2022, with all year end journals posted to ensure a robust picture was presented and prior period comparability preserved.

Members reviewing the statements

should note that both 2021 and 2022 periods were impacted by lockdowns, restricted trading and Government support measures including Jobkeeper. We look forward to future periods being free of these one-off instances and a true picture of our operation emerging once the redevelopment project has concluded.

As set out below, the accounts demonstrate that your club delivered an impressive statutory surplus in the 12 months to March, largely attributable to:

- increased quantum of members driving total subscription income growth as demand for SSCBC's amenity remained strong post COVID;
- Government support through lockdowns;
- strong summer trading at our F&B outlets, coupled with sensible cost controls and operational initiatives; and
- a return to our club of sponsors

with FY22 sponsorship revenue exceeding the previous high water mark of FY20 (noting FY21 was a one-off low point due to COVID uncertainty).

The balance sheet presents a significant increase in the asset position over the period with cash on hand of \$4.3m at 30 March. This is despite significant expenditure to enhance our sailing assets and deliver the clubhouse redevelopment.

Investments include:

- completion of the new sailing shed on the hard stand;
- acquisition of three Highfield rubber inflatable power boats;
- landscaping to Lavender Hill, significantly improving the amenity and safety of this area;
- bump out costs of the clubhouse prior to and after closure; and
- establishment costs of the temporary clubhouse providing a unique facility for member use during the redevelopment phase.

| Statement of Profit and Loss               | 2022       | 2021       |
|--|------------|------------|
|  | \$         | \$         |
| Sales revenue                              | 5,063,074  | 4,259,728  |
| Cost of sales                              | -2,069,019 | -1,881,920 |
| Gross profit                               | 2,994,054  | 2,377,807  |
| Finance income                             | 4,921      | 25,639     |
| Administrative expenses                    | -702,262   | -611,527   |
| Depreciation expenses                      | -300,590   | -297,468   |
| Department expenses                        | -1,512,925 | -1,108,666 |
| Other expenses                             | -88,291    | -7,905     |
| Finance expenses                           | -4,746     | -14,559    |
| Profit/(loss) for the year                 | 390,161    | 363,322    |
| Other comprehensive income                 | -          |            |
| Total comprehensive income<br>for the year | 390,161    | 363,322    |



### TREASURER'S **REPORT**

**Statement of Financial Position** 

#### SSCBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2022 AT 10AM

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The redevelopment has commenced with project funding being provided by cash on hand and a \$3m facility with National Australia Bank. The combination of these sources provides adequate funding with head room for unexpected overruns.

Members may also be aware of the opportunity to participate in the SSCBC Clubhouse Fundraising Campaign, by way of a bond offering or tax-deductible pledge / donation, which will go directly towards the cost of the build and complement our existing funding. Members who make a tax-deductible pledge or donation, via Australian Sports Foundation, through this campaign (over \$1,000), as well as those who have previously donated, may be recognised (with permission) on a board that will be displayed prominently in our new facility.

Information about these fundraising options can be found on the following page, or see our website for more information: https://sscbc.com. au/redevelopment/

The outlook for SSCBC is highly favourable with the strong demand trend for membership and our food and beverage product to be further supported by the new clubhouse. The team is planning an enhanced food and beverage model for reopening with greater opportunity for events.

I will provide updates of progress in respect of the financial aspects of the redevelopment project in future e-tidings and club publications. As always, I invite members to email me at shaungchalmers@gmail.com with any queries about the accounts or financial affairs of SSCBC.

Shaun Chalmers

|                               | \$        | \$        |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| ASSETS                        | Ψ         | Ψ         |
| CURRENT ASSETS                |           |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents     | 4,279,407 | 4,098,997 |
| Trade and other receivables   | 104,954   | 93,338    |
| Inventories                   | 26,397    | 102,384   |
| Other assets                  | 103,394   | 217,492   |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS          | 4,514,152 | 4,512,212 |
| NON CURRENT ASSETS            |           |           |
| Right of use asset            | 92,926    | 97,882    |
| Property, plant and equipment | 4,674,397 | 4,168,192 |
| total non current assets      | 4,767,323 | 4,266,074 |
| TOTAL ASSETS                  | 9,281,474 | 8,778,286 |
| LIABILITIES                   |           |           |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES           |           |           |
| Trade and other payables      | 179,635   | 361,469   |
| Lease liabilities             | 1,969     | 1,969     |
| Employee benefits             | 207,990   | 156,209   |
| Other liabilities             | 199,394   | 335,885   |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES     | 588,988   | 855,532   |
| NON CURRENT LIABILITIES       |           |           |
| Lease liabilities             | 133,872   | 129,126   |
| Other liabilities             | 3,141,868 | 2,767,528 |
| TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES | 3,275,740 | 2,896,654 |
| total liabilities             | 3,864,729 | 3,752,186 |
| NET ASSETS                    | 5,416,746 | 5,026,100 |
| EQUITY                        |           |           |
| Reserves                      | 37,433    | 37,433    |
| Retained earnings             | 5,379,313 | 4,988,667 |
| TOTAL EQUITY                  | 5,416,746 | 5,026,100 |

### SSCBC Clubhouse Fundraising Campaign

The redevelopment of our new Clubhouse commences in February 2022. This exciting project will provide world class facilities to our Members across our sailing, hospitality and event spaces, continuing our proud history of providing opportunities for sailing for everyone from our junior dinghy sailors to our incredible fleet of Couta Boats.

With construction now commencing, we are launching our new SSCBC Clubhouse Fundraising Campaign, which will go directly towards the cost of the build and complement our existing funding.

#### MEMBER BOND ISSUE

The Club has partnered with Income Asset Management (IAM) which has agreed to provide its platform and administrative services to SSCBC on no-fee basis (a director and major shareholder of IAM is a Club Member).

A term sheet detailing the terms of proposed bond offering is included in the redevelopment section of our website.

In short:

- Minimum of Initial Subscription of \$25,000, with denomination of \$1,000.
- Interest: 1.5% margin above the 6 month BBSW rate, payable 1/2 yearly as a floating rate.
- Maximum total issue amount \$3,500,000
- Maturity date 5 years after Issue Date

For more information please contact Shaun Chalmers on the details below.

#### MEMBER DETAILS

| Name          | or contact us at the office and    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Membership No | *Tax deductible donations <u>m</u> |
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| Email         |                                    |

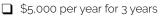
For information in respect to the Member Bonds please contact SSCBC Treasurer Shaun Chalmers (shaungchalmers@gmail.com) or mobile 0425 833 338. All other information please contact the Club at fundraising@sscbc.com.au or 5984 8200.

#### **TAX DEDUCTIBLE PLEDGE / DONATION**

Members who make a tax deductible pledge or donation, via Australian Sports Foundation, through this campaign (over \$1,000), as well as those who have previously donated, may be recognised (with permission) on a board that will be displayed prominently in our new facility.

#### Please indicate your pledge / donation below\*:

- \$1,000 per year for 3 years
- \$2,000 per year for 3 years



Other amount: .....

#### One off donation:

I would like my gift to benefit the SSCBC Clubhouse Extension Project & I understand that my donation is made unconditionally to the Australian Sports Foundation. By making this donation, I accept the Australian Sports Foundation's Privacy Policy & Terms & Conditions.

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With the Clubhouse Redevelopment well underway and the 75th anniversary of the commencement of Sorrento Sailing Club coming up next year, we thought it was timely to look back at where the Club has come from and its journey to 2022. Many SSCBC members will be very familiar with the Club's long and proud history, passionately documented in Briefing at the Coloured Wall by the late David Haskins. Below are the memories of Sorrento local, Janet Douglas, granddaughter of Sorrento Sailing Club's Commodore in 1949/50, Mr Clifford Douglas. Janet contacted the Club recently, offering to provide copies of some old photographs and memorabilia of the Club from the early days. So please enjoy the following recount from Janet Douglas.

The formation of the Sorrento Sailing Club in 1948 was the inspiration of E.A. Tally Erlandsen, a local identity, fisherman, and leading citizen of the area. He was concerned about the potential for antisocial behaviour among the local youth, as is often the case with inactivity and aimlessness. After witnessing some local lads pottering around in small dinghies, he thought they should be more organised. Gaining support for the formation of a sailing club from a number of other locals, the first meeting was held at Tally's home on 19 November 1948 with the first race being held 8 days later on Saturday 27 November 1948.

Seven boats competed in the first race; anything with a sail on it was accepted and included boats ranging in size from 9' to 16', some without centreboards or modified rowboats with homemade sails. Later on, one of the slower boats increased its downwind performance by the crew holding a beach umbrella as a makeshift spinnaker. Races started at Erlandsen's Jetty (the current carpark of the Sorrento Foreshore Camping Ground). The sailors were mostly local lads, including Pat Hutchins, Noel Dalgleish,



Easter Sunday picnic to Portsea in Lilian H. Mick Hutchins Shark

Mile Sherlock, John Phillingham, Marshall Baillieu, Albert Riley and Mr Hollingshead.

By the end of the first season, the club register included Jubilees, Cadets and Douglas Dinghies, VJs and Swordfish. Nine months from the formation of the club, membership had grown to 102 comprising 61 local residents and 41 from Melbourne.

The 2nd sailing season, 1949/50, my grandfather Cliff Douglas became Commodore, having recently relocated to Sorrento from Brighton. He was an experienced sailor, competing in races at Brighton and Albert Park from the early 1920s. Leon Riley was Vice Commodore, Tally Erlandsen Rear Commodore, Mrs Connie Douglas Secretary and Mick Hutchins, Treasurer. Mick was a



First race Nov. 27 1948 7 entries. Winner Ta-Haa





Easter Sunday picnic to Portsea in Lilian H. Mick Hutchins Shark

local fisherman, and Hutchins Jetty remains today at Cameron's Bight. His shark boat *Lillian H* was often used for Opening Day events as the flagship and for transporting spectators for the Easter end of season picnic to Portsea.

Following with Tally's initial idea of providing activities for locals, and encouraging a growing club atmosphere, rowing races were instigated for women at the end of the season and regular dances were held throughout the year to raise money for the club as well as providing regular entertainment.

In September 1949, the club leased Coopers Hall, on the corner of the Nepean Highway opposite the Koonya Hotel. They renamed the premises *The Quarter Deck* which became the club base for the next 10 years, holding regular social activities whilst raising funds to build a permanent home on the foreshore.

