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YEARBOOK

ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA



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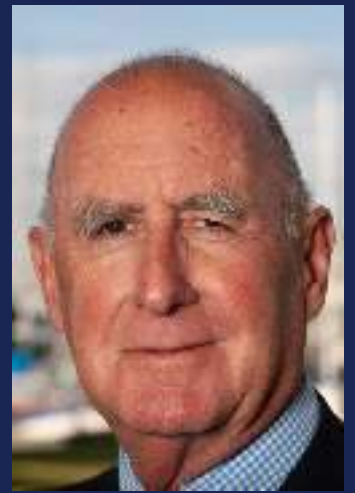
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From the Commodore



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.

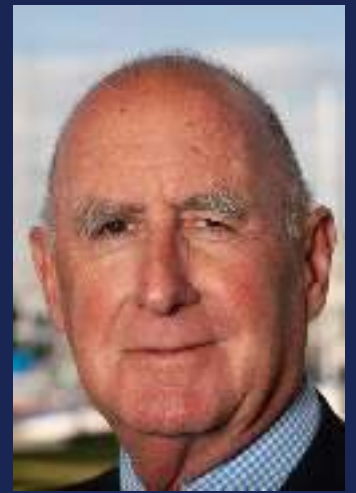
At the same time, the Club is facing several challenges in relation to ageing infrastructure as most Members appreciate. The issues are being assessed in terms of risk, priority and affordability. An Infrastructure Re-development Plan and Capital

Expenditure Plan will, in the 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 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

From the Commodore



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!

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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	Lynda Christopherson
SheSails	Liesl Petterd
2022 Cadet Worlds Chair	Jen Coram
General Manager	Michael Neumann
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	Rear Commodore Club Tim Olding
Cruising Sailor of the Year	Liz Meyer
Club Member of the Year	Charlie Salter
Crew Member of the Year	David Walley
Club Boat of the Year	<i>Faster Forward</i>

Congratulations to all our Members who participated in the 2021-22 Sailing Season. This year has been our first full season since the 2019 season. With the pandemic and lockdowns disappearing from view in the rear vision mirror, the sailing program resumed back to normal with only some minor disruptions and a couple of events not being sailed. Every weekend had at least one sailing event or race on. From the start

of the year, we had some great performances from ocean racing to the Club aggregate series. Notable performers were *Faster Forward* (Matt Fahey), *Vertigo* (Tim Olding) and *Rozinante II* (Andrew Middleton) all taking firsts across various races during the season. In Port Phillip, the double hand series was won by *Affirmative Action* with *Executive Decision* picking up second.

In OTB, Louis Schofield pulled off a very respectable sixth in his first WASZP nationals. RYCV was host to the 14 State Titles and as the Club hosting the Victoria Youth Championships, RYCV was able to put together a successful event with competitors from all states around the country competing for selection in the national youth team. After so much disruption, we hope to build further on the success we have had as we further transition to a more volunteer based Club.

2021 Club Racing Achievements

Results for RYCV sailors are as follows: *Oasis* skippered by Paul O'Driscoll won the Commodores Trophy and the Elwood Huon Trophy was won by *Laurelle* normally skippered by Ray Borrett.

The Phoenix Trophy went to John Robb and crew on *Footloose*.

Single handed racing proved to be very strong this year and the Black Bottle Trophy was taken out by Craig Black on *Drambuie*.

Sunday racing was also well patronised with *Silver Cloud* skippered by Steve Standen winning the Tripe and Onion Series while *Shore Thing*,

From the Rear Commodore Sailing



Robin Worland and crew, won the Steak and Mushrooms for the second year in a row. In twilight racing, The Bill Hales Trophy (Div1 PHS) went to the team on *GNet* skippered by Peter Layton.

The Andrew Bell Trophy (Div1 AMS) was won by Dan Morrow and crew on *Affirmative Action* for the second year in a row.

The Essendon Trophy (Overall winner of the Wednesday night twilight series) went to Paul Cannon on *Redback*.

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

ORCV RYCV Club Boats Results

Coastal Sprint Series

Tim Olding sailing *Vertigo* came 2nd in AMS series results.

Melbourne to Hobart

Faster Forward, Matt Fahey and crew 1st in AMS and *Alien*, Justin Brenan 2nd in AMS

Melbourne to Devonport – Rudder Cup

Vertigo, Tim Olding and Crew 1st in AMS ORCV Double Handed

Affirmative Action, Dan Morrow 1st AMS and *Executive Decision*, Will Shears 2nd AMS.

Apollo Bay Race

Alien, Justin Brenan 4th AMS and 2nd PHS

During the latter part of the season our Club hosted three high profile OTB regattas: **Musto Optimists State Titles, The Youth Sailing State Championships and 14 State Titles.**

Lipton Cup Regatta was unfortunately cancelled this season. Planning is underway for running this important event in November 2022.

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, 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). Our Club race officer Amanda Rawstron oversaw the race management side while Cath Beaufort and her crew on *Up 'n Go* won the Val Hodge Trophy.

From the Rear Commodore Sailing



Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta was run on the 11-13 June. RYCV had three entries: *Duxelle* skippered by Catherine North, *Vertigo* Skippered by Clare Olding and *Up 'n Go* skippered by Cath Beaufort. *Up 'n Go* was 1st overall in the S80 One design division. *Vertigo* came 3rd in division one AMS and 2nd in Division 1 EHC.

And finally, but not least, my thanks go to the members of the Sailing Committee, OTB Committee and Cadet Worlds Organising Committee. Thanks also to our hardworking team of Staff - Michael, Andy Ian, Melissa, Camilla, Gary and Jenny. You have helped bring the Club out of lockdown mode and into full operational mode.

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, Guy Schofield, Ryan Grieve, Wanda English, Ross Anderson and Duncan Rae.

This has been our first full racing season in a couple of years and on behalf of the Sailing Committee, I wish to acknowledge some of the great work of our volunteers and to Andy Warner (Sailing Manager) who has been able to fill the volunteer gaps. Well done everybody and let's continue and build on this into next season.

Andrew King
Rear Commodore Sailing



OTB Report

Ryan Grieve
OTB Captain

We have had another successful Off-The-Beach (OTB) season although it did start a little later than normal. Hopefully, this will be the last we see of delayed season openers and life is back on track.

After the slight delay with opening day, our OTB junior Club Captains, Rosie King and Leo Church represented the juniors with their official duties of unfurling the flag and cannon firing to get the season underway.

With many people still nervous to travel, there were limited opportunities for the group to attend respective National titles. The Cadets were lucky enough for theirs to proceed in Largs Bay, Adelaide over Christmas however it was the smallest Cadet Nationals in many years with only 31 competitors. We had two boats in Pepsea and Consecutive make the trip west.

Our committee have been fantastic as always assisting in everything OTB and many keelboat regattas. We are very fortunate to have such an active group of Members and volunteers that are always willing to jump in and get the job done. Guy Schofield is stepping back from OTB committee responsibilities to be more involved with the wider Club on General & Yard and Facilities Committees. We thank Guy for everything he has done and we will be relying on his wisdom for many years to come.

With the main office under renovation, it has been pleasure hosting the office staff in the OTB

clubrooms. It has been a good opportunity for those that don't get to visit the eastern side of the Club often to see where OTB happens. By all accounts, the works are progressing well and on time. Not to miss an opportunity to promote OTB, the builder is a Club Member and ex Cadet so he is from good stock and well trained; great work Luke Aaron and team.

Junior Cadet coach Clare Olding has done a great job with the kids and keeping training continuing through winter. These sessions are important in keeping the consistency and maintaining the fleet standards. We are looking at options for an Optimist coach in the new year as we have an active tackers group ready to move on but limited skippers to take crews in Cadets. The Club now own several Optis for Members to charter before a decision is made to buy a boat.

Our Club Captains arranged a movie night in April hosted in the main boardroom. I doubt so many kids have ever crammed in there before, but it was a fun night with the parents gathering for dinner. We were able to host our presentation night in the clubhouse with a very successful turnout. The last few years have seen a rushed presentation held between lockdowns so our June evening event was a chance to get together and celebrate our success. New junior Club Captains are chosen beforehand and presented on the night, congratulations to Ellie Fazakerley for stepping into this role and taking over from Rosie King. Leo Church has agreed to stay on for another year as he is a great leader to

OTB Report

Ryan Grieve
OTB Captain

the junior group. I look forward to working with these two to help encourage our juniors to become a stronger Royals team. It was a pleasure to have Commodore Doug Shields and Cathy Moore, Vice Commodore Jane Richards and Rear Commodore Sailing Andrew King as well as our Sailing Manager Andy Warner in attendance.

The Club hosted the Youth Champs in April which turned into a major event. The organizing group did an amazing job pulling it all together as the entry list grew and grew in the weeks prior. By all accounts, the week was a success and once again, well done to the team and volunteers that made it run so smoothly.

