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# On The Lake

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#### Newsletter of the Albert Park Yacht Club



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Need help with something around the club? Your committee is here to help. Contact numbers are below.

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## From On The Lake Editors

We hope you enjoy this December edition of On The Lake and that it inspires you to send us some pics and articles of your sailing experiences over the summer. See Jennifer Jaeger's article Photobombed Again!!! and check your mobile phone pics as you may find Danny or Grant smiling out at you, as I did! Remember to bring a present for the Christmas Hamper prize when you come to the Christmas Party next Saturday night. See you on the Lake

Chris & Liza

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## Commodore's Comment by Paul Taig

Thank you Members for your efforts at the working bee on grand final day, we were able to tidy up the club for the Summer sailing season and Opening Day. Opening Day turned out to be a glorious day with the sun shining and no wind. We all started the day enjoying a gourmet lunch thanks to members delicious contributions. During the formal proceedings Geoff Kirkham spoke of our friend, mentor and Honorary member Norm Hammon. Then Margaret Hammon & Ruth Smith (Norm's sister) unveiled a plaque in Norm's honour, with the naming of the lower hall "The Norm Hammon Lounge".

Acknowledged for their 17 years of dedicated service to the club, Pam Pulham for (organization of galley services), Brian Jones for (race management) and Colin Randall (as a learn to sail instructor). Received a Distinguished Service Award. The Club Spirit Award was presented to David Emery for his skilled work around the club in making the deck tables, notice board & curved foyer wall. Margaret Hammon & Ruth Smith presented the above Awards.

Congratulations must go to our Club Champions who were presented with their Trophy by Port Phillip Councillor Anita Horvath.

- Laser Dougal Watt.
- Impulse Ross Mulcahy.
- Solo Grant Haggett.
- Sabre Paul Taig.
- Pacer Lisa Taig.

Government Minister Martin Foley Opened the 144<sup>th</sup> Sailing Season by stating the importance of the Club in the local area. With the ever increasing number of high rise apartments going up in the area, people will be looking to participate in clubs like Albert Park Yacht Club and the need to manage and improve the Albert Park Precinct to accommodate the increasing population. When Martin opened the season the Club Burgee was raised by former Club Commodore Honorary Member Norm Price. Minister Margaret Goddard then Blessed the Fleet with an immediate impact with the breeze increasing to around 8-10 knots just right for the sailpast. The wind gods must have been listening, thanks Margaret. Judging of the best dressed Boat was adjudicated by Anita Horvarth who selected Jenny Jaeger's silk scarf displayed Sabre.



Distinguished Service Award Winners



Club Spirit Award Winner David Emery



Martin Foley MP & Margaret Goddard MP

Unveiling Plaque 'The Norm Hammon Lounge' Geoff Kirkham with Paul Taig







The sailpast was well organized, thanks to Jonathan Pulham & Crew with all Classes Sailing inline, and Acrospire looking picture perfect thanks to Chris Pulham & Crew. The Ladies Bracelet race went well in the afternoon and I congratulate the winners of their respective classes. Thank you everyone for your help and support to make this Opening Day one to remember.

The following Saturday saw a group of Members from APYC attend the Ballaarat YC opening day, including the Commodore & Vice Commodore who were given the royal treatment with drinks & steak sandwich for lunch. The day was similar to our opening day with the weather, except the breeze faded as the afternoon went on. The race in the afternoon saw Jim French's 18ft Bob of which I was a crew member beat the 18ft Jubilees home. Jonathan Pulham collected a trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> Pursuit home leaving Graeme & Harry in the doldrums. Meanwhile Phil Johnson was battling it out with the slower Jubilees and to Phil's credit beat them over the line in his Sabre. Phil's response to being on the lake in the drifter for so long was I found out my watch hadn't been adjusted to daylight saving. Some of us went back to Pam & Chris Pulham's Caravan for a BBQ & drinks. Thanks Ballaarat for a great day, see you next year.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of Nov we had our Discover Sailing Day, at 10am we were just about set up when our first guests arrived, five young women who enjoyed sitting in the sun on the BBQ deck. They then went for a sail with Grant on Status and with Chris on Acrospire and no wind. After that they enjoyed a BBQ lunch and left the Club with good memories and a bag of information, a membership form & DSD cap. This went on till 3pm with lots of participants enjoying the sailing experience and club BBQ on the day. The breeze came in after lunch to make the sailing more enjoyable. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this event successful.