Because the club did not have a

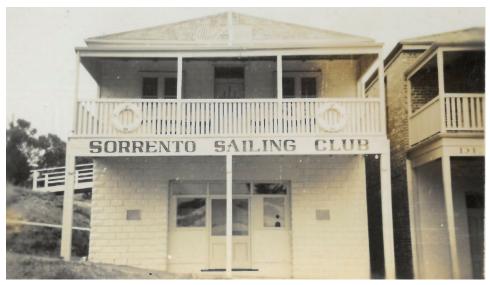
permanent site, the Opening Day ceremonies for the 1949/50/51 seasons were held on the Sorrento Pier. The Victorian Irish Pipe Band preceded official speeches. Dignitaries then boarded the *Lillian H* flagship to watch the sail past of 17 yachts (10 from Sorrento and seven visiting yachts from Swan Bay Yacht Club), then followed the race so the officials could enjoy the spectacle which ended with a drifter. Post-race, skippers, crews and guests adjourned to *The Quarter Deck* for afternoon tea and presentation of trophies.

To conclude the Opening Day festivities, a dance was held later that evening at *The Quarter Deck* with about 200 members and friends attending.

Within two years, membership had grown to 232 and 43 yachts on the register.

By 1950, a small shed had been erected on the current site, where Watson's fishing hut had fallen into disrepair. Over the next few years, the shed was extended through the hard work of the members, volunteering their time and materials, officially opening the first clubhouse in November 1952. The winter of 1953 saw more effort go into upgrading the facilities, planting lawn and building toilet and shower facilities.

As the site on which the club stands was increasingly being used extensively by its members, the



Clubhouse 1948





Opening day Nov. 25, 1950. Hon. Sec Mrs C Douglas, Shire President Cr Jarman, Commodore Cliff Douglas

original building then grew to house a galley, with a second storey being added to incorporate a control box and administration area.

Racing started through a permanent line in front of the club, commencing by the firing of a staters rifle from the control box. Similarly, the finishing line was also between two markers in front of the club and times recorded by officials in the box. As the club grew it was guite a spectacle from shore to witness boats jostling for a good start.

In the 1953/54 season a Moth sailing with two onboard, lost its mast and drifted into the channel. Another member, Don Clark sighted the incident using the club's telescope, he jumped into his Sharpie sailing out to the channel to tow them in, rather unsuccessfully as the wind was diminishing. Tally Erlandsen then went to their rescue in his motorised boat, bringing them back to shore. This highlighted the need for a designated club rescue boat, and in October 1956 the club purchased its first rescue boat, Volunteer. She was painted in the club colours of yellow and blue in



Opening day 1950 Victorian Irish Pipe Band. 22 entries, jubilees, sharpies, cadets, VJs, moths. Winner N. Freeman (Douglas Dinghy)

diagonal stripes.

By the end of the 1954/55 season, membership had extended to 277, consisting 199 seniors and 78 juniors. For a small town (around 1500 permanent residents), the growth was phenomenal.

Contrary to popular belief that sailing was an elitist sport, sailing at Sorrento was enjoyed by persons from all walks of life, tradesmen, business executives, male, female, young or old, experienced or not, all enjoying the pursuit of sailing and camaraderie.

For the next 50 years, sailing at Sorrento was predominantly off the beach boats, ranging from Northbridge Juniors, which replaced Sabots as they did not fill with water if capsized, Gwen 12s, Moths, Sharpies, Mirrors, 125s, Deltas, Lasers, Sabres, Arafura Cadets, Quickcats, Paper Tigers, Tornados, Jubilees and Trailer Sailors to name a few. The beach and hard standing in front of the clubhouse were adorned with a multitude of coloured sails and enthusiastic activity every weekend throughout the sailing season.

Sorrento Sailing **Club Opening** 

Under perfect conditions for yachting, the Sorrento Sailing Club season was opened on Saturday by the Flinders Shire President (Cr. E. Rundle), in the presence of a large crowd lining the sheltered beach at the clubhouse.

The ceremony was per-formed in brilliant sunshine to the accompaniment of musical strains by the Aus-tralian Regular Army Ap-prentices' Band from Bal-combe. In declaring the season open, Cr. Rundle paid a varm tribute to the club's rowth, within a few years, from a small band of sail-ing enthusiasts to a very popular club in yachting circles, providing facilities for a healthy sport, as well as a training field for naval personnel of the future.

haval personner of the future. The sail past the flagship presented an exhilarating picture of kaleidoscopic grace and speed, as about 50 craft, led by past-com-modore Cliff Douglas in his Jubilee, moved along in the sparkling sunlight. The salute was taken aboard the flagship by Commodore Erlandsen, following which

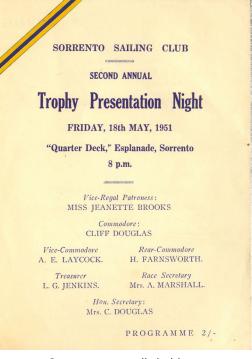
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the official party came ashore to witness a mass start by all craft in the afternoon's racing.

ashore to witness a mass start by all craft in the afternoon's racing. After skippers skilfully manoeuvred into position the lead was taken by Zephyr, with Graham Douglas at the tiller. He was hard pressed by Mar-shall's Cheetah, the Tor-nado, skippered by J. Kee-ley, and closely followed by Hipcat, Dauntless, Buccan-eer and other A class boats. Rounding the turn at the first buoy the field spread out slightly, and the B and C class craft were fighting hard for leadership. David Kentish, in his Moth, was foremost in the group for a considerable distance, but was outclassed in the beat home by more experienced seamanship of skipper Go-lightly, sailing Sue (of the Swan Bay Club) to take up the lead and be first over the line. B class was won by Mus-tang also of Swan Bay Club, skippered by M. McDonald. The A class craft, taking a longer course, were round-ing the last buoy when the B and C class race finished, and Cheetah raced away to finish in grand style, with Zephyr second, after a close tussle with Hepcat. A social gathering at the "Quarterdeck" on Sorrento's

Zephyr second, after a close tussie with Hepcat. A social gathering at the "Quarterdeck" on Sorrento's Esplanade, at which tro-phies were handed to the winners by Cr. Dark, fol-lowed the serving of after-noon tea. The youthful band, after only six months' training under the baton of Morn-ington bandmaster, Mr. A. L. Jones, gave a creditable performance. The players were in charge of Captain Lazenby, and other visitors from Balcombe were Col. and Mrs. Oldfield. Donations to the patrol boat fund during the after-noon amounted to  $\pounds 6/6/$ -. The programme for next Saturday will be a class ag-gregate race, and indica-tions are that Mortlock en-thriling finishes, following opening day's performance by Cheetah.



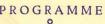


Racing was usually held on Saturdays, but the more enthusiastic of sailors would gather on Sunday mornings and organise a more casual sail, such as a sail to the South Channel Fort, Mud Island or to the Cattle Jetty at Portsea. For safety, Jubilees with outboards

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| "A" Group — "HEPCAT" (J. Phillingham)  |
| "B" Group — "SPLINTER" (Ray Marshall)  |
| "C" Group — "THE GNAT" (Hugh Simpson)  |

and/or speed boats would accompany the smaller boats on these longer sails.

The Quarter Deck continued to be used for social gatherings, fundraising, meetings and trophy presentations, but as memberships



Member K. C. C. Davey SORRENTO CHALLENGE CUP Replica—"ESTRELLITA" (G. Leggo, Royal Y.C. of Vic.) 2nd — "HUIA" (J. Pritchard, Royal Brighton Y.C.) 3rd—"WORANE" (Com. R. Farrow, Royal Brighton Y.C.) A.N.A. DAY TROPHIES "A" Group— Simpson Trophy — "MANANA" (J. Cameron) 2nd — "QUICKSURE" (G. White) 3rd — "HEPCAT" (J. Phillingham) "B" Group—

Triton Trophy — "GULL" (L. Riley) 2nd — "SKATE" (Commodore C. Douglas) 3rd — "SPLINTER" (Ray Marshall)

"C" Group— Maugan Trophy — "SNOWGOOSE" (M. Sherlock) 2nd — "WREN" (J. Paxton) 3rd — "IMP" (Ricky Laycock) Easter Cup — "QUICKSURE" (G. White)

GENERAL TROPHIES 23 Trophies won by "A," "B" and "C" Group Competitors over the Season will also be presented.

continued to grow throughout the 50s, so too did the demand for a better clubhouse. A leading Melbourne architect, Richard Meldrum of Meldrum & Noad, was engaged to present proposed plans to the committee in September 1957 for the larger club building.

As with all building projects, costs blew out from £5,000 to £8,000 within 12 months. A concerted effort for more fundraising ensued. By March 1959, the club had raised enough money to commence building, and as was usual, the members volunteered much labour from digging, pouring concrete, laying bricks, rendering and laying floors. Tools, materials and plant equipment were either donated or supplied at little cost.

Richard Meldrum felt that the club should be easily identifiable from the water, so he designed the coloured wall. It was decided to use reject coloured tiles obtained from the Wunderlich tile factory, however the



Geoff Douglas, early 1940s, would sail from Mornington or Melbourne and camp on the beach east of Baillieu's jetty

SORRENTO SAILING COUTA BOAT CLUB





rejects soon ran out. It is said Col Davey continued to collect perfectly good tiles, the warehouse manager being under the impression it was authorised and the club managed to receive enough tiles to complete the wall.

The Sorrento Sailing Club's feature coloured wall became a distinctive landmark, having the desired effect of being easily identifiable from

out to sea. The new clubhouse with sail deck and lounge was officially opened on 13 December 1959.

In the early 70s, the Sorrento Sailing Club membership had grown to 900 with 133 boats competing on one day of Easter 1972. Competitive sailing continued to grow through the 1970s and 80s until the early 90s when membership started to decline due to the recession and

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downturn in the economy.

Towards the end of the 90s, the Couta Boat Club was gaining momentum and like the Sorrento Sailing Club in the early days, wished to have a permanent base; so began the memorandum of understanding and then full amalgamation with SSC in 1997, increasing membership once again and building a new clubhouse to suit the requirements of a growing Club once more.

#### Janet Douglas



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## THE SAILING CENTRE **REPORT**



I would like to start off this article with a thank you to the parents who supported the Sailing Centre over the season. Like

every industry, this summer our Sailing Centre had some hurdles with COVID and I appreciate everyone's patience in testing times, navigating through unchartered waters. I would especially like to thank the families who supported us by giving us RAPID tests which gave us the confidence to keep the Sailing Centre open.

The Sailing Centre had many changes this season, one being the brand-new sailing shed. All Off The Beach (OTB) sailing is now directed to one point at the Club. When the new clubhouse is complete, our sailors will be spoilt with a larger Sailing Centre and a more purpose-built Lacco Room, which will make it a lot easier to manage rainy days.

Another big change this season was the influx of 11 Assistant Instructors and another six Instructors to our Sailing Centre team. This is all part of the Club's Sailing strategy and we aim to continue to this cycle for future years.

