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COMMODORE'S REPORT



Welcome to the 2023/24 edition of SSCBC's Tidings Magazine. I am writing this in my third, and final term as Commodore of SSCBC, and it provides me the opportunity to reflect not only on the year just gone, but across my tenure. It is fair to say it has been an interesting ride... from COVID, to the closure of the Clubhouse for the redevelopment until finally a fully functioning Club on and

off the water during the summer just gone. Most importantly though, it has been a privilege to serve this wonderful Club as your Commodore.

We kicked off the season in November with an Opening Day in our new Clubhouse, the first in four years! It felt fantastic to welcome Members and guests back to showcase our amazing new facilities, and to hear from one of our own, Will Baillieu, talking about his experiences growing up sailing on the Peninsula, and then taking it to the world as a member of the America's Cup team for Australia 2.

There was a strong sense of anticipation for the summer ahead. With our facilities fully complete and an amazing calendar of sailing, community and social events scheduled for the summer, excitement was high, and, on reflection, the season certainly delivered.

We kicked things off in early December with the WASZP Games.

Sailors from 11 countries, as well as nine SSCBC sailors competed, with our youth sailors Henri and Miles Levenspiel also participating in some coaching. Whilst the weather was not always kind and the winds were tricky there was a huge sense of pride in once again being able to host world class events at SSCBC. Later in the season we hosted a successful Youth Championships, and it was fantastic to see so many volunteers from our Club get involved on and off the water, providing an incredible experience for all of the sailors involved.

In early January we welcomed KPMG back to the Club for the annual KPMG Couta Boat Classic. KPMG Day remains an iconic event on the calendar, and over 420 people attended the day, sailing on 41 Couta Boats before enjoying incredible hospitality in the Clubhouse. This day is not possible without our Couta Boat owners and sailors being willing to host guests of KPMG on their boats, and I would like to thank the 125 sailors who put their hands up this season, including several Couta Boats from neighbouring clubs.

As always, we ran a full suite of our iconic sailing and social events across the season. carsales Portsea Cup was a long but successful day with the winds not coming in until late in the afternoon, our Acacia Energy Next Gen Day was the largest we have hosted, and Lady Skippers Day supported by Raw Materials, Zhik and Pommery saw over 200 ladies get onboard Couta Boats, many for the first time. Our Pommery Summer Drinks was held in the Clubhouse for the first time and our annual Ladies Lunch raised over \$19,000 for our charity



Gisella C1789 in the Lady Skippers Race



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partner, Mornington Peninsula Foundation.

Supporting all of these events is a large group of loyal and involved organisations, sponsoring various races throughout the Couta Boat and Off The Beach (OTB) season, as well as our Member engagement and social events such as Pommery Summer Drinks. Please see Hollie's Sponsorship Report which includes a handy table listing every one of our partners and their contact details, including name, email and mobile number, should you need to reach out to them.

For yet another year, our OTB sailors equipped themselves incredibly well, both locally, nationally and overseas. One of the wonderful aspects to the OTB Junior Sailing Program is the engagement

of entire SSCBC families, and it was a delight this year to see kids in their dinghies with parents volunteering on the start boat, or out on RHIBs taking photos. As we look to review and enhance our OTB program before next season, our focus will be to build on this momentum, encouraging parents and grandparents to get actively involved in supporting the OTB program.

Before the end of the 2022/23 season, we started the process of developing a new all of Club strategy. Following a period of major change with COVID and the redevelopment, it was important that as a Club we were clear on our culture and our purpose, and that we understood the needs of our Members. Through a series of focus

groups from across the membership base, we identified three core themes;

1. Our core purpose is and always should be sailing
2. Our Club is a place for Members to connect and engage with their friends, family and communities
3. Our Members want to contribute, and that volunteers are the heartbeat of our Club

Announced at the end of June, our Club strategy *Sailing for All, Sailing for Life* ensures that we are focusing on growing and supporting our Couta Boat and OTB fleets whilst continuing to provide outstanding experiences for all of our Members, on and off the water.



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Over the coming weeks and months, you will see a number of initiatives – large and small – that will support our strategy and vision. Some of this has already been kicked off including giving new Members an induction that encourages them to get involved in sailing and volunteering, greater emphasis on sailing stories in our marketing and communications and stronger governance with the formation of our Finance Sub-Committee and Nominations Committee.

Over the winter months, we have also been holding Member engagement events such as the Trivia Night, the Abba Night and Member driven functions such as our 1892 All Comers and Men's Lunches. There is much more to come.

The past three seasons have demonstrated to me the importance of having a strong team around you, and I have been incredibly lucky to work with a highly capable General Committee. I would like to extend my thanks to all of the General Committee and Sub-Committee members I have had the privilege of



working with over the past few years, as well as the management team led by our GM Gavin Wall.

As I look ahead to the next season there is much to be excited about. Our *Sailing for All, Sailing for Life* strategy will continue to be imbedded in the Club, ensuring that our world class facilities provide opportunities for all of our Members to connect socially but most importantly, on the water or in a volunteering capacity with their family and friends.

When I joined the Club nearly 10 years ago, our family had two little kids very keen to learn to sail, and two enthusiastic but non-sailing parents. Getting our children on the water and into the sailing program will mean a life-long love of the sport for them, but for our whole family it has fostered friendships,

given us a community on the peninsula and led to me taking an active role in the Club. I have also enjoyed sailing from time to time in recent seasons (I'm still learning!) but I look forward to continuing to appreciate our heritage Couta Boats and the surroundings we are so fortunate to call our Club. I know that when I hand over the reins to new flag officers in October, the Club will be in very good hands, and I am honoured to have been part of the journey.

Georgie Silverwood

OUR STRATEGY



VISION

We are a passionate sailing club that fosters growth in our heritage Couta Boat fleet, Off The Beach sailing and volunteering at Sorrento

WE ENGAGE ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB ON AND OFF THE WATER...

FAMILIES

FRIENDS

COMMUNITIES

ATTRACTING NEW SSCBC SAILORS

AND

ENGAGING OUR EXISTING SSCBC SAILORS

Entry Programs

Social Initiatives

Sailing Experience

Guidance and Development

Marketing and Visibility

Accessibility

Sailing Community

Sailing Communications

TO FOSTER GROWTH OF OUR SAILING PARTICIPATION BY...

SSCBC VOLUNTEERS

Our Volunteers lead our sailing, social and Member engagement activities, and are valued, celebrated, supported and recognised for giving their time and skills

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Our Club is governed to ensure we sustain our community of passionate sailors and Members

FACILITIES AND STAFF

Our Club facilities and staff connect our community and celebrate our rich sailing history, in and around our lounge and dining rooms

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Our Club is fiscally responsible, making decisions that ensure our financial sustainability and ability to reinvest into sailing and Member engagement

OUR NETWORKS



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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Firstly, I'd like to thank all who have made this season possible; my first as Club Captain. From our wonderful staff, volunteers in the tower, race officers, bosuns, committees and parents, it's been huge year and I'm incredibly grateful for the support we have received along the way.

Pleasingly, our Couta Boat fleet has seen a remarkable resurgence this year, with robust growth across every racing event on our calendar.

Highlights include;

- 2024 carsales Portsea Cup - 45 boats (+25% on last year)
- 2023/2024 TLC Healthcare CBA Nationals - 39 boats (+25%)
- SheSails Lady Skippers Race - 39 boats (+20%)
- Sorrento Cup - 35 boats (+65%)
- Acacia Energy Next Gen - 27 boats (+10%)

Following a series of difficult seasons, marked by COVID-19 and the redevelopment of the clubhouse, this year was an important step towards rebuilding our sailing programs. The increase in numbers on the water and the Club's renewed focus on sailing participation and volunteerism through the recent strategy launch are all pointing towards an exciting season 2024-25.

Our Junior OTB fleet has had a very successful year, with our Optimist sailors celebrating podium finishes at State, National and International level as covered brilliantly in Jack Lewis's Regatta Report in this issue. The Sailing Centre is lucky to be led by David White and his team who are some of the most highly regarded OTB coaches in the world – we are very fortunate to have them. I look forward to seeing what's ahead for some of these talented juniors.

We've placed particular emphasis this year on our growing youth fleet. We've seen more junior sailors transition to youth classes this year which has been incredibly encouraging. With our strong recent history in the skiff classes, we are also very proud to see Henri & Miles Levenspiel and Jorja & Mason Mahoney flying the flag for SSCBC in the 29er class. The season was highlighted by Henri & Miles 2nd place at the 29er Vic State titles and a strong result from both teams at the East Coast Championship held on St Georges River.

See the 2023-24 season's full results on the following page.

Those who were around the Club in November and December were lucky enough to witness the WASZP Games come to Sorrento. This event was a wonderful showcase our Club on the international stage, as well as the strength of our WASZP program, with 9 Members taking to the water to compete. A huge congratulations to all involved, including race management, staff, volunteers, competitors and families!

Our Jubilee fleet has also rallied this year, with participation across many of our Club racing events whilst



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the Club was particularly proud to host the J. A. Linacre Memorial Trophy in February. Congratulations to Michael Cantwell and crew for taking out the win!

Our 2K team racing team won their second Australian National 2K team racing title in Tasmania. Congratulations to Jack Abbott, Tom Trotman, Sunday Gibson, Tom Klemens, Jack Lloyd, Grace Cockman, Michael Fels and Steph Gray.

This year we kicked off a new initiative with the weekly Club Captain's Column in eTidings. I hope you've enjoyed hearing from different areas of our sailing community each week and we hope to continue this program next season. A particular thanks to Emma Phillips who has been editing/organising the column, as well as all who have submitted pieces this season.

Recently, we said farewell to Ben Fels, who finished up a long tenure



Pike C154 Div 2 Aggregate Club Champions



Ripple C27 with Lachie in action

at the Club. Ben has made a huge impact on our sailing programs and we wish him all the best with his new job.

Work is well underway on next year's program which I'm looking forward to sharing with you soon. See you on the water.

Harry Mighell



Henri giving Seb the time of his life



Jessamine C1922 Div 2 Line Honours National Champions

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CLUB RESULTS

OTB RESULTS - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Optimist Green	Opti Inter	Open	ILCA	ILCA 7
1st Charlie McLaren	1st Charlie Kelley	1st Tate Cantwell	1st Aidan Simmons	1st John Riley
2nd George Gardiner	2nd Tom Bonnett	2nd Acklin Stent	2nd Holly Cantwell	
3rd Lucas Mulder	3rd Tyler Deeth	3rd Augustas Buividas	3rd Callum Simmons	

Bill Russell Award - Charlie McLaren
Warwick Vase – International success - Casey Imeneo
Mike Haig - Henri Levenspiel

COUTA BOAT RESULTS

The Wooden Boatshop Series

Div 1 PH 1st: *Ripple* C27 Phil Bainbridge
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Jocelyn* C2014 David Beck
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Joan* C99 Tony Kinsman
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Jessamine* C1922 James Gibson

CBA State Championships

Div 1 PH 1st: *Mystify* C888 Geoff Gadsden
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Wagtail* C86 Nick Williams
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Gisella* C1789 Danny Stutterd
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Aliscia* C33 James Mighell

CBA Nationals

Div 1 PH 1st: *Rip* C06 Will Phillips
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Wagtail* C86 Nick Williams
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Pike* C154 Stephen Davies
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Jessamine* C1922 Sunday Gibson

carsales CBA Portsea Cup

Div 1 PH 1st: *Sandy* C2003 Adam Richards
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Wagtail* C86 Nick Williams
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Star* C64 Alison Mighell
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Jessamine* C1922 JSunday Gibson

Brighton Land Rover:

Div 1 PH 1st: *Sally* C82 Robert Wilson
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Margarita* C97 Harry Mighell
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Pike* C154 Stephen Davies
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Aliscia* C33 James Mighell

Summer Series

Div 1 PH 1st: *Zephyr* C2006 Richard Martin
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Margarita* C97 Tess Lloyd
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Pike* C154 Stephen Davies
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Jessamine* C1922 Sunday Gibson