Hosting these large regattas is all preparation for the upcoming Cadet National and World Championships at RYCV with planning well underway. We have hosted Cadets for nearly 60 years but have never hosted the World Championships. It will be an exciting time for the Club and we will be calling all volunteers to support this event.

International Cadet Nationals hosted by Largs Bay Adelaide

Congratulations to Pepsea and Consecutive for competing in the Cadet Nationals at Largs Bay Sailing Club, Adelaide.

Place	Boat name	Skipper	Crew
18	ALS 0822 Pepsea	Leo Church	Leo Lintus
25	AUS 5876 Consecutive	Amy Layton	Eliza-Jane Layton

Senior OTB - by Andrew King

For three years in a row, Senior OTB has had a disrupted start to the season. This has meant that race management has had to juggle events and extend the season slightly longer than normal, in fact to the end of April and almost into May. Over this time, numbers have remained fairly static.

We now have four WASZPS at the Club with three regularly sailing. Sailors Louis Schofield, Ashton Rawstron and Andrew King represented the Club at the State Titles. Louis Schofield has represented RYCV at the WASZP Games (Worlds) in Lake Garda, Italy. Louis sailed extremely well in his first major regatta to come home at the top of silver fleet. A credible effort for someone who has sailed a WASZP for only a few months.

The i14s have put in a good performance over the season with Joel Mathews attending most of the traveler series. Over the Labour day long weekend, the Club hosted the i14 & Javelin State Titles to great success.

29ers have been fairly quiet with one boat for sale and another under repair. Ashton Rawstron and Rosie King represented the Club at the 29er State Titles at Cairn Curran Yacht Club in March.



OTB Trophy Winners 2021/22

Sheaba Trophy, *Consecutive*, Arjay Layton & Eliza-Jane Layton

Aoma Trophy, *Consecutive*, Arjay Layton & Eliza-Jane Layton & Matthew Cross

Jan Trophy, *Consecutive*, Arjay Layton & Matthew Cross

Junior Club Aggregate, *Pepsea*, Leo Church & Leo Loftus

Commodore's Trophy, *Pepsea*, Leo Church & Leo Loftus

Djemma Trophy, Ellie Fazakerley

Junior Club Championship, *Pepsea*, Leo Church & Leo Loftus

Arch Cawthorne Trophy, Leo Loftus

Parent's Encouragement Award, Jarvis Coyle

Phillip Miller Memorial Award, Matthew Cross

Malcolm Anderson Trophy, Omar Saiyed

Youth trophy, Ashton Rawstron

Coaches award - Mairin Lloyd

The Cup - Leo Church & Leo Loftus

29er Club Championship, *Frustration*, Ashton Rawstron & Rosie King

29er Club Aggregate, *Frustration*, Ashton Rawstron & Rosie King

Open Club Championship, *Solidify*, Oliver Grieve

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Presentation Night 2022

After a two year break, our night of nights, Presentation Night, was held in July. It was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the achievements of Members and sailing community.

Well done to all the winners.

TROPHY	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
LIVINGSTON TROPHY	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
LIPTON CUP	NOT SAILED	
CHALLENGE 12 TROPHY	ADRENALIN	PETER LITTLE/BERNIE WEBBER
DIVISION 1 AGGREGATE TUI HALL MEMORIAL TROPHY	ADRENALIN	PETER LITTLE/BERNIE WEBBER
VICE COMMODORE'S TROPHY AMS DIV 1 SEASON AGGREGATE	ADRENALIN	PETER LITTLE/BERNIE WEBBER
DIVISION 2 AGGREGATE	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
REAR COMMODORE'S TROPHY AMS DIV 2: SEASON AGGREGATE	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
DIVISION 3 AGGREGATE	NOT SAILED	
REAR COMMODORE'S AMS DIV 3 SEASON AGGREGATE	NOT SAILED	
THE JEFFREY GRAY MEMORIAL TROPHY	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
McCUTCHEON CUP	IKON	BRUCE McCRAKEN
E O DIGBY TROPHY	XPRESSO	ARI ABRAHAMS
LORD BRASSEY TROPHY	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
LORD FORSTER TROPHY	WEEKEND OPTION	MICHAEL CULHANE
COMMODORE IN CHIEF'S TROPHY	NOT SAILED	
COMMODORE'S TROPHY	KOOKABURRA	GUY THOMAS
ELWOOD HUON TROPHY	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
PALLISER TROPHY	NOT SAILED	
HAROLD WARD TROPHY	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
AWINYA CUP	ADDICTION	RICHARD McGARVIE
GEOFFREY EVANS TROPHY	NOT SAILED	
PHOENIX TROPHY	FOOTLOOSE	JOHN ROBB
PHOENIX TROPHY WOODEN SPOON	CHENARA	ROSS ANDERSON
BLACK BOTTLE TROPHY	DRAMBUIE	CRAIG BLACK
150th JUBILEE TROPHY	NOT SAILED	NOT SAILED
VAL HODGE TROPHY	UP 'N GO	CATH BEAUFORT
SONIA TROPHY	AFRAYED KNOT	KARL HOWETT
SUN THEATRE	NOT SAILED	
TRIFE AND ONIONS SERIES	SILVER CLOUD	STEPHEN STANDEN
STEAK & MUSHROOMS TROPHY	SHORE THING	ROBIN WARLOND
BILL HALES TROPHY	G'NET	PETER LAYTON
ANDREW BELL TROPHY	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION	ROSS COATES/DAN MORROW
ESSENDON TROPHY SERIES	REDBACK	PAUL CANNON
ESSENDON CUP AMS WINNER	SKIPJACK	BILL FEORE
ALWYN HILL TROPHY	REDBACK	PAUL CANNON
LAURA GLORIA TROPHY	DREAMCATCHER	IAN STALEY
RIVERS CUP	DREAMCATCHER	IAN STALEY



Sydney 38 'Faster Forward' takes handicap win in ORCV Melbourne to Hobart



One of the smallest yachts in the fleet, a Sydney 38, has won the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria Melbourne to Hobart 'West Coaster' Race on handicap.

Matt Fahey and his crew of six sailed *Faster Forward* across the Derwent River finish line in Hobart at two minutes past three this morning, after more than three days at sea. For a race traditionally won by bigger boats, *Faster Forward's* victory is a dream come true for Fahey and proof that experienced crew, very good light wind sailing and making the right course decisions, pay off.

Photo: Steb Fisher

A race winning decision for Fahey was by picking the right wind at the right time and sailing a course west of King Island, a course west of King Island has only been sailed very rarely before in a Melbourne to Hobart race.

"The race was dominated by light winds and our smaller boat responds well in these conditions. The crew understands how to keep the boat moving in light winds. To our surprise we were surrounded by much bigger boats for much of the race. I love this boat, it challenges us, and we learn so much every mile we sail," said Fahey.

Leroux Guillaume from line honours and performance handicap winner, *Lord Jiminy*



said "I'd planned the race to keep it simple, since we were shorthanded with only four crew onboard. Sailing west of King Island was the right decision. We covered more distance, but it gave us a better angle and kept us out of the light air. Keeping it simple when sailing short-handed was our success."

This year's 485 nautical mile race was one of the slowest in its 49-year history with the race record set by Shortwave of 1d 17h 28m 59s never under threat.

Race Director Jeremy Walton commented at today's trophy presentations, "The best feeling for a race director is to get all your fleet home safely, and that's what we have done. These crews will enjoy a fantastic New Year in Hobart and they will be back next year to do it all again for the 50th Anniversary Melbourne to Hobart "



Chutzpah's Rolex Sydney to Hobart 2021 - Kingsley Piesse

From 2020, and onto 2021.

2020 was to be Race number 40 for Chutzpah owner skipper Bruce Taylor, so with that race cancelled 2021 was the target to complete that achievement for Bruce. (Race number 38 for me)

The Yacht

Chutzpah is a Reichel Pugh designed 12m all carbon yacht, commissioned by Bruce Taylor with the Sydney Hobart as the target race, and built by Hart Marine in Victoria, launched in 2007. Now 14 years old, she is the yacht that Bruce has kept the longest. Chutzpah is the current record holder of fastest time for yachts less than 12.5m of 2d 4h 10m 37s for the Sydney Hobart course in 2017.