All of our new Assistants completed their Australian Sailing training course with super training instructor Jack Lloyd, who has so much experience to pass on. From here, our Assistants received further boat handling training from Jack Lewis and then they worked with our Head Instructors (Madie Gray, Sunday Gibson and Maddie Collett) on their induction day to prepare them for the summer. Two of our newest recruits were our Junior Club Captains, Ella Kelley and Will Sankey. Both Ella and Will are examples of our juniors transitioning into youth classes. Ella went down the more popular Laser pathway which is starting to gain a bit of traction at the Club. Will picked the

29er and it's fair to say Will has fallen head over heels for the 29er (see picture).

Team Sorrento is all of our OTB sailing that isn't Learn to Sail. Our junior Team Sorrento sailors and parents had a cracking season in both on water results and also Club culture. One of the best examples of this was the parents' race during the Buxton Cup. Mums and dads all in the water, capsizing one another and laughing all the way through it. Building on this, throughout the season it was amazing to see families socialising together and in particular, looking out for each other's kids at events.

The sailors at these events had a fantastic season on the water which was led by Jack Lewis. This season, Jack worked as the Team Sorrento Head Coach and also as the VIODA State coach. Throughout the season, Jack would usually work on Saturdays with the State Team and Sundays with Team Sorrento. This has led to much of the





State Team joining our Team Sorrento and achieving the all-important critical mass which makes training that bit more effective.

Our sailors travelled to several events this season: The 2021 Summer Optimist Regatta Sydney, 2022 Musto Australian Optimist Championships, Buxton Cup, Schnapper Point Regatta, Sail Sandy and Victorian Optimist State Titles.

The biggest regatta of all of these was the Optimist National Championships which was the selection regatta for the Worlds, Asians and European Championships. Prior to last year, only one Victorian had ever won the National Championships and that was SSCBC's Jack Graves, which was over 10 years ago. Last year, Aidan Simmons won it to break the drought and this year, he became the first person to ever win the Championship back-to-back! Aidan will now compete with the best at the World Championships, which will be held in Turkey in June 2022.



Mums, Christine & Genna enjoying the parents' race.

The other Team Sorrento sailors who were selected to represent Australia include Callum Simmons, Dmitry Sorokin and Jorja Mahoney, who will all be travelling to Denmark in July. Henri Levenspiel will be travelling to take part in the Optimist Asian Championships with myself as the Team Coach. On the Australian Optimist Development Squad, Augustus Buividas, Miles Levenspiel and Lottie Griffith will also get their chance to compete in New Caledonia, with Jack Lewis as the Coach.

In our Laser fleet, our lead competitor was Riley Cantwell, who won the Schnapper Point Laser 4.7 regatta and was second at the Victorian Youth Championships and Sail Sandy. Riley has qualified to travel to compete at the Laser World Titles in Portugal in August.

Another class which is emerging is the wing foil which is going from strength to strength with well over 20 SSCBC members owning foils. This seems be very popular with Next Gen Sailors and SSCBC is working on ways to safely support the growth of this class. Jack Lewis and I completed the first Foil Lab Australian Sailing course which teaches the first steps to wing foiling. We are excited to be bringing this class to SSCBC and finding ways to include more members. On the more advanced



L to R Miles Levenspiel (AUS 1859) Dmitry Sorokin (AUS 1877) Henri Levenspiel (AUS 1860) at the Optimist Nationals

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#### Next Gen training at SYC

side of foiling, this season saw the first Australian National Titles being held in the class and it was won by Next Gen Chair, Jack Abbott.

Jack Abbott really is a Jack Of All Trades. He was also part of the team that won the first leg of the National Sailing League held in November. Many of our Next Gen sailors were active on the water throughout the season, across a variety of boats and disciplines of sailing. It was great to see the start-up of regular female match race training on OTB boats over the summer months. Once the summer passed, a strong group of 16 Next Gen sailors trained in Sandringham, to help determine who is going to represent the Club and country at the Global Team Race Regatta at New York Yacht Club later this year.

The team selected is:

#### Boat 1

Skipper / Opposite Pair: Jack Abbott Main / Kite: George Aulich Deck / Tactics: Jack Felsenthal Bow / Strategy: Grace Cockman

#### Boat 2

Skipper / Opposite Pair: Tom Trotman Main / Kite: Tom Klemens Deck / Tactics: James McLennan Bow / Strategy: Sunday Gibson

This event is key to our sailing strategy as it aims to keep our Next Gen sailors actively sailing in a format of racing that plays to SSCBC's strengths, with an aim for these sailors to continue on sailing into Couta Boats. Our Team Sorrento sailors that are travelling to New York have been training across multiple disciplines to get them in ship shape for when they hit the water at Newport Harbour. We are looking forward to keeping SSCBC members informed of their progress.

Over the winter months, we look forward to continuing our Opti training, in partnership with VIODA, at Albert Sailing Club. Enjoy the winter months and we look forward to seeing you back at SSCBC ready for summer 2022-23!

#### David White



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### JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAINS' REPORT



This summer I had the opportunity to work at SSCBC as an assistant instructor. It was an amazing experience and I was able to learn a lot and give back to the club. I got to meet and connect with many different people on a daily basis. Through this opportunity I developed my communication and problem solving skills, and despite my job being lower level, I was able to gain a new understanding of the planning and effort required to have a successful training program. Getting to interact with young participants everyday was also a very unique experience for me.

The kids were all so engaged and interested in willingly contributing in all the activities we facilitated. It was really refreshing to be able to forget about all the crazy things going on in the world, and to just sit at the beach and talk about Barbie Dreamhouses and Transformers. Sorrento is a great place to be and being able to work with my friends doing something I love is really special. Being out in the sun on the beach everyday can be quite draining, but it's such a rewarding experience with so many enjoyable aspects. I'd way rather be hanging out at SSCBC than working in a crowded retail shop!

I learnt a lot over summer, and I was able to experience a greater variety of the many courses available for members at SSCBC. The training program at Sorrento has really flourished over the past few years, and it was great to be a part of it. Being able to see all the coaches sharing their passion for sailing and problem solving when any challenges arose was amazing. I will be able to take all the skills I developed and knowledge I've gained into many different aspects of my life, including further coaching. Overall, it was a great way to spend my summer and has left me eager for more!

#### Ella Kelley

Junior Club Captain 21/2022



Having endured two years of disrupted sailing, the prospect of a full sailing season was very exciting. Despite various challenges hitting the club hard in January, coaching led by Dave White and Jack Lewis continued mostly unaffected with some help from committed parents. The investment in training was reflected in the Club's representation at the Opti States in March in which SSCBC fielded the largest team of sailors and also in the many achievements by our Club across many regattas throughout

the season. Many past Opti sailors have graduated out of the class and are now sailing larger boats with the Club now being home to many other classes including Lasers, 29ers, Quests, Wingfoils and more. The progression into these boat classes provides a stepping stone towards a lifetime of sailing and potential ability to sail at State, National and Olympic level, as demonstrated by our SSCBC 2021 Olympic sailors.

I really enjoyed being part of the SSCBC instructor crew and relished helping kids try out sailing for the first time as well as assisting younger children to make the leap into green fleet - just how I was helped to make that transition years ago. The coaching crew have a great camaraderie and many of us have been friends for years, thanks to a common bond of summer sailing at Sorrento. The true spirit of this wonderful club was shown through the difficulties and challenges COVID presented. When a number of instructors were unable to coach, many parents were quick to jump in, offering boats, support and time to ensure Team Sorrento coaching continued on.

With the new sailing shed, a redeveloped clubhouse on the way and one of the strongest off the beach sailing teams seen at Sorrento, we look forward to future sailing seasons of advancing our sailing skills, competing at regattas and most importantly, having fun on the water with friends at the best beach in the world!

#### Will Sankey

Junior Club Captain 21/2022



Since commencing the redevelopment at the beginning of March, we thought it timely to update you on some of the specific features members will enjoy with the new building.

#### Security

The Infrastructure Committee is aware that access to the Clubhouse and surrounding areas by nonmembers is of key concern. Over the last two summers, security guards have been used with some success, although further improvement is needed. There will be security gates located at the bottom of the northern stairs, western deck stairs and the stairs leading up to reception from the coloured wall, accessible only by tapping your existing SSCBC membership card. The western lawn area will be roped off with a security guard checking memberships and signing guests in during peak times. Access to the downstairs change rooms/toilets and lockers will also be restricted to members and guests, requiring tapping your membership card to access. A boom gate will limit access at the top of the ramp.

#### **Reception Experience**

There will be a beautiful Sorrento limestone reception desk with two reception staff ready to welcome members and guests. You will be able to see out to the water and hardstand below. There will be a purpose-built area for signing in, browsing club merchandise and collecting race information.

#### Main Dining Room

There will be a glass balustrade and bi-folding glass windows in your main dining room, allowing for uninterrupted 180-degree views of Port Phillip. Other improvements include padded dining chairs,



acoustic engineering initiatives, modern toilet amenities and central air conditioning and heating. Our food and beverage team will have access to a more extensive waiter and dedicated host station. All of the audio visual and lighting will be controlled with an iPad.

#### Members' Bar

It has always been the intention of the Infrastructure Committee to recognise the Club's history by maintaining the presentation of the historical artefacts in the members' bar. Trophies, half wooden boat models, past Commodore photos and visiting club burgees will be carefully curated, preserved and displayed in the members' bar with new cabinetry, specialised lighting and plaques. There will be some high table seating, a big screen TV and an open fire.

#### Northern Deck

The northern deck will increase in size by around 30%. The northern deck bar will be wider by two metres allowing for more efficient service.

There will be a built-in chilled water station to the east of the northern deck bar. Covering the deck will be a state-of-the-art louvre system that is sun and wet weatherproof. The louvre blades rotate 180 degrees from closed to fully open in a vertical position. The existing umbrellas will remain around the perimeter of the triangular shaped deck.

#### Western Deck

The western deck will have the ability to be a fully enclosed, airconditioned and heated space that can be booked for private functions, seating up to 70 people. Alternatively, it can become part of the main dining room using a sliding bifold door. There is a new western deck bar, and the majority of the roof will include operable louvres giving the ability to use the room as an outdoor and indoor space when required. This is the most significant additional amenity the redevelopment is delivering.

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#### Sailing Centre

The sail training room will remain in its existing location in the northeast corner of the Clubhouse. We will accommodate more sailors, which will significantly assist our sail training courses over the busy summer period and our schools programs as part of our community engagement. We will have more teaching aids, such as built-in TVs and cupboard whiteboards. This space will be hugely beneficial when we host regattas, such as the Waszp Worlds in 2023.