Acacia Energy Next Gen

Div 1 PH 1st: *Jennifer* C70 Harry Mighell
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Wagtail* C86 Chris Johnson
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Fiona* C81 Maddie Collett
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Gisella* C1789 Peter McCann

Sorrento Cup

Div 1 PH 1st: *Georgia* C2015 Jeffrey Richardson
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Wagtail* C86 Nick Williams
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Blondie* C15 David Birkill
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Jessamine* C1922 Sunday Gibson

Lady Skippers

Div 1 PH 1st: *Nepean* C08 Allie McLennan
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Margarita* C97 Jess Hansen
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Tarni* C93 Kate Hannah
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Jessamine* C1922 Sunday Gibson

Autumn Series

Div 1 PH 1st: *Sorrento* C2011 Ken Vaughan
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Margarita* C97 Harry Mighell
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Tarni* C93 Tim Hannah
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Joan* C99 Tony Kinsman

Lacco Cup

PH 1st: *Lucy* C31 Michael Golding
 LH 1st: *Aliscia* C33 James Mighell

Winter Series

Div 1 PH 1st: *Mystify* C888 Geoff Gadsden
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Margarita* C97 Harry Mighell
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Alice* C7 Graham Hodges
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Gisella* C1789 Danny Stutterd

Passage Aggregate

Div 1 PH 1st: *Ripple* Phil Bainbridge
 Div 1 LH 1st: *Bella Blue* Bernie O'Hanlon
 Div 2 PH 1st: *Pike* Stephen Davies
 Div 2 LH 1st: *Jessamine* Sunday Gibson

Club Champions - Aggregate

Div 1 PH Club Champion: *Ripple* Phil Bainbridge
 Div 1 LH *Margarita* Harry Mighell
 Div 2 PH Club Champion: *Pike* Stephen Davies
 Div 2 LH *Jessamine* Sunday Gibson

Most improved award - Yanmah Trophy

Alice C7 Graham Hodges

Bernie Ross Award - Lachie McKenzie

Barnie Beauchamp Award - Chris Clapp

Club Captain's Award - Andrew Skinner

Ralph Wilson Award - James Mighell

PH = Performance Handicap.

LH = Line Honours.

Full results can be found on the Club website.



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COUTA BOATS VENTURE ACROSS THE BAY...

Below is a report from Tony Kinsman on his experience sailing in the Classic Yacht Association Australia - 2023 Cup Regatta, last November.

Lucy C31 and Joan C99 have safely returned from Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV) in Williamstown after an exhilarating weekend of sailing. The two Couta Boats made the passage North a few days prior in a perfect following breeze under sail. They were equally fortunate to have a gentle Easterly on Monday for the return. The Regatta opening was a well attended and enjoyable cocktail function in the F J Darley boatshed complete with classic yachts under restoration.

Sailing on Saturday and Sunday had 30 yachts racing, split into three divisions. Joan and Lucy, being at the smaller end of the fleet, were in Division 3. There were two races each day, 15 knots of breeze on Saturday kicking up to 20 plus for the second race. Both Joan and Lucy



had success, winning each race; Joan in the more moderate first race and Lucy showing their skills in the breezy second race.

Sunday was a light wind day in 10 knots, again Joan and Lucy managing top 3 finishes. It was magnificent to see the Old Classic yachts Acrospire and Sayonara

sailing with full rig including topsails and Yankees.

Social events included dinner at RYCV on Saturday and a presentation/Melbourne Cup lunch on Tuesday. Joan received the Col Bandy Trophy for Div 3, and a very special presentation of the Stradbroke II Trophy for the 'Best Couta Boat'. Fancy that, a Div 2 boat receiving such a prize.

Overall a great experience, for both Lucy and Joan and one we look forward to having again.

Tony Kinsman





Aidans Simmons ILCA Nationals



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



At the end of my first year at the Club, it gives me great pleasure to reflect on the successful achievements and developments that we as a Club have made in the last 12 months.

Our first full season in the new clubhouse has proven to be a success, with positive feedback from our Members. Despite delays in the installation of memorabilia, including honour boards, burgees, racing trophies, and half models, some of these items are now proudly displayed in the Members' lounge, reminding us of the Club's rich history and sense of community.

Feedback from Member forums conducted in 2023 has played a crucial role in guiding our actions throughout the year. Key areas of focus included enhancing Members' access to and enjoyment of the Club, improving security measures on the western lawn and the deck, and maximising capacity in a way that allows Members to fully utilise the facilities without overcrowding. The addition of fencing around the western lawn has created a welcoming space for Members to

enjoy various amenities such as Couta's, the picnic tables, and the grassed area.

There has been a renewed emphasis on sailing, spearheaded by the new Club Captain and Sailing Committee. The growth of our youth sailing program has laid a strong foundation for the future, with special recognition to Bret Levenspiel, Tess Lloyd and James McLennan for their exceptional work with the 29ers. The camaraderie within the Couta Boat fleet has been outstanding, with post-sailing drinks and food on the deck and western lawn culminating in a successful presentation night that celebrated both Couta Boat and OTB sailors.

Volunteering has remained a pivotal aspect of our Club, as evidenced by the impressive turnout of 100 Members at the working bee held in October 2023. Members contributed their time and efforts towards various Club initiatives, from maintenance of the jetty, gardens, hardstand and picnic tables, to painting lockers and organising flags and PFDs. The sense of community and shared responsibility among our Members is truly amazing.

Throughout the year, we have organised diverse Member-focused events, including band nights, trivia nights, and themed social gatherings. The restructuring of our Food and Beverage offerings has been aimed at better catering to the needs of our diverse membership base, ensuring a more inclusive and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Moving forward, the next year will see us focus on delivering the key components of the new strategy *Sailing for All, Sailing for Life*.

Key to this will be further development and support of our volunteers (both on and off the water), membership engagement through sailing and social events, working bees and targeted communication, continued development of the SSCBC sailing program and on water opportunities for current and new sailors, maintenance of the Club's assets both on and off the water, and ongoing focus on our food and beverage offering to ensure it continues to meet the needs of our Members. Overarching all of our endeavours is the continued need for good financial management to ensure SSCBC continues to grow and remains the premier club in Victoria.

On a personal note, I would like to thank our Commodore Georgie Silverwood and the General Committee. The dedication that Georgie and the General Committee have for the Club is immense and the support they have shown myself and the operational team is greatly appreciated.

Thanks, must also go to the operational team for their dedication and professionalism. While we have seen some long serving team members move on and new people move into those roles, we remain focused on ensuring we deliver on all our Members' expectations.

Finally, I would like to thank you, our Members, for your support over the last 12 months. We have an amazing Club with a great culture and the desire of the membership to help myself and the team is greatly appreciated.

Gavin Wall



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THE SAILING CENTRE REPORT



The Sailing Centre is the first introduction for young sailors to get involved on the water at Sorrento. We work with

every age group, with the aim of keeping sailors engaged from Learn to Sail right the way up to Couta Boat sailing. We have many pathways to achieve this aim, with passionate stakeholders who care deeply about our Sorrento sailing community. I feel very fortunate to work with parents, coaches and Class Associations to foster this love of sailing in every way I can. This year it was fantastic to see so many people making great memories on the water in a variety of ways.

Our Sailing Centre season kick started in the September holidays. This year we had cracker weather and had great sessions on the water. We had lots of our sailors graduate from our Learn to Sail program to our Team Sorrento coaching group and it was great to

see new families buy boats and join our clan.

To help store our boats, our hardstand received a few upgrades over last winter and you may have noticed the new Optimist racks built by Adam Richards, Bret and Henri Levenspiel which makes a big difference to maximising space. On that note, the reintroduction to the working bee last year gave the grounds and sailing assets some serious love. A big thank you to all those who gave up their time to prep us for the season and if you have the time again this October, it's really appreciated.

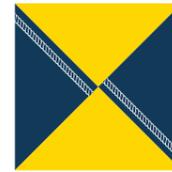
Our bread and butter at the Sailing Centre is our Team Sorrento Sunday training which runs from September to April. Our biggest class is the Optimist which saw impressive Green Fleet numbers throughout the season. Our Optis enjoyed great successes again this year which Coach Jack Lewis has covered in his Regatta Report. I feel very proud of all Team Sorrento sailors who put such effort into improving and having fun with their sailing.



George doing it in style...

We had a few Opti sailors move up to our youth fleet, which has been a large part of our strategy this year so it's fantastic to see increasing numbers of youth Members remaining passionate and continuing to enjoy their sailing at the Club. This is an ongoing focus of the Club and we're working hard at creating an environment that supports mates sailing on the water and hanging out afterwards. A big thank you Tess Lloyd, Jack Lloyd, James McClellan and Harry Mighell who helped run a couple of try days in the 29er, giving our youth sailors a fun experience and an opportunity to have a go in a supported and nurturing way. Many of these sailors went on to participate in our Youth Transition Squad which saw lots more activity in this area after the busy January period.

On the more competitive end of the 29er space, the same aforementioned coaches helped get our two experienced 29er crews, Henri & Miles Levenspiel and Jorja and Mason Mahoney, prepped and ready for their season ahead. They enjoyed many successes and podium finishes throughout the season. The four just travelled to



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Jack and Callum Opti National Championships

the East Coast Regatta at Georges River 16' Sailing Club in NSW in June and even though narrowly missing the podium, they enjoyed some competitive, tight racing. I look forward to seeing what is ahead for these two crews.

We also saw a big influx of WASZP sailing at the Club from October in the lead up to the WASZP Games in December. Running major events at SSCBC has so much positivity for our Club and touchpoints for our membership, which Peter Osbourne goes through in his Regatta Report. From a Sailing Centre point of view, it's amazing to see our sailors from different generations have a common goal and the opportunity to race against the best in world on our door step. A big thank you to all volunteers, but especially those families who gave up their sailing and helped run the event.



Sailing Centre warm ups



Teams Racing practice

Tom and Tess at a 'try a 29er day'



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We also loved hosting the Olympic Waves morning for a group of lucky Members, who were treated to a bay swim, breakfast and a talk from Olympic sailors Tess Lloyd and Carrie Smith and Olympic swimmer, Jess Hansen, before enjoying a sail on Couta Boats. Another event like this is planned for this coming season, providing inspiration and the power of the dream for our young Members, so stay tuned for details.

As well as hosting regattas here at Sorrento, our Team Sorrento sailors travelled afar throughout the season with many sailors reaching their goals that they set for themselves at the start of the season. It is a massive effort for families to travel to these events and I commend them all for it. There are lots of regattas to name, but our core ones we support as part of our junior Sorrento Pass is Sail Sandy, Sail Country/Bendigo, Mr Trampoline Buxton Cup, Schnapper Point, State Titles and Youth Championships. It's

great that Class Associations such as VIODA and VLA support our sailors at National Championships which were held at South Australia this year.

At these events, our sailors had on-the-water support from our incredible coaches: Jack Lewis, Peter McCann and James McLennan, whose passion for sailing is unrivalled. On home waters, our Sailing Centre staff who worked with the Learn to Sail courses throughout the year are all Members and great mates who grew up together at the Club. This year there was such a great energy and they achieved a nice balance of having fun and teaching new skills. I am excited to work with them again next season.

We had a busy but very successful Team racing season as well this year:

- The Club supported the first Balcombe Grammar School Team racing program which involved students taking part in racing



Miles, Charlie and Henri at Schnapper Point Regatta



Fred looking good



Olympic Waves morning



Isabella and Scarlett



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at Davies Bay against other schools across the peninsula. We supported the Balcombe team by providing our Club, boats and weekly coaching in the lead up to this regatta which is set to start up again in spring;

- Through VIODA, the Club ran a team racing clinic for the Optimist Class in November which led to another Optimist National Championship awarded to SSCBC Members;
- Several Team Sorrento sailors raced in the Victorian Schools Team racing titles which had close to 200 students competing; and
- Our Next Gen group of sailors travelled to Tasmania to retain their 2K Teams Racing National title.



