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Snooks Catering
Effective Working Image
Quantum Sails Mornington
Southern Mains and Drains
Provincia Food Store
Battery World Mornington
Marina Martha Cove
St Andrews Beach Brewery
Phillips Estate Winery
Phaedrus Wines
Crittenden Estate
Belle Property
Battery World Mornington
Jimmy Rum
endota Spa
Hannah Aesthetics
Carpet World Mornington

6. Presentation

I would now like to welcome Michael Hansen, Managing Director of Port Phillip Sea Pilots to the podium, to talk about the work that Port Phillip Sea Pilots do. The amount of shipping in our Bay... the orange boats and how they make entry and exit to the biggest port in Australia... I invited Michael along today to talk about his role and what his teams do at Port Phillip Sea Pilots.
(Michael gave a fascinating and highly informative presentation).

7. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees: Voting members were present which reached the quorum required under the SBSC Constitution of 20% of 164 voting members. Voting members in attendance are listed at the end of these minutes. (41 – quorum reached)

Apologies:

Drew Mattingley, Tim Pepperell, Pamela Gilbert, Ewan Campbell, Ian Pearce.

Rick Potter was asked by our Commodore to speak on behalf of Drew Mattingley.

Drew is on his final journey and was moved to palliative care about 3 weeks ago – Rick Potter then read out a moving text received from Drew.



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"Hi Everyone,

I have been asked to say a few words and consequently I would like to take the opportunity to apologise to everyone at the club who I may have upset or insulted in my 20 odd years as a member. You know who you are.

While I am here and I have somebody else making my apologies for me, please forgive me for any more indiscretions I may make in the future.

Bon voyage from Drew."

8. Business arising from minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

There was no business arising from the Minutes of the previous AGM.

9. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the previous AGM held on Sunday 28th July 2024.

Moved: Tony Christmas **Seconded:** Veronica Psaila CARRIED

10. Receipt of Reports

10.1. Commodore's Report

Business arising: Nil

The Commodore's Report is up on SBSC website; however, our Commodore, Tony Christmas would like to make a few points.

The EC over the last 12 months have been concentrated and focused on governance and putting governance in place. SBSC has a decision tree when making financial decisions. We have various processes in place that were not in place previously.

From a financial aspect (Duncan will take more on this soon), the Club is in a very strong position. We are a little bit down on the prior year with regards to membership. The amount of revenue from membership, mainly due to the Club mix that we have got.

We have a very strong balance sheet, currently sitting at \$936,000 in net assets, up from \$867,000 last year. The Club is in a very good position financially and we have got some great opportunities ahead of us.



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Just on membership. JDI will talk more about membership. We are at 496 members. That is an increase of 4 over last year. Not necessarily 4 new members, some people have left, more people have joined.

Of interest, there is amount of senior members, which comes to 196. Our average age is 51 years.

Gender split 36% females / 63% males / 1% other.

What is really interesting is the mix of where we come from. I would have thought Safety Beach, Rosebud, Dromana, Mount Martha would have been the obvious ones.

However, we have a few outliers e.g. Langwarrin, Montmorency, Eltham, Brighton... as well as other locations.

We made some investments in financial assets throughout the year.

We purchased Berth - B30 in the first lot of berths.

As the Club ages and assets age (for example in the kitchen), as things need to be repaired, we are trying to plan for the future. Some of those are not insignificant, when you think about where your planning is heading.

We decided to sell the B5001 Hidden Harbour and purchase a larger Berth closer with a capital value, and if there is any need to borrow significant cash, that Berth is now 100% by the Club. That can be borrowed against, much the same as any asset can be borrowed against.

The EC felt that it was within the Clubs objects, we are not buying a commercial property at Dromana, we are buying something that the Club can use and can finance against it, going forward.

It is surety for the Club in the future.

Sponsorship and Grants

The Southern Community Peninsula Bank (Bendigo Bank) at Dromana gave SBSC a sponsorship with 3 years. We are 1 year into that now.

Overall, the sponsorship of the Club is very strong. We have a lot of companies that want to invest in the Club.