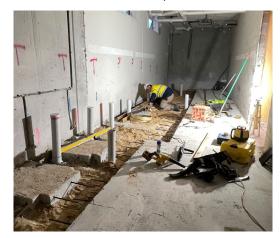
In addition, our sailing instructors will have a private room for briefings where there will be workstations, a kitchenette, drying cupboard and storage pigeon holes.

#### Lacco Room

The Lacco Room will be larger and regular in shape with the ability to partition into two rooms. The Lacco Room, while primarily for sailing events, will be used for members' events such as the kids' disco night. This space can also be used as a regatta office or volunteer room when required.

#### Storage

The new sailing storage shed was constructed last winter, housing the markers, life jackets, sails and





sailing equipment. The hardstand is now dedicated to boats 365 days a year. A hydrofoil storage shed is also being considered at the rear of the hardstand. The members' lockers downstairs will remain.

#### Lift access

The DDA ramp will provide access from the carpark level to the reception area. A lift will provide access from level 1 to ground level.

#### Interior Design

Commemorating the heritage of the Couta Boat and Off The Beach sailing, the Infrastructure Committee has engaged Sardine Design to implement a heritage interpretation scheme, showcasing the Couta Boat and Sorrento Sailing Club history through photos and text, which will be incorporated into the Clubhouse interiors and surrounds. To help Sardine get their minds around the heritage of the Couta Boats and the Sailing Club, a workshop was held in February this year with longstanding sailing members and those with a deep knowledge of the Club's history to collate historical, anecdotal, technical and social facts.

The ensuing design pays homage to the Club's memorabilia, trophies, honour boards, burgees and Commodore photos, and they will be beautifully displayed in

the new Clubhouse.

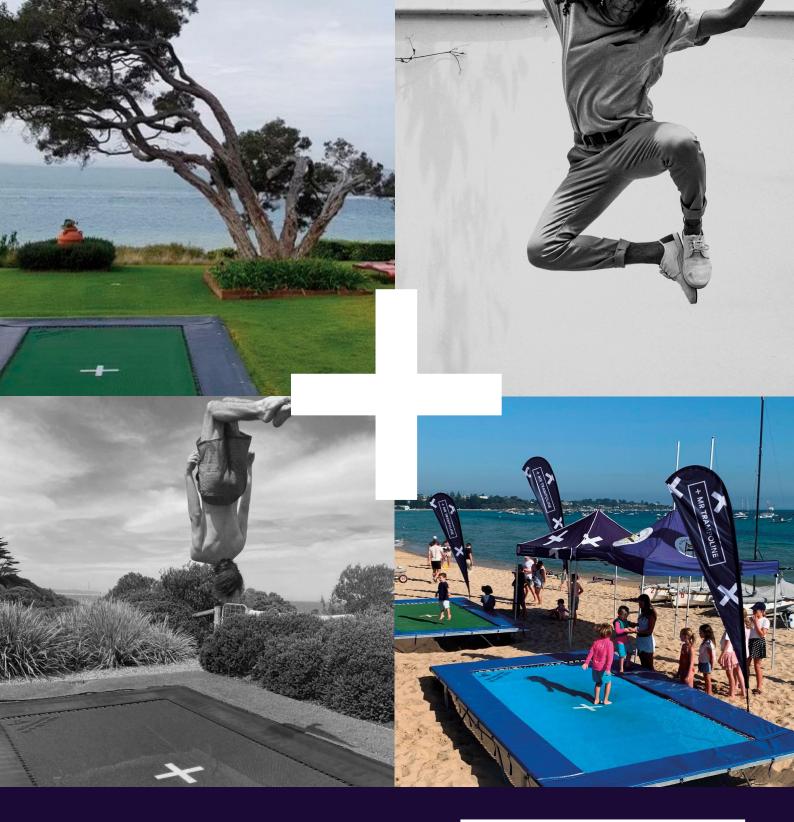
#### Back of house upgrades

As our membership has grown, so has the size of our managerial team. The design incorporates larger offices for sailing, senior management, accounts, and catering. There will be dedicated areas for casual staff to use and get ready for their shifts.

Our main bar increases substantially with larger work stations, overhead storage, taller counter fridges and additional beer taps. A new permanent, fully equipped western deck bar with a coffee machine will also be a feature. The main kitchen receives a significant upgrade by installing the latest cooking equipment and additional space. Downstairs we have combined The Galley, Couta's and a prep kitchen to create one large food production area. This kitchen will service the western lawn, special events/regattas and upstairs food prep for summer. There will also be a bar and a coffee station in this downstairs area.

We look forward to keeping you up to date on progress through the second half of this year. If you have any queries, please get in touch with Henry Dyer: henry@sscbc.com.au

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### 2022 Wooden Boatshop Portsea Cup

The Portsea Cup was finally sailed on Saturday April 9th, three months after the scheduled date.

*Margarita* C97 got a clear boat end start and tacked to go right while *Mystify* C888 came from the pin. It was one of those torturous decisions to choose between line favoured and course favoured.

The pressure fluctuated as did the direction, initially going more south part way up the beat.

The pressure dropped as boats battled the increasing tide. It was still sailable but the fleet's ability to complete the course was at risk and that risk only looked like it would increase. *Volunteer* was already up the top of the course so Div 2 was shortened – their second time up the top while Div 1 was shortened for the third time.

As the boats headed home, that sailable breeze vanished.

At the presentation at the CBA Summer Picnic at Quarantine Station, James Mighell explained and acknowledged how hard it can be for the Race Committee when making decisions based on the conditions at the time when they conflict with the models, and thanked the team of Peter Osbourne, Ben Fels and all of the volunteers. It was a truly remarkable race that was probably the best that was at all possible on the day.

In Div 1, *Margarita* C97's strategy was rewarded taking first place in the Portsea Cup with *Mystify* C888 in second and *Georgia* C2015 in third. *Jocelyn* C2014 took Line Honours.

Aliscia C33 had also gone right early and won Div 2 handicap and Line Honours with Joan C99 in second and Tarni C93 in third.

It was a really epic battle for Div 2, with just 20 seconds separating second to fifth place.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Quarantine Picnic - what a perfect day! And thank you to Hollie Hick for her wonderful event management.

A special thanks to The Wooden Boatshop for stepping in to sponsor this hallmark event.



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### A touch of classic...

There's something resplendent about Sayonara



The fact is there is something very resplendent about *Sayonara*, a 57 foot Topsail Gaff Cutter that was built in 1897 and has sailed the waters of both Port Phillip and Sydney Harbour for over 100 years. And so when an opportunity comes your way to crew on her, you know it will be a pinnacle experience in your sailing ventures.

In the Classic Yacht Association Australia (CYAA) Regatta held in February 2022 out of Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Williamstown (postponed in 2021), the crew of *Lucy* C31 Colin Arcaro, Michael Golding, and Tricia O'Brien were on board *Sayonara*, at the invitation of the CYAA Handicapper Peter Costolloe and the hospitality of the *Sayonara* syndicate headed by Doug Shields. The experience was especially significant for Michael whose son David Golding was the lead shipwright who restored her over four years, some 20 years ago.

For readers who are not familiar with this beautiful yacht, in contrast to the dimensions of a Couta Boat, Sayonara is distinctive in her massive sail area which includes a main, staysail, jib, flying jib and topsail. To hoist a sail requires some muscle power for two to haul the halyard and one to coil, but it was all to clockwork in the light wind conditions on this particular day when all hands on deck moved in synchronised style to manoeuvre this graceful vessel slowly through a tack. With a beam of just 10 foot 6 inches, which is not much wider than a Couta Boat, and with a mast that measures almost 50 foot and is supported by multiple stays too numerous to count, Sayonara's fine lines add untold elegance to her appearance.



Sayonara has a rich heritage. Her documented history can be found at https:// www.classic-yacht.asn.au/boat-register/ sayonara/

It was from the deck of *Sayonara* that the *Lucy* crew had a bird's eye view of the Classic Yacht fleet competing in the final two races of the regatta.

#### There's something timeless about a Classic Yacht

There is something timeless about observing a fanfare of 20 or more wooden Classic Yachts etching their passage on the course, having done so time and time again in these familiar waters. Built in a past era and sailed in present time, their aesthetic appeal in design and build will continue to hold their own against the radical evolution that is occurring in yacht design today.

#### Acrospire 111

Who could miss the other topsail gaff cutter cutting a smooth passage through the water? The 1923 Charlie Peel design *Acrospire* 111 glided past in the light wind conditions almost stealthily as she positioned herself on course. Just shy of the length of *Sayonara, Acrospire* 111 displayed a similar grace and style in her manoeuvres. With veteran Classic yacht sailor Col Anderson at the helm, *Acrospire* 111 made the most of the light conditions to take out the Division 1 top placing in the series.

The outstanding competitors in the regatta were the classic sloops *Boambillee* and *Mercedes 111*, with both claiming a podium finish in Division 1. So what is their pedigree?

#### Mercedes 111

The 40 foot *Mercedes 111* was built fit for purpose and launched in 1966 to represent Australia in the Admirals Cup. Designed by Ted Kaufman and Bob Miller later known as Ben Lexcen (*Australia 11*), she won the series in 1967 and returned to defend the trophy in 1969, finishing 2nd. Since then she has competed in multiple ocean races. Current custodian of *Mercedes 111* and CYAA President Martin Ryan brought her to Port Phillip waters in 1986, where she is campaigned regularly in the Classic Yacht races and regattas.

Mercedes 111's documented history can be found at https://www.classic-yacht.asn.au/ boat-register/mercedes-iii/

#### Boambillee

The other outstanding performer in the regatta was the elegant 36 foot *Boambillee*. Like *Mercedes 111, Boambillee* has her own established pedigree. Built in 1968 from a design created by American naval architects Sparkman and Stephens, this one-tonner design was created specifically for ocean racing.

Over the years, *Boambillee* has been campaigned in various ocean races, including numerous Melbourne to Hobart races via Tasmania's infamous west coast - a test of the endurance of any yacht. Today, she is actively campaigned by current custodian George Fisscher in the Classic Yacht races on Port Phillip, performing best in light wind conditions.

#### **Classic Yachts and Couta Boats**

So why is this article, with its focus on the Classic Yacht Regatta, featured in a magazine





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whose readers are more in tune with Couta Boats than Classic yachts?

Let's be clear from the outset; a gaffrigged, open cockpit Couta Boat is not a Classic yacht!

While a Couta Boat's heritage, proudly, is the Queenscliff fisherman's working boat, a Classic yacht's heritage is its classic design that nominally pre-dates 1960, and built principally for the pleasure of sailing and leisure. And although a working man's boat and a gentleman's yacht sound like they are worlds apart, it is not so! The common feature is they are constructed from quality timber, adroitly worked by skilled boatbuilders to reflect the distinctive features of their design.