Our Secretary David McMillan unfortunately has resigned from his position due to work commitments. David has done an excellent job over the years he has held the position of Secretary. David we wish you well in your new job position and thank you for your dedication as Club Secretary. If you would like to be the Club Secretary please ring the Commodore on 0402 543 095.



On a final note I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Hope you Sail well, Drive Carefully and see you all in the New Year.

Enjoy Your Sailing. Paul Taig

> Congratulations to our Club Champions who received their Trophy's from Port Phillip Councillor



Photographs by Mark Ashkanasy







### Sabre Report by David Emery

Most sailors have a preference for sailing in one wind strength over another. Some seem to be able to conjure up a breath of breeze while those around them struggle to keep their boat moving. Others are happier hiking out in conditions that those of a less reckless dispossession find challenging.

Melbourne is renowned for its capacity to offer the full range of weather in a single day, but on the lake, at least so far as wind is concerned, we often experience everything between the start and finish of an afternoon's race. Frustrating as this may be for some, it at least has the effect of leveling out the field, with no sailor having his or her preferred conditions throughout the race.

This has certainly been the case for the past few races, and for the Sabre fleet the field has been tighter than previously, with the lead changing through the race as conditions have favoured one sailor over another. Now that the weather is warmer and the lake is full, those who have had boats gathering dust over the past months are encouraged to venture onto the water and get the wind into their sails.

One of the great things about sailing a Sabre is the strength of



the Class Association. As well as the annual State and National titles, there are many smaller regattas and training sessions held through the year, including some open to women only. The training session held at Black Rock each year is a fantastic opportunity to be coached both on and off the water by some really great people, especially for those of us who rarely experience sailing on the bay. Most coaching is free to association members, so it is certainly worth the \$30.00 annual fee.

We look forward to seeing more Sabres on the lake over summer.

David Emery Sabre 1823



# Learn to Sail and Coaching

The current Learn to Sail course started with 16 new trainees on the 14<sup>th</sup> November and will finish on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

This year the Club has held a number of coaching sessions for those new to sailing or wanting to build confidence. These are free for members and no booking is needed. The session times are on Saturday mornings from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Look out on the APYC eNews for coaching sessions in 2016.

For more information, course bookings or to volunteer to assist with training at APYC please contact Ray Richards on 0412 518 479 or email <u>learn2sail@apyc.org.au</u>



## **Twilight Sailing**

Twilight Sailing started on Wednesday18th November and runs through summer. Wind down after work and experience the magic of Albert Park Lake on a summer evening. Race starts at 6.30pm, though if most sailors would rather just sail, we'll go out for a cruise.

## Green Fleet Report by Jennifer Jaeger

Green Fleet has been going very well this season with regular sailing from myself, Tonia Chapman, Ann Wells, Pat and Ann-Marie Meehan, Sue, Chloe and various other sailors. Jumping into a Pacer after many years of really trying not to sail a Pacer has been challenging for me but having a great sailing partner like Tonia is the key.

A few starts have been missed and a couple of days were very light (Sabre sailing that day) and I ended up standing up for most of the race but overall it's been a delightful Winter Season and the start of the Summer season has given us, already a taste of the North Winds of Summer we have come to expect with brisker sailing all round.

Anyone wanting to come and join the Green Fleet and have a shorter but just as competitive and exciting sail please sign up. If you have just finished or are currently doing the sailing course this is your fleet. Twilight Sailing is also a great way to get some practice up without the stress of large fleet sailing on Saturday, with both clubs out etc.