The Crew

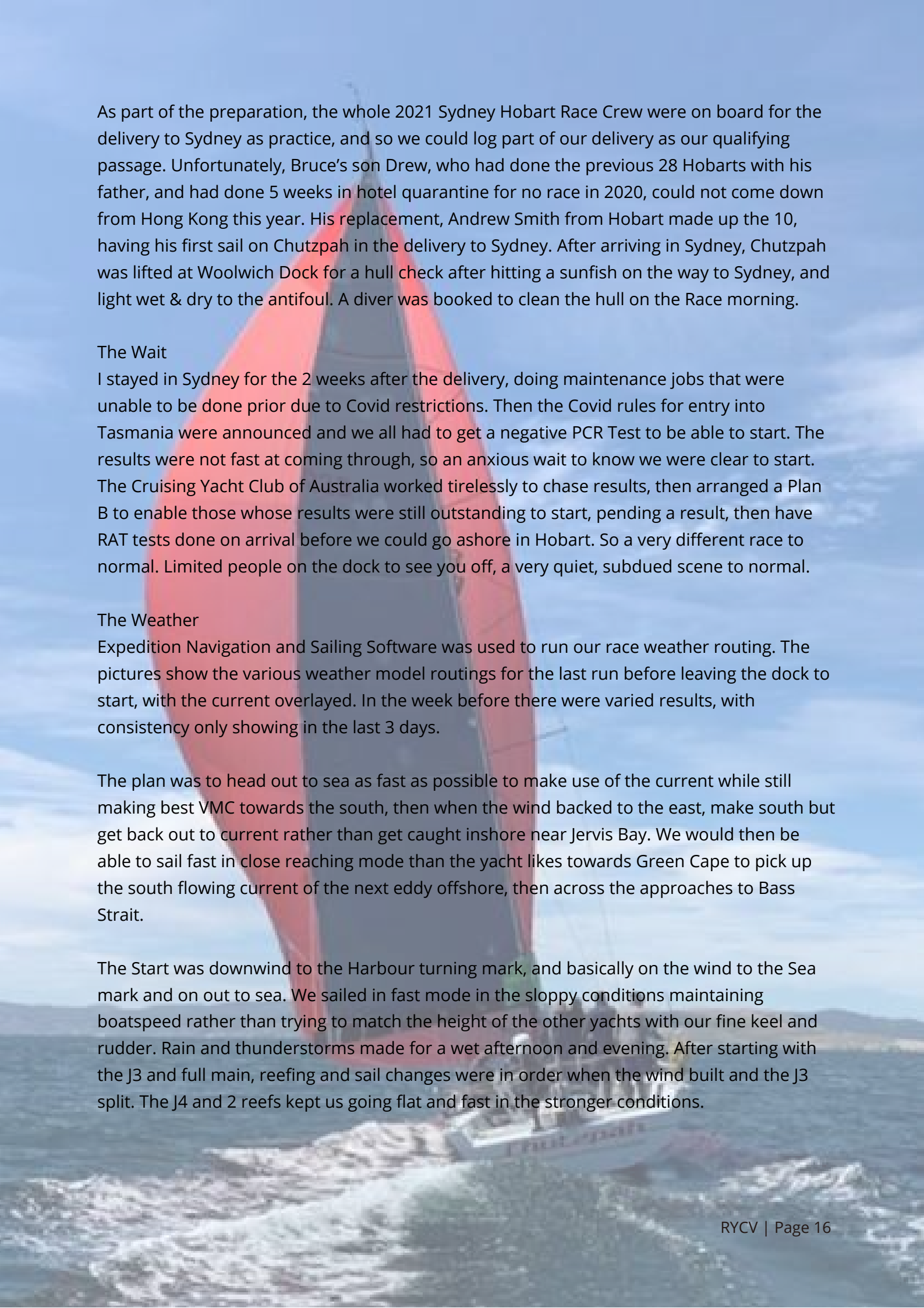
Bruce Taylor (39), Kingsley Piesse (37), Peter Fletcher (33), Gavin Gourley (33), James Permezel (33), Ian Taylor (19), Paul Sandles (19), David Watson (2), Lincoln Attersall (4), Andrew Smith (14)

Half the regular crew have done more than 25 Hobarts on the various Chutzpah's since 1986. We are lucky to have a passionate owner/skipper who provides a great fun boat to ocean race on. He constantly reminds us that we are doing it for fun! When the going gets tough, it is good to be on a sound yacht with competent crew.

The Preparation

The lead up to the 2020 Sydney Hobart had Chutzpah already in Sydney, and the race cancelled due to Covid a day before I was due to fly over from Perth. The yacht stayed in Sydney for 3 months waiting for the opportunity to be allowed back into NSW, and a suitable weather window to deliver her back to Melbourne.

Due to Covid lockdowns in Melbourne, there was no sailing done for the rest of the 2021 year until November, when a few available Victorian crew were able to do some sail testing and the decisions made for any sail replacements. Although the J3 was probably the oldest Jib, the All-round J1-J2 was ordered from Doyle, and that along with the new UK A2 purchased for the 2020 race but never used, these were our new sails for 2021.



As part of the preparation, the whole 2021 Sydney Hobart Race Crew were on board for the delivery to Sydney as practice, and so we could log part of our delivery as our qualifying passage. Unfortunately, Bruce's son Drew, who had done the previous 28 Hobarts with his father, and had done 5 weeks in hotel quarantine for no race in 2020, could not come down from Hong Kong this year. His replacement, Andrew Smith from Hobart made up the 10, having his first sail on Chutzpah in the delivery to Sydney. After arriving in Sydney, Chutzpah was lifted at Woolwich Dock for a hull check after hitting a sunfish on the way to Sydney, and light wet & dry to the antifoul. A diver was booked to clean the hull on the Race morning.

The Wait

I stayed in Sydney for the 2 weeks after the delivery, doing maintenance jobs that were unable to be done prior due to Covid restrictions. Then the Covid rules for entry into Tasmania were announced and we all had to get a negative PCR Test to be able to start. The results were not fast at coming through, so an anxious wait to know we were clear to start. The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia worked tirelessly to chase results, then arranged a Plan B to enable those whose results were still outstanding to start, pending a result, then have RAT tests done on arrival before we could go ashore in Hobart. So a very different race to normal. Limited people on the dock to see you off, a very quiet, subdued scene to normal.

The Weather

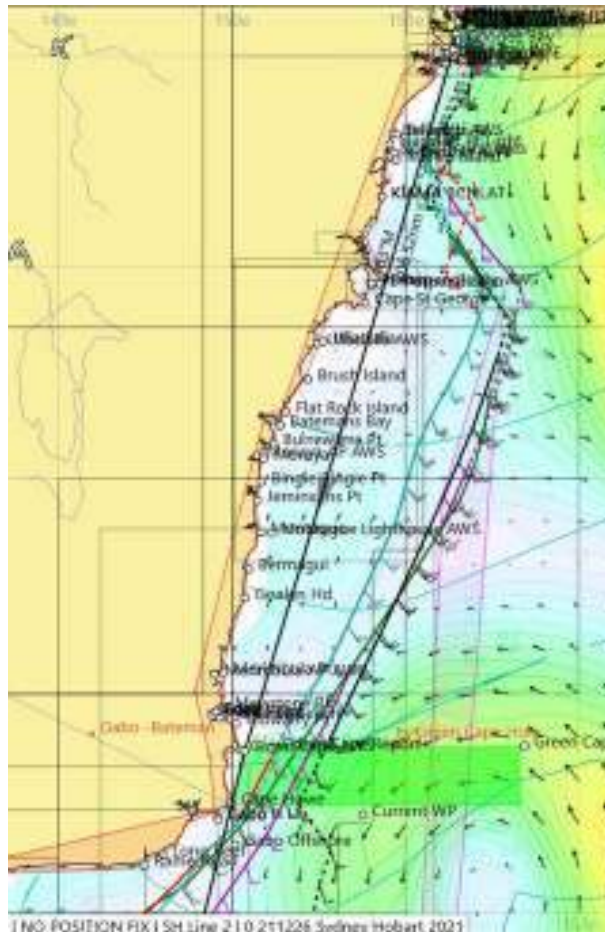
Expedition Navigation and Sailing Software was used to run our race weather routing. The pictures show the various weather model routings for the last run before leaving the dock to start, with the current overlaid. In the week before there were varied results, with consistency only showing in the last 3 days.

The plan was to head out to sea as fast as possible to make use of the current while still making best VMC towards the south, then when the wind backed to the east, make south but get back out to current rather than get caught inshore near Jervis Bay. We would then be able to sail fast in close reaching mode than the yacht likes towards Green Cape to pick up the south flowing current of the next eddy offshore, then across the approaches to Bass Strait.

