

RYCV Yearbook



ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA - 2020/2021

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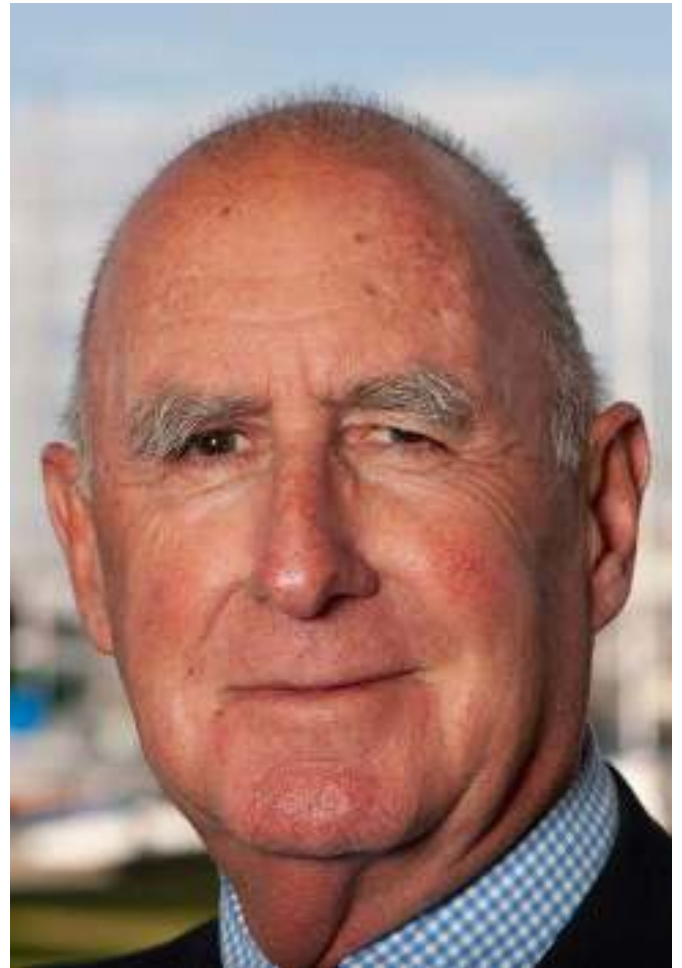
From the Commodore

I take this opportunity to thank all Royal Yacht Club of Victoria Members for their resolute commitment and support of the Club through a year of significant difference and challenge. So much of what has transpired has been beyond our control.

It is with great pleasure to note that throughout this time of fragmented opportunity for sailing and social activity, Member response to participate when permitted has been exceptional. The Club is now at its highest level of recorded membership, and it is not uncommon for the dining room or deck to be fully booked supporting the new food and beverage service.

The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria Strategic Plan is currently being reviewed. Diversity, inclusivity, youth and broad community engagement are priority issues being addressed. The aim is to become the sailing club of choice in our western region and to be known for welcoming active community engagement. The Strategic Plan must ensure the Club is relevant for the future. It must also offer a progressive and achievable roadmap for the next General Committee to follow and further develop the priority issues.

At the same time, the Club is facing several challenges in relation to ageing infrastructure as most Members appreciate. The issues are being assessed in terms of risk, priority and affordability. An Infrastructure Re-development Plan and Capital Expenditure Plan will, in the



the near future, be presented for Members' consideration. The bathroom renovations were unfortunately delayed but are now being priced.

On behalf of the Club, I thank members of the General Committee for their unwavering commitment, effort and prudence in 'charting a course through difficult waters' during effort and prudence in 'charting a course through difficult waters' during the last 12 months. General Committee has worked cohesively and productively during a period of significant challenge including the COVID pandemic, infrastructure challenges and other matters. The Chairs of each Sub-Committee have prepared detailed reports for each of the Club departments.

On behalf of the Club, I thank all Sub-Committee members for their tireless work and commitment to the activities of their areas of responsibility. The Club is now enjoying the benefits of a very collaborative and interrelated Sub-Committee structure, supporting each other with integrated expertise.

In the July eNews 'Commodore's Message to Members', I stated that volunteers offer an invaluable support group without which our Club could not exist. It is not only that regattas and events could not be held, Club management would not function and provide the services to Members it does at affordable levels. Our Club is volunteer based and reliant both on the water and off the water. Royal Yacht Club of Victoria volunteers are very special people and the Club sincerely thanks all its volunteers.

While I do not like to single out individual Members, it is fitting that we acknowledge the advice, effort and leadership given by Steve Standen in completing the levelling of the traverser pit, the rehabilitation of the railed yard and repair works to the travel lift. Thank you to Steve and his teams.

I also thank all Members who have contributed to the Club in different ways throughout the year.

Please consider becoming a volunteer. You will be most welcome!

Thank you to General Manager Michael Neumann and the Club staff for working so well through the impositions that have been applied during the working year.

The various COVID shutdowns have been very challenging to all and particularly so in relation to

the Club's financial sustainability. As a result, the Club has recorded a loss of \$45,537 in this past financial year but at the same time has achieved a reduction in the Club borrowings. The Treasurer will report in detail.

I ask Members to consider this. In 1853, a group of sailing enthusiasts got together to form a Club for the pursuit of sailing enjoyment, camaraderie and socialising around their common interest. We are not such a different Club today and I believe these remain the principle aims for us to reflect on.

On behalf of General Committee, thank you for your continuing support. This is a great Club with a progressive community minded outlook and a Club we can all be very proud of.

DOUG SHIELDS
COMMODORE



From the Rear Commodore Sailing

Sailing Committee

Rear Commodore Sailing	Andrew King
Keelboat Club Captain	Cath Beaufort
Off the Beach Club Captain	Ryan Grieve
Cruising	Ian Reichelt
SheSails	Liesl Petterd
2020 Cadet Worlds Chair	Tim Olding
General Manager	Michael Neumann
Race Director	David LeRoy
Sailing & Club Development Lead	Allicia Rae
Sailing Manager	Andy Warner
Training & Development	Ian Fox
Measurer & Handicapper	John Duffin
Handicapper	Gary Fell
Club Equipment Auditors	Duncan Rae Andrew King Ian Fox

Annual Awards

Sailor of the Year	David Allen
Youth Sailor of the Year	Joel Matthews
Junior Sailor of the Year	Ollie Grieve
Cruising Sailor of the Year	Peter Digby
Club Member of the Year	Amanda Rawson & Andrew King
Crew Member of the Year	Paige Butcher



Congratulations to all our Members who participated and persisted with the 2020-21 Sailing Season. My predecessor, and now Vice Commodore, Jane Richards observed in last year's Annual Report that the 2019-20 sailing season was "very strange". The 2020-21 sailing season continued that trend. While 2019-20 was consistent in that sailing was limited, the 2020-21 season was even stranger in the sense that it was unpredictable, with sailing commencing then stopping with snap lockdowns put in place then lifted almost as quickly. This played havoc with planning in all aspects of Club operations, particularly sailing. The season commenced in muted tones with a very low key and delayed Opening Day. The COVID restrictions in place allowed for limited sailing which was confined to Wednesday twilight racing fun from the marina box. As restrictions further lifted, more of the sailing program was completed. Off The Beach had an extended season running into mid May to

get all the scheduled Club aggregates in. On the regatta front, all our major events were able to proceed. Even with the good management in place, this was only by good fortune in that no lockdowns were called when they were running. The immediate future for sailing everywhere in Port Phillip looks likely to continue along in the same way with intermittent COVID based lockdowns. Sailing Committee are now familiar with dealing with this and are able to adapt the sailing program accordingly.

2021 Club Racing Achievements

For this year, we have a very local flavour due to the cancellation or restrictions placed on interstate events. Results for RYCV sailors are as follows:

Commodore In Chief Trophy Ray Borrett and crew on LAURELLE.

THIRSTY WORK skipped by Gary Fell won the Commodores Trophy and the Elwood Houn Trophy, well done to Gary, Marshall and Lindsay.

The Phoenix Trophy went to David Burton and crew on COROMANDEL 6.

Single handed racing proved to be very strong this year and the Black Bottle Trophy was taken out by Patrick Clark on TANDEKA.

Sunday racing was also well patronised with MAGIC skippered by Rick English winning the Tripe and Onion Series while SHORE THING, Robin Worland and crew, won the Steak and Mushrooms. When we eventually got back to the twilight racing The Bill Hales Trophy (Div1 PHS) went to the team on OASIS headed up Paul O'Driscoll and Grant Botica.

The Andrew Bell Trophy (Div1 AMS) was won by Dan Morrow and crew on AFFIRMATIVE ACTION. The Essendon Trophy (Overall winner of the Wednesday night twilight series) went to Bruce Rodwell and Michael Baines on ASSAILANT.

The one design trophy Alwyn Hill was won by YW Diamond REDBACK, well done to Robert Hick and Paul Cannon.

Association Cup

After a hiatus of a couple of years, we returned to sailing in the Association Cup.

Our IRC boats were EXECUTIVE DECISION (Will Shears) and GALATEA (Jane Richards) skippered by Gavin Gourley. The AMS boats were AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (Ross Coats & Daniel Morrow) and OASIS (Paul O'Driscoll). While we ultimately unsuccessful in winning the cup back, our sailors fought hard and placed 2nd in difficult, light conditions.