I was honoured to be appointed Green Fleet Captain and will do my best to support and encourage all sailors who join our band.

## Welcome New Members

Richard Malysiak (Senior) Marion Green (Senior) Peter Fitzgerald (Senior) Cyril Gaillard (Senior) Leanne Abriani (Senior) Edward Beaman (Senior) Felipe Flores (Senior) Peter Jensen (Senior) Ross Metherell(Senior) Mia Skapoulas(Senior) Sasha Soloveychick(Senior) Alex Zaikine(Senior) Lius Azofra (Senior) Adam & Joanna Krezel (Family) Chris Warren and Alaina Stephens (Family) Scarlett and SaschaWalch (Junior Family Winter)

## New Year's Eve at the Alma Doepel by Jennifer Jacger



I have been involved for the past six years with the Alma Doepel, or "Our Alma" as we call her is having a full restoration down to the ribs with many new planks, new engines, spars, in fact all the many parts of a tall ship that you can imagine. She is a 1903 topsail schooner, built in Tasmania and the only one of her type still in existence. Length Overall Including Bowsprit 45.5 metres, Excluding Bowsprit 35.4 metres, Beam 8.1 metres, Draft 2.3 metres, Mast Head 28.0 metres, Sail Area 557.0 square metres.

We are now six years into the restoration and refurbishment, we have a dedicated

crew of volunteers and some wonderful shipwrights and companies who back us, like Swinburne University, NAB, Port of Melbourne and City of Melbourne to name but a few.

This project is massive and yes we do have fundraisers and they are fun that's for sure. One of our very popular events is the annual New Year's Eve night and I would really like to see some APYC members down on the dock having fun and helping out a very big sister ship get back into sailing. Our ultimate goal is to be in survey and once again be able to support our Youth Sailing scheme. Some of our club members are already Alma Doepel Supporter Club members, but this year all members of APYC are cordially invited to enjoy the New Year's Eve Celebrations at the Alma Doepel mooring at Shed 2, North Wharf, Docklands. (Melways 2E B6). Proceedings will kick off at 8pm (I would suggest getting there at 7.00-7.30 to set up and get comfy. The cost will be \$45 per Adult and \$15 per Child (ages 5-15). (This money directly goes to help the restoration of the Alma Doepel after costs)

The event includes a free glass of wine, (including champers), a very nice BBQ and lovely sweets and cheeses. Coffee and Tea are included in price. At midnight the most fantastic fireworks show goes off 150 metres from where we are sitting an experience you will never forget. It will be loud! Make sure you bring a little bit more money for raffle tickets (excellent prizes ensured) and also if you want extra drinks.

The event is run by the Alma Doepel Supporters Club and it is not a BYO event. We are a licensed venue and have drinks available there to be purchased, we also have a licensed food handling certificates.

#### Some tips and hints for the event.

Although we have use of our wharf the general public will be walking by, so be aware of this with any valuables you may bring. Please also be aware of safety around the wharf and do not sit or stand near the edge, so please be careful, particularly if you bring young children.

Bring a small table and chairs for your group, maybe some snacks and dips to enjoy before or after dinner. A rug in case it gets cold. Also if you wish your own cutlery and plates, although we supply plastic if you don't bring any. If you feel able to contribute a sweet on the night that would be great. There are refrigerators available if you wish to put anything in them. Toilet facilities are also on site.

#### Getting in and out.

Arrive early and enjoy the atmosphere. If you do drive, be prepared to get home very late, there is only one road in and out which is usually blocked until at least 1.30 am. Parking on the dock is free. If you are coming as a group I suggest car sharing and fill up your car. If you are good walkers, all night public transport is available and accessible but we are about 1.5 kms from the tram.