Easter Swim



OTB Picnic



Olympic Waves morning

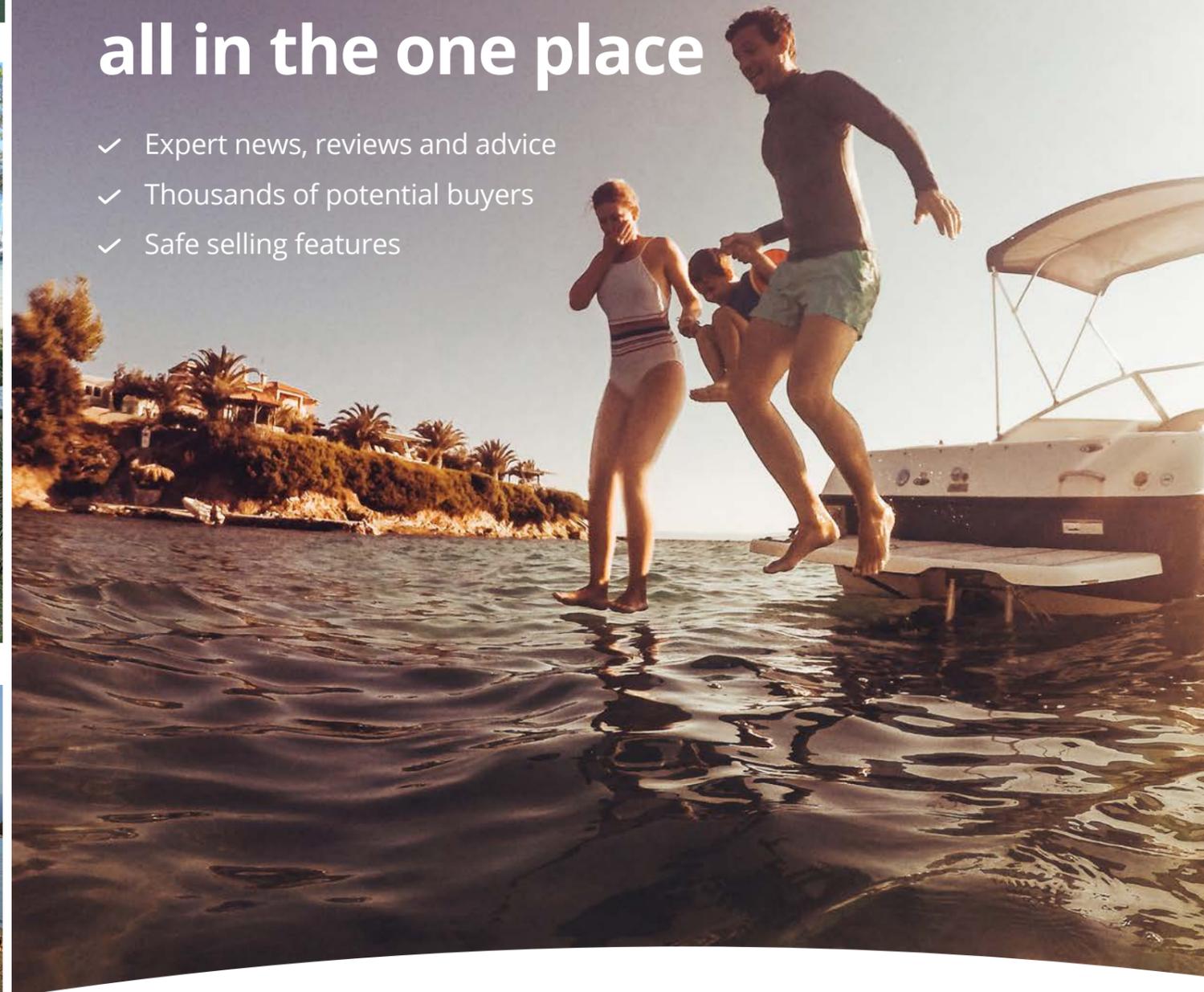
Team Racing is certainly a fun and competitive form of sailing that our youth sailors in particular enjoy. Crews work together to achieve a common goal and have a lot of fun along the way. Watch this space as we continue to explore other ways to increase our Team Racing at Sorrento, one of which is the Mr Trampoline Buxton VIS Cup coming up next season. This will be an ideal opportunity for our Junior and Youth sailors to learn alongside VIS Athletes in a fun, team racing format. Our



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Maya and Lottie Winter Training at Albert Sailing Club

partnership with VIS goes beyond that and we are fortunate to be their base club and host their training camps. In return, we are supported when we run regattas ourselves so it is a relationship of great value to us. Thank you to Carrie Smith for all you do in this space.

The NutHuggerz Easter Swim was another highlight which enjoyed a more grass roots approach this year, making the swim more accessible to everyone. We moved away from timers and a serious race, to more of an old school Sorrento fun event, with a volunteer led BBQ breakfast on the lawn afterwards. From all the feedback received, swimmers enjoyed the day

and soaked up the atmosphere and community feel. This was led by Jess Hansen who worked with Portsea Surf Life Saving Club to deliver an excellent post swim talk on CPR so there were some valuable learnings for swimmers and spectators too.

Arguably our most successful and popular program at the Club and an area that is gaining lots of momentum is our Cousta Crew (Ripple) program. The original aim of the program was to get more people active on Cousta Boats. It has morphed into something so much more and is one of the most active WhatsApp groups at the Club! This program has gone from strength to strength and this isn't

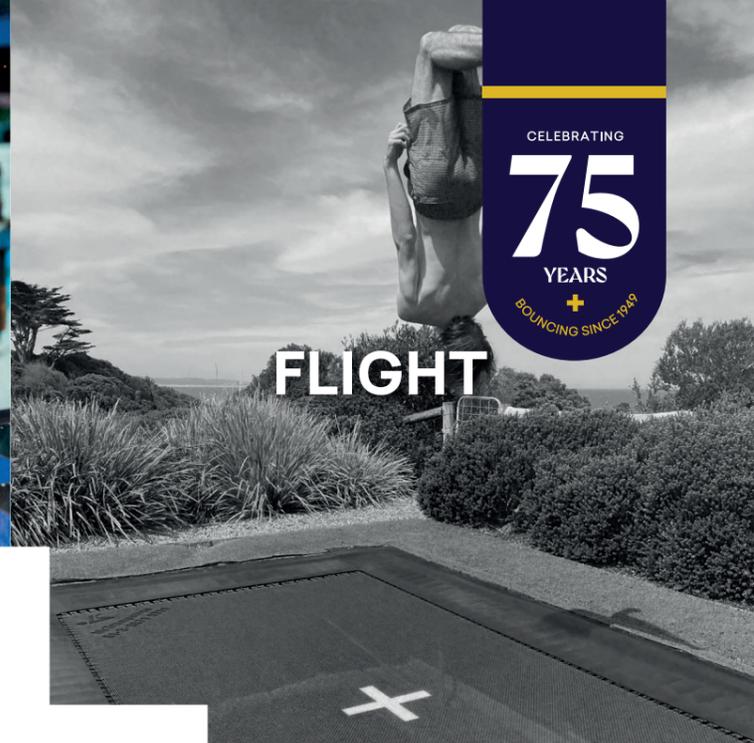
by accident. A big thank you to Phil Banbridge and Lachie McKenzie who put so much time and energy into this. Lachie was recognised for his enormous contributions at the presentation night, being awarded the Bernie Ross Award. I am very excited to see what next season has in store for this program.

A big thank you to our amazing volunteer team and parents who make our season possible. This year it was great to celebrate and share the prizegiving with the Cousta Boat sailors and I'm excited to see how next year unfolds.

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Reflecting again on the past season made me extremely proud of the state of our Association. The first and probably most significant achievement is participation in the sailing of our beautiful boats. At a time when many fleets are struggling and sailing worldwide is under enormous pressure, we have increased our participation.

Secondly, the diversification that was evident over the previous two years in both the age of our participants and the gender has continued. We are now seeing more younger (although this is a relative term) sailors and many women both crewing and helming our boats.

Thirdly, the participation in our marquee events such as the carsales Portsea Cup, Acacia Energy Next Gen Regatta and Lady Skippers Day has grown enormously. They are now the largest sailing days on the SSCBC calendar and are significantly anchored to the sailing of our boats.

Fourthly, the Ripple Training Program at SSCBC has continued to grow, ably led by Phil Bainbridge and Lachie McKenzie. A large number of new SSCBC Members have gone on to crew positions on other boats.

We conducted a forum at the end of last season to seek feedback from our Members concerning how the use of our boats can be improved. A further forum will take place later this year. Stay tuned for the date.

On a more sombre note, we have seen the passing of one of our Members, Andrew Plympton AM. Plymo will be remembered as an enthusiastic sailor across many different fleets but he held a special love of sailing our Couta Boats. He is sorely missed and his passing is a salutary lesson to all of us that we should live our lives to the fullest.

I would like to thank a number of individuals who have assisted over the past years. I would like to thank Ben Fels for his hard work in supporting the racing of our fleet. He will be sadly missed and we wish him the best for the future. Thank you Ben.

I would like to thank our Club Captain. He is certainly proving to be the best Club Captain our family has ever produced! Together with his reinvigorated Sailing Committee, they seem to have created a culture of respect for our rules, respect for other Members and fun in doing so. Well done.

We have a long list of volunteers who have assisted over the past year. I would like to particularly thank Peter Osbourne as our PRO. Often a thankless task and one that rarely receives the recognition it deserves. Thank you Peter.

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who regularly (man) our boats, tower and radios. Thank you. Without your assistance, we would not be sailing.

I would also like to thank the younger Members who assisted in facilitating some events over the past year, including the Calcutta held in the new shed at The Wooden Boatshop. It was a fantastic success. Standby for the 2024/2025 key social events.

Finally, I would like to thank my committee and in particular Andrew Skinner for his hard work over the past 12 months.

Regards,
James Mighell
President
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CLUB CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



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Due to popular demand, here is the Club Captain's Column that appeared in eTidings on 16 January 2024 by Peter Bennetts about Couta Boat Rip C06: a much-loved stalwart of the Couta Boat fleet – 'we never won anything' Rip. Rip's recent success – most notably winner of the 2023 Couta Boat Nationals in Division 1 – is a testament to the notion that our boats have many lives and untold possibilities that span decades. Thank you to writer and crew Peter Bennetts for this fantastic account of Rip's recent escapades.

How good are Couta Boats!

Of all the fleet there's one boat that stands out, she's the Rip. Conspicuous for the fun her crew always have, and for being blue, very blue (ultramarine blue in fact). Aboard the Rip there's constant banter, jokes, teasing, foul language, and ill-formed dissertations on any subject. And apart from Rodney 'Zappy' Eggleston's enthusiastic starboard calls there's never a raised voice. While there are egos aplenty on the Rip, they're put aside; you're first and foremost her crew,



it's all about getting her going – and she loves to go! That said, she doesn't much like light air but when it blows her bow goes down and she charges, rolling through tacks and gybing with nary a loss of momentum. We tap her sides and egg her on 'carn the Rip', 'go the Rip'.

The Rip was built properly – with traditional means and the right materials – by Chris 'Sinny' Sinn at The Wooden Boatshop in 1986. Chris built a boat and ended up with a family; cracking onto his mate's widowed sister, aided by building her kids a swing next to the boat shed.

Sinny will tell you 'We never won anything!' and for almost 40 years that was the case. Zappy, the kid who'd enjoyed swinging next to the Rip while she was being built – and whose mum Jane Sinny would later marry – would echo "We always come last". It was a pity party.

But that all changed last year. Col Anderson made us some new Doyle sails and with Will Phillips at the helm, joined by Georgina Oakley, Geoff Bainbridge, Scott Smith, Zappy, Sinny and this writer as crew, the Rip was off! Along with many of her storied Couta friends, the Rip was trucked to Sydney, enjoyed her first sail on the Harbour, her first taste of the Pacific Ocean, AND won the NSW State Championships along with the Gaffers & Muriel Trophies. The Rip was finally getting the story she deserved.

