



Safety Beach Sailing Club Inc  
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## Commodore's Report AGM 2018 Stephen Richardson

I am pleased to report that the club is healthy and is maintaining steady growth. Our sailing fleet is thriving with a number of new sailing members which is translating into bigger fleets in our club races. The Clubhouse and club grounds are looking better than ever.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and sacrifices made by so many in our Club. This leads me to say a profound thank you to my committee. They offer up more time that you can imagine to make all this come together and function. Glenn, as Rear Commodore you've spent many hours making sailing work and organizing everything on the water and overseeing the Wazsp , B14, I14, Sabre State titles and Sail Peninsula and your professionalism is world class. Your efforts are translating directly to the increasing number of boats on the water.

Our Vice Commodore Ian – thanks as always for your consistent efforts throughout the year and for your tireless work with MPSC in negotiating our new 21 year lease. Gavan, as treasurer you've done a splendid job spending many thankless hours making sure our finances are in order and accounted for. Gavan has been very busy with implementing a new card access system for members. This will mean online access to member's accounts, card payments in the kitchen and bar, special member prices, discounts, loyalty points and a host of other benefits. The integrated database will also assist in more effective communication and interaction with members. Look out for further information over the next few months.

Grant Chipperfield for his role as Keel Boat Captain and also his administration of the sailing committee and the many hours he put into Sail Peninsula to make it the success that it is.

Greg, I thank you for your unwavering and tireless effort looking for grant opportunities and always making sure that communications from the club are professional and smooth.

Ewan has had a very busy year incorporating a training junior program which has proved to be very successful and will secure the future growth of our junior sailors. Our youth sailing has been revived through his efforts. The number of kids getting involved in sailing and advancing their skills is tremendously encouraging.





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Don has been instrumental in the club changing and improving our online membership & boat storage this year with Australian Sailing. This will give us a data base to be able to keep track of membership & storage payments as well as being able to compile membership and boat details as required by statutory regulations. Sailing Australia has just changed providers for the data base so there will be a few teething problems until the new system beds in so please be patient.

A special word of thanks to Gareth, our Secretary. As Secretary you put in many hours, serving SBSC with such passion. It is sad that you have decided to take a well-deserved break from this difficult role. Gareth, you have our gratitude for your passion for SBSC and willingness to unfailingly go the extra mile for the club. I look forward to working with you hopefully in a new role on the committee.

Our special thanks to our caterers David and Deidre for your efforts through the year. As always you have provided excellent service to members and visitors to the club. The club cannot function without its small army of less visible but regular volunteers who offer so much of their free time and resources to make this club great. Too many to mention and the risk of missing anyone, we all know who you are and we see the contribution that you make. You've been there in the improvement of the boat yard, the revival of youth sailing in the club, the website and social media and IT. These are only a few of the things that happen behind the scenes and make such a tremendous difference to the club. To all of you guys, we salute you.

A special thank you to our sponsors Hidden Harbour Marina, Sport Phillip Marine, Quantum Sails, Bendigo Bank Dromana, Ensign Ship Brokers, Dromana Lions Club and a new sponsor this year, McLardy McShane Insurance Brokers.

The year gone past has been solid and stable in terms of finances; the financials are self-explanatory, but to highlight a few things; operating surplus for the year is very healthy, with a fair amount of our surpluses used for capital improvements in the club. The operating surplus for the year after taking out 2017 fees received is some \$31k excluding the sale of the Medline and insurance payout of Mild Oats (some \$40k). The financial stability going forward puts the club on a good footing should there be leaner years. We as a committee are committed to continuing this conservative financial discipline.

Sailing in the club is steadily increasing with double digit growth in membership this past year. We are always on the look-out for new and innovative ways to create and maintain enthusiasm of our members. Your help, ideas and participation is what will make it successful in the future.

The 2018/19 sailing season is looking bigger and better than ever with exciting regattas looming on the horizon allowing us to showcase this great club.





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I feel privileged and honored to serve SBSC as Commodore for the past year and carry forward the work and aspirations of past commodores. Thank you to all the members for your support.

Kind regards

Stephen Richardson  
Commodore