We need to improve what we provide to them. It is something we will work on to provide, next year. It is about meeting their requirements, if we can, and advise them if we can't meet their requirements. It may mean that we don't take some sponsorship offers, because we can't meet their requirements, however, it will have a strong guide for those organisations that want to be part of SBSC.



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The last 12 months:

New rounding Marks - SB1 and SB2.

New 15 metre Berth.

We negotiated with the Coastguard to have exclusive use of the Tower, and it is going to be remodelled in the not too distant future, to best perform race management from the Tower.

We have a project of sound installation and have had a few setbacks, mainly due to conditions put on us by Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. We are working through it and John Weymss can speak to that.

We have faster internet. Thank you to James Anderson, who is on our EC, for being instrumental in implementing faster internet.

One of the biggest things we instituted last year, that is going to continue for the new year is Fiona Lowe's efforts within training.

Training is the life blood of the Club, it brings in new members, younger members. Next year I would like to say the average age is 36. We need to bring younger members in as well to grow the sailing membership and grow the sport overall. The effort that Fiona has put in, in getting the young people on the water is phenomenal. We are going to purchase some boats going forward and also further update the Training Room downstairs.

Initiatives

Initiatives the rest of this year and the next half of 2026. We need to sell the Berth at Hidden Harbour. We have had some issues with that, to say the least. I spend upwards of 5 hours per week, just working on that. Part of the next project is being driven by the sale of Hidden Harbour Berth.

We are wanting to digitize as many records as possible. A lot of the records were stored in filing cabinets and not necessarily in any great order. Keys were lost etc.

I now have a large list of records that I want digitized that will go up on SharePoint and future EC's will have no trouble finding information as required.

We are looking at better on water facilities. Part of that we will be looking for a new start boat. One with a toilet, that will be more comfortable and stable. This is a process we are starting in the near future.

Also, we are strengthening our relationships other Clubs at various levels. We already have good relationships with other Clubs. Just this week, I was



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discussing with Mark Welsh from Sandringham about Sail Peninsula. I met up with Matt Fahey from Royals recently and Cherry Birch from Royal Melbourne. I am interacting as much as I can with other Clubs, so we can attend their Regattas and they can attend ours having more functional relationships with them.

Thank You to the Various Committees

I would like to thank all the Committees for the great work being done by them within the last 12 months –

Sailing Committee

Off the Beach

Keelboats

Membership

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Sail Peninsula Organising Committee

Junior Training

IT and Internet

Social Committee

Yard Committee

Sponsorship and Grants

Just on Sponsorship and Grants, Mem has stepped away from that role. If anyone has any experience, or would like to gain some with Sponsorship, please email:

Veronica at secretary@sbsc.net.au or Tony at commodore@sbsc.net.au

Strategic Planning

Tower Team

Yard Team

Risk Management

House Team

It is really important that people get involved as volunteers. It doesn't have to be hours per week.



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If you have a skill that you think we can use, or even if you don't have skill that we think we can use, and just want to be involved in, you can name the amount of time you want to be involved in.

We can facilitate that.

Please email Veronica at secretary@sbsc.net.au if you would like to volunteer and/or have any questions.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for all the work they have done, especially Veronica who has kept me on track. We work really closely together, and it is a great relationship.

Everyone on the Executive Committee work over and above what is expected. We would not be in the position that we are in, without them.

Does anyone have any questions?

Question from: - L Wilson - asked would a member be interested in buying the Hidden Harbour Berth?

Commodore's response: We have got a Contract. We cannot execute the Contract at the moment. There is someone who has signed a Contract of Sale, and we are working through that at present. It was not up for sale for very long.

Motion: To approve the Commodore's Report:

Moved: Tony Christmas **Seconded:** Veronica Psaila CARRIED

10.2. Treasurer's Report

Please refer to The Treasurer's Report on the SBSC website.

An Overview

From a profit and loss perspective, the Club received more income than last year.

\$247,000.

Majority comes from membership.



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\$13,000 down. It is not about member numbers, it is about member mix and the timing, for example if someone joins much later in the year, they will receive a reduction.

Club House based revenue stayed basically the same bar, \$300.

