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Editor's view

Welcome to the last edition of On The Lake for 2019. As always, the newsletter is full of information regarding our club and sailing in general. I am sure Brian Taylor's article America's Cup on page 27 is going to be interesting even for non sailors. It is astonishing how much new technology and design goes to AC 75 boats. The images of the boats look quite futuristic, yet, it all happens right now. Cannot wait to see those boats competing in a race. Thank you Brian for your contribution to OTL. Also, thank you to other members, supplying articles and photographs for our newsletter.

Enjoy your reading.
Chris Markiewicz

The OTL Team
Jennifer, Darryl and Chris



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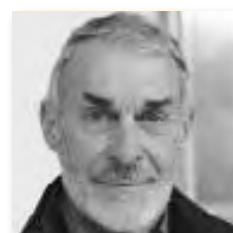
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The committee works tirelessly to maintain and improve the club but is always happy to hear ideas or projects you would like to run. If you have any questions, or issues you would like raised at the next meeting, find one of the members around the club on a Saturday or email: secretary@apyc.org.au



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WinterSail Regatta 2019

Sailors went away after three intense days with improved skills, new friends and a few bruises.

Well although a few months back and certainly a number of degrees warmer now than back in July, WinterSail 2019 was I believe (as do others) a great success this year!
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Numbers registered were up on recent times and plenty of action was seen on the water and I am sure sailors went away after three intense days with improved skills, new friends and a few bruises (very strong winds) plus enjoyed the thrill of Sailing on the lake; hopefully we will see them back again.

I am sure there were a few tired bodies and heads back at school for the commencement of the term on the Monday. Especially after a drive back for some to varied and distant parts of Victoria.

But what a great chance to hone those skills over Winter ready for the coming Summer season.

A special thanks to our coaches in particular Glen Collings, plus all those great APYC volunteers that make this event possible from Galley, Rescue, to Shore Management where would we be without them?

I hope you enjoy the photos of the event and a special thanks to those photographers !

See you all at WinterSail 2020. 

Ray Wines
WinterSail Event Manager
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A word from the Commodore.

*We have just had the Opening Day for our 148th season
and it was great to see so many boats in the sail past.*



The Weather is getting warmer, and we as club members have many things to be happy about. The Lake is almost full and both the Cowdroy St drain pumps are working, the weed cutting has started with a new contractor with a larger more efficient machine that will see the weed cut closer to the bottom of the lake, and the sun is out.

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We have just had the Opening Day for our 148th season and it was great to see so many boats in the sail past. It was a beautiful day for sailing and congratulations to those who won a bracelet in the ladies bracelet race. Cindy Tilbrook judged Danny Marrinons Moth Ogo to be the best dressed but was it fair to use a baby in a trophy?

I would also like to congratulate Rob Allen for his distinguished service award for 12 years as



Rob Allen displays a very well deserved award.

membership secretary and also Darryl Larcombe and Ehren Hyde for their club spirit awards. These three individuals are an inspiration to us all.

The City of Port Philip, Mayor Dick Gross added a lot of colour to the day and it was fantastic to discover he was a sea cub although they never actually managed to go sailing. He was also a member of APYC around 50 years ago.

We were also joined on opening day by Adam Gristwood from Australian Sailing, David Winwood and Francis Grey from the First Victorian Sea Scouts, Chris Kelly, President of the Wooden Boats Association (the wooden boats have just celebrated their 30th anniversary) and Steve Cook, Principal of Albert Park College.



Darryl Larcombe receives the Club Spirit award on behalf of himself and Ehren Hyde.



Adam Gristwood and Grant Hagget present Jon Pulham with the Impulse Champion trophy.



Ray Wines receives his Solo Champion trophy.



Danny Marrinon very happy with his Moth trophy.



Steve Magner took out the Sabre Champion.



Emma and Paul Taig will have to share the Pacer trophy.



All our VIP's receive salutes from the sailors during the sail past.

Last weekend was the Ballarat Yacht Club Opening Day and our club was represented by myself, Paul Taig, The Pulhams and the Cox's. There was a red coat complete with musket to signal the sail past, but I still miss the old canon they used to have that was so loud it would shake the jetty. It was a lovely day (inside the club). With very strong winds and hail almost canceling the sailing. Graeme Cox stating that in the strong breeze he would thrash Jon and Chris Pulham. He was being proven wrong until Jon started dismantling the Pursuit by first breaking the toe strap and then the tiller extension. Jon retired and Graeme won bragging rights.