#### The CYAA Cup Regattas - a brief revisit

Today, the common ground between Classic Yachts and Couta Boats in Victoria is competitive sailing. As many readers are aware, this was played out on Port Phillip for some 10 or so years when Couta Boats congregated with the Classics at the top end of the bay to test their optimal performance in the Cup Regatta. So how did it all come about? And why did the interest and participation of Couta Boats in the Cup Regatta wane in more recent years? As I was not involved in the early events, I have relied on the voice of some of the participants and the fine reporting of the Cup Regattas in the CYAA Archived Magazines listed on the CYAA website.

Prominent CYAA member Mark Chew explains that the initial 2006 gathering of Classic yachts and Couta Boats evolved from a need to provide some publicity for the Melbourne stopover of the 2005-2006 Volvo Ocean Race. A photo of SSCBC sailors posing on *Camilla Rose* C1992 indicates the popularity of this event. Reports say that there were up to 50 Couta Boats moored at Docklands, with the dual attraction of participating in the regatta and in the Opening Ceremony of the Commonwealth Games.

SSCBC sailor Bernie O'Hanlon tells that it was exciting to sail beyond Sorrento waters to the top end of the bay, to race with the fine-looking Classics and then to anchor in Hobsons Bay to view at close hand the spectacle of the high performing Volvo ocean racers competing. Of course, there was always plenty of revelling in between, but Bernie assures me that some truly eventful racing did occur, given the format of five races for the four divisions.

For champion Couta Boat sailor Peter Gale, the event was an opportunity to test the form of Vivienne (now Romy C2003) against the Classics. Built just a few years earlier, Peter tells that Vivienne outperformed the Classics upwind to the windward mark, but

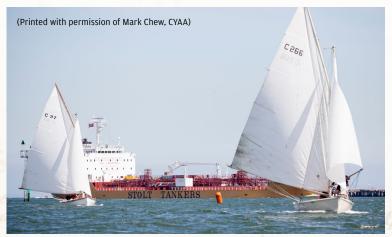


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once the Classics raised their spinnakers, I had a foreboding sense that it was 'all over.' What became apparent for Peter was that over two broad reaches, the Classics were always a few knots faster.

Such was the success of the 2006 'one-off' event that in 2007 a fixture was formalised for the return of the Couta Boats to the CYAA Cup Regatta in November. And many did return. *Scoundrel* C119 was the standout boat, resulting in a ticket for custodian Hayden Warszewski to the Lindauer Regatta in Auckland. How a Couta Boat can expand one's horizons! Equally successful, but with fewer Couta Boats in attendance, was the CYAA 2008 Cup Regatta. *Lincoln Rose* C73 and *Lisa* C71 were declared the top competitors in Division 1.

Competition ramped up in 2009 at the Queenscliff Maritime Regatta when the visiting classic sloops *Mercedes* 111 and *Boambillee* met their match. In waters with a fast-flowing tide they were outclassed by *Romy* C2003 (the former *Vivienne*), which won Line Honours. Following the race, in a conversation over the bar the genesis of a pre-regatta Guineas Cup for the CYAA Cup Regatta in the following November 2009 took shape.

The Guineas Cup became a three race nonhandicap event, with a format based on two Classic CYAA boats racing two CBA Couta Boats over three windward/leeward races. In the inaugural race, *Nepean* and *Romy* were the top performing Couta Boats pitted against the Classics *Mercedes III* and *Boambillee*. George Fisscher reports that former America's Cup skipper John Savage helmed *Boambillee* to victory, but the event was a level playing field as all the competing boats appeared to be stacked with expert sailors.

Over the following few years the Couta Boats continued to participate, Boat participants who supported the Cup Regatta for almost 10 years, a commitment to an event at the top end of the bay each year was perhaps beset with too many difficulties, namely: breakages, adverse weather conditions, availability of time and of berths. And for the event organisers, the task of attracting the top performing boats and setting handicaps for a fair race was no doubt challenging. In the words of one of *Georgia's* crew John McNamara, *The spirit of competition certainly was alive and well but other factors got in the way*.

Perhaps there might be some resurgence



with *Lincoln Rose*, C97 and *Gemfish* listed in reports as the top performing Couta Boats. But the fleet grew smaller in numbers. And for two consecutive years the race was abandoned, due to foul weather.

Fast forward now to 2015 when the newly built *Georgia* C2015 made her inaugural appearance. Commissioned by Jeffrey Richardson who had consistently supported the Cup Regatta when campaigning C97, *Georgia* and *Lincoln Rose* competed in the invitational race against *Mercedes* 111 and *Pastime* 11. Having just returned from *Georgia's* inaugural sail in the CBA Nationals on Pittwater, Jeffrey and his crew managed to make it to the top end of the bay, in the dead of night, for the Cup Regatta. But for *Georgia*, the 2015 regatta was jinxed; she hit a fixed mark and broke the top of her mast in a race on the Sunday.

For Jeffrey Richardson and other Couta

amongst our fraternity to relive the adventure of the past events. And that for one weekend in the sailing season, we might leave the Sorrento waters and join our Classic yacht friends in sailing at the top end of the bay.

In conclusion, if this article sparks some conversation among the Couta Boat fraternity, then it will have achieved its aim. If it evokes some particular memories that have long remained dormant, then spill them - let them flow into maritime folklore.

If you have some particular memories about your experiences in the CYAA Cup Regattas, we would love to hear them; they are part of the collective history of Couta Boats. Why not forward a few anecdotes and photos to cba@coutaboat.com.au and they will be uploaded on the CBA website.

Tricia O'Brien







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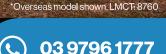
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### New custodian for the Leeuwin What a story...!

Initially named *Susan*, Couta Boat C134 was built for David and Sue Hopkins at The Wooden Boatshop in 2003 as a Division 1 Couta Boat sailed out of SSCBC. She gave *Hoppo* much enjoyment including racing and participating in the 2006 Commonwealth Games on the Yarra.

In 2006, she was passed onto the *Leeuwin* syndicate who have campaigned her successfully for 15 years.

She has recently changed hands once again. Believe it or not, to a Queenscliff family, the Hoppens, and the owner's nickname is Hop!

Hop's father, Ray and Grandfather, Keith, both fished out of Couta Boats.

And great grandfather's cousin, Harry, was pretty sharp in the Ranger class in Sydney and that was way back, showcasing the Victorian fishermen's sailing prowess back in the day.

Hop says *Leeuwin* is a gem.

And from boat builder Tim Phillips... well, I'm so glad you got her.

Wow, a Hoppen back in a Couta is good. And that's a truly great Couta story!



### **The Coastal Living State Couta Boat Championship**

Just like the Portsea Cup, the States didn't quite go as planned. Four races over two weekends - simple.

It was nothing but, with the series beginning on March 26th and ending on April 23 rd.

Nepean won the first heat by 40 seconds from Romy, but had a shocker in heat two. In fact, none of the first heat placegetters figured in the results for heat two which was taken out by Jennifer, 14 seconds ahead of Kate. Matilda took out heat three and the new syndicate sailing Bella fittingly won heat four which was a great thrill for those on board.

*Nepean* managed to hold off *Matilda* to take out the Titles for the second year running. Well done to Grant and his crew.

For Line Honours, the *Jocelyn* again proved how quick she is, scoring three bullets and a 5th for the regatta. In Division 2, after two heats, again there were six placegetters, so it was wide open going into the last two races. So, in four races there were four different winners, just showing how competitive the racing is.

In the end, it was *Kitty Miller* who proved to be the most consistent, beating *Blondie* by two points and *Joan* by three points

*Morning Star* took out the Div 2 Line Honours trophy.



#### >>> OPTIMIST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS BY JACK LEWIS

Travelling interstate to a new yacht club is daunting for many, especially our youngest Optimist sailors, yet when they arrived at the Georges River 16' Sailing Club Sydney in early January for the 2022 Musto Australian Optimist Championships, they were met with a tsunami warning cancelling the first day of racing! However, the young crew from Sorrento were unphased and on the second day they began realising that the tidal and close to shore nature of the course, was very similar to their home club at Sorrento. Although this realisation took a few races to come to fruition, our newest members to the club, Callum and Aidan Simmons, were quick to make strides to the front, with many placings in the top three on the first day.

Yet the action wasn't just on in the Open fleet. Tate Cantwell in his first Nationals, was really impressive with a 3rd and 4th in Intermediate fleet, on a course that was difficult to pick. It was a tough regatta for many Sorrento and Victorian sailors in general, as our preparation, through no fault of our own, was only a mere six sessions, compared to the other states that were able to train yearround, with many opportunities to attend local regattas. However, this did not bother twins Henri and Miles Levenspiel, who after contemplating the mistakes of the first day of racing and gaining a bit of confidence, made their way forward in the fleet, figuring out the tricky conditions, with results in and around the top 10.

Day 3 proved to be the best day for all of our sailors. One of our newest members, Augustus Buividas, showed us that he was one of the best at being able to pick his way back to the middle of the course, as getting stuck on the outside with the running tide proved to be detrimental to our approach to the top mark. It was also possibly the windiest day of the whole regatta, however remarkedly, our smallest member in Open fleet, produced her best results. Holly Cantwell



Aidan Simmons (AUS 1870) carried after winning

placed around 15 places better than the previous day - a pretty amazing achievement as the Race Committee was debating whether to even race due to the tough conditions. As well as this, Maya Cantwell (no relation) had her best results. But on the final day, Maya's sister Lily Cantwell came into her own, in tricky swell conditions with a placing of 5th in the Intermediate fleet.

This theme of improvement carried through the whole of the squad as everyone continued to improve as the regatta went on. The experience and maturity of our sailors shone through, as many others began to drop off after the long days of









Henri and Miles Training February 2022

competition. Yet one shone above them all, being Aidan Simmons, who won the regatta with a day to spare, with a scorecard of all firsts bar one race. He is the first Victorian to win back-to-back Nationals and one of two, who have ever done so. As well as this achievement, Aidan is also joining his brother Callum Simmons and Henri Levenspiel in the Australian Optimist Sailing Team (AOST), each having the opportunity to travel overseas and race at respective International Championships. Also, Henri's brother Miles Levenspiel, Lottie Griffith and teammate Augustus Biuvudas have qualified for the Australian Optimist Development Squad with potential opportunities to race overseas and train with their peers in the AOST.

It was great to see Sorrento so well represented in all fleets at what was a very difficult regatta to commit to with Victoria coming out of lockdown only two months prior. Congratulations to all on smashing their goals at these Nationals and it was amazing to have the support of the club, the sailors and their families at this regatta. Good luck to all at their overseas regattas and looking forward to training again on home waters.