During the awards ceremony at the Sydney Amateurs Sailing Club, Australia's oldest sailing club, and on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary, Sinny held the trophies high and quoted Dennis Conner; "We slaughtered 'em". Sinny was also pretty happy to have won a tin of anti-foul. Alas some gear failure and a few errors meant we only managed a mid-fleet finish in the

'22 National Championships sailed up at Pittwater. Still, we and the Rip had all the fun that could be had.

Fast forward to last week: Sorrento and the '23 National Championships – and the Rip takes all. In 4 races sailed over 2 days - in middling, fluky southeasterlies – the Rip triumphed with a 1, 3, 5, 2 in Division 1 while Nick Williams' Wagtail heroically took line honours in every race. Interestingly Wagtail



and the Rip are both Ken Lacco designs – and were built alongside each other (and that swing) at The Wooden Boatshop.

We were a crew of five; short Geoff and Sinny. Sinny took out his beautiful 46-foot Couta Fishing Smack Jane to spectate and most importantly throw over to the Rip our lunch of ham rolls. Sinny's ham rolls are the best, possibly because he (not so) meticulously matches the ham pound for pound with butter, and are surely a large part of the Rip's recent success.

Five on board worked well for us in the generally lighter conditions; there's space to get around the cockpit that much quicker yet enough hands for the work to be done. How good at starts is Will!?



That is when he doesn't put us over! Being the only blue boat here is a distinct disadvantage; it's impossible to hide in a mostly vanilla fleet. And how patient is Will? There's not a nicer person on this planet, he's just the best – we all harbour a crush.

Scott Smith is always a stalwart at the mast and makes easy work of getting the centreplate up – the Rip's is 200kg! Zappy's attention span is perfect for the foredeck; intense activity, followed by inaction. He's also quick and enthusiastic with those aforementioned starboard calls as well as making for perfectly targeted ballast – who needs a swinging keel when you've got a swinging Zappy that can move to just where he's needed? After the Portsea Cup that proved to be over

the side in the drink. Georgina's bloody good on the headsail trim and for all the other pushing and pulling a Couta Boat needs. We're looking forward to 'Georgina & Tonic' again taking the helm in this February's 2024 Lady Skippers Cup.

We had fun, sailed well, the Rip charged in her home waters, and Sinny got to roll out 'We slaughtered 'em' once more. The waters off Sorrento are superb and clear, the winds are always a challenge one way or another, and the SSCBC a welcoming world-class venue. We're already looking forward to defending the title next year.

Thank you Race Committee and Volunteers. Thank you Couta Boats!





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MEMBER'S ADVENTURES

>>> AN AUSSIE ADVENTURE

It's been a few years since I penned a trip report to the sscbc members. We have had trips since then but none to equal our sailing holidays in Sardinia and Greece

Until now. Technically this was not a sailing adventure but it is still worth sharing.

Some two years ago a friend called and told Chrissy and me that she had booked the Kimberley Quest for 8 nights in June 2024 from Broome up to the Mitchell River and would we like to join them.



The Kimberley Quest is about 75' long with nine guest berths and nine crew. A Captain, 2 deckhands, a chef, 3 house staff, a naturalist (walking encyclopaedia) and a helicopter pilot with his chopper on the roof.

We joined the guest list along with a group of friends including other sscbc Members James & Ali Mighell, David & Sarah Hendy and Fred & Cas Haig. The booking was a Private Charter which brings several benefits including a discount on the cost. Flying to Broome is so easy with several direct flights from Melbourne from late May to end July. There are plenty of accommodation options in Broome where the weather is boring at this time of the year.... 31°C and sunny every day!

The Kimberley Quest ground staff picked us all up from our Hotels and delivered us to the boat for a 5pm departure on day 1 where we settled in and met the crew with a safety briefing - drink in hand.

(We had been allowed to provision the liquor supplies ourselves which was great but it was a bit of a challenge to predict how much 18 people might drink in 8 days!) We managed!



The first night was quite a long motor through the night from Broome past Cape Leveque to Silica Beach where we had the chance to hop off the boat for a swim at this stunning beach which comprises silica, not sand as we know it. I am not sure why the crocs and the sharks don't go there, but apparently they don't!



Quick dip at Silica Beach

The Kimberley Quest tows 3 x tinnies each with 90hp outboards and a larger 20 seat jet boat making shore expeditions and fishing trips easy. Each day was filled with activity and rather than

give you a blow by blow description, here are some highlights

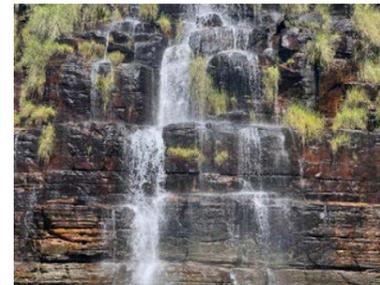


- The famous Horizontal Falls, once described by David Attenborough as one of his 7 wonders of the world. And the nearby Cyclone Creek.
- Montgomery Reef, in my mind more spectacular even than the Horizontal Falls. Turtles, sharks and birds abound as the 9 metre tidal flow gives way to expose a reef where moments earlier all you could see was... sea!
- There is a sand cay near the Reef that also exposes itself at low tide and after visiting the reef we returned to the vessel to find the crew had set up our pre-dinner cocktails on this football oval sized "beach"
- Careening Bay where in 1820 Captain Phillip Parker King beached the Mermaid for re-planking before he continued his circumnavigation charting the Australian coast. There is a 200+ year old Boab tree there where one of his crew carved an inscription to commemorate their visit. The tree is in good order now has a girth of 12 metres.



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- Sheep Island, where in 1864 200 settlers from Victoria attempted to farm sheep. They were sold the dream of being gifted acreage if they moved there. Nobody seemed to have checked on whether this was an appropriate place to settle and the project was ill fated and doomed to fail.



- Kings Cascades, in the Prince Regent River, a spectacular waterfall where in 1987, following the America's Cup regatta, a group travelled to the Kimberley and a young American woman Ginger Meadows, aged 24, made an error of judgment and tried to swim from a ledge by the waterfall back to their boat and was taken by a resident crocodile. The attack was witnessed by her helpless and horrified friends and boat's captain.
- The Buccaneer Archipelago, a series of hundreds of small islands with an abundance of bird and fish life.



- Aboriginal rock art sightings at approved locations, viewing art from thousands of years ago.

Along the way there were opportunities to fish for Barramundi, for Mangrove Jack a good eating snapper, for Queen Fish, Coral Trout and even Giant Trevally.



CBA President with his catch



Fred crabbing...

Our crew kept some of the lesser tasty fish to use in our crab pots as we headed out in the tinnies for a successful morning of crabbing. The next day for lunch we shared freshly prepped chilli mud crab! And that evening we enjoyed both Barramundi and Snapper for dinner.

Each day there were helicopter flights to points of interest and a highlight of the trip was a picnic lunch high above the Prince Regent River where the chopper ferried us



Sea Eagle with lunch

all to have a bbq lunch in a totally inaccessible rocky gorge.



Arriving for our picnic



Picnic site

The itinerary we chose was the Southern tour. We finished at the Hunter River, a short chopper ride to the Mitchell Plateau and the gaelic ride included a couple of laps of Mitchell Falls which was pretty special. A "Biggles" aircraft then flew us back to Broome. Some of the group hadn't had quite enough fun so they went on to El Questro for a few days.... but that's another story.

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REGATTA REPORTS

>>> 2023 WASZP WORLD GAMES

It's kind of ironic that a Club that is synonymous with the venerable Couta Boat fleet is now also one of the most highly sought after championship venues for the increasing number of foiling classes. Leading off with the Moth World Championships in 2015, the flat waters which accompany our predominantly southerly breezes provide the ideal conditions for these boats – consequently they have been regular visitors to Sorrento in the years since.

The 2023 WASZP World Games in December attracted 90 competitors from 11 countries (Canada,

Denmark, France, Great Britain, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Switzerland and US), contesting ten races over five days. The main event was preceded by a three day Nationals, and a Sail Melbourne satellite regatta the week before.

Sam Street (NZL) dominated the Men's fleet, successfully defending his title from Lake Garda in 2022. Magnus Overbeck (DEN) claimed 2nd (and 1st Youth) with Hippolyte Gruet (FRA) rounding out the podium.

In the Women's division Hattie Rogers (GBR) took gold (14th overall), with Helena Sanderson 2nd and Tess Lloyd 3rd.

The Waszp is undeniably an exciting class, both to sail and watch. Designed by Andrew MacDougall (Amac), it is intended to be a more accessible one-design foiling boat than the Moth. They have a very strong class culture, and held



Hattie and Sam

daily 'Tech Talks' during the regatta to bring on the younger sailors. The morning yoga sessions were also something we hadn't seen at the Club before! It should be noted that Amac sailing in the Super Masters division (50+) finished 35th overall and posted a 10th in the final race – clearly he's still got it.

The class does present challenges for race management – lightning fast, spin in their own length, and the start line pin is over the horizon. One of our team who is on the trajectory to become a race officer said that they didn't think they wanted to continue with that ambition as it was so overwhelming. I assured them that this was about as hard as it gets – "When you get back to Couta Boats it will be like it's happening in slow motion!"

Obviously events like this don't happen without a huge effort from our Club Members, and the



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number of people who stepped up and carried the load was amazing. From the on-water team through to tower staff, registration, jury, beach management and homestay hosts it was an incredible effort – this is what separates a good regatta from a great one, and this one was definitely great.

One team deserves special mention, and they are the recipients of the 'Attaboy Award' – Jack and Jeremy Lewis in the pin boat. Picture yourself in a 6 metre RHIB at the other end of the start line. Eighty Waszps coming straight at you at a speed that must feel like Mach 1. Seconds before impact the starting signal sounds and the whole fleet flicks up the course just as Tom and his posse come from your blind side and cross them all on port. Now your pulse rate can drop back into double figures while you reflect that you'll have to do it again in twenty minutes. If you don't have nerves of steel, don't apply for this job. Little wonder the class refer to that role as the Sitting Duck!

One of the main reasons we host major events at Sorrento is so that our junior and youth sailors can experience top level sailing and be inspired by champions. There's not



Tom 2018



Sam Street



Amac helping out



Harry 2017

too many other sports where you can find yourself lining up on the start line next to an Olympian. And off the water is just as much fun – walking through the boat-park of a major regatta like this one is an experience all by itself, and there was a palpable buzz around the Club for the entire event. There was a lot of very complimentary feedback

from the competitors, and we'll be seeing many of them back here in the future.

Postscript. Just to add a bit of context; the 2017 Waszp World Champion was Harry Mighell, and 2018 European Champion was Tom Trotman.

Peter Osbourne



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REGATTA REPORTS

>>> IQ FOILING WINDSURFER YOUTH CHAMPS

Enjoy this recap from Mark Lloyd who volunteered on Annie Laurie for the Youth Champs – a real first-hand experience of what it's like being a Race Officer amongst the action!

From a Race Officer's perspective, running windward/leeward course racing with a target time of 12 minutes and a slalom course with a target time of 4 minutes in a fluky 2-6 knot breeze, is a daunting task to say the least.

Tonia, Maree Deeth, and myself aboard Annie Laurie and our IQ fleet of nine starters ready for action.

Race one; AP down. We now have over five knots.

Class flag up and into a five minute sequence.

At three minutes the whole fleet has decided to cross the start line and are now racing. Confusion!!

Ok, let the sequence run and then abandon the race seems to be the fairest option. Just a little more work

for the timer and flag person. A quick discussion with the class coach on water and a radio call to the PRO, a change of sailing instructions and away we go with a three minute start sequence. Everyone is happy and the show goes on.

The beauty of being flexible and having an understanding that for youth sailing it's as much about being on the water with your mates as it is about the competition. The IQ fleet need around five knots for the lighter sailors to get up on foil with the heavier competitors needing to really work their sail to promote plaining. The fleet was made up of mostly NSW & VIC sailors with male and female competing together, all under the age of 23. These boards are seriously quick once the breeze is up and are a joy to watch from the safety of an anchored start boat.

As the regatta progressed the unstable wind continued to be just that and any increase in strength meant getting the AP flag down and into the next race as soon as



practicable. The maximum number of races were run.