ORCV RYCV Club boats Results

Cock of the Bay

Royals boats have performed well in the ORCV series albeit in small numbers. Standout results started with Cock of the Bay. FASTER FORWARD skippered by Matt Fahey came first in PHS Div 1. Tim Olding's VERTIGO scored a 4th in AMS Div 2. In AMS Div 3, MAGIC BULLET skippered by Leo Cantwell came in at a very respectable 2nd closely followed by Andrew Middleton in 4th position sailing ROZINANTE II.

Coastal Sprint Series

Justin Brenan sailing ALIEN came 2nd in AMS Div 2 and PHS Div 2 series results.

Melbourne to Devonport - Rudder Cup

SOIREE BLEU, Douglas Lithgow and crew placed 5th in AMS.

Carnival of Short Handed Sailing

GODZILLA (Andrew Munro) 2nd AMS, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (Dan Morrow) 3rd AMS and EXECUTIVE DECISION (Will Shears) 4th AMS.

Apollo Bay Race

ALIEN, Justin Brenan, 1st AMS and 2nd PHS

S80 State Championships

On the 10th and 11th of January, we ran the S80 State Championships. This attracted a fleet of 17 boats from around Port Phillip. The top 3 boats where: INTRUSION SM288 1st, RUNAMUK M451 2nd and SKIPJACK H398 3rd.

The top Royals boat was MERAK, 4th, skippered by PC Bas Huibers.

2021 National Noelex 25 & 30 Championship

For the second year in a row, we ran the Noelex National Championships. Run over 2 days in May (22nd to 23rd), we had much reduced COVID fleet of 7 boats.

During the latter part of the season, our Club hosted three high profile OTB regattas these were: Musto Optimists state titles, **School Teams State Championships** and the **Youth Sailing State Championships**.

Lipton Cup Regatta was unfortunately cancelled this season. Planning is underway for running this important event this year.

This year, our Club has moved to a volunteer-based model which will continue to provide a **high standard of race management** for a range of sailing events and to further our strategic objective to enhance our reputation for hosting world-class international, national and state events. Our race committee undergoes regular training, accreditation and re-accreditation courses. Women in race management is also a key part of our strategic plan and this season we were able to secure funding for further training for women only. In addition to this, the Sailing Committee has setup training sessions on Sunday afternoon for anyone who would like to get involved in race management.

Port Phillip women's Championship Series

We hosted race 3 and 4 of the Port Phillip Women's Championship (Val Hodge Trophy). In a first for our Club, this round of the PPWC was run by an all women race committee of Alicia Rae and Amanda Rawstron.

Unfortunately, **Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta** was again unable to go ahead on the scheduled date of 11-14 June.

And finally, but not least, my thanks go to the Members of the Sailing Committee and the OTB Committee. Thanks also to our hardworking team of Staff – Michael, Alicia, Andy, Ian, David, Melissa, Camilla, Gary and Jenny. It has been a difficult six months and your resilience and continued dedication to the Club has been amazing.

There have been some staff changes on the sailing front with Alicia Rae leaving in April. A very heart felt thanks to Alicia for all her hard work.

Our long serving Race Director, David LeRoy, will be resigning in September after 20 plus years at RYCV. Thank you to David for all the work, week in week out, and for the mentoring role in developing the new race management team.

Most importantly, I wish to thank all of our amazing volunteers who contribute to our on-shore and off-shore activities – without you we would not be able to have such a great time out there on the water. There is a core of volunteers who turn up every week and for every regatta. Thank you to Amanda Rawstron, Steve Standen, Dennis Spindley, Wanda English, Ross Anderson and Duncan Rae.

It has been a very difficult and disrupted year with numerous challenges to overcome. On behalf of the Sailing Committee, I wish to acknowledge the obstacles we have all had to face. We have fought on and not only managed to get through this year but are wiser, more skilled and resilient than ever. Well done everybody and let's continue this into next season.

Andrew King

Rear Commodore Sailing

Club Results for 2020-21 Season

TROPHY	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER NAME
GEORGE LOW TROPHY	NOT RACED	
LIVINGSTON TROPHY	KOOKABURRA	GUY THOMAS
LIPTON CUP	NOT RACED	
CHALLENGE 12 TROPHY	MERAK	BAS HUIBERS
DIVISION 1 AGGREGATE TUI HALL MEMORIAL TROPHY	NOT RACED	
VICE COMMODORE'S TROPHY AMS DIV 1 SEASON AGGREGATE	NOT RACED	
DIVISION 2 AGGREGATE	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
REAR COMMODORE'S TROPHY AMS DIV 2 SEASON AGGREGATE	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
DIVISION 3 AGGREGATE	MERAK	BAS HUIBERS
REAR COMMODORE'S AMS DIV 3 SEASON AGGREGATE	MERAK	BAS HUIBERS
THE JEFFREY GRAY MEMORIAL TROPHY	ROUGH CUT	DUNCAN RAE
McCUTCHEON CUP	IKON	BRUCE McCRAKEN
E O DIGBY TROPHY	IKON	BRUCE McCRAKEN
LORD BRASSEY TROPHY	SEA EAGLE	KEVIN CURTIS
LORD FORSTER TROPHY	SEA EAGLE	KEVIN CURTIS
COMMODORE IN CHIEF'S TROPHY	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
COMMODORES TROPHY	THIRSTY WORK	GARY FELL
ELWOOD HUON TROPHY	THIRSTY WORK	GARY FELL
PALLISER TROPHY	NOT RACED	
HAROLD WARD TROPHY	SALAMANDER II	MONICA JONES
AMINYA CUP	NOT RACED	
GEOFFREY EVANS TROPHY	NOT RACED	
PHOENIX TROPHY	COROMANDEL 6	DAVID BURTON
PHOENIX TROPHY WOODEN SPOON	FASTER FORWARD	MATT FAHEY
BLACK BOTTLE TROPHY	TANDEKA	PATRICK CLARKE
150th JUBILEE TROPHY	NOT RACED	
VAL HODGE TROPHY	SWALLOW	SUE BURKE
SONIA TROPHY	NOT RACED	
SUN THEATRE	NOT RACED	
TRIPLE AND ONIONS SERIES	MAGIC	RICHARD ENGLISH
STEAK & MUSHROOMS TROPHY	SHORE THING	ROBIN WARLOND
BILL HALES TROPHY	OASIS	PAUL O'DRISCOLL
ANDREW BELL TROPHY	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION	ROSS COATES / DANIEL MORROW
ESSENDON TROPHY SERIES	ASSAILANT	BRUCE RODWELL / MICHAEL BAINES
ESSENDON CUP AMS WINNER	LE CASCADEUR	RYAN BLACKSTOCK
ALWYN HILL TROPHY	REDBACK	PAUL CANNON
LAURA GLORIA TROPHY	NOT RACED	
RIVERS CUP	NOT RACED	

OTB News

For the second year running, the Off-The-Beach group (OTB) had a disrupted sailing season due to COVID-19. The 2020/21 season began late and, in order to complete a full race schedule, we ran through until May.

Opening day was delayed until early December and was a smaller event than the usual fanfare, however we managed to get the season underway. Our OTB Junior Club Captains, Oliver Grieve and Ava Schofield, represented the juniors with their official duties of unfurling the flag and the usual, but unexpectedly loud, firing of the cannon (Ava is still recovering!) and the season was open.

With only 4 days racing scheduled for 2020, it was a somewhat lopsided season with the majority of racing from early January through to mid-May. With short lockdowns interrupting the season again, we were satisfied to get most racing in.

All our national titles were either cancelled or postponed with the RYCV Cadet Nationals given over to Sandringham YC over the Easter school holidays. We were unable to host this shortened event as we had already committed to the Victorian Youth Championships in April. This event was very well run and a success once again. RYCV also hosted the School Teams Racing State Championships in March which, despite the wet weather, was a roaring success. As always, the Royals volunteers were out in force helping with everything from race management to shore side assistance, well done team.

The Club received a grant and purchased two second hand Optimist dinghies. These will be

rented to anyone looking at moving from Tackers and continuing their solo sailing journey and are a welcome addition to OTB.

The Shields family have generously donated a new rescue boat in memory of Past Commodore James Shields. This is a very generous and appreciated donation and will assist the entire Club with resourcing sailing events and coaching. This will replace the ageing Win Brown that has served us well for many years.

The building works to the OTB clubrooms are continuing with ongoing improvements being made. A decking area is next on the wish list to complete the canteen area, however the space is an excellent place for the group to gather.

Socially, we have been limited in our activities but did manage a fun movie night. Our Junior Club Captains, Ava and Ollie, did a great job organising and selecting a fun movie; "Hunt for the Wilderpeople". Thank you also to Mike and Anne Smith of the Sun Theatre for supplying the projection equipment once again. At the time of writing, we have just had to postpone our Presentation Night as it was to be held in the middle of a lockdown.

We have unfortunately lost our much loved Allicia Rae to the glitz and glamour of the wine industry. Allicia was a great asset to our Club and we wish her all the best in the future. The Club have employed Andy Warner to assist in all things sailing related and we welcome him to the Club. We look forward to working with Andy on future regattas and events.

