



Rear Commodore's Report - Season 2019-20

Last season was a little frustrating with some ordinary weather and then a shortened season due to Covid 19. We attempted to extend our program to make up for lost time on the water but further setbacks have kept us waiting. We can expect some protocols may become the norm for the coming season. However, Australian Sailing and Geoff, as our principle race officer, have worked hard to get a return to sailing approved ASAP.

An online sailing experience was set up through the Virtual Regatta app by Australian Sailing and Zhik. Peter Bulka won our club championship to advance to the State titles against a tough field.

Sail Peninsula made a profit this year and with our passionate organising committee committed to further success this looks set to be a major event on our program for years to come.

Our Keelboat program goes from strength to strength with an experienced committee and thanks to up-to-date documentation, regular updates and promotion by our Keelboat Secretary Di. Our relations with Mornington Yacht Club and involvement with Association Cup discussions will add to our quality of racing around the bay. It has been great to see SBSC represented in so many events both locally and afar.

Opportunities for Women in Sailing continue and it's great to see so many women sailing and on committees at Safety Beach.

Over the years SBSC has run sail training well and we've retained many trainees as members. However, our assistant resources in training have dropped off and we are missing opportunities to attract new sailing members. A Tackers program particularly requires more assistant trainers. However, Clarky's keelboat training for women, Ewan's adult sail training, Glenn's support with Out There Sailing program for school groups, and Greg's green fleet, have presented great opportunities. Our junior numbers are growing and development of a pathways program will ensure we retain these valuable members. Training keelboats are still on our wish list and a training committee needs to work on Rod's funding and maintenance proposal to make this happen.

We look forward to continued growth of our Junior Squad with another busy program thanks to our enthusiastic Junior committee. Grant applications have been accepted to fund purchases in support.

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We haven't hosted any Championship events recently due to a relatively inactive OTB Committee, so we ought to seek State and National Championships to host over the next 2 years to maintain our reputation for hosting well organised championship regattas. We should also encourage our course boat volunteers to advance their skills in course laying, GPS use, towing, and rescuing; and provide these training opportunities.

It's pleasing to see there are a number of volunteers available for tower duties for both keelboat and OTB sailing providing a safer sailing experience. Another sub-committee may form to coordinate tower operations for all on-water activities.

An end of season celebration has been delayed but results are ready for presentation of trophies when this can happen. New perpetual trophies have been made for keelboat series.

While I've acknowledged some contributions made, there are many more members to thank. We also thank our sponsors for their support.

I haven't put as much time into this role as I would have liked, so my support and attention to detail has been lacking. I look forward to stepping back and offering support to our new sailing committee and Rear Commodore.

I hope we can all survive the challenges we face due to the pandemic and stay safe so we can soon get back into sailing and enjoy our refurbished facilities.

Thank you.

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