It was so great to be a Race Officer with a water crew on our course who understood the needs of the IQ sailors. David White and Peter McCann were able to shift the marks when required without having to hold up a start sequence. We also had a designated rescue craft on course crewed by Australian Sailing employees, Meagan Densley & Ruth Morton. Due to the extremely light conditions, they had a tough job on the rhib; the most strenuous task being radio replies.

When back on shore, SSCBC was humming with the voices of young sailors recounting their day on the water with family and friends, sails being rolled and bagged, boards being dried, foils being very carefully washed and put back in their protective covers. This regatta was a great test for aspiring athletes to progress onto the next level, if that is the direction they wish to take or just have fun sailing with mates, making friends for life.

Mark Lloyd



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>>> 2K TEAMS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania 20-21 April 2024

Two Sorrento crews headed south to compete in the 2024 2K Teams Nationals sailed out of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT). Tassie turned it on across the weekend with temperatures in the low 20s which was surprisingly better than Melbourne. The two teams consisted of SSCBC Next Gen sailors who have progressed through various sailing pathways at Sorrento.

Sorrento 1 - Jack Abbott & Tom Trotman (Helms), Sunday Gibson, Tom Klemens, Jack Lloyd, Grace Cockman, Michael Fels and Steph Gray.

Sorrento 2 - James McLennan & Jack Felsenthal (Helms), Jack Lewis, Alex Dare, Elle Sankey, Lox Vaughan and Allie McLennan.

2K racing is an exciting format where there are only two boats on the team (four on the course), with the winning combination requiring both boats on the team to help each other not be last across the finishing line.

Sorrento has a long history of supporting 2K events and it was great to see the teams fight it out to remain at the top of the field in this combative style of sailing. The format requires 50% gender balance and is one of the fastest growing Team Sailing events in the World.

This provides an amazing platform for sailors who have raced against each other over the years in Couta Boats, school teams racing and junior and youth classes, to now having the opportunity to sail together and use their team racing knowledge in this area.

The Championship was conducted on Elliott 6s with two local teams from RYCT and Derwent Sailing Squadron, as well as competitors from the ACT and also our neighbours from Blairgowrie.

Day one was sailed in 5-12 knots and at the end of it, the Victorians were leading the field with Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) ahead with five wins and both Sorrento teams locked together with four wins. A social BBQ at the club was a great end to a long day of racing in a well-run and friendly regatta. A few beers at Salamanca Place topped off the day in sensational Hobart fashion.

The second day was a closely fought battle in light conditions, culminating in the final race of the day which saw Blairgowrie take on Sorrento 2. A win for BYS would secure them the Championship. Sorrento led from the start to deny BYS the win, leaving a

bizarre result of a four-way tie for first, even after each team sailed 10 races across the weekend, highlighting just how close the racing was. The end result was four teams were all locked on equal points with seven wins each at the end of the two round robin series. With no time for further racing, the committee calculated the total positional points of the top four boats against each other.

Results

- 1st. Sorrento 1 (defending their 2022 title)
- 2nd. Derwent Sailing Squadron
- 3rd. Sorrento 2
- 4th. Blairgowrie

Thanks again to the Club for supporting us and making it all possible. We all appreciate the opportunity the Club has given us and the ability to represent SSCBC on a National stage.

Jack Felsenthal





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REGATTA REPORTS

>>> OPTIMIST COMPETITION

Love it or hate it, the Optimist is truly one of the most challenging classes to sail. Taking its roots from a gaff style rig akin to a Coutu Boat, the small aptly nicknamed "bathtub" is one of the most poorly designed boats that you can possibly find. Yet in turn it produces some of the most technically advanced sailors, as any minor error in technique slows the boat down immensely and one wrong decision on the racetrack is impossible to claw back. Which culminates in the perfect storm for 8-14-year-olds who are just starting out their sailing journey.



Atticus, Oscar and Charlie at the recent 2024 Optimist States at SYC

around the country and world to various regattas and camps to gain experience and form lasting friendships. Late nights and early mornings, sailing in rain, hail, or shine there's very little that wipes a smile off these amazing sailors faces. The dedication they put in at such a young age is truly inspiring and the laughs, tears and celebrations make it all worth it.

Throughout the winter many of our young sailor's train in anticipation for the National Championships,

a regatta which cycles between each state throughout the year and presents as a pinnacle to show off each sailor's hard work and dedication. Competing against sailors from all different states and sometimes overseas Sorrento has had amazing success throughout the years at this event with Jack Graves winning in 2012, Aidan Simmons winning in 2021 & 2022 and his younger brother Callum winning in 2023. With three female national champions Jorja Mahoney



Augustas, Callum, Jack, Leigh and Lottie



2023 Asian and Oceanian Championships Abu Dhabi with Augustas and Maya



Coaches Jack and Peter with Lottie, Ashlea and Augustas

in 2022 & 2023 and her newly crowned best friend in 2024 Lottie Griffith. Each year those top placing sailors are lucky enough to qualify for the national team to travel to various international regattas. Sorrento this winter had Callum Simmons, Augustas Buvidas and Jorja Mahoney attend the World Championships in Casa Brava, Spain. Lottie Griffith attended the Europeans with Coach David White, Maya Cantwell attended the Asian Championships, and Ashlea Tan attended the African Championships with Coach Peter McCann, with Leigh Harvie qualifying for the AODS.

But at the same time during the winters once they come of age (15) or become too heavy, these sailors must progress onto a new challenge. Just like previous and current junior club captains Henri, Hollie and Miles who have all stepped away from the Optimist and taken on the challenge of the youth classes all whilst keeping their friendships together. This allows for the passing of the baton to some of our youngest sailors such as Atticus, Oscar and Charlie pictured below who have quickly stepped up to become an amazing part of the class.



Jack, Dave and Fred Cantwell

After all the hard work throughout the winter our sailors hit the road travelling to Adelaide for the most recent 2024 Optimist Nationals at Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club in early January. In what was expected to be a seabreeze filled event with strong winds, we were met with light winds and excruciating heat. This did not deter the Victorian Teams Racing Team comprised of Sorrento Members, Augustas, Callum, Leigh and Lottie who took out the Australian Optimist Teams Racing Championships for a third time in a row and the second time by an all Sorrento Team.

After this the regatta played out with really tricky days that could not be further away from what was forecast, however this seemed to help some of our younger sailors with Fred Cantwell coming out of the blocks with a really strong start and Tom Bonnett in his first ever nationals continuing to improve as the regatta went on. All our sailors continued to show amazing resilience in the heat.

On the final day of the qualifying stage Tate Cantwell achieved his goal of making gold fleet with some impressive races in fickle light and wavy conditions being one of the most improved sailors since last year's nationals. With his close friend Acklin Stent ever so closely missing the podium in one of the races, continuing to show amazing growth throughout the year. As the races went on the battle at the top was becoming clearer, with Augustus Buvidas vying for the top prize and Ashlea Tan being very close to qualifying to go to the European Championships with Coach David White in Italy later in the year. But

the most nail-biting finish was Lottie Griffith who with all the drama of a protest in the last race managed to match the amazing accomplishment of her best friend Jorja Mahoney and qualify for the Worlds Team as well as retain the 1st placed female perpetual trophy, the third time in a row from a sailor from Sorrento.



Charlie Kelley and Jack Lewis

After a fun summer of sailing which culminated in the Optimist State Championships at SYC on the March long weekend. We saw 3 great days of racing in 39 degrees of heat which presented an amazing opportunity for some of our youngest sailors to experience their first regatta outside of Sorrento. It was amazing to see some of the young sailors achieve such amazing results in the green fleet with Atticus, Oscar and Charlie all placing on the podium. Their smiles and enthusiasm despite the fact that they were held on shore due to the strong winds



State Champ Augustas, Acklin, Leigh

was palpable, with young 7-year-old Charlie McLaren joking that he should move up to Open Fleet so he could get out on the water.

The racing in the intermediate fleet was unbelievably close with Charlie Kelley, Tyler Deeth and Fred Cantwell continuously making massive improvements as the regatta went on. Lessons were learnt from every mistake; the boats were pushed harder, and the tactics of winning races were discussed showing how far this young group has come. Fred showed that if he got off the line in space that he had the speed and work rate to fly upwind and Tyler was the king of the pin end consistently port tacking the fleet. In the end in his second regatta outside Sorrento after an amazing display Charlie Kelley came second by a point to a sailor from NSW, making him the first Victorian Intermediate followed closely by his Sorrento counterparts.



Frances, Ashlea, Lottie and her trophy assistant

In the Open Fleet supported by Peter McCann, Augustas showed off his near perfection of the boat with a picket fence and second State Championship in a row. Followed closely by Lottie Griffith who capped off her final regatta in style winning First Girl. Acklin Stent was equally as impressive as his refinement of the boat is beginning to show with his consistency improving. Ashlea also showed this amazing consistency in spades as Leigh Harvie and Maya Cantwell loved the breeze when it came through in what would be their last regatta. Tate and Frances kept pushing being in contention many times around the first windward. With Lily proving that there's no substitute for starting at the favoured end and Tom Bonnett put together some great results as he steps up into Open Fleet just a few months after coming out of Green Fleet.

We're incredibly privileged at Sorrento to have some of the best Optimist Coaches in the world at our disposal with David White and Peter McCann who have come from Ireland. Both amazing coaches in their own right. Irish Dave with years of experience at an international level with not only the Irish but also Australian Optimists National Teams and Irish Pete having placed in the top 5 at two Optimist Euros as well as having years of knowledge at an international level to be able to pass onto the sailors.

It truly is a privilege to work with the Opti Sailors and to see the amazing potential that they all have not just as sailors but as people. They are some of the best competitors who never make excuses, always do their turns, and push the limits wherever they can. Whilst it's sad as they move on to bigger and better things, we're fortunate enough to always



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have amazing young sailors just starting their journey to help fill the gaps. With the past sailors returning and mentoring those young sailors coming up. This culture is unrivalled and helps to bridge the gap in what can be seen as the most technically daunting class for any adult. Which makes it amazing to see these sailors take the challenge in their stride and see these friendships continue long into other classes.

It would be remiss to not also thank the parents for their amazing support, the hours on the road travelling, anxiously watching from the sidelines and trips to the chandlery to purchase another lost watch or pair of sunglasses. They're truly the best, never afraid to lend a hand in whatever is asked of them whether that be on a committee, manning the start boat in the rain, holding down the barbecue or canteen or picking up a spare part from the middle of nowhere and all whilst bringing down one of the best sandwiches or slices you've ever had in your life to the boat park. The support doesn't go unnoticed and whilst the kids don't thank you now, I promise in a few years they will. I cannot be more fortunate for the support I've got from my family in my time in the Optimist and Laser and I extend that onto the amazing group of parents we have that make everything happen! Sailing is truly the oldest and greatest obsessions in sport and it's a pleasure to be a part of some of these amazing sailors' journeys.

Jack Lewis



Callum, Jorja, Jack, Henri, Augustas



Holly, Jorja, Miles, James, Jack, Lottie, Dmitry, Maya, Henri, Augustas



Miles & Henri



Opening Ceremony 2024 Musto Australian Optimist Championship, Brighton, and Seal Cliff



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Our connection with our community both at the southern end of the peninsula and further afield has only strengthened now that the Clubhouse redevelopment is complete. It's been very satisfying to see the Club being fully utilised in every capacity for what it was intended; focus groups and sailing academies holding conferences in The Fort while briefings, regatta registrations, results and jury meetings are taking place downstairs in the Lacco Room, lawn areas and Coloured Wall. Lavendar Hill and the lawn areas continue to provide a beautiful location for BBQs, welcome briefings and flag raising, while sail training is happening in the Sailing Centre – sometimes all at once!

Below are just a few of the community groups we have welcomed to the Club over the past 12 months.