Snooks Catering fee and the hire of the facility - the local groups that regularly hire the Club on a weekly basis, and special functions.

New revenue stream - \$1,400 from training.

We found \$800 from Sailsys - past training.

Donation - Bendigo Bank \$15,000.00.

\$18,000 received from 3 years.

Interest income up a little from term deposits over time.

Sail Peninsula made a \$11,000 surplus in 2024/2025 year.

It reflects the amount of effort from the organising committee and volunteers.

Expenditure

\$33,000 more than the prior year.

Most is in key areas.

\$19,000 from legal fees – reflecting both the purchase and sale of the Berths, also the Agreement for exclusive use of the Tower from Coastguard.

A reduction in spending of \$4,000 in utilities – solar panels on the roof.

\$14,000 extra - for repairs on safety boats.

Significant amount of money to get the boats up to scratch.

\$5,000 increase in sailing and training expenses. It reflects the fees we paid to – e.g. Sailing Australia... and the cost of training up for some of our members to provide for the juniors. We have qualified instructors and power handling courses that are available.

A good outcome at the end of the day.

Reduction in Spending

\$4,000 in utilities. – Solar power in the roof.

Surplus

\$67,000 – about \$18,000.

That reflects onto our Balance Sheet and in our equity

\$930,000 net assets.



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Big changes

A large reduction in our current assets: \$280,000.

Most of that is in cash deposits – purchasing berth.

When we sell the Hidden Harbour berth, we should see a couple of \$100,000 come back.

The EC did a great job in the last couple of months of the year to manage the expenditure to cover any unforeseen expenses that may come up.

Non-Current Assets

An increase \$360,000 assets which reflects the Berth and the SB1 and SB1 buoys.

Liabilities

Are down approximately \$5,000.

We have paid an exorbitant amount of money for our water bills. We had a significant water leak, and John contacted the water authority – we receive a refund.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report:

Moved: Duncan McColl **Seconded:** Tony Christmas **CARRIED**

10.3. Rear Commodore's Report

Thank you to Tony Christmas and all the volunteers of the Club, and also the two Club Captains, Peter Chipperfield – Off the Beach and John Nicholas who took over from Nick Jones, who was the Keelboat Captain.

Junior sailing has been a great success this year.

We are looking to purchase a minimum of 3 training dinghies. The one we have now is in the boat shed. We are looking to purchase 2 more.

If anyone would like to donate to the Junior Training fund, it would be gratefully received.

Club boats have been of considerable expense. There are no plans at the moment of replacing those.

There is a project in hand to identify the sort of boat of we need for a new start boat.

Mark is certainly involved in this.



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Club Accountability and Responsibility

It has become more apparent in the last few years that the Club has to be seen to be more responsible for the organising and events out on the water, and to that end we need to know who is taking part in the events that we organise.

We have known that for a long time re: OTB, however due to unfortunate events in Australia, there has been some accidents e.g. a facility in Sydney. One of the organising Clubs could not provide the Coronial Inquest the names of people who were out on the water. They were heavily criticised, because they could not do that.

One of the Clubs involved could because of the Sailsys that they use.

We want to introduce that at SBSC.

We are going to introduce Sailsys in the new Season.

If anyone has any questions about Sailsys, please contact myself, John or Till and we can provide support in how to use Sailsys.

As of the new Season, we are asking that all complete a crew list on Sailsys before getting out on the water for the keelboats.

Projects

We are organising the Tower space, primarily for keelboats.

We are expanding the Junior Sailing Program.

Qualifying safety boat crews and licencing and first aid accreditation.

Improving Club facilities for OTB sailing.

Planning and delivering Sail Peninsula 2026 is well underway. There is a new format to include OTB sailing, which is very exciting.

Recruiting and training more Keelboat and OTB sailing.

Questions

J Bacon asked : Just on Sailsys, does that mean we will have a safety boat out as well, if we are going to be insisting on names?

Rear Commodore's response:

If you organise an event that crosses shipping channels, then sometimes apart from the application, you have to provide a safety boat. That is only if you are really crossing the shipping channel.



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If we are crossing the shipping channel, we must provide safety boats at a safe time when there is no shipping, however for our operation here, we don't need a safety boat for keelboat operations.