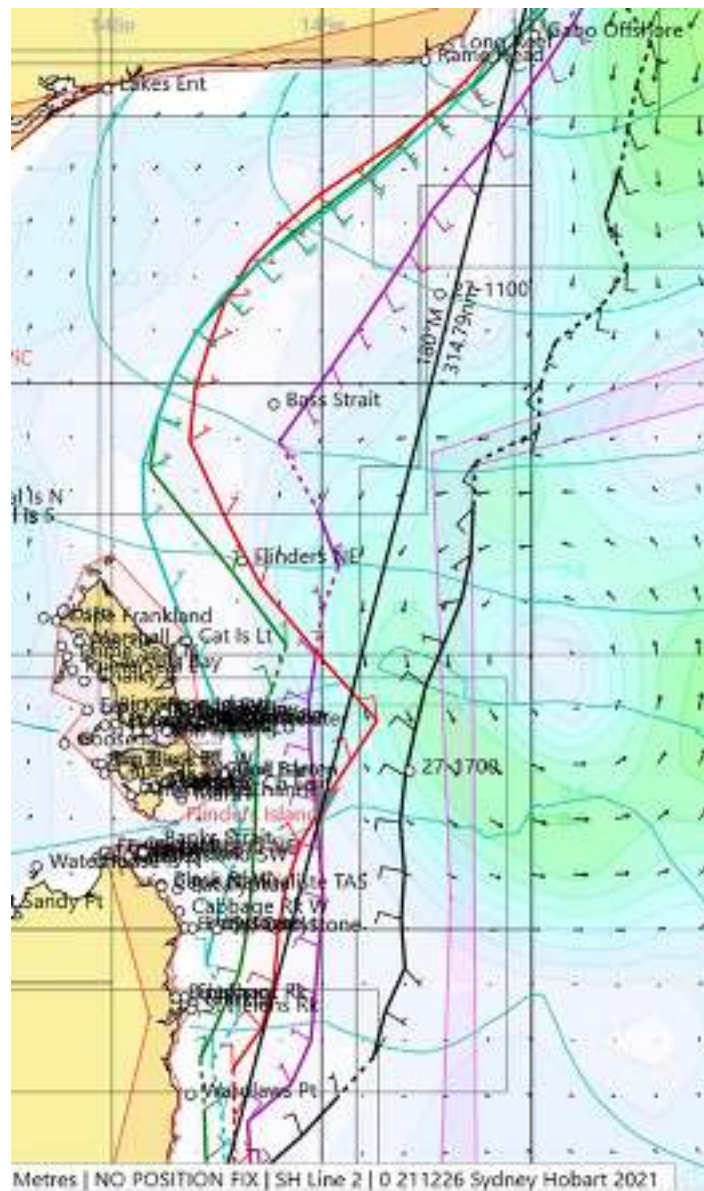
The Start was downwind to the Harbour turning mark, and basically on the wind to the Sea mark and on out to sea. We sailed in fast mode in the sloppy conditions maintaining boatspeed rather than trying to match the height of the other yachts with our fine keel and rudder. Rain and thunderstorms made for a wet afternoon and evening. After starting with the J3 and full main, reefing and sail changes were in order when the wind built and the J3 split. The J4 and 2 reefs kept us going flat and fast in the stronger conditions.

There were a number of retirements on the first night and the following morning in the strong winds and steep seas caused by the wind against the current. Torn mainsails, probably when reefing, broken forestays, and a quite a few with hull damage. A Pan Pan from one yacht had another yacht who had also retired diverted to stand by and shadow them to safe harbour. Fortunately, Chutzpah is a strongly built boat and although we had many hard landings over the backless waves, we came through the first night unscathed.

The strategy to take the current out to the east before Jervis paid off, as we were making 10kn SOG while others who stood on closer to the shore were in the 6 to 7 knot SOG range. We gained leverage, and made ground on those ahead. In our Division 2, a group of three broke away from the main pack, Mayfair, Maritimo (with fellow RPYC member Mike Hughes aboard) and Chutzpah, but with MRV not far away. All bigger yachts and better on the windward work, so to still be in touch was a good sign.



At the Green Cape HF Radio Declaration latitude 37° 15' S on the evening of the 27th, we received our clearance to proceed and we were in a reasonable position, and having to decide which routing was more correct, as some had a more extreme track into the west of the Rhumbline than usually recommended. Watching the progress of the yachts ahead on YB Tracking overlay on Expedition gave some indication, and a west of Rhumbline but more conservative approach taken. The purple track from Green Cape, then the green from Flinders Island south, is closest to our actual track which can be seen on <https://yb.tl/rolexs2h2021>



We endured the calm halfway across to Flinders Island, watching the yachts ahead make miles on us, and the chasing pack also advance. Many sail changes, spinnakers up and down, then spinnaker staysail as a drifter to keep us moving in the windless hole. MRV came into sight behind and was the first yacht we had seen since the 26th. Then it was our turn to break free when the forecast light westerly filled, and the A0 set to make good speed down Flinders Island coast towards Banks Strait, where the main wind pressure would funnel through from the west on the 29th. Maritimo was in sight, inshore of us on the morning, and as the wind veered towards the NW, we changed to A2 spinnaker and made some gains on her until off St Helens, and the next change to the SE wind meant upwind sailing to towards Tasman Island.

But another calm and wind change was forecast just before the Tasman Island rounding, and there were 6 hours of winds less than 4 knots to struggle through before the forecast northerly finally filled and we could set a spinnaker and run around into Storm Bay. On the 30th at 0900 the Tasman VHF radio check in (Maritimo had rounded 5 hours ahead), an ETA 1600 at the finish was given, and we also had to report that no one aboard had Covid symptoms. We still had 3 crew waiting test results. 2 came through once mobile phone in range, one outstanding...

The run around Tasman Island turned into a beat towards the Raoul in light sloppy conditions, before a SE sea breeze slowly filled and we could set the UK A2 spinnaker to run towards the Iron Pot and the entry to the Derwent at great speed, gaining back valuable time on *Mayfair* and *Maritimo* ahead.

At the Iron Pot, the last VHF Check in and ETA was updated to 1530. The run up the Derwent was in building wind and good speeds achieved. What was to be maybe our last gybe to the finish at John Garrow Light didn't go smoothly and resulted in a blown spinnaker but a 2-and-a-half-minute recovery saw a replacement set and we crossed the finish line at 15:36:01, one of the slowest races in this *Chutzpah*.

In summary, the CYCA and RYCT are to be congratulated for they did a great job of ensuring the race went ahead for the entrants who supported the 2021 Rolex Sydney Hobart, the Covid race. Unfortunately, some yachts whose crews had positive test results could not start, but the CYCA developed a plan to allow those without results prior to start in the race, on condition that they must withdraw immediately a positive result was known. *Chutzpah* fell into that group with three outstanding test results due to high Covid testing demand in Sydney and Melbourne, so there were anxious moments near the finish when mobile coverage became available to check SMS for results. Situations were explained and RAT testing provided on all crew before being allowed ashore. (One result came through a day after finishing!)

I'm not sure when I'll be back in WA without having to quarantine, so will be on the East Coast until at least February 5th when WA is supposed to open its borders. But who knows what rules the politicians may dream up by then. Until then, stay safe, get vaccinated, and look forward to a brighter 2022.

Chutzpah's Results:

Line Honours 12th

IRC Overall 11th

IRC Division 2 1st

Kingsley Piesse

Navigator

Chutzpah





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Female Dominated Crew Take The Rudder Cup

Smallest boat Vertigo wins the Melbourne to Devonport yacht race



Royal yacht Club of Victoria will be cheering for one of their own this morning. Tim Olding's Summit 35 *Vertigo* floated over the finish line in Devonport at 05:08 this morning to take possession of The Rudder Cup.

The smallest boat in the fleet with a crew of six, four of them female, managed through good tactics and excellent light weather sailing skills to beat double handed sailors Brian Pattinson and his son Tristan on Jones 42 yacht *Gusto Solo* by some five hours.

The two boats had adopted similar tactics at the beginning of the race when they both tacked to the East after exiting Port Phillip Heads.

Olding commented, "We had studied the models closely before we left but when we were off Cape Schanck we were able to update the model. We ended up not going as far east as originally planned and started heading south. *Gusto* went further east and it didn't really help them."

Late yesterday afternoon *Gusto Solo* was a couple of miles ahead as they both tried to just keep moving in the light breezes. Olding says they dropped their mainsail and just worked the spinnaker until the wind filled in later. Olding himself originally from Hobart learnt to sail dinghies on the Derwent River, likewise crew Samantha Bailey learnt her dinghy craft in Tasmania. Olding commented 'the dinghy sailing helps with the light wind stuff.'

Evening yesterday as they neared the coast the two yachts were still tied together when a shift came through. Olding made the decision to jib on the shift *Gusto Solo* followed the shift and that was when they

separated. They had good sailing until about three miles from the finish when they experienced a 180 degree shift leaving them beating in light fickle breezes to the finish line. Add to that the harbourmasters instruction to stand aside for The Spirit of Tasmania to come through.

Olding said, "we couldn't have been happier with the way we sailed, with some experienced and some new people on board it was a good team."

Vertigo will win The Rudder Cup for the handicap win and the Line Honours trophy double.

Gusto Solo sailing double handed finished across the line at 10:10am and will receive the double handed trophy.

STORY: ORCV MEDIA



Rozinante II Wins Slow Dance to Grassy in 50th King Island Race

For 2026 projects



Start with Rozinante II centre stage - Steb Fisher

Competitors will long remember the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria's 50th race. On the positive side were the crayfish and steak sandwiches at the end of a very slow race that took nearly double the time it normally would.