Sorrento Writers' Festival

Members will be aware of the success of the Sorrento Writers Festival, now approaching its third year. The Festival attracted 190 speakers, over 160 volunteers (mostly local; some SSCBC Members) with 15,743 tickets sold; what an incredible swell of support for literacy, discussion and debate which undoubtedly achieved their mission of bringing writers and readers together and to create meaningful and mutually-respectful conversations. If you aren't familiar with this community event, we encourage you to visit their website: <https://sorrentowritersfestival.com.au/>

The Club was thrilled to offer The Fort as one of the Festival's 12 local venues, where we hosted a variety of speakers and musicians throughout



Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS)

the day to listen, contemplate, discuss and participate in interesting sessions whilst enjoying a coffee and snack and of course the view of the Bay.

Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS)

We provide an opportunity for over 50 students plus staff from MITS to visit the Club each year, enjoy a boat ride and a fun filled day on the water, visiting the seals and experiencing the best the Club and Bay has to offer. MITS is a transition school and boarding program for Indigenous students. Based on Wurundjeri Country in Richmond, their students come from remote and regional communities across the Top End of the NT and Victoria. Through MITS, students go on to lead lives full of choice and opportunity.

The MITS students and leaders arrived on a Sunday in February and enjoyed some time on Lavendar Hill before an informal welcome from the Club, and in return a MITS student performed an acknowledgement of the land and raising of the Indigenous flag, before boarding the volunteer boats. Once they returned to land, our volunteers cooked a BBQ lunch on the hill while the students enjoyed

some recreation time on the beach.

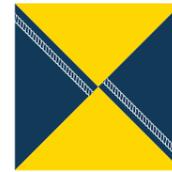
It was such a wonderful day! It was just perfect on the water, and all of the volunteers were so generous with their time, their knowledge and their warm welcome to the students. I was lucky to join with my family and it was truly our favourite morning of the year! Edward Tudor, CEO MITS

It was a great day today! Kids had a ball and the Club welcomed everyone very well. Amazing day on the water with dolphins everywhere and calm conditions for the kids to enjoy the trip. Well done SSCBC. Andrew Skinner, volunteer on the day.

Creating lifelong memories for these students, some of whom have never been on a boat before. Thank you to all the volunteers to helped out on the day. The feedback suggests our volunteers get just as much out of the day as the MITS students.

Rosebud Secondary College

This year we continued our support of Rosebud Secondary College's Marine Rescue Course in Powerboat Handling and Marine Safety, with the support of SSCBC staff, resources, Club Members and facility usage. Throughout the



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school term, we offered 11 x 2 hr sessions to a class of 24 students, focusing on marine safety, power boat handling, general boating skills and weather readings – also an introduction to life at SSCBC for potential part time roles / future employment as Bosuns. As part of the course, the students receive a Power Boat Handling Certificate.

Sorrento Primary School & 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.



Rosebud Secondary College



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.

We also support the local schools with their fundraising activities.

The Portsea Camp

One of our oldest and most highly respected neighbours, The Portsea Camp, lives by their mission of providing a safe, caring, healthy, educational and recreational environment for the children of Victoria and NSW, with a major focus on those who are disadvantaged and have special needs. SSCBC supports the camp wherever possible, and has recently provided our bus and driver for various community events run by the camp.

We participated in The Portsea Camp's Happy Vibes program for girls in September, where over 50 girls aged 8-17 from disadvantaged backgrounds enjoyed a sailing experience at the Club.

We also hosted the camp's Happy Vibes luncheon in the SSCBC dining room this year as part of their major fundraising campaign. We are undertaking regular discussions

about ways to support their camps and introduce those less fortunate to the joys of sailing.

Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) / Australian Sailing (AS) High Performance Academy

Throughout the year, the Club enjoys a close relationship with the VIS and AS with mutual benefits from sharing resources, knowledge and our facility as their peninsula base. Thanks to VIS and the team at AS for their passion and commitment to the development of the sport. We love having them here. We are looking forward to hosting the VIS Mr Trampoline Buxton VIS Cup this season where our junior and youth sailors will benefit enormously by sailing alongside some talented VIS sailors in a fun, teams racing format.

Mornington Peninsula Foundation (MPF)

The Club continues to support MPF in the amazing work they do in the education space on the Peninsula, undertaking vital work in implementing systemic change to improve literacy rates in schools in various pockets across the region. Despite the wealth and privilege often associated with



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM cont...



Ladies Lunch

the Mornington Peninsula, MPF has opened our eyes to an often hidden problem of child illiteracy at pre schools, primary and even secondary schools. Their programs are world first, making life changing differences to children to break the cycle of illiteracy.

The Club raised almost \$20,000 at our annual Ladies Long Lunch with a silent and live auction of goods and services generously donated by our amazing community, both here in Sorrento and in Melbourne. From tickets to the Grand Prix, to local Yoga vouchers and hampers, the 200 ladies who attended the event certainly dug deep to support this amazing cause.

Our donation has been used on MPF's preschool program that concentrates on improving oral language development in children by upskilling teaching and support staff. MPF are supporting this work in six preschools in low socio economic areas on the Peninsula where levels of oral language are very low. Addressing this gives children a great start when they get to school with respect to learning to read, and upskilling teachers builds long term sustainability.



Sorrento Primary School

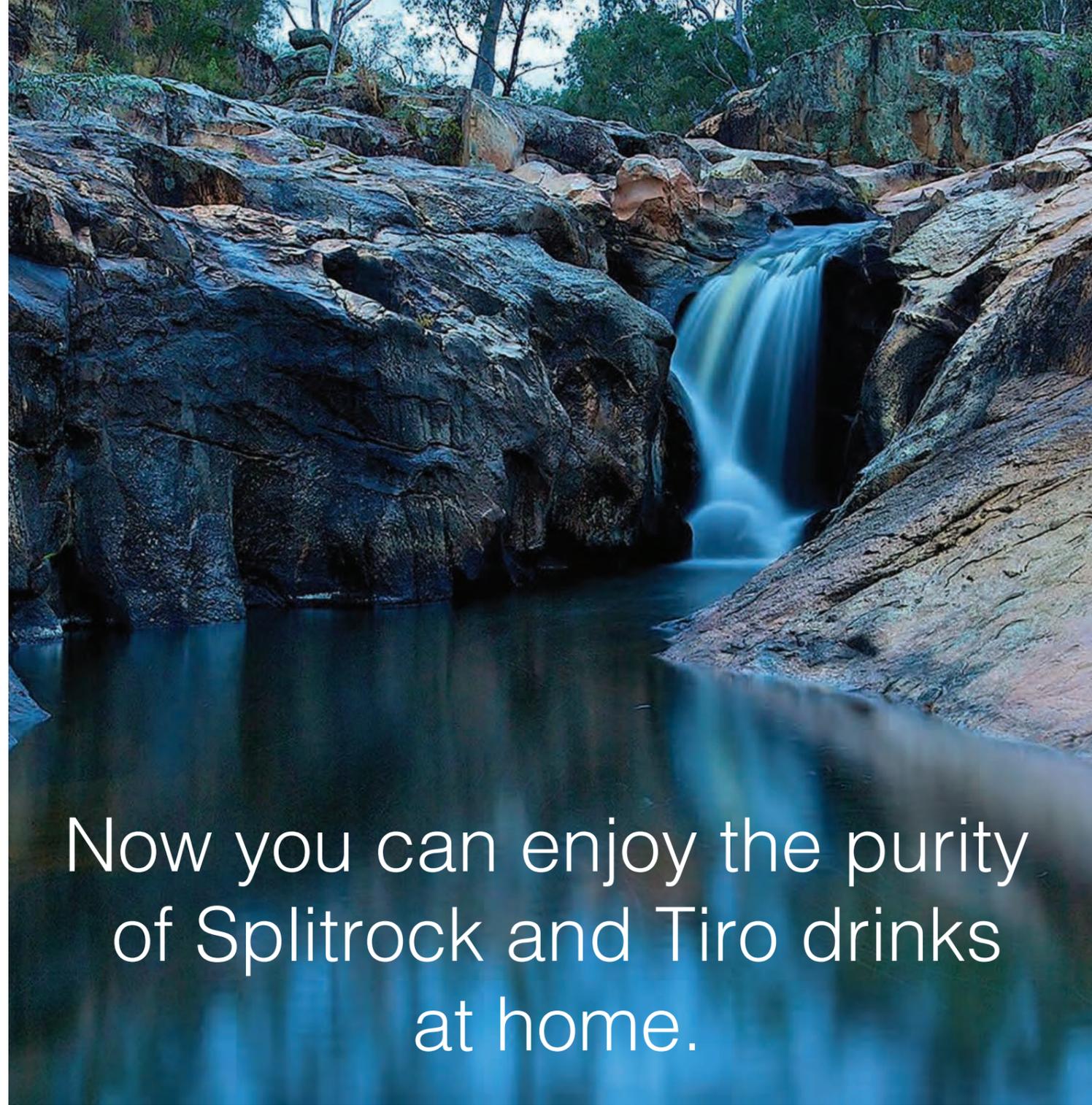
A huge thank you to the organising committee who made the event happen: Alex Harvey, Ani Haddad, Georgie Silverwood and Georgina Harvey.

MPF was also the charity partner for the KPMG Couta Boat Classic, receiving a valuable donation from KPMG and raising awareness of the foundation to the KPMG staff and guests on the day.

The Club is also a proud member of Spirit of Sorrento and a supporter of Portsea Sorrento RSL, Portsea Surf Life Saving Club and Sorrento Chamber of Commerce.

Hollie Hick

These are overall stats for Community Engagement Program



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Sorrento Primary School



VOLUNTEER REPORT

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Sailing for All, Sailing for Life: The Volunteer Spirit at SSCBC

At SSCBC, the mantra *Sailing for All, Sailing for Life* isn't just a slogan; it's a testament to the inclusive and enduring spirit fostered by our dedicated army of volunteers. Across every aspect of Club life, from hosting community events to world-class regattas, volunteers play a pivotal role in sailing, social and Member engagement activities. Our volunteers support every aspect of our sailing program – from our junior and youth Off The Beach (OTB) sailing to weekly Couta Boat sailing and the delivery of state, national and international regattas. Our Volunteers are front and centre to everything we offer - not just on the water -- -- There is a Club volunteer involved in just about every facet of our Club.

A Day of Transformation: The Working Bee

On 14th October, over 100 volunteers gathered for SSCBC's annual Working Bee, marking a day of collective action and community pride. What a fabulous way to shed the winter blues, reconnect with mates, and get our place ready for the sailing season. It was at the suggestion of some of our Members that we re-instate this traditional, annual event, and Members responded in droves. Tasks ranged from painting the jetty, sanding and varnishing lockers, to gardening and landscaping, cleaning the beach, and revitalizing our Clubhouse inside and out. The event exemplified the power of teamwork and shared commitment to maintaining SSCBC as a premier venue and fostering our wonderful community.

Back on the international stage: The WASZP World Games

As highlighted in Peter Osbourne's recount in the Regatta Report, the success of the WASZP World Games was made possible by our volunteer army. Their dedication to everything from welcoming sailors, race management, logistics, and hospitality saw SSCBC host another world-class regatta. We welcomed WASZP officials and sailors of all ages from various parts of the globe, and, yet again, gave them a touch of SSCBC magic. Some volunteers also opened their homes to host our international visitors, further enriching the event for both sailors and hosts!

Every Sail, Every Weekend: Day-to-Day Couta Boat Sailing Operations

Volunteers are the backbone of SSCBC's Couta Boat day-to-day operations, providing essential race management, tower management, and race logistics. Their unwavering commitment ensures that our Couta Boat sailors can enjoy the sport they love in a safe environment. This year saw Peter Osbourne continue

to officiate over many of our signature Couta Boat events, while supporting emerging Race Officers Chris Clapp, Julia Mackinnon, John Philpot, Susie Lachal, Siobhan Kelly and Bronwyn McIlveen. Our tower team - Kerry McNamara, Bruce Heal, Anne Heal, Anne Philpot and Michelle Levenspiel - kept a keen eye on proceedings, delivering live results, and occasionally dealing with medical emergencies. This year we even enjoyed "Mobile Tower" support, as the tower crew were transported mid-race across to Queenscliff for the CBA State Championships.