On a particularly sad note, one of our long term OTB volunteers, Tom Kirkpatrick, passed away on the 18th June 2021. Tom spent many hours on the water volunteering, driving rescue boats and being our intrepid photographer. Tom towed rescue boats across the country to various Cadet Nationals and followed his son Oscar's sailing career closely. Tom will be sadly missed by the OTB group and our thoughts and condolences go to his loving family, Tess, Oscar and Amelia.

International Cadet Nationals hosted by SYC

Congratulation to PEPSEA and HYPNOTIC for competing in the Cadet Nationals at Sandringham Yacht Club in April this year. The event was a shorter series with fewer competitors than usual; given the uncertainties and border closures there was an obvious reluctance for some boats to attend from interstate. Congratulations to Leo, Leo, Ashton and Max for proudly representing Royals.

Place	Boat name	Skipper	Crew
27	AUS 9622, PEPSEA	Leo Church	Leo Loftus
33	AUS 9285, HYPNOTIC	Ashton Rawstron	Max Hooker

International Cadet Victorian Championships, Metung

Once again, Metung put on a great show for the state titles with a variety of breezes and challenges as is always the case on the Lakes. We were represented with three boats that did our Club proud, well done team Royals.

Place	Boat name	Skipper	Crew
18	AUS 9285, HYPNOTIC	Ashton Rawstron	Max Hooker
19	AUS 9622, PEPSEA	Leo Church	Leo Loftus
20	AUS 5678, CONSECUTIVE	Arjay Layton	Eliza-Jane Layton

Ollie Grieve in the Youth States Regatta

Senior OTB Report – Andrew King

Senior OTB in 2021 was similar to 2020 in that it was a stop start season with intermittent lockdowns which made consistent racing challenging. Over the season which ran through to May, there were some good performances and much improvement among our small fleet. The international 14 class experienced growth and the Club now has 5 active boats sailing.

The Senior Club Championship was won by Louis Schofield and Ishka Prescott Sailing the FLYING PIG. Second place was DUTCH COURAGE sailed by Duncan Rae and Oscar Kirkpatrick and in third position was Ollie Grieve sailing his Laser SPECTRE. The senior aggregate once again was won by FLYING PIG with SPECTRE, Ollie Grieve, second and third was DUTCH COURAGE, Duncan Rae and Oscar Kirkpatrick. FLYING PIG had a good first season and it was great to see Louis and Ishka out every week no matter what the conditions.

The major regatta that managed to get off the ground this year was the Black Rock Yacht Club Christmas Regatta. This was put on to replace many of the Nationals events there were scheduled but could not be run due to COVID-19. There were 4 Royals boats competing. The i14's included AUS644 Andrew King/Clare Olding and AUS615 Duncan Rae/Oscar Kirkpatrick with Joel Mathews/Angus Richardson sailing a formula fifteen and Marty and Hester Meldon sailing their RS200. Duncan and Oscar were the best performing boat overall.



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The International 14's have grown over the year with 5 boats now racing. This makes RYCV the largest 14' club on Port Phillip.

29ers

29ers have increased by one boat and the OTB subcommittee are actively encouraging the class with representation on the Victorian 9ers Association Committee. Two coaching days were organised but cancelled due to inclement weather.

Lasers

Laser numbers have remained low with two boats being regularly sailed. The OTB Committee hopes to improve these numbers by hosting the Laser Activate Days.

WASZPS

The WASZP's are a single-handed foiling class that are new to Royals. Currently, the Club only has two with more expected in the new season to

race against the four from HBYC. This is a strong fleet in the top end of the bay and an exciting addition to our Club.

Volunteers

Our volunteers have done a brilliant job each week manning the crash boats, laying marks and taking results. On behalf of all senior OTB sailors, we thank you. Special thank you to Ryan Grieve (OTB Club Captain), Guy and Tina Schofield, Owen and Cat Church, Peter Layton, Siobhan Murphy and Amanda Rawstron.

Senior OTB has been surprisingly successful this year in terms of growth given the disruption of COVID-19 and the ever-looming threat of lockdowns. The committee plan to continue this growth trajectory into 2022. Our Club offers good facilities with large storage areas and a variety of launch and retrieval options. This is all underpinned by a very experienced race management committee who have set high quality courses throughout the season.

Ryan Grieve
OTB Club Captain



2020/2021 OTB Trophy Winners

Trophy	Boat	Skipper & crew
Aoma Trophy	HYPKNOTIC	Ashton Rawstron & Max Hooker
Jan Trophy	HYPKNOTIC	Ashton Rawstron & Max Hooker
Junior Club Championship	CONSECUTIVE	Arjay Layton & Eliza-Jane Layton
Junior Club Aggregate	PEPSEA	Leo Church & Leo Loftus
Smart Trophy	PEPSEA	Leo Church & Leo Loftus
Hillenaar Trophy	CONSECUTIVE	Arjay Layton & Eliza-Jane Layton
Commodore's Trophy	PEPSEA	Leo Church & Leo Loftus
Open Club Championship	FLYING PIG	Ishka Prescott & Louis Schofield
29er Club Championship	FLYING PIG	Ishka Prescott & Louis Schofield
29er Club Aggregate	FLYING PIG	Ishka Prescott & Louis Schofield
Open Club Aggregate	FLYING PIG	Ishka Prescott & Louis Schofield
Walker Warner Trophy	CONSECUTIVE	Arjay Layton & Eliza-Jane Layton
Arch Cawthorne Trophy	PEPSEA	Leo Loftus
Parent's Encouragement Award	SNIPER	Mairin Loyd
Phillip Miller Memorial Award	HYPKNOTIC	Max Hooker
Malcolm Anderson Trophy,	HYPKNOTIC	Ashton Rawstron





Magical Mystery Tour

BY IAN REICHELT

Nine boats originally booked and indicated they were interested to join the Magical Mystery Tour in January 2021.

Of course, the last six months have played havoc as many boats were not being fully prepared due to less access to achieve maintenance tasks and to be ready.

Once again, this year the weather also tried valiantly to break our efforts and spirit, however many boats made it to the bottom of Port Phillip prior to departure. Some of our original 9 boats found the existing weather not so friendly and a few had not managed to stop the gremlins that arise when leaving home port, so we all waited until the 3rd of January to find a weather window suitable to depart.

At this stage, we had dropped to six or seven boats looking good to depart. Those who did not leave opted to spend the time inside Port Phillip as they believed that was their best option.

The boats who managed to venture out were BEAU CEIL, LEVEL C, MELTEMI OF MELBOURNE, BLUE CHIP and SKY. Also, Sandy Doull on NEXT MOMENT. Lino Bresciani and Boba Illick on SKY started prior to New Year and got away before the easterlies kicked in.

BEAU CEIL, LEVEL C and MELTEMI left on the 3rd January and had a day sail to Cat Bay on Phillip Island to anchorage in eight metres of water near a sandy beach with light easterlies and sunny skies. These conditions were not to last, as at 03.00 am the southerly arrived - 30 to 35 knots. Time to move as our anchor was not holding and we were concerned we could drag onto the beach. This is when the anchor decided it would not operate in up motor mode, leaving three crew to manhandle our big plow anchor and 30 metres of chain onto the deck. We then motored out into Westernport channel and using instruments and plotter went around to Cowes through the channel in the blinding rain and darkness. With two starboard channel lights missing or not lit! Fortunately, by daylight we could find a mooring buoy off the Cowes Yacht Club in blinding rain and settled in to dodge the rain and dry off below.

Later in the morning, LEVEL C and BEAU CEIL joined us at this spot where we were protected by the land.

In the meantime, NEXT MOMENT sailed to Bird Rock to anchor overnight and the next morning th

pick-up some additional wine, provisions and some ice for cocktails prior to dinner.

All of us decided to leave Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th to look at conditions to potentially head off to Wilsons Prom or head home.

BEAU CEIL headed back to Port Phillip with LEVEL C heading off to the Prom. MELTEMI, when leaving Westernport, experienced some damage to the vang point on the boom and the boom failed - cracking right through - leaving us the only option to lower the mainsail and consider sailing home to Port Phillip under headsail only.

LEVEL C sailed on to the Prom and we sailed into Port Phillip on Thursday afternoon and motored up to Hidden Harbour at Martha Cove to use a pen and sort out the mainsail and clear up the deck. Main points were no one was injured, and the mainsail not damaged. We left Friday morning to return to Royal Yacht Club in Williamstown.

All boats who managed to get out of Port Phillip kept in touch and I am pleased to say although this trip was short, we all experienced different circumstances, and all returned to home ports intact.





Smiles all round on Coastal Sprint

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For many, the West Offshore Products Coastal Sprint is a Category 3 race for the more seasoned skipper to test their crew and boat or for a newer skipper to build their confidence before taking that next longer passage. What a perfect day it turned out to be for race 2.