Rozinante II's skipper, Andrew Middleton, joined the race last year as part of the rally, which the ORCV introduced to encourage more owners to step up to Category 2 racing. Since then, he has gone on to regularly do Cat 3 races, but the King Island Race was his maiden Cat 2 race – and he won.

For the 50th, Middleton joined forces with Leo Cantwell, who usually skippers *Magic Bullet* and who also took part in the rally in 2021.

"I'd just like to thank the ORCV for presenting this opportunity. I think the rally was a great thing for us to do," Cantwell said, clutching the King Island cheese package that formed part of his prize.

After spending much longer at sea than they all expected, Cantwell caused much laughter when he commented, "Some people have said this was a short race, but for me



it was bloody long. It was a hard night, but it was a great team effort and I'm very pleased to be standing up here today."

And a word from the elder statesman of the fleet, Laurie Ford, skipper of *Spirit of Downunder*, who also produced laughter: "The start was horrendous. I thought, 'oh god, the boat's going to get damaged and I'm trying to sell it'. But the latter part of the race was very enjoyable."

Ford, whose sons Tim and Stuart, along with Paul Beresford, joined him in the Four + Autohelm division, continued: "I think I did my first King Island in 1992 and it hasn't changed much!"

The 114 nautical mile race started in a 12-14 south/south-westerly under sunny blue skies at 3pm on Friday - glorious conditions. Primitive Cool got through the Heads first. Around midnight the wind dropped out. It remained light to the end and so favoured the smaller and lighter boats.

Some sailed the rhumbline course, while others took an easterly or western route. The east paid dividends.

Normally the fleet would have been finished by around midnight Friday night, and that would have been the case had the forecast from a week earlier held. However, the reality was starkly different and it was a little more than a day later when the first boats trickled in.

From midnight Friday the yachts were floating around in a negligible breeze and by Saturday morning nothing had changed. The scenario was there for all to see on the Blue Water Tracks race tracker. Boats not moving, some going backwards, others going around in circles.



At 8am on Saturday morning, Damien King's Frers 61, *Margaret Rintoul V*, was just leading Brian Pattinson's Don Jones 42, *Gusto* (being raced double handed by Pattinson and Bruno Carreto), both sailing well east of the rhumbline. *Rintoul* eventually retired, along with three others.

Extasea (Paul Buchholz), race record holder *Primitive Cool* (John Newbold), *Hartbreaker* (Antony Walton) and *Carrera S* (Gerry Cantwell), were next in the 'chase' if you could call it that, for line honours. Newbold was sailing close the rhumbline, while the other two were sailing west of the rhumbline.

On Saturday morning, Rod Smallman said from mid-fleet, "We are in no wind. It's been like this most of the night. We've got 1.2 knots of wind speed. *Margaret Rintoul* has done well; she's sailed a good line. I've just done a weather route and it has us getting in around 2am. The crays and steak sandwiches are looking good...

"It's fun to be out at sea though. It was a beautiful sunrise this morning."

Meanwhile, the prizes were due to be handed out at 10am. The crayfish were cooked and the King Island Boat Club had the steak sandwiches ready to hit the barby – a paddock of water and no wind standing between the parties.

The 50th King Island Race brought out many a past entrant, including Ian Lyall, who has competed in more than 20.

STORY: ORCV MEDIA



LIPTON CUP REGATTA

12 - 13 November 2022

The Regatta for Everyone



Vertigo Wins ORCV Bass Strait Race.



Tim Olding's Summit 35 *Vertigo*, won the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV) 55 nm West Offshore Products Coastal Sprint Race on a perfect sailing day.

Sailing under beautiful sunshine with a 10 knot SE wind, eleven yachts competed in the Bass Strait race that started off Queenscliff just before dawn on Saturday 23rd April.

John Chipp's, Dehler 46, *Hot Chipps* took line honours in 7 hours 37 minutes and 17 seconds crossing the line ahead of *Vertigo* and Peter Davison's, Archambault 40 R C *Arcadia*.

The win puts *Vertigo* in second position behind Jeff Sloan's Archambault A35 *Archie* in the ORCV Coastal Championship Series leading into the final race, the popular 52 nm Apollo Bay race on 14th May.

Olding commented "We had a really good upwind leg, having taken a gamble to head left and inshore to maintain boat speed. We led the fleet at the bottom mark but couldn't hold *Hot Chipps* on the 2nd downwind leg, with an extra eleven feet of water length, they just took off."

Olding went onto to say "I share the helm now with my daughter Clare. We really like the Coastal Sprint format as it's great for building crew confidence and identifying sea sickness and how crew operate before embarking on a longer ocean race. In preparing

for the upcoming 50th Melbourne to Hobart 'Westcoaster', these coastal races in Bass Strait are great training for us. Racing in Bass Strait is sometimes challenging, but always a lot of fun." he went on to say, "We head to Queenscliff on Friday afternoon and have a great pub meal and good night's rest which is key when ocean racing."

There was also good news for the growing Victorian ocean sailing fleet with Garry McCarten's, Jeanneau 44 DS *Skullduggery* joining the race. With a couple of new crew members McCarten commented "these races really do extend the fun and provide a great experience for our cruising type boat outside the bay. We used the Code 0 in the first leg and were really happy with how that worked making good ground against Robert D'Arcy's, Northshore 369 *Foggy Dew*, that was until we needed to duck a ship."

McCarten added with a smile on his face "We're not always competitive against the pure racing boats, but we really do enjoy the experience of ocean sailing and we do really like that we're home Saturday night."

STORY: ORCV MEDIA



Opening Day 2021



Santa by Seaplane 2021



VICTORIAN YOUTH CHAMPS

There was a very national feeling to this event with competitors from every state coming to ply their trade and take a crack at the Australian Youth Team, which was selected out of this event. It was a slow start to Day 1 as they waited for the breeze to come up out of the north east.

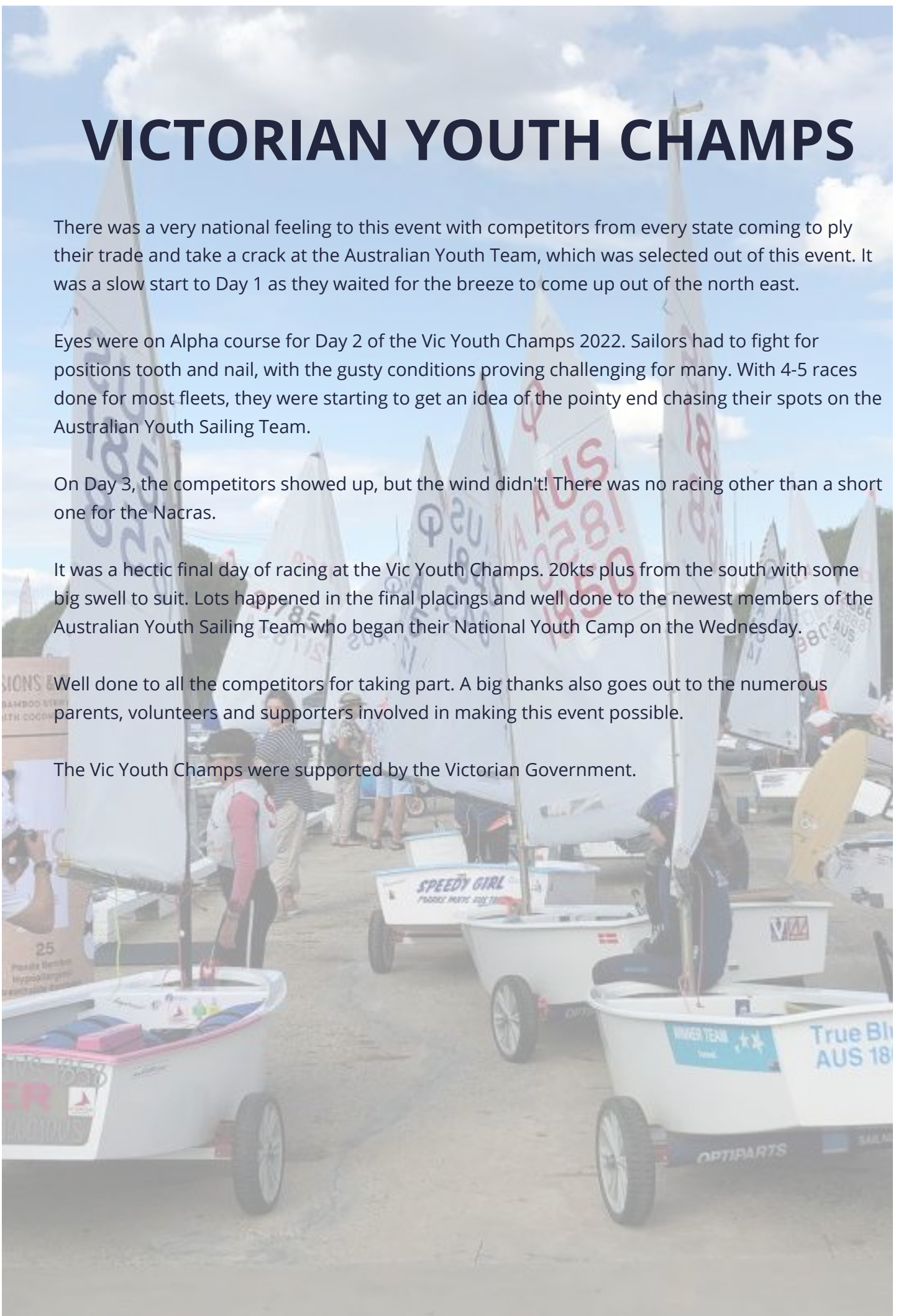
Eyes were on Alpha course for Day 2 of the Vic Youth Champs 2022. Sailors had to fight for positions tooth and nail, with the gusty conditions proving challenging for many. With 4-5 races done for most fleets, they were starting to get an idea of the pointy end chasing their spots on the Australian Youth Sailing Team.