Motion: To approve the Rear Commodore's Report:

Moved: Tim Bardon **Seconded:** John Di Martino CARRIED

11. Vice Commodore's Report

SB1 and SB2 in the water.

It involved a lot of liaising with Vic Ports. We deliberately have located the buoys in their water jurisdiction went through Vic Ports.

Sound installation – we have done some testing regarding what sort of panelling. They will be covering the majority of the ceiling. They are basically stick on 50mm foam panels. We have worked out a layout. Thanks to Bruce from Vincitore who is an architect. Bruce has been instrumental in working out something that is cohesive.

From the technical point of view, we tick it off. This is a Mornington Peninsula Shire building, and they have a heavy input. A building permit is driven by the fire risk; they also dictate anything done in a commercial building.

If there is anyone who would like to assist, please contact me.

Catering Contract

We have investigated the bi-annual reviews. The first one was a few months ago. That is a big positive. We will have another one towards the end of the year. It gives the opportunity for both parties to further discuss at length.

Thank you to all the Executive Committee, other Committees and volunteers. We have a great team to work with. It is reflected in the sort of things we are achieving. There is a fair bit on and happening and we are still plenty to do.

Motion: To approve the Vice Commodore's Report:

Moved: Tim Bardon **Seconded:** John Di Martino CARRIED



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12. Election of Office Bearers

- 12.1.1. As this is a midterm AGM and no Flag officers are retiring, there is no need for an election.

13. Election of Executive Committee General Members

There are two nominations:

13.1.1. Fiona Lowe

13.1.2. Neil Whitaker

14. Expressions of interest in sub-committees:

Members interested in joining a sub-committee or taking on a non-executive committee role were invited to complete Expression of Interest forms available at the sign in desk or speak to an Executive Committee member.

Sailing

Training

House

Social

Sail Peninsula

Risk and Compliance

Yard Committee

Women in Sailing

Sponsorship and Grants

Executive Committee

Social Committee

Gwen McAuliffe will continue the role of Chair for this sub-committee for another year. Tony Christmas thanked Gwen and all on the Social Committee for all they have done for the Club.

15. General Business:

15.1. Questions

A question was asked from L Wilson can SBSC set up an App as a register for Skippers and Crew to find open positions on boats for racing? L Wilson also asked if SBSC can put forth a WhatsApp chat regarding a Skipper/Crew Register?



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A few members who attended the AGM then added can we use Whatsapp?

T Brauckmann advised that it can get noisy. You can opt in and out...

J Anderson added it is a lot of work for one person.

D Jackson also added that you need someone to manage the data base and that is difficult...

S Dryden advised he can set that particular Whatsapp up for us.

J Anderson and P Chipperfield reiterated D Jackson's point and advised that Sailsys may be able to accommodate.

Tim Bardon our Rear Commodore advised he will research and discuss his findings at the August EC meeting.

Tony Christmas, our Commodore, responded:

That an App would be very costly and there is certainly a lot of work involved in creating and setting it up etc. We will as an EC, think about it, however.

More Questions were asked by Members:

Have we investigated having our own weather station?

J Anderson advised - yes and we are now going down the path to install.

Our own weather station will be positioned on SBSC roof.

We are also a camera going to be set up. It will be a fixed camera, and it will be looking over the Bay at all times.

J Anderson spoke to members regarding positioning, effects etc.

J Anderson has looked into other Clubs. Some claim to have control of the camera.

Wind speed direction – that is available on an app on your phone.

J Anderson spoke to members regarding positioning, effects etc.

J Anderson is researching currently.

15.2 Nomination for Life Membership from Peter Chipperfield

Tony Christmas advised that sometime ago, the EC received a Nomination for a member to be made a Life Member.



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Under Section 2.3 of the By-laws, a Life Member is the highest accolade the Club can extend to a member. Each nomination must be accompanied by a C.V. of the person's achievements and reasons for the nomination. Each nomination is carefully considered by the EC and voting yes or no is by secret ballot.

If there is any more than 2 no votes, then the nominee is not forwarded to be a vote in this AGM.