With light winds at the scheduled start, ORCV Race Directors shortened the course and moved the start line for the fifteen yachts outside the entrance of Port Phillip near to the ex HMAS Canberra wreck. Competitors included seasoned ORCV offshore racing yachts ALIEN, BLUE WATER TRACKS, ARCHIE, CARRERA S, VAGABOND, SUMMER'S LEASE, CA BOUGE, WINGARA, VERTIGO, MAVERICK and new competitors FOGGY DEW, PEGASUS, HOT CHIPPS, SMOOTH OPERATOR and ROZINANTE II.

Delighted by the day and the result was Andrew Middleton skipper of ROZINANTE II (R548 a Cavalier 350 SI) taking 1st on AMS, and 3rd on PHS. After completing the 2019 ORCV Beyond the Bay program, this race was Andrew's first ocean going race as the skipper and without a mentor onboard. "I was a little hesitant to begin with and on speaking to Justin Brenan the ORCV Sail Captain, he convinced me to give it a go and that I could follow him through the heads. The conditions were just perfect; I couldn't have hoped for a better transition from bay to ocean. I'm now looking to move onto to some longer passages where we need to do some crew watches and I'm looking towards joining the ORCV King Island Rally where we have a support boat to assist and can use our motor when needed."

S80 Victorian State Championship

BY DOWN UNDER SAIL

A close battle among Victoria's strong fleet of S80s saw Luke Reinehr's INTRUSION come away with yet another Victorian State Championship in the class, his team's first on the waters of Hobsons Bay.

Hosted by the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria from 8-10 January, the S80 State Championship drew a fleet of 17 boats with glamour conditions across the three days of racing.

The Intrusion team came away with four wins from the seven races, as well as two thirds and a fourth, finishing with a score of 10 points after one drop.



Meanwhile, Jon Phillips' RUNAMUK finished runner up with a score of 13 points, taking two race wins along with consistent results across the board. In third place overall was Bill Feore's SKIPJACK, finishing a further six points behind RUNAMUK.

Event Race Officer Andrew Gluth said the event had a wide range of conditions with lighter winds in the mornings and some stronger breezes in the afternoon, which contributed to a great event.

"The volunteers from RMYS and Royals did a really amazing job and all contributed to put on a great event," he said.

"The S80 is a great little class of boat for racing, but it's also quite a social group. Intrusion and some of the other faster boats sailed really well and were just a bit more polished to come away with the results."

"But there wasn't a huge difference with the fleet always finishing fairly close together."

On the event handicap system it was Tim Godbert's REVOLUTION that came away with the win, ahead of Steve Thompson's ESPRESSO in second and Mark Sahhar's KASAM in third.

The regatta signals a big return to sailing across the state and at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, with a solid program of events scheduled for the back half of the season as the sport gets back on track following Melbourne's recent lockdown.

Class President and skipper on ESPRESSO Steve Thompson said the class was going through a real growth phase and even after COVID the enthusiasm was increasing.

"This is the best part about the boats and the one-design aspect, no matter where you are in the fleet you're always having close racing and quite often when you have a race that goes for an hour and a half, everyone is on the last leg going to the finish together," he said.

"Luke (Reinehr) on Intrusion is a fabulous sailor, but he only got it in the last leg of the last race."

"It's a very excited vibe in the class right now and while I think a few of us were a bit rusty in the first race, and few mistakes made, by halfway through the regatta we were going well - it's just great to have competitive racing again."

"It's a growing class at the moment, there were a few boats for sale during COVID that have been snapped up so we had 17 boats for this States and are expecting more than 20 next year."

Steve also shared his thanks to the "strong team of volunteers" from both Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron and the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, led by RMYS race officer Andrew Gluth.



Tripe & Onions

The T&O survived COVID-19 and successfully ran another series even with the Virus causing havoc, and it has now completed 27 years of consecutive racing.

Sunday the 28th March saw the final race for 20/21 and what a year it was, government lockdowns, social distancing and even a water start.

The Finale was a great prawn & BBQ lunch attended by 80 sailors and family.

Following lunch, the presentation was conducted by the duo of Capt. Bob McGregor and Lindsay Butler who kept us amused by their humorous banter.

For the final race, Division 2 saw John Gausden and crew on 50/50 take out Line Honours followed by MAGIC and BLUE VOLVO. Division 1 saw Geoff Stevens on HOTSPUR take out Line Honours with Vitesse a close second, followed by ENESEAY.

The Overall winners for the Series; Division 1 was Robin Warlond on SHORE THING, second Zrinko Levar on ANA, and on count back, third Megan Jackson on COCOON. Division 2 winner Rick English on MAGIC, second John Gausden on 50/50, third John Robb on FOOTLOOSE.

The T&O series is run by volunteers and many thanks go to our Ring Master Capt. Bob McGregor, our catering department John and Nola, our starters Wanda and Jan and our MC Lindsay Butler, with special thanks to Andrew King who ran our first ever water start. Our thanks also go to Royals Office staff and Club catering for getting us through a very difficult year.

The success of the Series is due to all the Skippers and Crew who enjoy a social Sunday race and a friendly BBQ where we discuss the Pros and Cons of Winning and Losing.

To all the Skippers thank you, see you all next season.

Fair winds, Rick English





Victorian Optimist State Championship

BY DOWN UNDER SAIL

Aidan Simmons of the Indented Head Yacht Club was crowned the Victorian Optimist State Champion earlier this month, after holding off 30 other competitors in the open fleet at the Victorian Optimist States hosted by Royal Yacht Club of Victoria.

He finished with an impressive score card, never falling outside the top three and also winning four of the eight races, to finish nine points ahead of Ben Crafoord in second, who made the

trip from the Middle Harbour Yacht Club in Sydney, and Hanako Tomishima in third, who also traveled from Sydney representing the Woollahra Sailing Club.

The first placed female was Heidi Bates from the Middle Harbour Yacht Club who finished ninth overall in the competitive field.

First overall in the intermediate fleet was Holly Cantwell from the Sorrento Sailing Couts Boat

Club who won five of the eight intermediate races to come away with a commanding victory.

She finished ahead of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania's Ruby Pilkington in second and Sandringham Yacht Club's Augustas Buividas in third.

In the green fleet it was a podium made up of sailors all from the Sorrento Sailing Club with Edward Williamson finishing first, Sadie Cunningham in second and Tate Cantwell in third.

Principal Race Officer Steve Aulich said the weekend was a great success with competitive racing on the water and the off-water side of the event well hosted by the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria.

"We had an excellent weekend, Royals provided a very friendly atmosphere and was very welcoming and accommodating to everyone," he said.

"We had a strong team of volunteers in conditions that were quite trying with light winds across most of the weekend, but we got our racing in all but one of the races."

Steve said it was an incredible effort from the volunteer team to set the courses and deliver the racing for the sailors, while also navigating challenges such as shipping channels, all of which gave the fleet plenty of new experiences.

He also said the off-water atmosphere at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria was excellent and the club had done a great job reinvigorating the lawned area with new seating and also live music after racing.

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria General Manager Michael Neumann said the club was thrilled to be hosting more major off-the-beach events as it continues to grow its OTB event capability off the back of the Optimist Nationals a couple summers ago.

"The club is really well positioned to host events like the Optimist States and we've been doing plenty of work behind the scenes building the infrastructure and the capability to run large scale OTB events," he said.

"We love hosting events up at our end of the bay and inviting sailors from right across the state, as well as interstate, in Williamstown.

"It was a pleasure to have the Optimists here with us and we look forward to having them back again in the future."

The event was sponsored by Cygnett, which provided some fantastic prizes for the sailors, including a laptop cover and power bank for each sailor upon entry, as well as other prizes including wireless selfie sticks, smart LED globes, wireless charging mats and iPhone charging cables.



Doggy Day Out

What a fantastic day at the Club on Easter Sunday with Doggy Day Out. Everyone came down, even the dogs to enjoy the festivities at the Club. The kids loved the jumping castle and face painting, whilst some even went for a swim. The food and bars were pumping trying to feed everyone with sumptuous slow cooked pulled pork rolls and chips or loaded potatoes, plus still offering our normal full menu. The beer/cider and gin bars were flat out quenching the thirsty crowd. There was also a small collection of street stalls next to the marina offering coffee, ice creams, pet photos, pet goodies, even a plant store with a difference. Then to set the scene off on a beautiful Melbourne afternoon, there was live music playing in the background, well into the night.





Weight to Leeward on the Great Ocean Road Sail

ORCV MEDIA

Another ORCV Apollo Bay race has been run and won, with ALIEN (R880) claiming victory as overall race winner. The fleet of 41 enjoyed a cool but sunny day on their run to Apollo Bay, with a breeze that turned fickle in the closing stages of the race. Whilst many yachts enjoyed a smooth run to Cape Patton, only a few managed to escape the wind shadow of the Otways and make it to Apollo Bay before dark.