On Day 3, the competitors showed up, but the wind didn't! There was no racing other than a short one for the Nacras.

It was a hectic final day of racing at the Vic Youth Champs. 20kts plus from the south with some big swell to suit. Lots happened in the final placings and well done to the newest members of the Australian Youth Sailing Team who began their National Youth Camp on the Wednesday.

Well done to all the competitors for taking part. A big thanks also goes out to the numerous parents, volunteers and supporters involved in making this event possible.

The Vic Youth Champs were supported by the Victorian Government.



SAIL MELBOURNE



RYCV played host to the 55 strong Laser fleet at RYCV from the 13th - 17th January. Ollie Grieve was our only Laser Royals rep who managed to finish every race respectively in the very strong fleet.

Ollie felt he was off pace until he searched some names and discovered the calibre of the sailors on his course, with the full Australian team in attendance including an Olympian! Well done Ollie.

Over on the 29er fleet Ashton Rawstron managed to try out a new crew each day and gain some valuable helming experience also in a very strong fleet. The only way to gain racing experience is to do these regattas and learn from the best. Well done to Ashton and his crews Ava, Joel & Mikey J.

In the Waszps over the 2 day event we had some perfect sailing conditions, aside from the waves that make foiling a difficult challenge. Louis Scofield did a great job in his first Waszp regatta to finish 2 of his races ahead of me, but old wisdom won out over youthful exuberance and I got him in the overall results, phew!

Royals always manage to find plenty of volunteers for these events and Sail Melb was no exception. A very well run event from the top down.

Thank you to all the OTB representatives that took time out to help with the world class event.

As a competitor and volunteer for this one it never ceases to amaze me just how much goes on behind the scenes and the resources required to run these events, well done team.

Ryan Grieve
OTB Club Captain

A Magic Bullet for what was Paradise in Melbourne

Melbourne turned on the perfect weather for the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria's (ORCV) "Return to Racing Celebration" race with Leo Cantwell's Cavalier 350 Sl, *Magic Bullet* taking 1st place on AMS, and the overall win. A fleet of 21 yachts from six Port Phillip Bay clubs sailing in perfect conditions participated in the race.

I've been lucky enough to be out on my boat in the past few weeks but "I'm not great at just cruising, it's just not the same as racing, where there's a bit of a challenge" explained Cantwell. "We made some mistakes gybing the symmetrical and things didn't go so well so we lost some minutes sorting ourselves out." Cantwell finished off with "We're just so happy to get out in the fresh air and shake off the cobwebs".

It was the smallest boat in the fleet, Elan 310 *Wild Child* skippered by Marg Neeson who led the fleet across the start line in 10 knots of breeze from the West.

Through the first gate, Peter Davison's Archambault 40, *Arcadia* set a cracking pace and was the first to hoist a kite on the 2nd leg of a 20nm course in hot pursuit of the Damien King's Frers 61, MRV and Tony Walton's Reichel/Pugh 46, *Hartbreaker*.

With fifteen nautical miles sailed, the wind built and shifted to SW, creating the perfect conditions for the chase of *Arcadia* with Sal Balharrie's Sydney 38 *No Man's Land* and Chris Gendala's Elliot 15.50 Tourer, *Stampede* all finishing within twenty seconds of each other.

John Kint, skipper of the Adams Radford, *Bundaberg* who travelled from Royal Geelong Yacht Club to join the race said "with new sails and only an opportunity to train for the past month, I saw this race as my first chance in a competitive fleet to test and try the sails and crew. We need more practice but we thoroughly enjoyed the race" with *Bundaberg* claiming PHS 1st place.

"We'd normally see fleets of at least 40 plus boats join us" said ORCV Commodore Grant Dunoon and "many of our members taking today to test and train rather than race on the first day of allowed racing." Dunoon went on to say "For those who chose to race, it was smiles all around with sunshine and the perfect amount of wind."

With many crews now rushing to prepare for a season of Offshore Racing, Damien King skipper of MRV, added "it was great to have had an opportunity to test out a few of the new improvements we've added. We're not quite ready but I'm super lucky to have an outstanding crew of Olympians, National and World Champions on the crew and pleased to take 1st on ORC, the first win since purchasing the boat recently."

Having suffered through another 112 days with lockdown six, we're back racing on what felt like "Paradise in Melbourne."

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S KEELBOAT REGATTA - Tim Olding

This weekend the 30th Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta was run by RMYS. Royals fielded three teams. Catherine North's X36 Duxelle, Cath Beaufort's S80, Up and Go, Clare Olding in the Summit 35, *Vertigo*. Each team has their own pathway to this point be it taking up ocean racing late in life and sailing around the world or a strong history in one design racing. This is *Vertigo's* story.

For the past 12 months, a team of young Royals sailors has been out on Sundays learning how to handle a racing keelboat. The team was led by Clare Olding who grew up sailing Cadets at RYCV and by age 21 has already clocked up more than 5000 Nm of offshore sailing and numerous offshore races. She was joined by a range of sailors, some of whom have come up through the OTB classes and some who have only started sailing in their early 20s.



After 12 months of regular training they teamed up with a few of Royals' more experienced keelboat sailors and entered the AWKR. The team consisted of;

Maddy Scambary Speller doing bow for the very first time
Abbey Argus Smith on mast in only her second keelboat regatta
Rosie King (age 14) on sewer and kite packing in her first regatta
Josie Caharija in her first regatta
Ishka Prescott in her second regatta
Prue Standen on office
Clare Olding on helm
Allison Wilson on Main
Jasmine Galbraith on tactics and strategy



They finished a windy and cold series 3rd on AMS and 2nd on PHS including storming race 6 to take line and handicap honours. This is a remarkable achievement for a young team with limited experience but a ton of enthusiasm, mentored by a great team of Royals' more experienced female sailors. Planning for next year's event has already begun and we can expect great things from this gang of youths.



Photo Credit: Andrea Francolini

Disclaimer: The author is the owner of Vertigo and the father of Clare and is extremely biased.



The Year in Review

August 2021 - July 2022

AUGUST

The start of August saw us once again in stage 4 lockdown. As such, all our activities came to a halt and the Club and office were closed.

We once again used this time to undertake essential works around the Club.

For those of you who were able to get down to the Club as part of your allotted exercise time, you may have noticed some activity around the shiplift hole. Over the month, we fitted the new brace, calibrated the load instrumentation and grouted it into place. The old and rusty bracing was cut away and sent off to recycling. Some of its sections were heavily corroded and the attachments to the walls were in poor condition.

SEPTEMBER

Thank you to all Members who attended our Annual General Meeting on Zoom. We appreciated your input, feedback and support of the Club.

Officers and General Committee of RYCV for 2021/2022 are;

Commodore: Doug Shields

Vice Commodore: Jane Richards

Rear Commodore Club: Tim Olding

Rear Commodore Sailing: Andrew King

Treasurer: Warwick Norman AM

Secretary: Liz Meyer

General Committee: John Boyle, Damian Purcell, Ian Barclay and Paige Butcher

OCTOBER

It was an end of an era as David LeRoy finished up as Race Director at RYCV. David was employed at the Club for over 20 years and has been an integral part of our sub-committees for over 30 years. During this time, David has achieved many things and has been instrumental in organising and running many state, national and international regattas. On behalf of the current and previous General Committees, we thank David for his service and commitment to RYCV. We are in the process of developing a timeline of events and pictures highlighting David's tenure at the Club and we hope to be able to share this with you shortly.



We also welcomed our New Food & Beverage Operations Manager, Simone Kienc. Simone has worked in the hospitality industry for over 20 years working for the Van Handles Group at Stoke House St Kilda & Long Grain just to name a few. Locally, she has worked at the Station Hotel under Sean Donovan, Sebastian Beach Grill and the Plough Hotel. Her speciality is functions and events. Simone lives locally was keen to work in this wonderful community.