Should you have any queries or questions please contact Jennifer Jaeger 0419395782 or

ankh2@bigpond.net.au Very important for catering please RSVP by 22 nd Dec to Eliza Watters, email eliza.watters@gmail.com or phone 0408200669



APYC Christmas Party and Winter Series Presentation Saturday 12th December

Join friends and family for the club's Christmas break-up. The waters of Albert Park Lake are notorious for Pirates at this time of year, but Father Christmas has always managed to get through to the club. Will those foolish pirates try again this year? Surely they know by now that they're no match for dozens of kids wielding plastic swords and water pistols! The fun starts at 6pm with Dinner served at 6:30 - Selection of roast meats and veg., salads, cakes and ice cream.

For catering purposes please put your name down at the galley on Saturday or reply to this email. \$12 Adults, \$10 Children under 12. There will be a raffle - Donations for the Hamper are welcomed (our members have been very creative in the past!)



## Let's do the right thing by APYC A \$100K appeal to sharpen our Club

\$50

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The General Committee encourages the members and friends of APYC to donate to a special development fund to upgrade existing infrastructure and extend our facilities. A new training room, workshed, external and internal painting, Port Lounge floor and re-roofing the sheds all need addressing.

#### PLEASE TICK THE RELEVANT SECTIONS

" My Donation:

\$200 Other

Name Email: .....

" TAX DEDUCTABLE Go to (<u>https://asf.org.au/projects/</u>), enter "Albert Park Yacht Club Development Fund" in the "Discover a Project" edit box and use the credit card facility provided, or sending a cheque payable to <u>Australian Sports Foundation</u> to: Albert Park Yacht Club, PO Box 3, Albert Park Vic 3206.

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## Seahorse Racing Carnival by Jennifer Jaeger

As I'm sure you'll all remember, Melbourne Cup Day was a beautiful fine day with a 10 knot SW blowing and just the right temperature for the Gee Gee's. The 40 or so members who came along looked splendid in various nautically themed racing hats and fun outfits. Our club house was adorned with great big horse and seahorses balloons. Blue and White streamers finished our theme.

We all arrived around 11 and after some initial hiccups Chris got the TV working. Status was all scrubbed up and ready (thanks to Grant and Rob) for a nice sail after lunch. Michael V manned our new BBQ, spatulas flying as yummy rissoles and gourmet sausages were cooked to perfection. A lovely meal included some delicious salads and of course French Champagne. It was great to see our friends Dot and Don from ASC join in the day and we welcomed their company.

After lunch a few intrepid sailors had a turn about the island and then back just in time to watch the cup. It was a wonderful race and quite emotional to see Michelle Payne, the first woman jockey to win the Cup, ride the winner Prince of Penzance. What a magnificent horse!

Everyone seemed to have had a win at some time during the day and our guest Jane Graham was very busy with three sweeps. I don't know how but myself, my Mum and Laura (daughter) came first, second and third, a trifecta for the Jaegers that day! Never happened before and I doubt it will again. After the Cup we all had some wonderful sweets - Pavlova with cherries, cheesecakes and a huge fruit platter. Our winners of best Nautical hat were Chris Pulham in a fancy jockey rig, complete with feather duster whip and Alyssa Marrinon won the female best hat with a cute, but large black number. The day ended with many smiles and thank-yous and then a much longer sail around the lake in Status ended for me a perfect day.

Many thanks to all who made the day a success, especially Tonia Chapman and Michael Vogt for their organisation, also Ann, Pam and all the other people who brought sweets, salads and bread. A small profit was made on the day which has gone into the Club revenue. Hopefully this will become a regular event. Next year ... Fashions on the Lake!





## Easter Regatta Trophy 1906 by Chris Pulham

History surprise, Keith took a phone call, whilst in the race box from a man called Ron, not sure of his surname, who said he had a cup dating back many years which was awarded by APYC. I collected it the following week, his son had it in a shed, not sure why they had it but it was last presented in 1906 to R. Temple sailing Navigator. Ron seemed to know of Fred Temple, boat builder, so it probably was passed down from him.