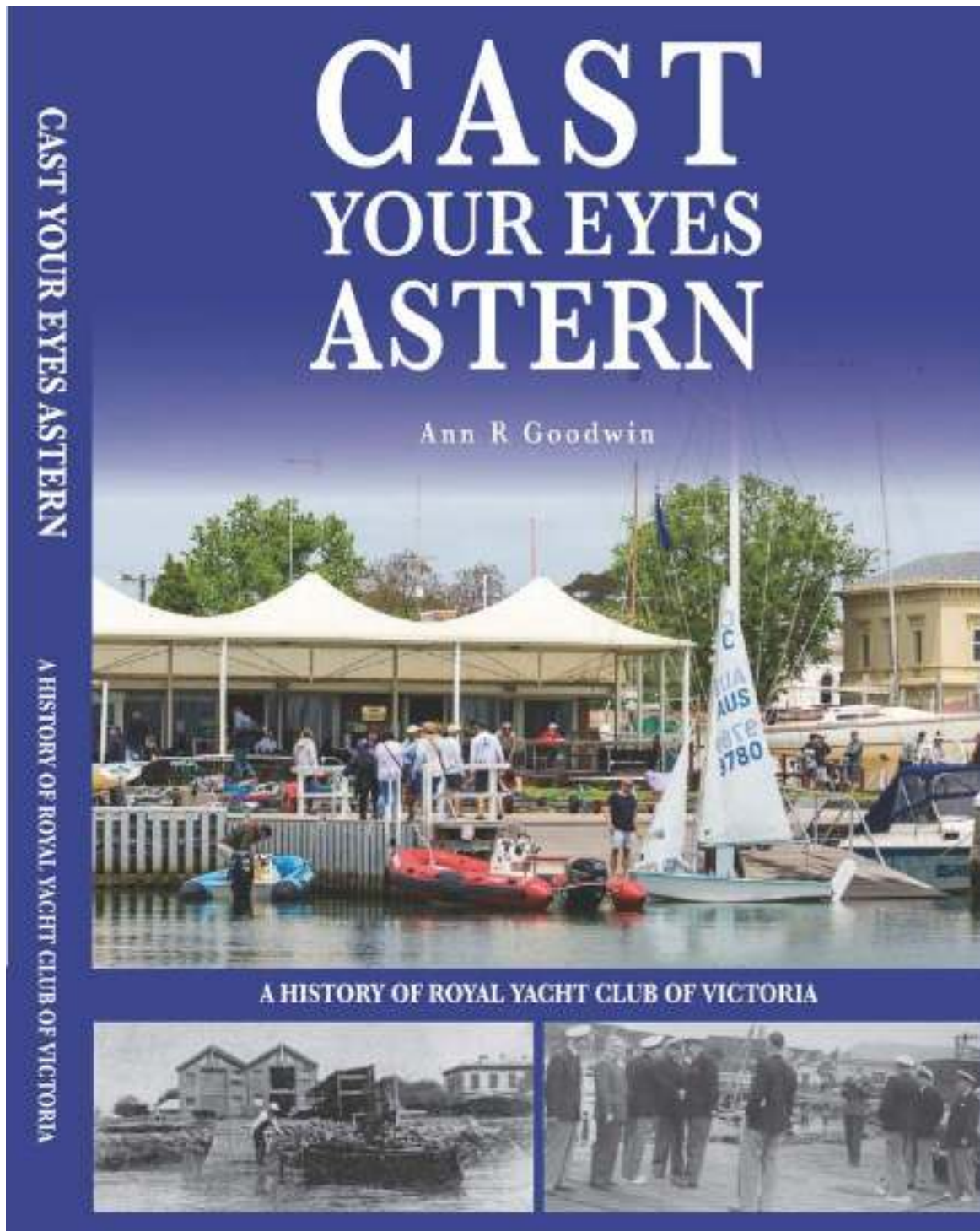
Skipper of the winning boat, Justin Brennan, stated that the key to the race was being on the right part of the course, and working the sail configuration tirelessly. "A lot of boats followed the rhumb line and ended up in a dead patch, and several other boats went too far offshore and ended up paying a distance penalty. We

aimed for the middle, and peeled between the asymmetric kite, code 0 and jib constantly, to keep the boat going at its best."

GOGGO managed to claim line honours at 5:40pm, just beating EXTASEA and CADIBARRA 8; with the following few hours seeing yachts jostling to make it around Mark AB and across the finishing line. With the fleet being split by those who followed the wind predictions and opted for the rhumb line drag race, and those who ventured further out and turned for Apollo Bay much later; the race was decided in the final 10 miles, when it all came down to who could find the breeze. Congratulations to all competitors who took part in this year's race.

Special mention also to SALTAIR who came 1st on DH.





Cast Your Eyes Astern – Ann Goodwin

Cast Your Eyes Astern is a history of RYCV written to complement the Royals Timeline History Wall that was created to display highlights of the Club's history in a visual form.

This informative book covers all areas of the Club and associated sailing from the 1850s to the current day.

It is a must read for everyone interested in sailing!

Cost: \$79 – Order your copy at the office today

The Year in review



As with the year before, 2021 was greatly impacted by COVID-19. Whilst many sailing, racing, training and social events were cancelled or postponed, RYCV managed to host and participate in some great events both on and off the water.

Year in Review

AUGUST

It was with great sadness that we advised of David Panton, commonly known as Tassie Dave, passing on Wednesday 5 August. After a heroic battle with cancer, he died peacefully in the caring hands of Werribee Mercy Palliative Care. He will be greatly missed. David joined RYCV in March 2015 and had been a Member for just over 5 years. David was the owner of Polaris R511.

The Club was sad to advise of the passing of Gregory Scott. A keen sailor and true gentleman, Greg was the owner of 'EXTRAVAGANCE III' and loved nothing more than to cruise with his wife Deirdre in the southern waters of Australia. Greg was a dedicated and trusted volunteer who managed part of the logistics during the visiting Tall Ships in 2013. Greg also sailed on the Tall Ship Tenacious when it came to Melbourne from the UK in 2016.

SEPTEMBER

It was with great sadness that we informed the Club that Peter Abrahams passed away on 3 September. Peter was a long-term senior Member of Royals and was a regular competitor on his yacht EMPARA. He was always a generous supporter of the Club in many areas. Peter was an active member serving on General Committee and also the Seachange Committee. Peter will be sadly missed by the Club, and our best wishes go to Olga and his family.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 19 September 2020. Doug Shields was elected Commodore and in his first eNews posting as Commodore, he reiterated his comments at the close of the AGM.

"On behalf of all Members, I sincerely thank Immediate Past Commodore John Duffin for his leadership and his commitment during a lengthy

period on General Committee and for the past 2 years as Commodore. Under his leadership the Club has progressed with continual growth and improvement in member services and benefits, while at the same time consolidating a sound financial position. In conjunction with the General Manager's efforts, the whole of the Club administration is working as a very cohesive and productive team.

Thank you John – the Club wishes you well with more time for sailing.

Again, on behalf of all Members, I sincerely thank all General Committee members – those who are continuing on, those who have elected to stand down, and those who for different reasons resigned during the course of the year. The time and commitment required for these voluntary roles is onerous. Congratulations and welcome to Paige Butcher elected to General Committee".

Vice Commodore – Jane Richards

Rear Commodore Sailing – Andrew King

Rear Commodore Club – Tim Olding

Secretary – Liz Meyer

Treasurer – Warwick Norman

Ordinary Member – Damian Purcell

Ordinary Member – John Boyle

Ordinary Member – Paige Butcher

Ordinary Member – Ian Barclay

Royals Foundation Chair – Cath Beaufort

Archives Chair – Ann Goodwin



Year in Review

OCTOBER

With Melbourne still in lockdown and COVID-19 restrictions in place, October was a quiet month at Royals.

Numerous online events were hosted, and a highlight was Big Steve's Super Quiz.

Wow! We were blown away to see so many Members join the first quiz night. (Despite a power cut taking out half of Williamstown and Newport) It was a great night, and so nice to see everyone and have a catch up. Thanks to everyone who came along. We had several requests to repeat it and round two was held on Friday 23 October at 7pm.



NOVEMBER

We were excited to announce that the Club was reopening on 4 November. In line with Government restrictions, we had a COVIDSafe plan in place which all Members, contractors and staff needed to adhere to.

On Wednesday 4 November, the sailing season commenced with our first Wednesday twilight race. Thanks to everyone for following the new procedures in accessing the Club. Also, a special thank you to Ian and his team from the House and Social committee who braved the cold and rainy weather to assist members with the new COVID safe sign in system. Thank you to Eliza Meade, Julie Standen, Anne Goodwin and Ian Barclay.

We had a good turnout for the first race, given the weather was not the best. Fortunately, the weather did improve towards the evening and later stages of the race.

Our newly revitalised restaurant and bar reopened from Friday 6 November for food service with drinks. Our food and beverage team worked hard during the lockdown and created a new, seasonal menu.



Vale - Richard (Dick) Hatherley. Some of you may remember past Member Dick Hatherley. Richard (Dick) Hatherley and family returned to Melbourne in 1970 for work commitments. Dick began his off shore sailing journey out of RPYC on John Morris's SARACEN 2.

He and the family settled back into Melbourne life in the early and mid 70's and he sailed predominantly with David Scott on GHOST and became a very active Member of the Club and I believe on committees.

By the late 70's he and long time partner Jan Carden commissioned Bernard Webber to fit out an Adams 12 hull to be suitably prepared for what was to eventually become a circumnavigation of the globe.

In preparation there were many and varied campaigns on PACIFIC FLYER including Sydney-Hobarts, Westcoasters, Hamo Island fun and a Rally to Perth from Sydney via Hobart, Adelaide etc for the 1987 America's Cup plus a few Darwin/ Ambon races.