The Club was sad to advise the passing of Honorary Life Member Douglas Anderson; 21 March 1929 - 12 October 2021.

Douglas Anderson joined Royals in 1965 as an enthusiastic Tumblaren owner and remained a committed Club Member until his passing.

In the year Doug joined Royals, and unbeknown to Doug, two Carter 33s were built in a Dutch shipyard - *Rabbit* and *Belita IV*. *Rabbit* won the Fastnet in her first entry and *Belita IV* was eventually shipped to Sydney - where Douglas became the proud owner in 1975.

Douglas skippered *Belita IV* with grace and good humour over 25 years of ocean racing. As a skipper, Douglas led by example, never asking the crew to do anything he himself was not capable of. The exception may have been a during particularly windy King Island

race when the crew declined the request to take down the headsail. *Belita* went on to win the race convincingly!

Douglas also sailed the Tasman with Doug Jenkin on *Roama*, and a number of delivery legs including one from Osaka on *Spirit of Downunder*.

Douglas Anderson will be remembered for his self-effacing sense of humour, his entertaining conversations and his unbridled generosity. Those who were fortunate enough to sail with him will always remember him as a true gentleman.

October 22nd saw the culmination of years of restoration and months of planning to get the *Alma Doepel* successfully returned to water!

It was a huge event involving numerous organisations and individuals. We were pleased to provide *Thorsen* and *Cerberus* as support vessels on the day.

Congratulations to all involved in the *Alma Doepel's* restoration and return to water.



NOVEMBER

Whilst the weather was wet and wild, it certainly didn't dampen the excitement of Opening Day on 13 November.

Unfortunately, our plans for the sail past were abandoned due to the adverse weather forecast. However all other opening day activities proceeded as usual.

After Marg Goddard blessed the fleet, PC Michael Smith, joined by our new Junior Club Captains Rosie King and Leo Church, fired the cannon and the 2021/2022 season was officially open.

As part of our Opening Day celebrations, we were excited to launch our new RIB the *PC James Shields*. We would like to thank Lyndall Boyle and Commodore Doug Shields for their generous support and donation through Royals Foundation. The *PC James Shields* will be a great asset for our Club and OTB fleet.

Chef Rob whipped up amazing paella live on the deck, and the Club was abuzz as Members enjoyed lunch and drinks whilst listening to live music. The festivities kicked on well into the evening!

It was great to see all our Members down at the Club, enjoying our wonderful hospitality services and catching up with each other. A fabulous start to the season!

In other good news, we learned that RYCV has been selected to host the 2022 International Cadet Class (ICC) World Championships. These will be held in late December 2022, immediately after the Australian ICC championships.

This is a great opportunity for our Club; we have long history with the ICC. Many current and past Members learnt to sail in a Cadet and gained a lifetime passion for sailing. There are only 13 months between now and then, so we will be immediately launching into planning mode. Anyone who is able to assist in this work is welcome to join us on the planning committee.

In the meantime, we moved on with upgrades and repairs around the Club. We recommissioned the Eastern crane which had been removed to fix a hydraulic issue, the pontoons beneath the Western crane are back in the water and all the material required to repair the other pontoons was been ordered. Unfortunately, we now have some damage to the pontoons near the OTB clubhouse. We are currently reviewing our options with this area and hope to have an outcome soon.

The Club was sad to advise the passing of Past Commodore Peter Rowsthorn. PC Peter Rowsthorn, affectionately known as Rowsie, was a Full Member at Royals for over 49 years and had three very successful boats; Mark Twain, Challenge 2 and Admiral Bligh 2.

Peter was Commodore from 1996 - 1998 and made a significant contribution to all areas of the Club. He initiated the first Club strategic plan favourably called "The Futures Report".

The Club prospered under PC Rowsie and he will be dearly missed.

DECEMBER

It was a beautiful morning to welcome Santa by Seaplane on 12 December.

Over 300 people gathered to watch Santa land and it was high excitement as Santa and his elves handed out presents to over 150 children.

Thanks to Santa and his team of elves for coming along and spreading the Christmas cheer! !

Commodore's Christmas Lunch was held on 16 December and was filled with festive fun!

It was lovely to see so many Members, guests and VIPs who were treated to an inspiring talk on the marine environment by Dr Chris Gillies, Oceans Program Director, The Nature Conservancy Australia.

Titled "Positive Stories in Marine Conservation: Port Phillip and Beyond", Chris provided positive examples of marine conservation including shellfish reef restoration in Port Phillip and Indonesia seaweed farming. It was certainly an uplifting talk.

A great time was had by all and thank you to all who attended.

On the other side of Tasmania, the Rolex Sydney to Hobart yacht race was running with RYCV yacht *Chutzpah* skippered by Past Commodore Bruce Taylor. This year Bruce and his crew pulled off a very respectable 12th in line honors. Given the size of some of the other boats *Chutzpah* was racing against, this is a very impressive effort. In the fully crewed IRC Division 2 *Chutzpah* came first. This year was Bruce's 37th year of racing in the Rolex Sydney to Hobart yacht race.



JANUARY

This year, our end of year racing numbers were down due to COVID concerns. This, however, did not dampen the enthusiasm of our ocean racers. The Rudder Cup line (Melbourne to Devonport Race) honors and handicap was taken out by *Vertigo*, skippered by Tim Olding. This is a great result by Tim and his female dominated crew. It underscores the great work that his daughter Clare has done all year in training young women in sailing keelboats.

Meanwhile in the Melbourne to Hobart, *Faster Forward* skippered by Matt Fahey was the overall winner of the Melbourne to Hobart race. *Faster Forward's* course to the west of King Island, something that is rarely sailed, really paid off this year. This result was closely followed up by *Alien*, skippered by Justin Brennan coming in second overall. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of Melbourne to Hobart, so we will expect to see even more entries from RYCV.

Well, done to all our offshore racers; you made us all proud of your amazing efforts.



What a great week for the Club with the Sail Melbourne regatta events conducted in perfect sailing conditions. RYCV hosted the Lasers and we had several of our own OTB sailors joining events in other classes. The changes made to level the railed yard at the side entrance provided a vast space for competitors to setup and socialise in a safe manner.

There were smiling competitors and families simply enjoying getting together in weather that amounted to perfect sailing conditions. Our skilled volunteer race management from David Le Roy, Andrew King, Amanda Rawstron, Tim Olding and many others in the on water team ensured that the racing was at the highest quality. The expectations from a fleet with an Olympic champion and the Australian team is that the results will rank sailors on their skills and not on the impact from missteps of the race officer. The RYCV on water team once again demonstrated we have the ability to deliver regatta events at a level meeting the expectations of elite international competitors.

The 179th Melbourne to Geelong Passage Race started under spinnaker for over 200 yachts in a gusty 12-18 knot northerly breeze.

There was a mixed bag of boats making the most of the sensational wind conditions as they left Williamstown with 50ft monohulls to 24ft multihulls leading the charge towards Geelong in the early stages of the race.

Congratulations to Bruce Taylor *Chutzpah* on 3rd place AMS Division 1.

It was another magnificent day on Corio Bay for the final day of racing at the Festival of Sails. Racing got under way on time with the yachts heading out for a special course out the channel in a building sea breeze.

The sailors couldn't have finished the day in better conditions as they reached back up the channel in a 15 knot south-easterly wind and plenty of sunshine. Despite the long course, the racing remained tight in the narrow channel, including several battles right to the finish line just off Royal Geelong Yacht Club.

Special mention to Bas Huibers on *Merak* 1st in the Passage Spinnaker Series Div 3 and Colin Johnston on *Serenity* 1st in Corio Bay Racing Series.



FEBRUARY

Guy Schofield and the OTB crowd continued with the upgrade of the OTB clubhouse. The latest step was to complete the veranda and lay down some astro turf. It now looks worthy of a listing on Air B&B as a waterfront cottage. Our thanks to the many Members and friends that assisted in the works to the OTB clubhouse over the last several years of this project. Last weekend Guy also erected an acknowledgement board to show our appreciation. Please go down and take a look.



Lord Brassey Trophy was raced on 19 February. Congratulations to the following entrants;

AMS

Division 1 - *Laurelle* - Ray Borrett

Division 2 - *Celeste* - Calum Brenan

PHS

Division 1 - *Laurelle* - Ray Borrett

Division 2 - *Celeste* - Calum Brenan

It was a great weekend for the Bluebirds Titles. Race 1 tested stamina and Race 2 was shortened to allow plenty of time to socialise on the lawn after the race.

Race 1

OD - *Drambuie* - Craig Black

Division 3 PHS - *Aoi Tori* - Guy Schofield

Race 2

OD - *Secxret* - John Dusting

Division 3 PHS - *Secret* - John Dusting

On Sunday February 22nd, 18 boats headed out to take part in the Jennifer Goldsmith Perpetual Trophy Race, the second race day of the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.