Pam Pulham learned how to make it rain from one of my Thai friends so we should have plenty of water over the next year. She is now looking for a cat she can borrow (see Pam if you can help).

Over the past few months the club has been a hive of activity even if the weather hasn't been so great. It is the club members that have put in an amazing effort volunteering and making our club look so welcoming.


I would like to especially thank Ray Wines for WinterSail (the first time he was coordinator) although I think he aged 10 years in one week, but the effort he put in really showed and the event was a great success.

Norma Watt for CitySail, again a great success and I enjoyed the atmosphere of all the entrants having such a great time.

Graeme Cox for organising the Bunnings bbq and helping make the club \$1,300 in profit, I believe his car still smells like onions and sausages.

Jill Stow for organising the Christmas in July trivia night and Jon Pulham for being quiz master.

Coming up shortly we will have 2 Discover Sailing Days, 27th Oct and 10th Nov, followed by a Learn To Sail program starting 16th Nov. The Discover Sailing Days are one of the most successful ways we get new members so it would be great to see lots of members at the club. It's also quite a fun day, there will be a free bbq for volunteers and participants. The 27th is also a social sailing day so bring a friend and introduce them to sailing.

Les Wood has not been well lately, but we hope to see him at the club this Saturday. Les is a good friend and its people like him that keeps me coming to the club each week. 

Good sailing



Team Cox and Team Pulham in the wind at Ballarat.



Team Pulham on the lake at Ballarat.



Grant Haggett
Commodore



Grant opening the CitySail regatta



Hashing out details at the CitySail regatta



Grant and Les Wood share a laugh.



Grant and Geoff Kirkham enjoying opening day.



CitySail Regatta

One of the highlights of CitySail has been to see the great way the girls interact with each other and the fostering of friendships. This is what sailing is all about.

CitySail was a great success and we, and our visitors, saw our Club at its very best. It was a pleasure and a privilege for us to host this event. We had 35 entries and welcomed 44 sailors from around the Bay – from Geelong to Somers, also Portland, Apollo Bay and even Canberra.

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The weather conditions were challenging on both days. Saturday was warm and sunny with very light flukey winds. It filled in a little in the afternoon and we had short course races. Sunday was the opposite, a very gusty northerly, cold and wet, but it did moderate at lunchtime and we were able to have good short course racing in the afternoon. The format for both days was on shore and on water coaching in the mornings with short course races in the afternoons.

Saturday morning was busy with registrations, boats everywhere, people everywhere, boat

checks, lunch orders and getting into the appropriate coaching groups. However, lunch saw the whole deck crowded with happy people, chatting, laughing and enjoying our wonderful venue. After racing we enjoyed a BBQ, with a free drink, and great food organised by Pam Pulham.

Glenn Collings as Head Coach, Tash Martin (Pacers) and Susannah Gillam (Juniors) worked the difficult conditions extremely well. On Sunday morning in the gusty northerly, the first group out on the water by at least 20 minutes were the Opti's and O'pen Bics - in front of the Club, showing us what they could do. Surely there wouldn't be a gybe mark, but yes! Wow, how good were these girls? The Pacers, Sabres and others moved down around The Point to more protected water.



Our volunteers were extraordinary and many came for two days. We could not have done this without you. The surveys give great praise to you, here are a couple of examples.

“The Club facilities are beautiful and all the volunteers helped make it a great weekend. APYC is a very welcoming place to come to.”

*“This event was fantastic!
I particularly appreciated the
non-sailors who hung around and
helped people launch/land their
boats, everyone was so friendly and
it was overall a great experience!
See you next year!”*

There are a few that should be acknowledged for their hours of work and support:

Darryl Larcombe for his general support and endless hours of creative work and Social Media promotion that took CitySail to the next level.

Brian Jones for everything else – Race Secretary, volunteer roster, boat hire, day manager, all other problems e.g. the Portland girls arrived Sat morning, hadn’t entered and needed a Pacer, -immediately solved!