However, throughout that time PACIFIC FLYER was a constant competitor in all Royals Club races for more than a decade.

By the mid 80's Dick and Jan spread their wings and spent several years cruising the Pacific....Tonga, Fiji, etc Shortly after they embarked on their epic circumnavigation which provided many challenges and even more highlights including pirates near the entrance to the Red Sea.

After nearly 11 years of globetrotting they arrived back into Port Philip Heads and the safe harbour of QCYC. They eventually sold PACIFIC FLYER and had many years of fun with a Couta boat out of Queenscliff.

Together they achieved what many of us yachties aspire to do. So, on this solemn occasion we dip our collective lids to a life 'well played' to its fullest.

A huge thank you to all our Members who kindly volunteered their time at our working bee on 28 November 2020. Many Members generously helped to tidy up around the Club and gardens.

We greatly appreciate your assistance and we couldn't keep the Club as clean without the wonderful support of our volunteers.



Year in Review

DECEMBER

The Elwood Huon race on Saturday had an exciting downwind start with the breeze building briefly to 20 knots before dropping back to lighter conditions and a pleasant sunny afternoon.

AMS

1 Nuts - Nuts Syndicate (HBYC)

2 Merak - Bas Huibers

3 Ellipse - Jack Setton (RMYS)

IRC

1 Merak - Bas Huibers

2 Salamander III - Monica Jones (RMYS)

3 Ellipse - Jack Setton (RMYS)

PHS

1 Thirsty Work - Gary Fell

2 Nuts - Nuts Syndicate (HBYC)

3 Merak - Bas Huibers



It was a wild and windy day on 5 December for our Opening Day however this did not hamper the festivities. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the sail past due to the weather conditions.

After Marg Goddard blessed the fleet, Michael Smith fired the cannon and the 2020/2021 season was officially open.

The atmosphere at the Club was buzzing as Members enjoyed lunch and drinks after the formalities.

Opening Day also saw the transition of Junior Club Captains. Thank you to Tim Ronchi and Maddie Scambary-Speller, who have done a fantastic job over the past 12 months and have now passed the baton to Ava Schofield and Ollie Grieve. As new Junior Club Captains, Ava and Ollie had the honour of firing off the cannon on Opening Day.



It was all fun and festive at the Commodore's Christmas Lunch on Friday 11 December. It was lovely to see so many Members enjoying themselves while hearing from our guest speaker Matt McDonald, CEO of Searoad Ferries.

Matt discussed his journey through the maritime industry and the future of Port Phillip from both a commercial, recreational and tourism perspective.



Year in Review

Santa by Seaplane was a great success with a couple of hundred people in attendance although, due to strong winds, he arrived by boat instead.

Santa and his elves had their work cut out for them handing out all the presents to the children of RYCV.

Thanks to Santa and his team of elves for coming along and to all of our parents and children.



Under clear blue skies and with Melbourne's Port Phillip bathed in sunshine, a record fleet of 112 yachts, carrying 618 crew, set sail on Boxing Day in the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria's annual Cock of the Bay race.

Well done to all Royals entrants.

AMS

Division 1

6 FASTER FORWARD – M Fahey

23 X&Y – D Clark

Division 2

4 VERTIGO - T Olding
12 EXECUTIVE DECISION - W Sheers
18 STORM - T Johnson-Sneddon
29 SOIREE BLEU - D Lithgow

Division 3

2 MAGIC BULLET - L Cantwell
4 ROZINANTE II - A Middleton

PHS

Division 1

1 FASTER FORWARD - M Fahey
5 WHITE SPIRIT - C Allen
14 X&Y - D Clark

Division 2

14 EXECUTIVE DECISION - W Sheers
20 STORM - T Johnson-Sneddon
26 SOIREE BLEU - D Lithgow
39 VITESSE - M Pointon

Division 3

5 ROZINANTE II - A Middleton

LINEHONOURS

Division 1

9 FASTER FORWARD - M Fahey
15 WHITE SPIRIT - C Allen

Division 2

7 VERTIGO - T Olding
12 SOIREE BLEU - D Lithgow
16 EXECUTIVE DECISION - W Sheers
17 STORM - T Johnson-Sneddon

Division 3

1 MAGIC BULLET - L Cantwell
3 ROZINANTE II - A Middleton

Year in Review

The Club celebrated last year's New Year's Eve with style. It was a great way to rid the ills of 2020 and (hopefully) welcome in the new promising year of 2021.

There were over 120 Members and friends (COVID max numbers) who attended and welcomed in 2021. Pete Evans and his team did a fantastic job in organising the night with two excellent bands, great food 'cocktail style', so no one went hungry or wanting more, with an endless supply of drinks; why not at the Club's low pricing. With the evening being mild Members had a choice of sitting in either the dining room or on the deck overlooking the city skyline.

Looking at the other local vendors hosting events on the night, the Club definitely looked like the place to be, with many of their patrons trying to join us.

Fun was had by all, great job done by Pete and the Food and Beverage staff.



Year in Review

JANUARY

The Magical Mystery Tour to Wilsons Promontory abandoned in January due to no visibility outside the heads and heavy weather.

Instead, they split up and cruised inside Port Philip after a dinner and barbecues at QCYC.

It was a glorious day for sailing for the Lord Brassey Trophy with a light southerly tending to a freshening south easterly. The breeze faded towards the end of the race for the tail enders.

Congratulations to Andrew Middleton on ROZINANTE II who came 3rd in PHS.



A close battle among Victoria's strong fleet of S80s saw Luke Reinehr's INTRUSION come away with yet another Victorian State Championship in the class, his team's first on the waters of Hobsons Bay.

Hosted by the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria from 8-10 January, the S80 State Championship drew a fleet of 17 boats with glamour conditions across the three days of racing.



The Rudder Cup is Australia's oldest sailing trophy, having first been contested in 1907.

With both the Sydney Hobart and Melbourne to Hobart races cancelled in 2020, it was the only interstate offshore yacht race in Australia over the Christmas period.

Well done to all Royals entrants.

AMS

5 SOIREE BLEU - D Lithgow

8 FASTER FORWARD - M Fahey

10 WHITE SPIRIT - C Allen

RET ALIEN - J Brennan

PHS

4 SOIREE BLEU - D Lithgow

11 FASTER FORWARD - M Fahey

RET ALIEN - J Brennan

LINEHONOURS

4 WHITE SPIRIT - C Allen

7 SOIREE BLEU - D Lithgow

13 FASTER FORWARD - M Fahey

RET ALIEN - J Brennan



Saturday 28 January saw a 15 - 20 knot southerly and a good fleet of 28 boats start the Lord Forster Trophy. It was an ideal day for sailing. Congratulations to the following entrants;

AMS

1 LAURELLE - Ray Borrett

IRC

1 MERAK - Bas Huibers

3 PRIVATE EQUITY - Tim Campbell



FEBRUARY

It was with great sadness that we advised of Past Commodore Graeme West's passing on 16 February.

Graeme joined RYCV in 1962 and was an active Member for over 58 years, including his term as Commodore from 1970 to 1972. In 2005, Past Commodore Graeme West was elected an Honorary Life Member.

Year in Review

Graeme was a keen contributor to RYCV and has a long history with the Club. He was Rear Commodore in 1967 when the "Lively Lady" with Alec Rose (later Sir) had a stopover at the Club.

In 1970, when Graeme was Club Commodore, the clubhouse burnt down. The bar contents were saved and a temporary one was set up which was called "The Wild West Bar".

Past Commodore Graeme West was also an active sailor and in season 1971 - 72 won the McCutcheon Cup with YW Diamond "Samantha" R411. In season 1978 - 79, Graeme was the winner of the Black Bottle with yacht "Kaiulani" R30, registered to W.N. Latchford.

Over many years, Graeme generously gave his time to the Club helping out with both on and off water activities. From 1978 to 1981, Graeme was a member of the House & Social Committee and provided on water race support during the 1980s. Following this, Graeme supported the Membership Committee 2010, Archives Committee 2012 and the Archives Revival 2016 - 2020.

Past Commodore Graeme West will be greatly missed by all at the Club.

The Bluebird State Championships started in overcast & rainy conditions which cleared up as the day went on.

Series Results up to Race 2

1. TANDEKA - Patrick Clarke
2. SECRET - John Dusting
3. DRAMBUIE - Craig Black



Congratulations to DO NOT ENGAGE skippered by Paul Sandles - winner of the 2021 Diamond State Championship.

Congratulations also to the following entrants;

1. DO NOT ENGAGE - Paul Sandles
2. LUCY IN THE SKY - Calum Brenan
3. ROUGH CUT - Duncan Rae



The Classics 2020 Cup Regatta was conducted in two stages. Two days of northern Port Phillip waters racing and one day of passage racing to Corio Bay and Geelong.

Series Results to Race 4

Division 1

3. SCIMITAR - D Purcell
4. WANITA - R Gates
5. ACROSPIRE III - C Anderson
6. CYAN - C Brown

Division 2

6. ZEPHYR - A Batson
6. SIROCCO - C Salter

Division 3

6. MERLIN - J Counsell

Year in Review

Sail Sandy took place from 21 - 22nd February at Sandringham Yacht Club and we had several boats compete.