The course selected was 7.7 nm and included a triangular lap around the RMYS Course area followed by a beat, run, beat to the finish. Although conditions were light to begin with and there was fear of postponement at the start conditions improved to 7-9 knots, minimal swells, and crystal-clear visibility throughout the day, leading to smooth manoeuvres and generally good outcomes for all.

Congratulations to the following Royals entrants;

AMS - 6. *Up 'N Go* - Cath Beaufort, PHS 3. *Up 'N Go* - Cath Beaufort, 10. *Duxelle* - Catherine North

The Classic Yacht Association Australia (CYAA) Cup Regatta was held over the weekend 19th and 20th February. The sailing conditions were excellent with sunshine, light wings and flat seas.

Congratulations to the following Royals entrants;

D1 - 3. *Mercedes III* - M. Ryan, 6. *Wanita* - R. Gates
D2 - 1. *Sirocco* - C. Salter, 4. *Zephyr* - A. Batson, 7. *Cyan* - C. Brown
D3 - 3. *Martini* - R Michael Williams, 5. *Bungoora* - C. Dorrrough

MARCH

The first weekend in March saw 17 entrants in the 2022 S80 Victorian Championships. Well done to the following Royals entrants.

2. *Gravitas* - Paul Larcher
4. *Merak* - Bas Huibers
6. *Assailant* - Assailant Syndicate
12. *Up 'N Go* - Cath Beaufort

Congratulations to co-skippers Andrew Middleton and Leo Cantwell, along with the crew (Rachel McGuigan, Hester Freeman, William Potter and Catherine North who was a late withdrawal) on winning the 50th King Island Race. This was a combined effort between the RYCV Cavalier 350SL's - *Rozinante II* and *Magic Bullet*.

There were perfect conditions for Day 1 of the i14 and Javelin State Titles which continued into Sunday. Monday also saw a big day on the water. The hot shifty northerly was blowing anywhere between 12 - 27knots making it hard work for the teams. A great regatta and good racing by all.

Our membership continues to grow and we have seen an increase of almost 10% since this time last year.

on 24 March, we had a fun evening as we welcomed approximately 100 of our new Members to the Club.

After hearing from our panel of speakers including Members, parents and the Vice Commodore Jane Richards, our new Members had the chance to meet fellow sailors and friends.

With live music on the deck, an enjoyable time was had by all!



APRIL

You may be aware that both Julie Standen and Megan Jackson have resigned from the House and Social Committee. Both are long serving members of the committee and have always gone over and above to organise and host events at the Club. Their reasons for stepping down are fully understandable with growing work commitments and wanting to spend more time with their families. Julie and Megan have been stalwarts with managing from beginning to end the 'Friday Night Draw' and raising monies for House and Social to help support Member activities and needs. We will miss their energy and enthusiasm on the House and Social Committee but thank them both for their support and work in making things happen; and they are welcome anytime to re-join us anytime in the future if their circumstances change.

While House and Social reorganise ourselves with the stepping down of Julie and Megan, OTB will be running the Friday Night Draw for a few weeks to help raise monies for the upcoming Cadet World Championships. Eventually, OTB and House and Social will run the Draw on alternate weeks up to the World Championships.

Once again THANK YOU Julie and Megan you have been fantastic committee members.

As many of you are aware, our Club hosted the Victorian Youth Championships. This is an extremely important event in sailing with many of the top youth sailors vying for a position in the national training camp, and potentially into Olympics selection. Competitors came from all around the country; Western Australia to Queensland and everywhere in-between. All of the volunteers on the weekend were able to observe some seriously talented youth sailors and perhaps future Olympic athletes, and hopefully remember that you played a small part in their development and progress.

This was a massive effort from the staff and Members of our Club who answered the call for help with a willingness and good humour that made me really proud and grateful to be associated with you all. A heartfelt thank you to everybody at our Club.

As you are aware, we undertook renovations to the office and internal bathrooms. These renovations started in April and the office was relocated to the OTB shed. The office was fully functional in this space and we operated as usual.



Twenty one boats competed in Saturdays' ORCV Double Handed Race on 30 April. Well done to *Affirmative Action* the overall winner, and to the following entrants.

AMS

1. *Affirmative Action* - D Morrow
2. *Executive Decision* - W Sheers
3. *Eureka* - J Furey

PHS

1. *Affirmative Action* - D Morrow
2. *Vagabond* - A Mcconchie
3. *Executive Decision* - W Sheers

Entire Teams Trophy Winners

- 1st Team "Nameless" comprising of *Affirmative Action*, *Executive Decision*, *Salamander 3*
3rd Team RYCV team of *Rozinante II*, *Silver Cloud*, *Godzilla*

14 and 15 May saw Royals celebrate the end of the Summer Season with its Stern Chaser to the West Channel Pile, a fast spinnaker run down the Bay in a NNW of 20-25 Knots, and then just a little further to "Paradise," Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club (QCYC).

Once more we were beckoned by the ethereal beauty of the surrounding wetlands, enthralling the spirit and calming the frazzled mind. Without the usual distraction of life ashore, we rekindled our comradery 'ate, drank and made merry'.

The Phoenix Trophy was donated by QCYC after our clubhouse fire. The usual fundraiser for Cottage by the Sea, a local charity providing seaside holidays for disadvantaged children, will be held at Royals this year, details to follow.

Rene Johnson-Sneddon, QCYC Officer of the Day, RYCV House & Social.



Sailed double-handed by owner Alex Toomey and crew-mate Andrew Hibbert, *Ryujin* won the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria's (ORCV) 2022 Apollo Bay Race, in which *Margaret Rintoul V* (Damien King) took line honours in a close race across the board.

The ORCV Offshore Championship came down to the wire, with *Alien* (Justin Brenan), *Audere* (Joshua Thring), *Vertigo* (Timothy Olding), *Vagabond* (Andrew McConchie) and newcomer *Foggy Dew* (Robert D'Arcy), in the running. ***Alien* came out on top in the end.**

JUNE

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron's (RMYS) 2022 Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta (AWKR) came to an end in Port Phillip, Victoria, which saw winners crowned and other special prize recipients announced.

Race Officer Lou Hutton held Race 6, the final of the series, on Port Phillip in extremely light airs. It was a stark contrast to the preceding two days of racing, when high winds and rough rolling seas tested all. She advised competitors that the light breeze would not last the day, so the race went on.

Congratulations to the following Royals entrants.

AMS

Division 1

3. *Vertigo* - Clare Olding

Division 2

2. *Up N Go* - Cath Beaufort

EHC

Division 1

2. *Vertigo* - Clare Olding

10. *Duxelle* - Catherine North

Division 2

5. *Merak* - Tanya Kelly

6. *Up N Go* - Cath Beaufort

S80

1. *Up N Go* - Cath Beaufort

2. *Merak* - Tanya Kelly

After several years of operation and many hours of sail training to hundreds of yachties, the Club has decided to sell our fleet of 5.9 Elliotts. Several members of the Canberra Sailing Club have purchased the fleet, where they will refurbish the yachts and plan to run match racing on Lake Burley Griffin.

The Club has owned the fleet for quite a number of years and over this time a number of Members and contractors have volunteered their time and knowhow to maintain and support the fleet and the sail training they provided. On behalf of the General Committee and the many Members that learnt to sail on them, thank you for your support and time in keeping the yachts on the water.

JULY

The Club was sad to advise of the passing of Brian Gedge.

Brian was a Full Member for over 13 years. He previously owned the yacht, which was berthed at RYCV, called 'Gambit' which is now owned by Peter Langford and renamed 'Money Penny' .

Our thoughts were with Brian's family at this time.

It was with great excitement that the renovations to the Club amenities were open for use from 30 July. The team behind these renovations have achieved a fantastic outcome, and I'm sure you'll agree!

These renovations have been in the pipeline for sometime with the General Committee agreeing to budget for the project in 2020 where we tasked Honorary Architect Charlie Salter to develop the plans for both the amenities and the admin office. Charlie was supported by Club Member David Allen; without both of their support and many, many hours of design and consultation, we would not have been able to achieve the outcome both financially and physically that we have today. Charlie also worked as the project manager and, after the scope of work was developed, we sought costings from 3 different contractors and Portside Building were awarded the project. Luke Aaron from Portside Building, his employees and contractors commenced the works on 2nd May and have been fantastic to work with. They came up with clever solutions to issues that arose from time to time and worked in a very collaborative manner with Charlie. Originally the project was estimated to take 4 months; the team have been able to achieve this outcome in just 3!

The admin office and library were still to be completed and these areas opened on Wednesday 10th August.

On behalf of the General Committee, General Manager Michael Neumann thanked everyone involved in undertaking this renovation. Our Club's community are always working together to improve the facilities throughout the Club that will be enjoyed by many Members and guests.



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