In delving into the archives we find it was the Easter Regatta Trophy, it was presented in 1904, 1905 and 1906. Boats came from Ballarat to compete, in fact Joe Whites Acrospire 1, competed in 1904. Along with the trophy was prize money of £10. There seems to be a lack of interest in 1907 so I guess it was forgotten about. We are investigating whether it can be restored to its former glory.



# Albert Park Port Lounge presents The Pub Session—11/12/2015 at 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Leah Mae, Dayle Alison Walker, Suzette Herft, Chris Lazzaro and Dennis Cartwright Cost \$15/\$10 etc

It's Christmas!! Time to party!!

We're going to replicate the Pub Sessions we have during the year at Hardiman's Pub once a month. A Round Robin of songs featuring some very talented singer songwriters, and me, your host Cliff Ellery



*Leah Mae* – our wonderful discovery – a very talented young woman who deserves a wider audience. In her own words... *Leah Mae has been playing guitar with her mouth open since she was very small. Her music* 

Leah Mae has been playing guitar with her mouth open since she was very small. Her music as "warm acoustic folk with touches of jazz influence". She can be found haunting open mic nights around Melbourne, accompanied by numerous empty tea cups and self-deprecating humour.

**Dayle Alison Walker** is a gifted singer songwriter who has been "retired" for some years now but in the last few years has found a new lease on musical life. Her 2014 Album "Sanctuary" is a collection of original songs ranging in mood from country to jazz/blues. Dayle's music will be an important part of the show



**Dennis (Tom) Cartwright** is a veteran musician with a history in rock bands and as a solo performer at various locations. Dennis also looks after the beloved **Harmony Row Vineyard**, another great venue all on its own!



*Cliff Ellery* (yours truly) convenes and has run Albert Park Port Lounge concerts for 14 years so far. I like to jam with my friends and have fun with music. Being self-indulgent I reckon if the boss can't get a gig what's the world coming to??



**Suzette Herft** plays a unique blend of modern Australian Folk. **Suzette**, with her touch of exotic spice from Sri Lanka, is the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean', Suzette grew singing to her father's classic country collection, and was influenced heavily by the American Songwriter Troubadours, playing at various folk venues and festivals around Australia. Renowned for her recreation of the songs of Joan Baez and Bob Dylan, Suzette has also written some wonderful songs.

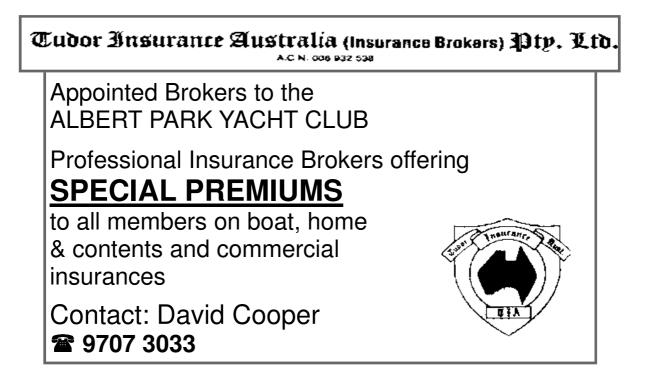


*Chris Lazzaro* is a great singer songwriter who has previously collaborated with Suzette. He is a member of the *Blackberry Jam Bush Band* and a gifted player of various instruments .... Each month the combined voices lift in harmony to several of Chris's songs which we have come to know and love.

He has performed at venues all over Australia including *Canberra (National Folk Festival), Woodford, Port Fairy, Maldon, Tamar valley, Newstead, Apollo Bay & Brunswick Music Festivals* 



Sabres preparing for Opening Day Sail Past. Photo by Jonathan Pulham



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## Photobombed again !!! by Jennifer Jacger

It's been a great season with some excellent sailing and lots of fun and hi-jinks around the club, however I must report a serious issue which is happening with great regularity. I arrive home from the club and in my phone are dozens of photos of Danny and Grant!!! Sometimes Alyssa and others get in too!