Simon Mathee took his windsurfer out to compete in his first regatta. He was only able to race on the Sunday and cracked the top 10 several times. A great effort!

We had two cadets competing. Eliza-Jane and Arjay cracked the top 10 in 50% of the races, with 7th their best score, placing them in 13th for the series. The Leos also pulled out some great results with 8th being their best. They also dropped an OCS, which means they were pushing the start line hard. They came 16th overall.

Louise and Ishka had the FLYING PIG doing just that in the 29er division finishing 4th overall, with all but two of their races placing on the podium. It shows just how tight the competition is in the class.

Maddie and Ava managed to get out on the Sunday and put in a great effort, improving race on race. They finished in 13th spot.

Joel and Michael were planning on competing in the 14ft skiff class on GINGERNUT but unfortunately damaged the boat prior to the first race.

There were smiles all round as women sailors took to the water on Port Phillip on Sunday February 28, for the Val Hodge Trophy. Many were racing for the first time since March 2020 on a beautiful sunny, late summer's day in Melbourne.

Well done to all Royals participants, in particular;

AMS

2. ROZINANTE II - Hester Freeman

IRC

1. UP 'N GO - Cath Beaufort
3. GALATEA - Jane Richards

Year in Review

MARCH

At the start of March, we welcomed our new Waterfront Manager, Max Leonard.

In 2013, Max moved over from NZ straight into the Whitsundays to pursue a career in maritime, having grown up on/around boats and water.

After a couple of years working on luxury transfer vessels, he landed a job working as a part of the Hamilton Island Marina team. Fast forwarding again, the arrival of their first child saw them relocate to Sydney in 2017 where he was tasked with running the marina at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

Max and his family and were excited to be relocating down to Victoria and Max is a valued member of our Waterfront team.

On 6 March, the King Island Race started in a 14 knot southerly at 1.45am in the morning – yes, you read correctly – 1.45am, so boats could clear the Heads.

Those in the Rally fleet took a decision to delay their start by six hours, the rationale being the lightening southerly.

Congratulations to Sarah Allard on coming first in the DH division.



Post the Val Hodge Race, we were delighted to have around 50 people join us for a Celebration of Women at Royals, with many commenting on the positive energy that was in the room. It was great to see crews from SYC, Brighton, Williamstown and RMYS in attendance and our own boats from RYCV plus several of our female Sailing and Social Members from Royals. We will be in contact with those of you who expressed an interest in volunteering, courses, sailing and so on.

Thanks to Eliza, Julie and H&S for organising and hosting the event, the generous donation of a glass of prosecco & finger food for all attending. Thanks too to General Committee and Commodore Doug Shields for supporting the event. Hopefully this was the first of many female focussed on & off water events.



Year in Review

It was a busy time over the March long weekend as RYCV hosted the 2021 Victorian Opti State Championships.

It was attended by 49 boats from Victoria, Tasmania and NSW. 8/9 races were completed in light winds and everyone from Green Fleet to Open Fleet had a great time.

A massive thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out.

Thank you to Damian Paull for the great photographs.



It was a beautiful evening on 18 March to welcome all our new Members to the Club. The atmosphere was buzzing as we heard from our speakers and listened to live music on the deck.

A fun time was had by all, and welcome to all our new Members!



Race 3 of the Bluebird State Championships was held in grey, overcast conditions.

Series Results up to Race 3

1. TANDEKA - Patrick Clarke
2. THIRSTY WORK - Gibbs/ Fell/ Lauder
3. DRAMBUIE - Craig Black

A perfect day of racing was held off the breakwater of RMYS for the Jennifer Goldsmith Trophy. With 20 boats taking to the start line, a steady Southerly of 16knts and a slight chop meant racing was fast and sometime damp.

Well done to Royals participants, in particular Jane Richards on GALATEA who came 3rd in Division 1 AMS, 2nd in IRC Division 1 & 3rd in PHS Division 1.

Year in Review

We kicked off the new 'Winter Night Series' with a fantastic presentation by Alan Smith on 'the revolution of sailing hydrofoils'. Alan's talk explained the dos and don'ts on how foils work best, even providing a great insight to why America's Cup contenders were not successful. The information Alan shared is essential for any sailor looking at moving into foiling.

Tim Olding MC'd the night fielding many questions from the room, including high level technical to basic understanding on how foils work. A special thanks also needs to go to John Duffin who was instrumental in bringing the event together.

Bluebird State Championships Heat 4, Races 4 and 5 were run on Saturday 21 March.

Congratulations to the following entrants;

Race 4

1. SECRET - John Dusting
2. DRAMBUIE - Craig Black
3. THIRSTY WORK - Gibbs/Fell/Lauder

PHS Division 1

1. NUNYARRA - David Barnett -
2. SECRET - John Dusting -
2. BUNYIP DREAMING - Michael Rehfisch

Race 5

1. SECRET - John Dusting
2. TANDEKA RYCV - Patrick Clarke
3. THIRSTY WORK - Gibbs/Fell/Lauder

PHS Division 1

1. SECRET - John Dusting -
2. HANINI - Dan Kennedy (HBYC)
3. TANDEKA - Patrick Clarke

The T&O survived COVID-19 and successfully ran another series even with the Virus causing havoc, and it has now completed 27 years of consecutive racing.

It's all done in the Cup Regatta. All starters reported a brilliant classic yacht sail after a very slow start. 80% of the fleet had to motor to reach the wind to make the brilliant and well attended 6:00pm Topsy D Passage race dinner.

The Harold Ward Trophy was named after Club personality Harold Ward and is awarded for the winner of two short laid-course races.

Congratulations to Bas Huibers on MERAK who came 4th in AMS and 3rd in IRC.



RYCV in conjunction with Australian Sailing hosted the Victorian School Team Sailing Championships from 26-28 March 2021.

22 teams from 13 schools battled it out on an "S Course" over 3 days in relatively light winds. In total 201 races were completed in a round robin format for the qualifiers and finals.

After a nail biting finish, Brighton Grammar was triumphant in Div 1, for the 3rd consecutive year, as well as in Div 2. Firbank Grammar took out the Krystal Weir Trophy for 1st placed girls' team.

Year in Review

APRIL

Light Conditions made for a very challenging race to Port Fairy on 3 April 2020. The lead changed constantly in the final leg after rounding Cape Otway and each found their own challenges.

Congratulations to Justin Brennan on ALIEN who came 5th on AMS and 7th on PHS.

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We were excited to announce FIIG Securities as new sponsors of the Laura Gloria Trophy. The FIIG Laura Gloria Trophy commenced on Wednesday 7 April 2021.

FIIG are Australia's largest fixed income experts - committed to providing market-leading research, education and direct access to bond markets.

Jim Stening, Managing Director, said "we are thrilled to be partnering with Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. We align ourselves with strong communities and look forward to helping

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A massive thank you to all of the Race Officers, Umpires and volunteers who helped make the event a success, as well as the clubs who contributed Pacers and RIBs.



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Members secure their financial futures.”
We welcome FIIG to the Club and the world of sailing!

We were sad to advise that Allicia Rae tendered her resignation.

After 9 years in the sailing industry, she decided she needed a new direction and will be joining the wine industry.

Over her time at Royals, Allicia has made a valued contribution to our OTB sailing and has coordinated numerous state and national regattas.

Allicia will be greatly missed and we wish her well in her new endeavours.

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria acknowledged the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and Admiral of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria.

The Club was deeply saddened by the passing of its longest serving Flag Officer, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and extended its sincerest condolences to HRH Queen Elizabeth II, the Royal Family and members of the Commonwealth.

When we set out on the project to upgrade the OTB facilities, Peter Elliott offered to reroof the OTB clubrooms. Unfortunately, he became ill and sadly passed before we got to the reroofing stage.

We were ready to reroof for the last 3 months but have were not able to find a roof plumber to complete the work.

Belinda Elliott was approached to see if she was able to assist. She called on Peter’s old team to see if they would donate their time to keep the cost down.

Year in Review

Michael and OTB have raised \$7K over the years, recently by selling the scrap steel from the railed yard and prior to that selling the scrap bluestone blocks from the raised beds in the carpark. This was sufficient to pay for the materials for the (western) side of the Club roof and the veranda. This work was completed and looks great.

Thanks to Peter Elliott’s roofing team which comprised of:-

Belinda Elliott

Samantha Elliott

Mark Bennett

Glenn Sorensen

Andy McClure

Leo Zuzek and

Chef our Fore-dog (who took a cool dip to celebrate)

The team spent all day removing and replacing the western roof of the OTB shed.

The roofers advised that the eastern side of the roof also needs replacing and offered to donate their labour once again to complete the entire roof. The materials are expected to cost \$5,500 which OTB asked the Royals Foundation to fund.



This year’s Association Cup was raced in very trying conditions!

Well done to EXECUTIVE DECISION, GALATEA, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION and OASIS who represented RYCV.

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The Black Bottle Trophy was sailed in light and variable conditions.