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The results were: Open 1st Aidan Simmons 6th Callum Simmons 7th Dmitry Sorokin 9th Henri Levenspiel 12th Jorja Mahoney 24th Augustus Buividas 25th Miles Levenspiel 47th Maya Cantwell 59th Holly Cantwell

#### Intermediate

16th Tate Cantwell 19th Lily Cantwell

#### Jack Lewis



Training in 30 Knots at SSCBC. Jack and Henri 5 January 2022



Jorja Lottie and Miles at VOST Camp November 2021



The Cantwells at Nationals







The past three years have seen significant growth in young member participation at the club. The one-off Next Gen Day has grown into a series of offerings for young members at the club, all orientated around participation. There is not only growing young member involvement at the club, but more specifically the significant increase in young member participation within the Couta Boat Class. The establishment and support of the Next Gen Committee has channelled young member interest into club activities and in its short time, the committee has proven key to the growth of Next Gen. Personally, I wish to thank all members of the Next Gen Committee.

We started the season off with the December Twilight Off The Beach races, seeing our more eager sailors get the first taste of the summer season on Friday nights. A great array of classes hit the water for some light hearted racing and the opportunity to socialise afterwards. The January Couta Boat calendar has been reinvented with the carsales Friday night twilight racing Next Gen take over! Encouraging all to come down and jump on a Couta Boat proved successful once again. Although the strong easterlies challenged the calendar, we still managed to successfully race on several occasions.

The Acacia Energy Next Gen Day as the most notable event was, for the second year in a row, impacted by weather - this year not enough wind! To prove how light hearted and fun the day is, all Couta Boats still hit the water to get some racing away. Marginal wind but plenty of swimming and sun made for a great race (see photo). The presentations on the deck after racing were spectacular and the first time a dance floor has been established on the deck, everyone was truly having fun. Thank you to Acacia Energy for supporting us.

The social sailing events established into the season are exciting and



L to R: Two guests, Steph Gray (holding pennant), Alex Clark, Tom Trotman, Allie McLennan and Big Rig Jimmy McLennan.



Jack Lloyd, head over heels for Acacia Energy Next Gen Day.

a great way to engage young members as noted above! However, a major achievement of this season is the highest level of young member participation in Couta Boat sailing for some significant time. James McLennan has established himself as a key member of the Nepean crew, Sunday Gibson and her team on the undefeated Jessamine, the Llewelyns being regular crew on Bella, Tom Philips with his new purchase of the Swan. Only to name a few! There are plenty more great examples of young members jumping on Couta Boats. Should there be any sailors, skippers and owners who wish to be put in contact, please reach out to the club and we can pair up and assist in building those relationships.

Over the winter we will see SSCBC's New York teams racing side head over to Rhode Island. The team selected has been training intensely over the past three months to build the team's capability. All updates will be issued via teamsorrento.com.au for those who wish to follow the team.

A major thanks to the club, members, owners and the Next Gen for your ongoing support.

#### Jack Abbott



At SSCBC we are blessed with a strong and committed team of volunteers to assist the Club in just about every element of operations. Most weekends you will see our volunteers, distinctive in their Volunteer shirts and hats, on and off the water, in the tower and around the beach. They are our Couta Boat and Off The Beach (OTB) Race Committees, they are our Tower Communications, they are our Regatta registration office, car park attendants and technical support. Simply put, we couldn't run our sailing operations without our volunteers.

To support our Race Committee volunteers we have a variety of training opportunities and pathways, offering everything from how to drive a Rhib, operate a radio, start and finish a race, record results, umpire and become an accredited Race Officer. This year, John Philpot has completed his qualifications as a State Race Officer, and is on his way to a National qualification – congratulations John!

What you don't see are the many late night or early morning back room meetings when our Committees often meet. Shedding a light on these quiet achievers, it is worth calling out those who selflessly give up their time to ensure events run smoothly.

- Our Sailing Committee, led by Club Captain Tim Collett, meet monthly to determine the entire annual calendar of sailing – Couta Boats, OTB and Regattas. Supporting Tim are Nick Sankey, Drew Marget, Andrew Skinner, James Mighell, Sally Law, Scott Llewelyn, Tom Trotman, Rhys Tucker, Peter Osbourne, and myself.
- Our Handicap Committee sit behind the scenes to determine the

intricacies of the handicap system for the Aggregate season. Drew Marget, Andrew Skinner, Tim Collett, Michael Cantwell, Sally Law and Fred Allen are the brains behind the numbers!

- The She Sails Taskforce focusses on identifying and removing obstacles for increased female participation in sailing. Among many other initiatives, this year our She Sails Taskforce volunteers put in hours of work behind the staging of the annual Pommery Lady Skippers Race. Our She Sails Taskforce is led by Sally Law, and comprises Maddie Collett, Kate Hannah, Emma Phillips, Grace Cockman, Susannah Cantwell, Zoe McKenzie, Trudi Cunningham and myself.
- OTB parents this amazing group of individuals spend many hours helping run OTB sailing events, supporting not only their own children, but often carrying more of the load so all can participate. Bret and Michelle Levenspiel, Michael and Susannah Cantwell, David Beck and Maree Deeth (as well as many others) give up hours of their time to the club.
- Next Gen Committee was busy building and running a season full of activities for our younger sailors. Led by Jack Abbott, the Next Gen Committee comprises George Aulich, Tess Lloyd, Madie Gray, Will Phillips, Tom Klemens, Charlie Dixon, Hamish Hurley and Grace Cockman.
- The Protest Committee are often asked to drop what they are doing to adjudicate on a protest after a race. Most commonly, it is Harry Mighell, Peter Hannah, Jack Lewis and John Philpot who give up their time for protests.



- Our Technical Committee, comprising Bill Davis and Drew Marget, sort out some of the trickier interpretations of the rules of sailing.
- Community Engagement Subcommittee - With a focus on how our club can support our local community in a deeper and more meaningful way, I join the subcommittee of Zoe McKenzie, Jennifer Trethewey, Phil Haas and Rob Beck to ensure SSCBC is not only a great neighbour on the Southern Peninsula, but finds ways to improve the lives of the less fortunate members of our community.
- Infrastructure Subcommittee In the past few years, this group, who is normally tasked with keeping an eye on our infrastructure assets, has really put in the long hours to work with architects and builders to plan, design and now oversee our Clubhouse Redevelopment. Rollo Wright leads the committee made up of Richard Hurley, Bruce Griffiths, Jonathan Long and Scott Llewelyn.
- And of course there is our General Committee led by Commodore Georgie Silverwood, comprising Scott Llewelyn, Mark Klemens, Tim Collett, Shaun Chalmers, Nikki Schwarz, Rollo Wright, Howard Critchley, Adam Richards, Richard Martin and myself.

It is staggering to see just how many individuals are involved in ensuring our SSCBC remains the best Sailing Club in Australia. Thank you to all mentioned, and to the many others who freely give up their time. If you would like to get more involved in volunteering at our Club, drop me an email on volunteers@sscbc.com.au.

#### Deb Kwasnicki



Members will be familiar with our Community Engagement Program, but here is a brief update on what we have been up to over recent months.

#### **Rosebud Secondary College**

Each year a class of approximately 20 students from Rosebud Secondary College undertake a Marine Rescue Course in Powerboat Handling and Marine Safety, with the support of SSCBC staff, resources, Club members, volunteers and facility usage.

This involves 11 x 2 hour sessions where students are taught both theory and on-water rules, regulations and boat handling. The culmination of this course is the passing of the licensing requirements to obtain a Recreational Boat Licence. When the weather was unsuitable for on water activities this year, our staff took the students through some safety aspects on land, such as when and how to use an anchor.

SSCBC is extremely proud of the employment positions held by some of the Rosebud Secondary College students who started with us as trainees and in collaboration with Hart Marine, have progressed into full time employment or further education in the field. Our Maintenance Manager, Kiean Wicks, is a fine example of this.

#### **Balcombe Grammar**

Each year, Balcombe Grammar's Year 4 students attend the Portsea Camp. On their final day the students join us at SSCBC for an experience to visit the seals and dolphins. SSCBC also provides the students, teachers and volunteer members with a BBQ lunch on the

lawn when they return from the water. Through SSCBC's strong affiliation with the Friends of Collins Settlement, Club volunteers guide the students through the settlement, providing them with an understanding of the local history.

#### Melbourne Indigenous Transition School

SSCBC takes areat pleasure in hosting a group of approximately 40 students from the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS) each year for an on water experience, some of whom have never been on a boat before. We have been participating in this program since 2017 and think our staff get just as much out of it as the students from MITS!

Every family wants the very best education for their children. For some Indigenous families in remote and regional communities, this means moving away from home to school in a big city. However, for Indigenous students moving from remote or regional communities to big city schools, making that step can be hugely difficult. MITS seeks to empower Indigenous students to make this step.

SSCBC was thrilled to be able to assist with giving the MITS students a spectacular day on the water.

Visiting Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club has very quickly become a valued and highly anticipated activity early in the school year for our new students and our graduate students.

For some of our students, it's the first time that they will have been on the water in a sailing boat. For others – like our Tiwi Islands students – the sea and boating are very familiar, and provide a great

connection between home and Melbourne. For all, the day is a very special opportunity to build closer relationships with each other and with our Melbourne community vital to their continued success and happiness in Melbourne.

We are immensely grateful to the Members of SSCBC for their support of MITS and our students, and are excited for another year on the water. Edward Tudor, Executive Director, Melbourne Indigenous Transition School.

And another word of thanks from MITS: The students had SO much fun, your team there always do such a fantastic job of welcoming them. A special thanks to Flynn, Seth and Jackson who were amazing with the SUPs too. We can't wait for next year! Many thanks. Paul Barcham Development Manager, Melbourne Indigenous Transition School.

#### Sorrento Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School

For many years SSCBC has worked with Sorrento Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School, to provide a beach day experience for the Grade 5 and 6 students. The children experience both on and off water activities and have the opportunity to participate in a sailing lesson and enjoy a boat trip to visit the seals and dolphins. SSCBC provides a BBQ lunch and volunteers from the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club provide nipper activities and oversee water safety. Sorrento Primary School is also provided with the opportunity utilise the Club for their Grade 5/6 triathlon event.

Following the Clubhouse Redevelopment, SSCBC will be able to extend this schools program to



more students and will also be able to improve the teaching aids used during the off water activities.

#### Victorian Institute of Sport High Performance Program

The Club has become a training base for young aspiring sailors via the Victorian Institute of Sport High Performance Program. Athletes from around Victoria have participated in these elite training camps at SSCBC, incorporating racing on our Couta Boats.

The VIS Cup was hosted at SSCBC where juniors were linked with the top sailors in Victoria.

We very much hope some of our young and aspiring juniors will be able to join this VIS group of athletes down the track.

