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## Rear Commodores Report Season 2016-17

This season has been a busy year both on and off the water. For the OTB fleet it was challenging start due to the weather. We successfully hosted the Minnow state titles, I14/B14 state titles along with our first ever Sail Peninsula Keel boat regatta. Work is well and truly underway for next year's Sail Peninsula that promises to be bigger and better. We have secured the Sabre state titles for February 2018 and the I14's have asked to come back on the long weekend in March so once again our club has a full dance card.

We achieved YA accreditation and are now able to deliver YA endorsed training under the Discover sailing banner, up to and including Race Training. Ewan ran a Tackers 1 course with 6 students, all became members and 4 have continued with Sunday participation, so it has been a great retention ratio. This model continues to be successful for us.

We also secured accreditation for Keelboat Learn to Sail. We are looking for a person to become accredited as a Keel boat instructor, so we can run YA accredited courses in the future. We see this as an important pathway for the club.

We upgraded the small RHIB with a New 20HP Suzuki and forward control. The feedback from all members that utilize it, is that it was money well spent and it makes it Safer and more usable. Woody (Polycraft) was written off due to a sinking incident and the money from the sale of the wreck and insurance allowed us to upgrade our second rescue boat to a 5.5 meter Zodiac. We shuffled the outboard motors around and put the 90hp from #1 onto the new boat and repowered the Start Boat with a more, fit for purpose, new 4 stroke Suzuki.

The training OTB fleet has been enhanced with the purchase of a second hand fiberglass minnow early in the season to complement the 2 Bics and 8 OzOpti's. We have also decided to replace the 3 Pacers that have served us very well, with 2 modern RS Quest training boats. The RS Quest's are roto molded purpose built training boats that are complete with Spinnakers and able to accommodate 2-3 adults in safety. There is now an asset register of all sailing equipment and boats. (Power and Sail)

We loaned 2 club Bics to Westernport for Training and our 3 Pacers to McCrae for another regatta during the year. Along with a support RHIB to Girl Sail at Daveys Bay and Sailing World Cup. This incentive and collaboration between neighboring clubs has built strong relationships that have been mutually beneficial to SBSC when we require extra resources and equipment.

It is important that the focus be on not only ensuring sailing participation, but enforcing the use of the day pass system for the Keel Boats as of the new financial year. We need to be mindful of changing legislation within our sport and the protection of those that participate. I am proud of the consolidation of the clubs insurance policies for all of our protection and the personal acknowledgment of Yachting Australia officials that our club has really stepped up on our compliance.

I would like to thank my wife Megan and my kids Grace, Jackson and Patrick for the time they have allowed me to spend on this role. They understood the commitment and time required. Ewan, again with results and the Junior/Training program and Clarky and his hard working Keel boat committee.



The two Billy's, one for the Patrol boats and the other for OTB rosters programs and Si's. There are many others behind the scene that year in and out contribute to the success of the on water activities. Thank you guys, from the club and myself.

Lastly I would like to thank all committee members and the outgoing Commodore Peter, for their support in my vision this year, "To establish SBSC and a recognizable and legitimate place to hold regattas and Training, whilst maintaining our unique differences and friendly culture". Good luck to the incoming Rear Commodore, and remember it's not just the things you can see (boats/equipment) that need attention and maintenance, it's the compliance and accreditation that assures our continued success.

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