It was pointed out after Twilight Sailing on Wednesday night that I'm not the only one that this has happened too. Apparently it is rife! Please send us your photobombs and here's a few now so you can see the culprits.

Ah ha I hear you laughing, I do, but what am I to do? Maybe next magazine I'll have a solution!



## Galley

If anyone would like to volunteer their time for a Saturday and assist with organising lunches for members you are more than welcome. If you are sailing, galley duty finished in time for you to rig the boat and get ready for sailing.

> Phone Jackie White on 0419 187 140 to try your hand in the galley



## **APYC Duty Roster and Calendar**

Mark Ashkanasy & Tonia Chapman getting lunch from John Dixon & Jackie White

NB. This program is to be used as a guide only. The official notice of race is on the race noticeboard.



Indicates APYC Start Boat

Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Resc. 1	Crew	Resc. 2	Crew
Wed 2 Dec	Wednesday Twilight Race 2		Wednesday Twilight Sailing 6:30pm					
Sat 05 Dec	Summer Championship Heat 4 - 14:30 Inter Club race?		Phil Johnson	Keith Ives Les Wood	Graeme Silver	Harry Cox	Jenny Dixon	Lisa Taig
Wed 9 Dec	Wednesday Twilight Race 3		Wednesday Twilight Sailing 6:30pm					
Sat 12 Dec	2015/16 Summer Short Course Series Races 1,2,3		Peter Whitaker	Keith Ives, Les Wood, David McMillan	Ross Mulcahy	Zoe Baranowski	Mark Ashkanasy	Peter Fuller

# Check out our calendar online for the latest: http://www.apyc.org.au/

If you are a licensed powerboat driver and you are rostered for rescue boat duty and you need to make a swap, please make sure you swap with another licensed powerboat driver.

Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Resc. 1	Crew	Resc. 2	Crew
Sat 2 Jan	No racing at APYC							
Sat 9 Jan	2015/16 Summer Short Course Series Races 4,5,6 - 14:30		Paul Taig	Keith Ives Les Wood	Graeme Silver	lan Kirkham	Ray Wines	Chris Markiewicz
Sat 16 Jan	2015/16 Summer Short Course Series Races 7,8,9 - 14:30		Chris Davey Sue Curlis- Smith	Keith Ives Robyn Primrose	Jenny Dixon	Lisa Taig	Mark Ashkanasy	Paul Richards
Sat 23 Jan	Australia Day Weekend? No racing at APYC		Australia Day Weekend?					
Wed 27 Jan	Summer Wednesday Twilight Race 4		Wednesday Twilight Sailing 6:30pm					
Sat 30 Jan	Summer Handicap Heat 5 - 14:30		Peter Naismith	Geoff Kirkham Les Wood	Philip Cook	Heather Dixon	Patrick Meehan	Anne- Maree Meehan
Wed 3 Feb	Summer Wednesday Twilight Race 5		Wednesday Twilight Sailing 6:30pm					
Sat 6 Feb	Top of the Bay Regatta (Altona) No sailing at APYC		Top of the Bay Regatta					
Wed 10 Feb	Summer Wednesday Twilight Race 6		Wednesday Twilight Sailing 6:30pm					
Sat 13 Feb	Summer Championship Heat 5 - 14:30	-	Grant Haggett	Joan & Roy Williams	David Emery	Trainee	Graeme Cox	Trainee
Wed 17 Feb	Summer Wednesday Twilight Race 7		Wednesday Twilight Sailing 6:30pm					
Sat 20 Feb	Summer Handicap Heat 6 14:30 Sternchaser start?		Brian Jones	Keith Ives, Les Wood		Darryl Larcombe	Patrick O'Mahony	Brian Taylor

If it is the ASC start boat, the skipper & crew of APYC rescue boat number 2 should bring their sailing gear as we only need to supply one APYC rescue boat IF CONDITIONS PERMIT and our RO says so