#### She Sails Initiative

Yachting Victoria introduced Women and Girls in Sailing many years ago as part of the VicHealth initiative to attract more females to the sport of sailing. Two enthusiastic SSCBC Members introduced this program to the Club, which has now grown to a point where the Club has created a She Sails Taskforce. SSCBC has an inclusive club policy that embraces diversity and gender equality and was one of the first Victorian clubs in the 1970s to combine male and female memberships into one equal category. And it is now among the leading inclusive clubs in Australia; promoting real inclusive participation, both in day-to-day club life and with specific programs to increase female participation.

The She Sails initiatives not only introduce females to sailing and perhaps exposure to a new physical activity, they provide a social setting for our female members and guests to get active and involved in onwater and off-water activities. The increased participation in this year's Pommery Lady Skippers Race is a telling sign that our Taskforce is succeeding!

#### Mornington Peninsula Foundation

The Club's support of the amazing work carried out by the Mornington Peninsula Foundation is covered in



Rosebud Secondary College Students

the following pages. We are thrilled to be able to support their inspiring literacy program. As Mornington Peninsula Foundation's CEO, Stephanie Exton, succinctly said: If you can't say it, you can't read it. If you can't read it, you can't write it. And if you are not reading by the end of year 2, you are highly likely to miss your place on the education bus. Read about their No Limits initiative and contact Stephanie if you would like to be more involved.

#### Hollie Hick



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Thank you to the SSCBC members and guests who bought tickets to the Ladies Lunch in January 2022, (which was unfortunately cancelled) who allowed us to donate their ticket price to the inspirational Mornington Peninsula Foundation (MPF). A donation of \$7,843.72 was made to MPF to support their inspiring literacy programs in schools on the Peninsula, called No Limits.

Read below for information about this amazing work and the difference MPF is making to children's literacy and their subsequent life opportunities as a result, from MPF CEO, Stephanie Exton.

#### No Limits to Learning for children on the Peninsula.

If you can't say it, you can't read it. If you can't read it, you can't write it.

And if you are not reading by the end of year 2, you are highly likely to miss your place on the education bus.

And when you get to secondary school, where content is king, you may as well be a blind person watching a silent movie. Why would you stay?

On the Mornington Peninsula, beneath the beautiful vistas, the winding roads to sumptuous vineyard restaurants and the sunrise and sunset beach walks, there are pockets of systemic intergenerational disadvantage that are some of the highest in the state.

While disadvantage is highly complex with multiple intersecting factors, a key component is always low educational attainment and corresponding low opportunities for work.

Since 2017, the Mornington Peninsula Foundation has been working with people on the Peninsula to understand these systemic settings and potential solutions from the bottom up.

We allow people closest to the issues to have a voice, time and resources to explore the ideas they believe can overcome barriers to change. These resources are provided by our philanthropic partners, individuals, trusts, foundations and businesses, who understand that long-term problems need new ideas, and new ideas need risk capital. Some will work, some won't, but unless we do something different, we will continue to get the same suboptimal results.

One of the biggest ideas to come out of this work is No Limits.

No Limits is an initiative developed by a small group of primary school principals and kindergarten partners on the Peninsula, all of whom saw children arrive in kinder and to prep with extremely low levels of oral language.

Speaking and listening skills are taken for granted by most people. Don't we all just learn to talk?

Not so. Our work has shown that around 90% of children in local communities require oral language intervention when they start school, compared to about 10% in the general population, and around 70% of young people starting secondary school are not at expected literacy levels, many being below level four. In some settings, these skills are so low that some children are non verbal, and others have such limited vocabulary and

experience of conversation that they are completely unable to express themselves verbally or to understand what was being said to them.

In these circumstances engagement in learning is virtually impossible. Students are expected to read words without knowing how to say them, and these impossible demands create shame and frustration. leading to further barriers to participation, and starting a vicious cycle of disengagement which can last a lifetime.

In 2018, MPF, along with a number of other donors, supported the introduction of the Abecedarian Program at Seawinds Community Hub in Capel Sound, spearheaded by Principal of the adjacent Eastbourne Primary School, Stephen Wilkinson. The Abecedarian is a program which includes high dosage, focused language interactions, enabling children to learn more about themselves, other people, and world around them.

Simultaneously, MPF supported a speech and oral language program at Crib Point Primary School in response to concerns of Principal, Tina Coumbe, regarding the oral language levels of children enrolling in her school. In this program, a speech pathologist would visit the school one day per fortnight, screening every child, then implementing an intervention program in response to the identified needs.

Program data showed a sea of red turn to a sea of green by the end of the year, with nearly all children reaching the expected level in oral language, and the school knew it was on to something.

These two inspirational Principals



got together with a small group of equally dynamic and committed primary school principals and kinder colleagues, to brainstorm ideas in response to concerns they all shared regarding oral language, facilitated by MPF.

On this day, at a café in Rosebud, No Limits was born.

Since then, as one parent recently said, it has become the bedrock of change in these communities.

Just over \$1M was needed to fund the program in the original schools for three years. An incredible response from a group of donors including individuals, trusts and foundations allowed this outstanding team of educators to embark on this ambitious program.

The MPF approach is to use philanthropic support as seed funding for sustainable, systemic change. In this case, we are moving towards a systemic change in how schools and kinders teach oral language and literacy. In 2022, having survived the ravages of remote learning and thanks to further funding, including from the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club, No Limits is in its fourth year and now operates in seven Peninsula primary schools and kinders. Over this time, No Limits has developed from a privatelyfunded intervention provided by an external service, towards a standard practice embedded in the fabric and structure of each school and kinder.

No Limits has provided schools and kinders with the training and resources to incorporate oral language instruction into the curriculum and use a methodology in teaching literacy that enables all children to get on the reading bus, rather than being left behind, forever.

Our extensive data is showing impressive results. At one of our most marginalised schools, we have seen the percentage of children in the top band for year 3 NAPLAN reading change from 0% in 2019

to 43% in 2021. Another of our schools recently featured in the top 50 most improved schools in the state with respect to NAPLAN scores.

MPF's overarching ambition is to empower local communities to grow their own solutions to the issues they face. While macro systemic settings play a major role, there are changes that can be made in local systems that are within the reach of local people when they are listened to and supported.

While children need literally to be heard, there are so many other communities on the Peninsula that have been systemically marginalised. MPF is proving that when they are understood and given access to opportunities and resources, they can create, own and sustain their own solutions.

#### Stephanie Exton

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## GETTING TO KNOW **NEW STAFF**



Introducing **Julia Mackinnon** – Sailing Administration

Where did you grow up and where do you live now? I am originally from Frankfurt in Germany. I moved to Australia in January this year with my husband, Nick, who is Australian and my son, Theo, who is 15 months old. My husband comes from the Mornington Peninsula and his parents still live in Main Ridge where we spend most of our weekends.

During the week we live in Kew, enjoying the combination of city and country life.

#### Do you have a Sailing

**background?** I started sailing in an Opti when I was 7 years old and have been a member of both the Frankfurt Yachtclub e.V. and Deutscher Hochseesportverband HANSA e.V. since then. I was a sailing instructor for more than 10 years at Frankfurt Yachtclub and also Youth Captain and part of the general committee for two years. After the Opti I sailed 420 and Laser and skippered on a couple of cruises in Europe. Why SSCBC? In Germany I studied Chinese Language and Business Administration and Economics and worked for a Chinese Start-Up for a couple of years.

When we decided to move to Australia, I wanted to try out something new and looked into turning my passion into a career by pursuing a position at a sailing club.

SSCBC particularly drew my interest firstly because it is placed in such outstanding scenery and secondly because it has a very active racing and coaching environment. The Couta Boats are very intriguing and definitely make the club stand-out!

If you could live anywhere other than the Mornington Peninsula / Melbourne, where would it

**be?** Of course, I love Frankfurt and could always imagine living there again. At the same time, I lived in Beijing for about a year and really liked the clash of traditional Chinese culture and heritage and the modern fast paced hyper-digitalized environment, so I could also imagine going back to China one day.

Worst habit? Haribo addiction.

**Greatest fear?** Finding a huge spider under the sun visor.

**Biggest regret so far?** Having tried Vegemite!

What are you most looking forward to for season 2022-23 at SSCBC? I am looking

forward to being of help when it comes to administrative tasks and optimizations. It will be great to get even more involved in both the preparation but also the execution of Couta Boat racing next season. I also took over a Stripy Squad course in April and I am looking forward to continuing that during the school holidays to come.



Introducing **Karen Harvey** – Accounts and Membership

Tell us a bit about yourself.... family, where do you live, background etc.... I have lived in Sorrento for over 25 years, have a beautiful family and partner Neil. My background has been real estate and hospitality.

My current goal is to ride in Around the Bay in a Day...well maybe half of it!

Why SSCBC? Great people, Great club, great location

Sailing background? Hobson Bay Yacht Club, as a young adult competed in twilight racing and club championship events

Worst habit? Tuning out when my partner starts to talk about the Hawthorn Football Club.

**Greatest fear?** Telling everybody what my greatest fear is!

**Biggest regret so far?** Selling my beloved 4x4.

#### If you could live anywhere other than the Mornington Peninsula / Melbourne, where would it be?

As an avid watcher of House Hunters International, I'm still seeking for that perfect location (the Mornington Peninsula is hard to beat!)

What are you most looking forward to for season 2022-23 at SSCBC? Meeting the members in the stunning new Clubhouse.

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#### >>> EAT / WALK / SWIM / REPEAT - BERNARD MCCARTHY, HEAD CHEF



Based on a loose plan to drive only 4-5 hrs per stint, with two 50th birthdays enroute, our four week east coast road trip took us to

Noosa and back in April this year.

We started heading east to Lakes Entrance...

A beer at the Metung Pub and a nice sourdough pizza at The Local starts us off.

A morning walk on the boardwalk is a must, and if swimming to the island, watch out for the strong currents.

A fresh fish and prawn purchase straight off the boat on the wharf and a community sausage gets us on the way to Pambula. A sleepy seaside village, Pambula has many treats, including the freshest Sydney rock oyster farms. Stay at Currajong Retreat, inland, for an amazing glamping experience overlooking the river, on a working goat farm. Eat freshly shucked oysters, prawn rolls and tuna salad at Merimbula Gourmet Oysters. BYO bubbles if you're keen. Snack at Wild Rye Bakery for great produce.

Swim at the back beach for calmer waters.

Walk the front beach at sunrise.

One of the nicest Australian drives is through Tarthra and the Sapphire Coast.

A stop at Bermagui blue pool for an ocean pool dip is a must. Keep an eye out for my dropped silver ring! Snack at Honorbread Bakery for the best pies and escargots.