Sailing for Life: Nurturing the Next Generation

Whether building storage racks for Optis, cooking sausages on the BBQ after an event, to supporting young sailors at events like the Opti Nationals in Adelaide and the Zhik Youth Sail Vic hosted at the Club in April, SSCBC volunteers are integral to nurturing the next generation of sailors. Many of these volunteers are parents, but some are more elite sailors giving their time to foster and mentor the

younger sailors, wanting to 'give back' to a Club where they learned their skills when they were kids. An example of this is our 29er Come and Try days led by Tess Lloyd, Jack Lloyd, James McClennan and Harry Mighell. Even some of our younger Members give a lot of their time throughout the season to help our newest cohort of sailors. Past Junior Club Captain, Henri Levenspiel was awarded The Mike Haig Memorial Trophy at the Club presentation night for his efforts throughout the season, teaching kids as a volunteer, and Henri is only 15 years old! Not sure you'll find many other 15 year olds volunteering their time to help fellow Members learn new skills. Congratulations Henri.

Beyond the Ordinary: Enhancing Club Life

Volunteers at SSCBC go above and beyond to enhance Club life, whether through decorating for special events, ensuring our Heritage is proudly on show, or even caring for our indoor plants! This year at the Easter Swim our volunteers were involved in registering entrants, on water safety (in conjunction with volunteers from Portsea SLSC) and cooking the legendary egg and bacon rolls for swimmers.

SSCBC hosted some of the recent Sorrento Writers' Festival events, with our volunteers donning pale blue t-shirts and talking all things literary – what pride did we show to those visiting guests. Their efforts create a welcoming atmosphere where Members and guests alike can forge lasting friendships and share their passion for life at SSCBC.

Chris Clapp: Recipient of the Bernie Beauchamp Award

A walking example of the spirit of volunteering at SSCBC is Chris

Clapp, this year's recipient of the Bernie Beauchamp Award. A regular volunteer on Saturday Couta Boat racing, Chris is on the pathway to being one of our accredited Race Officers. But it is not just Saturday racing that attracts Chris; he is one of those guys who puts his hand up for just about everything, from jetty painting to major regattas. Chris epitomises the spirit of volunteering at SSCBC, he doesn't look for or expect recognition, just loves getting involved and having a go. We congratulate Chris on this award, as well as the many, many volunteers who put in so many hours so others can enjoy their sport.

Join the Volunteer Movement

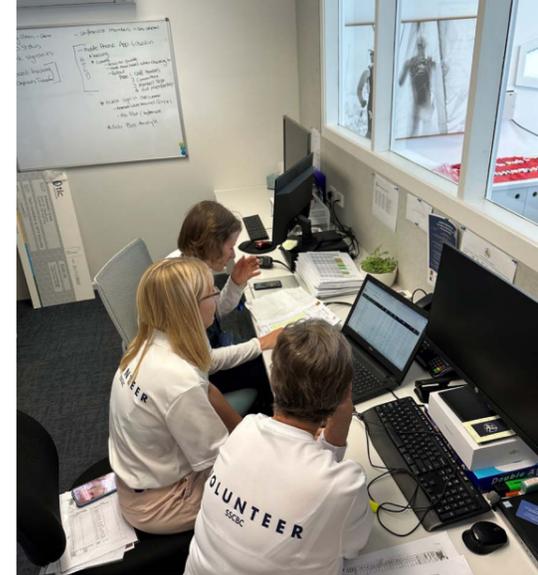
SSCBC encourages all Members to embrace the spirit of *Sailing for All, Sailing for Life* by getting involved in volunteer opportunities that align with their interests and skills. Training and support are provided to ensure that every volunteer can make a meaningful impact on our vibrant sailing community.

Get Involved Today

Are you ready to be part of the SSCBC volunteer movement? Visit our website to discover how you can contribute, have fun and make new friends. Whether you're interested in race management, gardening and landscaping, maintaining our new Clubhouse, being a part of a major event, joining one of our sub committees, or simply lending a helping hand when you can, your involvement is crucial to our continued success.

As they say, you will get far more out of it than you will put in!

Deb Kwasnicki



SAVE THE DATES
WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 5 & 12 OCTOBER
8.30AM - 1PM
8AM COFFEE, BBQ LUNCH & DRINK PROVIDED.
Gardening, sorting trophies, painting & maintenance of the jetty, picnic tables, lockers & beach clean up.





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NEXT GEN REPORT

>>> 2023-2024 SEASON

This season we have seen a noticeable increase in Next Gen participation around the Club, both on and off the water. More sailors jumping on boats more regularly and also making the most of the incredible new Clubhouse. Not to mention greater representation on committees across the Club.

We kicked off the season with opening night, unveiling the Next Gen sailing calendar and our plans for the season. The WASZP Games in December were quite the spectacle with many of our own Next Gen sailors competing. Coua twilights in January were also a success, with many Next Gen sailors taking the helm. Similarly, we saw huge numbers of Next Gen sailors turn out for Lady Skippers' Day, both as skippers and crew. Showing the range of sailors we have in our Next Gen cohort.

The spectacular Acacia Energy Next Gen Day saw records broken with

29 boats on the water and over 200 participants. The pinnacle of the Next Gen season and one of the most exciting days on the sailing calendar was a resounding success. Perfect winds with the sun in the sky, followed by live music on the deck after sailing; it couldn't have been better.

This season saw further development of our 2K Teams Racing program at SSCBC with a core group involved in training and events throughout the season. We had two teams attend the 2K Teams Racing National Championships in April, with SSCBC taking 1st place for the third time in a row. I commended the efforts of all sailors and everyone who help make these trips possible.

As a committee, our focus now shifts to the upcoming season. Our aim is to further enhance the program's development, increasing participation in Next Gen events and sailing activities across the



Next Gen meat raffle: Michael, Jack and Grace

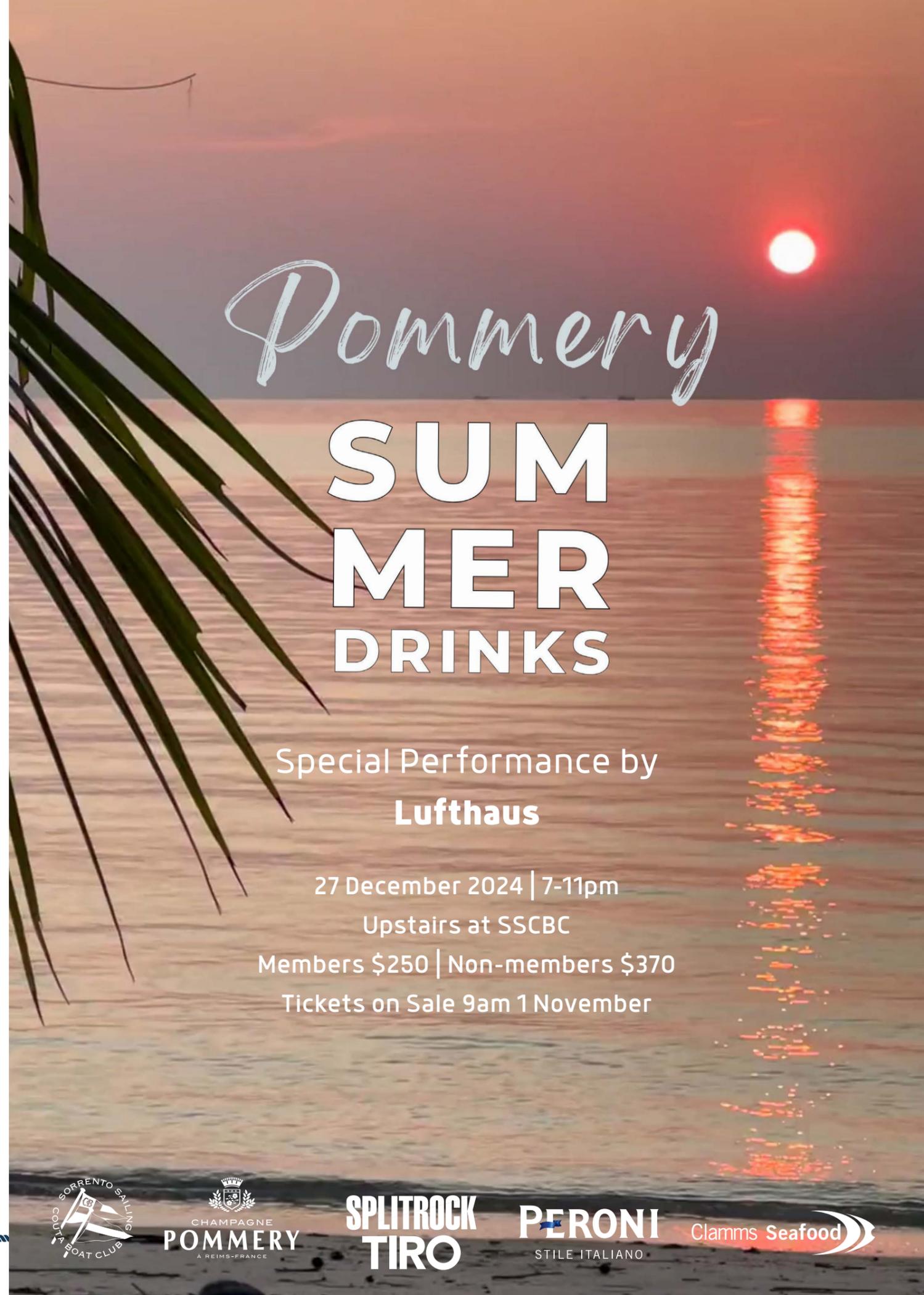
Club. We aspire to create more avenues for individuals to engage with the sailing community and enhance their skills at every level.

I extend my gratitude to all members of the Next Gen Committee for their dedicated efforts in organising these events and ensuring their seamless execution. Additionally, a heartfelt thank you goes out to the Sailing Club for their invaluable support, without which the growth and success of the Next Gen program would not have been possible.

I look forward to next season and am excited for all it has to offer.

Grace Cockman
Chair – Next Gen Committee

Div 2 winners on Fiona C81: Eddie, Richard, Bridget, Maddie and Grace



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SUMMER DRINKS

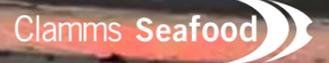
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SAVE THE DATES

SATURDAY 5 & 12 OCTOBER 8:30am - 1pm
Working Bee mornings

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 10am
Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2-5PM
Season briefing & launch of fundraising campaign

Join us for an overview of the OTB and Couta Boat season 2024-25. We are also excited to launch our vital fundraising campaign to further reduce our redevelopment loan. This crucial step will enable us to focus on delivering our new strategic plan, *Sailing for All, Sailing for Life*. By supporting this campaign, you're investing in the growth and inclusivity of our community. Together, we can ensure that our club continues to offer exceptional sailing experiences and foster a lifelong passion on and off the water for all Members.

Overview of OTB and Couta Boat Season 2024-25
Fundraising campaign commences with online auction
Guest speaker
Free event

Complimentary drink on arrival and finger food, supported by Acacia Energy
All Members (children warmly welcome)

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 8am
TLC Healthcare Lavendar Hill Golf Day

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 6pm
Commodore's Season Welcome Drinks

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 10am
Opening Day

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 6pm
Gala Dinner

Wrap up of fundraising auction
Sit down three course Gala dinner
Guest speaker
Live music



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EVENTS COMING UP

Father's Day
Sunday 1 September
Special present for all dads.

Grand Final Day
Saturday 28 September
Winner of tipping announced.

Melbourne Cup Day
Tuesday 5 November - Enjoy Spring
Racing at the Club! Sit down Cup
Day luncheon with race sweeps.

Oaks Day
Thursday 7 November - High tea.
Organise your tables and outfits.

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SAILORS Q&A

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>>> WITH JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAINS



1. Name
Savannah Deeth

2. What was your favourite moment on a boat this Season?

My favourite moment on a boat this season was trying out a 29er for the first time, shared with my best friend Isabelle. It was a thrilling experience and I enjoyed getting out in a 29er with Tess Loyd.