Life Members are entitled to enjoy the privileges of the Club without the payment of annual subscriptions. Furthermore, life membership is conferred on the member and their partner for the lifetime of both of them, thus making them eligible to vote at all meetings.

Tony Christmas then read the C.V. and did not name the person who is being nominated until the end.

"Hi to all esteemed members of the Executive Committee.

I am writing this letter to correct an extreme travesty of justice in that one of our most deserving members; ie, -----, has not been elevated to Life Membership status.

As most of you would know, ----- has been a member in his own right since the Club's founding year 1967, when as a young boy, he was deposited on the beach with a cut lunch and a burning desire to be asked out for a sail. He quickly became proficient and by age 16 won the Paper Tiger State title, (in his own words, "I peaked early").

----- commitment to SBSC was such that he even maintained his full membership whilst living overseas for several years, and upon returning home was straight back into club management, becoming Sail Training Principal for five years, teaching his own daughters to sail as well as many others.

He also took on many committee roles, culminating in a term as Commodore. During this time, the Club suffered a downturn (not ----- fault) and was in dire need of funds. ----- made interest free loans to the Club and bequeathed sizable donations in his family's name.

----- has also been instrumental in rewriting the Constitution twice, has been a major player in many club projects, including the recent solar panel installation. Long-time members would easily remember other instances of ----- selfless input to our Club's success.

After nearly sixty years in the Club, ----- is still a top end sailor and is more than happy to mentor any sailors, senior and junior alike, that can benefit from his vast experience. He is often the first person to put his hand out to welcome new members, introduce them around and point them in the right direction, (generally upstairs to the bar).

He and his good wife, _____ are constant supporters of all club functions and are a delight to see cutting the rug on the dance floor with _____ and _____, putting the rest of us to shame.

In conclusion, ----- is not just a Statesman for Safety Beach Sailing Club, he is a true gentleman in every sense and rightly deserves the honour of Life Membership.



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Thank you for considering this nomination.”

That nomination came from Peter Chipperfield, our Off The Beach Captain, and the nominee for Life Membership is

Rick Potter.

Tony Christmas called all those in favour raise your hands.

(The show of hands and the nomination was endorsed unanimously and very enthusiastically).

Is there anyone against?

No.

Rick Potter, who is in attendance, received a round of applause from all.

Rick Potter then spoke:

“Life Member is a very apt term for me. This has been such a big part of my life. I kid you not, I was dropped off at the beach by my mother with a little cooler of ice water and a sandwich. I would sit by what was then the scaffold and lovely people like Ian Smith’s father would offer to take me out for a sail and subsequent to that crewed for Peter Morrison Snr.

This Club has been very much the formation of me, probably I drove Audrey crazy...

I have enjoyed the journey and for those that are new to the Club, all I can say you get out of Clubs like this, what you put in. If you have talent, get involved, do something.

If you don’t have talent, like I was, still get involved. They will find something for you.

Thank you all and thank you Chipper. It is very kind of you.

Thank you!”

Tony Christmas then closed the AGM -

That concludes the AGM. Thank you everybody for coming along and being part of this Club.

I look forward to seeing you on the water in the not-too-distant future.

Take Care!



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Meeting closed at 4:40 pm

AGM Attendance

Voting members in attendance (41):

Tony Christmas
John Wemyss
Tim Bardon
Veronica Psaila
James Anderson
Scott Stuart
Robin Wemyss
John Bacon
John Nicholas
Greg Lowe
Nicholas Bacon
Till Brauckmann

Duncan McColl
John Di Martino
Peter Chipperfield
Fiona Lowe

William Manning
Neil Whitaker
Lorraine Whitaker
Dianne Jackson
Wayne Jackson
Richard Potter
Audrey Potter
Fiona Martin
Ross Martin
Bill Mitchell

Simon Dryden
Peter Russell
Robert Fleming
Glenn Lazzar
Megan Lazzar
David Snooks
Deirdre Snooks
Linda Wooley
Phillip Wooley
Robert Rainsford
Cameron Barwick
Anthony Rogers
David Mason
Lori Wilson
Jo Vaughan
Tom McCullough



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