Three crime podcast episodes later sees us at Bannisters Pavilion, Mollymook. A lazy cocktail on the roof deck bar at sunset, great eggplant chips. Dinner inhouse is relaxed, nice modern bistro food. Eat at Bannisters By The Sea for a finer affair, but watch for its trading days. Both Rick Stein DNA spaces.

Swim straight out from the surf club for sheltered waters and friendly locals.

Next stop, that little town called Sydney.

Barrenjoey House in Palm Beach is a must. Cosy rooms, friendly staff and great food on offer in the welldressed dining room (see photo). 4-5pm \$10 margies and ½ price oysters, make for a very happy hour indeed. Note to Skipper!

Walks in Palm Beach include the 600 steps (!) to the lighthouse, or through the rain forest to the bible garden can both get your heart rate up.

The picture-perfect seaside stroll of Bondi to Coogee is an Aussie favourite.

Swimming options are endless.

Eating – pre book favourites like Icebergs – best view in Australia. Mr Wong - crayfish dumplings - xo clams, 10 William St – for fresh pasta, Seans Bondi – 29 years of yum! Ester, Firedoor etc and the new Shell House for a bit of Sydney glam.

We head off and pass *The Big* Banana on the way to southwest rocks. A summer fav I'm sure.

We eat at the pub, for a classic rugby town feel. Order a good steak



Barrenjoey House dining room

and cold beer! Avoid the wine list!

Walk and swim the beautiful sweeping beach, keep an eye out for dolphins on parade.

Just 15 minutes from Byron Bay sees us at *Halcyon House* at the gorgeous Cabarita Beach.

Great accommodation, amazing food at the inhouse Paper Daisy Restaurant, and chilled pool side offering makes for a ripper hospitality. Throw in a 50th, lots of French bubbles and great friends - a must return is on the cards. Watch out, or judge your mates on the free fully stocked mini bar.

Walk up the cliff top for good views.

Swim the front beach for a classic Aussie shoreline dumper.

A quick trip north sees us at Brisvegas, or *The Calile Hotel*. A newish modern hotel with interesting designs features.





#### Breakfast kataifi at Hellenika

Eat at the inhouse *Hellenika Restaurant*, seriously one of Australia's best Greek offering. Choice of one of the whole fish dishes is a must. Breakfast is also great, but remember to book! Note, avoid Sundays when the Insta crowd swarm.

Swim with your finest sunnies in the restaurant side pool!

Walk to the bridge at night, enjoy one of the many bars and restaurants with great city views that lay on the wharf underneath.

A quick drive and we are at our most northern destination, Noosa, for our second 50th. A SSCBC favourite destination has plenty on offer. Pre book a must.

Good eating includes spicey Bang Bang, tasty Locale - bug pasta a must. Bistro C for a late lunch. Try Someyoungguys or Spirit House for more spice in your life!

Walk and swim the front beach at sunrise is a standard Noosa affair.

A cheeky arvo beer at the surf club, while partners wander the main strip.

Heading south with lots of road works we finely make Byron Bay,

once a sleepy village, now a destination for all generations, lovers of blues fest, fashion, Insta famous, white linen and movie stars! We love it for its great food and beach culture.

A stay at Rae's for Georgie's birthday is a super treat. Amazing friendly service, quirky rooms and great dining at the inhouse restaurant. I suggest a la carte over the degustation.

Other favourite eats in town include the new Hut, Belongil Beach Italian owned by the Iceberg crew. Light Years is tasty, and Topshop or Bay Tree for breakfast are also good.

Out of town head to *Harvest* at Newrybar, *Fleet* at Brunswick Heads, *Pipit* in Pottsville, *Doma* in Federal, Ciao, *Mate!* in Bangalow for Matt Stone cooking.

Swim at Belongil for quieter waters.

Walk up and down the lighthouse track for an early morning heart starter.

#### Wear white linen!

Heading through very sad high water damaged paddocks we make Lake Cathie, a 10 minute Port Macquarie sleeper, mostly closed to visiting heaven gates population. A good spot to recharge, read and beach walk.

In Port Macquarie, eat at the ripper Stunned Mullet! Best worst named fine diner in Australia! Or as the locals call it, the Stunned Wallet!

Walk the coastal track for epic scenery, or on the beach in Lake Cathie for rock collecting.

Swim at Nobby or Shelly Beach.

Another visit to Sydney for a trade fair sees us come in contact with a nasty friend called COVID.



Bug pasta at Rae's

Sorry Dan, I did test negative. Note, *QT Bondi* is still a great location and value.

And can't resist the National Gallery NSW and the Museum of Contemporary Art – both free.

We break up our speedy trip home down the Hume with a Canberra side hustle.

A visit to the Portrait Gallery a must do to top up the culture bag.

Stay at the very comfortable and well- priced *Realm Hotel*, with its many and varied dining options. Don't worry if tall men in glasses stare - Fed Police are keeping our visiting diplomats safe.

Eat also at Rebel Rebel for extra tasty modern plates and a great wine list.

Walk the lake, especially in Autumn for great vistas.

Swim the hotel pool for laps - pre book a must.

Note - Jugiong is a great little side trip, with interesting hospo options and the *Benella Regional Gallery* is a great stopover for refuel, with good coffee.

Home is a welcome arrival. So many fond memories and inspiration for the SSCBC dining rooms.

Side note- a car fridge is an advantage, especially for road side seafood purchases, breakfast yoghurt and the like.

Keep an eye on the red lines on maps to avoid lengthy delays due to road works and fatal accidents.

Looking forward to creating some interesting menus for the new clubhouse! Stay tuned...



Despite the effects of COVID, we were thrilled to welcome many new sponsors to the Club this year:

- Jellis Craig Sorrento
- The Continental Sorrento
- Berwick Motor Group
- carsales
- CUB
- Mr Trampoline
- Acacia Energy

Sadly, we said farewell to the following sponsors, some of whom have been supporting the Club for decades:

- RT Edgar Warwick Anderson and Holly Longmuir
- GANT Michael Mansour and Anna Mansour
- Mercedes-Benz Mornington
- Chris Thoday
- Gill
- X-Trek Richard Hurley

We would like to thank each and every one of them for their support over the years, in particular Warwick Anderson from RT Edgar, Michael Mansour and Anna Mansour from GANT and Chris Thoday from Mercedes-Benz Mornington. They have been long standing supporters of SSCBC and we would welcome them back to the Club at any time. We'll be sure to keep in touch.

Season 2021-22 again had its COVID challenges, with some last-minute cancellation of events. Thankfully, we were able to enjoy the inaugural Berwick Motor Group National Championships on 28 & 29 December with vehicles on the lawn to peruse and magnums of Yabby Lake wine presented as prizes on Lavender Hill. Berwick Motor Group will also sponsor the 2022 golf day later in the year, so stay tuned for when bookings open and the prizes on offer. Maybe Ken and Nick will provide a Jeep?





We weren't so lucky with the KPMG Couta Boat Classic a few days later on 4 January. Unfortunately, KPMG day was called off the evening before, due to the rising numbers of COVID cases across the Peninsula and the significant risk this presented to guests, sailors, SSCBC Members and staff. Thank you to the skippers who had planned to sail on KPMG day and had made arrangements for their boats to be available. Some crews had already sailed down from other clubs around the Bay to participate, then to be told it was off. Their comments were: No problem. We're all good and fully understand. The transit passages are memorable and fun. We get to return tomorrow with perfect conditions. All about the sailing for us, and good times.



Richard Buxton, Jellis Craig's Andy McCann and Emil Foller presenting Tate Cantwell with 2nd in Intermediate on Australia Day

And another: Thank you. We all understand, we had a lovely but wet trip down this morning and a great sail home on the 'mother ship'. We will come back tomorrow and sail the Coutas home. It is a shame but totally understandable. As event organisers, we were very appreciative of everyone's understanding at short notice. For those who asked about

the KPMG polo shirts, thankfully the team had the foresight to omit the year from the embroidery this year, perhaps with an inkling COVID may interfere with their plans, so the polo shirts were packaged back up to be used next year!

The Wooden Boatshop supported the Portsea Cup and picnic at Quarantine Station this year, as well as the pre Christmas series – thank you. Coastal Living is another of our long-standing sponsors, so make sure you check out their stores in Rosebud and Sorrento – providing





SORRENTO SAILING COUTA BOAT CLUB



exceptional style to the Peninsula.

We welcomed Jellis Craig Sorrento to Australia Day, providing t-shirts and prizes for the junior sailors participating in the Buxton Cup, plus the Couta Boat sailors. Unfortunately, the weather was against us so we were unable to complete the Three Piers Race on Australia Day, even on a second attempt in February.

The Mr Trampoline trampolines on the beach were a hit for the few days around Australia Day and Easter. If you missed them, Adam Richards and his team installed some trampolines on the beach out the front of the Club for Members and guests to enjoy a premium bounce.

Our carsales Twilight series on Fridays was challenged with the weather some weeks, however the carsales Summer Passage race on 15 January was a fantastic day, with prizes and t-shirts provided by our



The Continental Sorrento Cup trophies new sponsor – thank you.

Next Gen was bigger and better than ever, and we welcomed new sponsor Acacia Energy as naming rights sponsor – such a great fit for this event as we celebrate the next generation and living sustainably.

Sanpellegrino supported the Club again this year with samples on the day of the Sanpellegrino Couta Boat Race, as did Pommery for the very popular Pommery Summer Drinks and the lucky Pommery Lady Skippers Couta Boat race winners, including magnums of Pommery Brut Royal and Rose as prizes.

Yabby Lake and Steadfast IBG

Insurance continue to support the Club, as well as Clamms Seafood in the popular Couta's Fish & Chips over summer. We look forward to seeing how Couta's will look once the Clubhouse redevelopment is complete. CUB is also a new official partner of SSCBC, providing beverages and support to the Club as we enter our new and exciting phase.

It is exciting to see the reopening of The Continental Sorrento – returning as an iconic venue and an important part of Sorrento's history. We welcome The Conti Sorrento back as sponsor of the historic Sorrento Cup, who were sponsors





of this race back at the end of the 18th century! We were thrilled to celebrate the Couta Boat season presentation awards dinner at The Conti at the end of April with 120 Members, partners, volunteers and staff enjoying a delicious dinner and night of celebration. We are very excited by the rejuvenation of this partnership, to see how we can collaborate with The Conti and utilise some of their incredible event spaces as part of our calendar of events for Members. When you visit The Conti, keep an eye out for a couple of our staff members who have sought additional employment there while our redevelopment takes place.

Onwards towards season 2022-23. Enjoy your winter activities and we look forward to seeing you back to open the new Clubhouse towards the end of the year.



Scott Llewelyn, Ken Richards & Nick Strauss

Hollie Hick Communications and Sponsorship Manager



National Championships presentations on Lavender Hill

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