



Rear Commodores Report 2019

When I nominated for Executive Committee I had no intention to be RC. However, in December when the position needed to be filled I was ready to take this on. I've been fortunate to have people around me both on Executive and Sailing Committees with great passion and experience making this a rewarding role.

Our Sail Peninsula regatta was a success despite the organising committee having to reform with minimal time to make it happen. Following this year's event and debrief meeting plans are well advanced to make next year's regatta bigger and better. We are excited about prospects of greater sponsorship as well.

The Keelboat Committee have been busy working on sailing events, courses, handicapping, and training. This division continues to be the main growth in our club. Strengthened relations with other clubs with similar interests has helped to enhance our program. Other events around the bay and offshore have been promoted and we have been well represented outside our club. Cruising activities have also been added.

Our Women in Sailing program offers women and girls great opportunities. Thanks to Sue Turnbull and sponsorship she has been successful applying for we look forward to a new event in November for women and girls to try sailing.

Training has become the main focus for the Sailing Committee, and we've formed an experienced sub-committee to make this a strength again. Our club has done well over the years to retain members joining through our training programs but we need more resources to continue this success.

Green fleet activities have developed skills of a number of juniors who will graduate to the open OTB course on Sunday afternoons next season. We have a few parents offering to help on RHIBs to support these kids around an inner course. We also ask for volunteers to man the tower to keep an eye on boats particularly as they leave the course area and head back to the club.

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We have a great group of kids enthusiastic about getting together both socially and on the water. Coaching, destination sailing and regattas around the state are on their wish list for this season.

Our rescue /course boats are well fitted out thanks to contributions from Glenn and others in recent years and are in good condition. The aging 2-stroke outboard however, will be upgraded this winter as servicing hasn't been so successful. Thanks to grants applied for and maintenance carried out our OTB training fleet is fresh and will give us many years of service. Purchase of training keel boats has been discussed but funding and a maintenance schedule need to be arranged.

Many volunteers have allowed sailors to enjoy our sport and while we thank them we also encourage more to get involved. A wide range of training courses are available and can be subsidised by the club.

It is disappointing we won't host an Opti National series this summer. However, due to the way things unfolded it was a necessary decision to withdraw. We thank the organising committee for their efforts as this looked like being a great success for the club. It is a great credit to our race and event management resources that we have been invited to host such a major event.

The Sailing Committee and sub-committees have worked to provide an incredible range of activities and opportunities for our members. Having appreciated the many contributions, I look forward to being a part of what we deliver over the next 12 months.

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