3. What was your favourite moment off the water?

My favourite moment off the water is going to refresh and jump off the pier with my friends.

4. How many boats have you sailed this season?

This season, I tried out a variety of boats as I grew too big for my Opti. I sailed a 29er and Laser and also had fun sailing in a Quest.

5. Who is your Sailing Hero?

My Sailing hero would be my pa. My pa, Graeme, is the reason I started sailing and has been greatly involved in it. My pa is always there to support me throughout my journey.

His encouragement and guidance have been greatly appreciated.

6. If you were to give any advice to younger SSCBC sailors, what would it be?

My advice to younger SSCBC sailors would be to trust in themselves and their decisions. Embrace setbacks as part of the learning process, knowing that every experience on the water contributes to growth. Remember, resilience is key, and what happens on the water, stays on the water.

7. Aside from Couta Boats, what's next in your sailing plans?

I plan to start getting into Laser while also maintaining my involvement in coaching and sailing quests and pacers with others.



1. Name
Miles Levenspiel

2. What was your favourite moment on a boat this Season?

My favourite moment on a boat this season was on the last lap in the youths. My partner and I went from 3rd to first after doing an amazing rounding at the bottom mark.

3. What was your favourite moment off the water?

My favourite moment off the water was hiding all the Easter eggs in the Easter egg hunt

4. How many boats have you sailed this season?

The boats I've sailed this season are the Waszp, 29er, Quest, and Wingfoiler.

5. Who is your Sailing Hero?

My sailing hero is Tess Lloyd because she's always positive in the boat and has helped me through my 29er journey by spending quality time with me and my partner to be better at boat skills and be competitive at regattas in just a year.

6. If you were to give any advice to younger SSCBC sailors, what would it be?

My advice to younger SSCBC sailors is to always have fun on the boat and to keep being consistent with your training.

7. Aside from Couta Boats, what's next in your sailing plans?

My next sailing plan is to go to the 29er youths which are being held in Queensland in July 2024. I'm also excited because my family and I are going to the Great Barrier Reef to snorkel.

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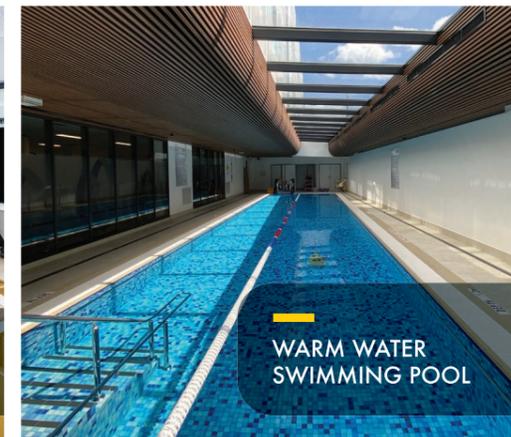


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GETTING TO KNOW NEW STAFF

>>> INTRODUCING MATT HUNTER, EXECUTIVE CHEF



Tell us a bit about yourself.... family, where do you live, background etc....

33 years old. Living in Rye with my fiancé, 5-year-old boy and newborn son, I am extremely family orientated. Everything I do is with them at the forefront of my decision making and I owe a lot of my success in the culinary arts to their support and patience of the demands and stress of the industry.

I grew up in Katoomba, Blue Mountains, NSW where I had a very outdoorsy childhood. My mother and Nanna were avid home cooks. I always loved learning to cook and spending quality time with them from as early as I can remember. The aromas of freshly baked oat cookies and slow cooked meals simmering on the stove all day are a strong connection to feeling at home for me.

I moved to my father's on the Mornington Peninsula when I was 15 to undertake my apprenticeship under his guidance as a strong role model for work ethic, sense of responsibility and perseverance. I strongly believe I wouldn't be the man I am today without his

mentorship through adolescence, setting an example as the hardest working man I have ever met.

I started my apprenticeship at a Bistro in Mt Eliza, and completed it at renowned restaurant Salix at Willow Creek Winery (now Rare Hare) under Executive Chef Bernard McCarthy, and Head chef David Walford. Having such reputable chefs as mentors really paved the way for me in the industry on the Mornington Peninsula. Following completion of my apprenticeship at the age of 18, I have been lucky enough to work at, and run high-end restaurants and wineries all over the peninsula, as well as overseas with some of the best chefs in the industry.

I love the nostalgia that food can create. It has such a strong root in the memories of our lives. I knew from the age of 7 that I was going to be a chef, and am very grateful that I can share my love of food by creating pleasurable moments for our Members in a meal.

With all my travel, I have always ended up back on the southern Peninsula where I first fell in love with the hospitality industry, beautiful abundance of produce, the extreme contrast of bustling relentless summers and relaxed serene winters, and of course my partner Lauren.

Why SSCBC?

Seeking work life balance for myself and young family. My connection to Bernard from my early career and idea of supporting him as a mature chef rather than apprentice was something that appealed to me, and now with him passing on the baton, I feel very pleased with my decision

to join the Club and grateful for the trust in responsibilities given to me.

What are you most looking forward to for season 2024-25 at SSCBC?

I have been here from the launch of the new clubhouse and have enjoyed getting to know a lot of our Members. I am looking forward to driving our kitchen team forward, taking onboard past feedback and surpassing expectations in coming months and beyond.

The team are genuinely passionate about the produce we get in and quality of the final product that is presented to our Members. I am excited to see us grow as a team and most of all, provide really positive experiences for our guests in the clubhouse.



MATT'S DOUGHNUTS

Makes 10-12

Ingredients

- 4 eggs (700's)
 - 515g Baker's flour
 - 2g dried yeast (1 tsp)
 - 10g table salt
 - 50g caster sugar
 - 112g water
 - 65g milk
 - 437g butter
 - Zest of 1/2 lemon
 - 1tsp vanilla extract
 - Canola oil for frying
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- 250g caster sugar
 - 50g powdered cinnamon



Method

1. Sift flour and add, sugar & yeast
2. Melt butter and mix together with water and milk (combined mixture 34°C)
3. In a large bowl or mixer combine wet & dry ingredients, beaten eggs, salt, lemon zest and vanilla (don't worry if the mix looks slightly split, this adds layers to final product)
4. Leave to proof to double in size for about 5-6 hours at 18°C to 24°C
5. After 1st rest has been achieved, with your hands knock back by lifting the dough from the edge of the bowl to the centre rotating a quarter turn 4 times as if you are folding into a square (this should bring back to a smooth dough)
6. Rest overnight (12-18hours)
7. In the morning repeat the folding process (5) and refrigerate for at least 3 hours
8. Turn out cold dough onto a lightly floured bench. Roll into large rectangle and give the dough 3x book leaf folds as if you were making puff pastry (be careful not to use too much flour as they will separate during frying)
9. Let the dough rest on bench so the gluten structure relaxes for the final roll
10. Roll to approx. 1inch thick
11. Using round pastry cutters, stamp to desired size as well as stamping out the centres using the smallest cutter (you can keep the centres to fry as bomboloni)
12. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours. These can now be stored in the fridge for up to 3 days before using
13. Pull out of the fridge to bring to room temperature for an hour before frying
14. Heat oil to 170°C fry on each side for 4 minutes
15. Once cooked toss them in cinnamon sugar while hot



GETTING TO KNOW NEW STAFF

>>> INTRODUCING LAURA SMITH, FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER



Tell us a bit about yourself... family, where do you live, background etc....

Approaching 30 and not sure how I feel about it! I grew up in Rosebud, went to Rosebud Primary School and Rosebud Secondary College and began my studies at university straight after Year 12. I loved learning the cello, tap dancing and swimming all throughout my childhood. Once I finished my degree in Primary teaching, I jetted off to the UK to begin working in London as a Supply teacher. It was very challenging at times, but I loved the variety and learnt a lot from my experience there. I travelled to many countries during my 2 years in London, such as Iceland, Turkey, Sweden, Morocco... the list goes on!

After my experience in London, I had a brief stint teaching in Abi Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. It was only short lived, as the Covid

Pandemic led me back home. Over the past few years, I have enjoyed teaching at a number of different schools on the Mornington Peninsula as well as working at the Club on the weekends.

I currently live in Capel Sound with my husband. We recently returned from a month-long trip to West Africa which was an absolutely incredible experience.

Why SSCBC?

I love the staff and Members at the Club. I also can't deny that it's simply a stunning place to work, in a beautiful part of the world. Having taught in a Primary setting for the past 7 years, I am excited to take a little break from the classroom space and continue teaching staff on the dining room floor. I enjoy guiding staff and help them develop their hospitality and customer service skills. I feel very welcomed by Members and the staff at SSCBC and I am looking forward to continuing to build my role here.

Sailing background or if not, hobbies?

I have never sailed but would love to try heading out on the water one day. I love all things art, craft and design. I actually studied a bachelor of Visual Arts at Monash University (with my teacher training) and majored in Glassmaking. I also love trying my luck at new recipes in the kitchen and travelling.

Worst habit?

Nail biting!

Greatest fear?

Seasickness on a cruise with terrible weather!

Biggest regret so far?

No regrets – it's all learning.

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

I would love to live in London again, for the social scene... but New Zealand or Slovenia for the nature.

What are you most looking forward to for season 2024-25 at SSCBC?

Getting to know Members better, expanding my skillset and trialling new ideas for the Club.

I'm looking forward to training new staff for the busy summer season ahead.

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SPONSORSHIP REPORT

We are very fortunate to have long standing partners at SSCBC, some of whom have been with the Club for over 25 years! Their sponsorship dollars contribute to the many sailing activities delivered throughout the year, from supporting our juniors in the Sailing Centre to the Couta Boat Ripple program.

Their support is incredibly valued, not just in terms of sponsorship dollars, but also by way of providing services and sometimes even an alternate venue for an event (or in the case of Brighton Land Rover, a loan vehicle!). Last season we enjoyed our season opening drinks at Brighton Land Rover; the CBA Portsea Cup Calcutta evening was hosted in the new Wooden Boatshop shed; Yabby Lake hosted our farewell lunch for Executive Chef Bernard McCarthy at the end of last summer... the list goes on.

Many of our partners are large corporates, but some are small,

family businesses, and their support, particularly during these difficult times, is very much appreciated.

Overwhelmingly, our sponsor partners all supported the Club throughout the turmoil of COVID closures followed by the Clubhouse redevelopment, where although we were able to welcome Members to our temporary clubhouse on the lawn, it certainly wasn't business as usual from a sponsor perspective. All of our partners stuck by us during those times and we would like to say a huge thank you. It is due to our long standing relationships, and the support our Members give back to their businesses in return, that ensures they keep renewing their agreements every year! Please support their businesses in your everyday lives when you can. Even a phone call for advice or a quote is appreciated.

Steadfast IBG Insurance helped out SSCBC Member and Commodore of Camerons Bight Boat Club recently:

On behalf of Camerons Bight Boat Club Inc (CBBC) we needed to obtain a variety of insurance policies including Public Liability, Voluntary Workers and Associations Liability cover. Ronnie Schwarz, a Director of Steadfast IBG and a Member of SSCBC, has been most helpful in guiding us in the process of obtaining the various insurance policies we required. He has been prompt, helpful and knowledgeable and we now have the insurance cover required for our leased area, dinghy racks and the volunteers amongst our 195 members. Thank you for your help. John McNamara, Commodore Camerons Bight Boat Club.

Receiving feedback such as this is music to our ears.

From time to time, we do receive the unfortunate news that our partners need to direct their marketing budgets elsewhere and will not be renewing their contracts with us. At the time of writing this report, we have been informed that





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both Brighton Land Rover and Mr Trampoline will not be continuing as partners of the Club next season. I hope we will continue to see Paul Myers and his team from Brighton Land Rover at the Club when they are down this way on their drive days and know we will continue to support the business where we can.

Adam Richards from Mr Trampoline is of course a very active Life Member of the Club and even though he will no longer be an official partner of the Club, we look forward to maintaining our relationship and support of his business.

Above is a list of our partners and their key contact details – please keep this handy and reach out to them when you can.

Hollie Hick



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