Congratulations to the following entrants;

1. TANDEKA - Patrick Clarke
2. THIRSTY WORK - Gibbs/Fell/Lauder
3. DRAMBUIE - Craig Black

The Victorian Youth Championships returned with a blast from 17 - 18 April, with the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV) playing host to some outstanding racing in tricky conditions.

It was a weekend of celebration after the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of last year's regatta.

Grey skies and a light breeze made way for sunny skies and a fair breeze ensuring all races were completed on the first day of action. Things were a bit trickier on day two, with shifting winds giving regatta organisers headaches resulting in only one race.

Thank you to Damian Paull for the great photos.



The Club successfully hosted another fantastic Winter Night Series - Rigging and Sails, presented by Dave Allen. Dave was great in sharing his own experiences through his extensive sailing career. The insight Dave gave into the development of sail technology over the past 30 years at all levels of sailing was fascinating and educational to all who attended. Obviously, with advances in sail technology came the changes to rigging requirements so as to get the best performance from your sails.

Over 90 people attended the presentation with over 70 people dining at the Club. Once again great food and beverages capped off a successful night for the Club.

Congratulations to the following Royals entrants in the Don Thompson Trophy.

PHS

2. HARLEQUIN - John Russell-Cook
4. KOOKABURRA - Guy Thomas
18. ANA - Zrinko Levar
26. AFRAYED KNOT - Bruce Early
27. X&Y - Dennis Clark

AMS

7. KOOKABURRA - Guy Thomas
10. ENESEAY - John Duffin
16. X&Y - Dennis Clark

Congratulations to Justin Brennan and all on board ALIEN who were the overall winner of Race 3 in the ORCV Offshore Series.

A good fleet of 17 boats competed for the Shirley Freeman Memorial Trophy on 14 April as part of the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series. Well done to Royals entrants;

- UP 'N GO - Cath Beaufort
ROZINANTE II - Hester Freeman

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MAY

We were delighted to host the launch of the Willy Lit Fest. It was wonderful to be part of such a vibrant and creative community. Unfortunately, this event was later cancelled due to COVID-19.

The Bluebird State Championship resail was held in warm, sunny conditions. Results for Race 7;

1. DRAMBUIE - Craig Black
2. TANDEKA - Patrick Clarke
3. THIRSTY WORK - Gibbs/Fell/Lauder

PHS

1. DRAMBUIE - Craig Black
2. BUNYIP DREAMING - Michael Rehfisch
3. TANDEKA - Patrick Clarke

Series results

1. TANDEKA - Patrick Clarke
2. THIRSTY WORK - Gibbs/Fell/Lauder
3. DRAMBUIE - Craig Black

PHS

1. SECRET - John Dusting
2. BUNYIP DREAMING - Michael Rehfisch
3. TANDEKA - Patrick Clarke



A beautiful warm day with northerly winds provided lively racing for the BLiSS Regatta, the final day in the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series. Competitors and organisers were delighted to complete the 2021 PPWCS with a fifth day of racing under sunny Melbourne skies, given the challenges of COVID and weather disruptions along the way.

A series of three short course races put competitors through their paces with Northerly winds around 15-20 knots gusting up to 25 knots at times. There was some challenging racing and tight mark roundings.

Congratulations to the following Royals entrants;
ROZINANTE II - Hester Freeman
GALATEA - Jane Richards
UP 'N GO - Cath Beaufort
BALDERDASH - Margaret Goddard



A crisp and sunny Saturday morning, awoke to the sounds of engines turning over, the smell of coffee and footsteps of crew meandering along the jetty clutching pillow and teddy, all in anticipation of the passage race to the West Channel Pile and overnight stay at QCYC. This year's Phoenix Trophy was indeed a stern chaser with approximately 20 minutes gradually turning into a couple of hours between the first group and the remainder of the fleet. We started with a light northerly and some spinnakers flying to the

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break water. The wind turned Westerly, then slowly dropped out, resulting in a substantial speed differential between the groups. Cruising Yacht Club once more embraced us with her breathtaking sunset over the ethereal wetland of Swan Island. The upstairs bar quickly filled with hilarity and friendly banter-- there were Coconauts, Dreamers, Storm troopers and those from another planet!

Down the stairs, gourmet food and wine were traded, interspersed with the "double or nothing" table tennis tournament, fire side chats and "Dark and Stormys" and so until next year....

Congratulations to the following entrants;

1. COROMANDEL 6 - David Burton
2. DREAMCATCHER - Ian Staley
3. COCO - Barry Johnson

The Phoenix Trophy Wooden Spoon went to FASTER FORWARD - Matt Fahey.

Short handed sailing is alive in Melbourne with 33 boats joining the carnival on Saturday 8 May.

What a start and promise the day had with light winds and beautiful sunshine. However, it ended up a day for lighter boats.

Congratulations to the following entrants;

AMS

2. GODZILLA
3. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

IRC

1. EXECUTIVE DECISION
2. SALAMANDER III

PHS

2. GODZILLA.
- 3 EXECUTIVE DECISION

Line Honours (Double Handed) Cadibarra (4+Autohelm) VERTIGO



What a great celebration of Mother's Day at the Club on Sunday 9 May. The lunch was a sell out with over 120 Members and guests attending all enjoying family time, beautiful weather and of course sumptuous food from our kitchen.

Julie Standen and Megan Jackson did a fantastic job organising the day and running the raffle with fantastic prizes for well deserved mothers. Pete and the food & beverage team did an exceptional job with great food and lots of bubbles. We have received a lot of excellent feedback from Members and guests who attended.

Another Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV) Apollo Bay race was run and won on 22 May, with Alien (R880) claiming victory as overall race winner.

JUNE

Congratulations to Peter Harris OAM for his Queen's Birthday Honours List Award.

In the words of Alan Edenborough Chairman of Sail & Adventure Ltd (Alma Doepel):

'I know you all join with me this morning in congratulating our Restoration Director for his award of an OAM (Honorary) in today's Queen's Birthday Honours list.'

Peter's total commitment to Alma Doepel's restoration and his detailed and efficient management of the project have brought us to the major milestone of relaunching the ship and his award could not have been more timely.'

We were on Postcards on Sunday 27th June @ 5.30pm on Channel 9! As part of a visit to Williamstown, Sam Groth went out sailing on NEXT MOMENT exploring Port Phillip. We had fun filming with the crew and it was a highlight seeing the Club on the show!



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JULY

We extended a warm welcome to Andy Warner who has joined our team as Sailing Manager. Andy was first taken to sea before he could walk. Despite this experience, he is still a keen yachtsman. He studied Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding in the UK, is a Past Commodore of the ORCV and comes to RYCV with a lifetime of experience in all things maritime.

Our new website went live on 1 July. The fresh layout covers all areas of the Club and our new website was supported by Hobsons Bay City Council through its Make It Happen Grants program.

Based on Members' feedback, we designed an integrated, streamlined site that is very easy to navigate. Featuring a new electronic calendar, social media feed and easily accessible race information, it greatly enhances the user's experience.

A key upgrade is the new electronic calendar that lets you sync activities and dates to your preferred personal calendar. You can also book events, enter races and download race documents from the calendar itself. The new website has been well visited and we have received very positive Member feedback.

The Club celebrated the 2021 21 Club Dinner on 3 July with approximately 60 Members and partners attending this special night. Professor Damian Purcell was the guest speaker on the night giving a great insight to how he and his team have dealt with and managed the development of ground breaking Covid vaccines in Australia and across the globe, fascinating.



We welcomed 10 new inductees to the 21 Club on the night. As Commodore Doug Shields mentioned in his welcoming address, all have continued to contribute in their own way to help the Club grow and prosper, well done.

As we are becoming to expect, Pete and his team did a sensational job with providing excellent catering and bar service though out the night. Overall, we had a great night and are now looking forward to an even bigger event next year when we are all safe and vaccinated against COVID!

Ian and Maralyn Reichelt gave a great presentation about Cruising Tasmania on 7 July at our latest Winter Night Series.

Ian showed what a fantastic treasure we have just on our doorstep, country so rich in beauty that harbours unique wilderness, which invariably can only be accessed by boat. During Ian's presentation he highlighted the importance of having a safe voyage whilst booking in to local groups who are available to assist at any stage of your trip. If not all.

Over 30 Members and guests attended the night, enjoying dinner prior to the presentation next to the dinning open fire, very cosy.

Thanks also to Liz Meyers for welcoming both Ian and Maralyn on the night.



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We are sad to advise that Pete Evans has tendered his resignation.

Pete will still be involved in the Club as we transition to a new Manager and will be involved in the recruitment process to find a suitable replacement. Pete will remain as a casual to assist where and when possible for the next few months.

Pete has done a fantastic job since he started at RYCV and has developed a quality hospitality service that our Club has been lacking for some time. We wish Pete well in his new role as Operations Manager at the Mt Derrimut Golf Club.

The second race of the ORCV Winter Series saw 45 for the passage down to Blairgowrie, with the fleet drag racing down the bay in record-breaking time. The 25nm run down to the south channel saw some extremely close racing between yachts, with the sportsboats and mid-fleet tussle taking centre stage as the fleet powered along on a wet and cool ride under spinnaker for much of the race.

Congratulations to ALIEN 3rd AMS and SILVER CLOUD 2nd DH - AMS & 2nd DH - PHS





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