- Pam, Jackie and Crew in the Galley. Wonderful food with hours of hard work.
- Paul for preparing all the hire boats
- Tony for two days in Pilot

Also thanks to Glenys Hitchen (PRO) and Cindy Tilbrook (RO) who donated their time to this event because they believe in and support the promotion of women and girls in sailing.

One of the highlights of CitySail has been to see the great way the girls interact with each other and the fostering of friendships. This is what sailing is all about.

Again, thanks to all our wonderful volunteers – we could not have done this without you.

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Norma Watt
CitySail coordinator







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Nov 2.	Melbourne Cup			
Nov 9	Pauline Naismith	Annette Marrinon		
Nov 16	Rhonda Taig	Carol Wines		
Nov 23	Pam Pulham	Jackie White		
Nov 30	Gillian Whitaker	Penny Brady		
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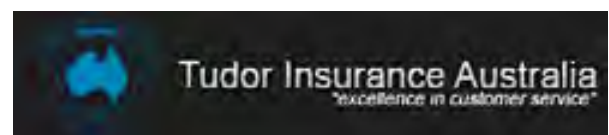
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Team Naismith carving up the water and clearly having fun.



Pacer Class Captain Report

In the tradition of Ballarat, their Opening Day was cold, wet and windy.



Water levels have continued to rise in the last few months with to some rain and the Cowderoy St. pumps now working.

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We have been able to sail to St Kilda for a long beat in a good breeze. The previous months have seen the racing held in the northern basin with the St Kilda marks brought forward, just before the concrete blocks for the larger triangles.

The weather has given the Pacers some challenging gusty winds this winter, with Glen and Riv capsizing a few times. Jill and I also capsized in these conditions, both ending up bruised. Our friends from Cowes Yacht Club also capsized, but went on to win the race, which goes to show you can win after a capsize.

Spinnakers weren't used in these conditions because the gusts would hit you so hard that it was hard enough to control the boat without them. On other days the weather was light, giving the Pacers a chance to fly the spinnaker, but this didn't happen often enough.

CitySail this year had nine Pacers entered, with all our training boats hired out and a mad dash to find another one for a team from Portland. The first day saw light winds for afternoon racing with some of us struggling to clear the line, including Emma and I, but we did win one race for the day when everything went to plan. Louise Toose and her crew Glen Currie did well with a couple of wins. Chloe Currie and crew Lisa Garnsworthy (new to sailing) did very well and enjoyed the regatta. In the afternoon we had some short races confined to the basin, North of Gunn Island, which was much better for the spectators. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the regatta

possible, our Pacer coach, Natasha Martin and to Norma for organising such a successful regatta.

The Ballarat Yacht Club had their Opening Day on the 19th of October and the Cox and Pulham families represented our club in the sail past and in the racing with their Pacer Pursuits. In the tradition of Ballarat it was cold, wet and windy. The sail past went well, but all the dignitaries had to duck for cover when the weather took hold. The race started with Jon and Chris taking the lead while Harry and Graeme played catch up. Later Harry and Graeme capsized, while Jon and Chris powered on. Suddenly Jon was in the water after his toe-strap broke and Chris was left holding a broken tiller extension, leaving them no alternative but to retire. In the meantime, Harry and Graeme were back on track and with the storm now past had a clear run to the finish line in front of the club. Well done to them.

Enjoy Your Sailing. 



Paul Taig
Rear Commodore
Good Pace - 2847



From Discover Sailing to CitySail

It was my first experience of dinghy sailing and I was instantly smitten.

In 2016 on the invitation of my longtime friend Jennifer Jaeger I found myself at an APYC Discover Sailing Day. It was my first experience of dinghy sailing and I was instantly smitten, the sound of water lapping against the hull, the wind filling the sails, the beauty of the lake and the bird life.

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Enthusiastically I joined on the spot and remember driving home via Beach Road with spirits still high and lifted further by the sight of the sailors on the bay. A couple of weeks later another call from Jennifer, there was a place on the just started Learn to Sail Course, was I interested?

With only a moments hesitation I said yes, for if I was going to be a club member of course I needed to know how to sail. No thought of my busy, all consuming job and the number of early Saturday winter morning risings required. I started at week two of the course, and immediately felt lost in the new language of sailing.

I remember lots of little magnetic boats on the white board and having no idea what to answer when Peter asked which way the wind would be blowing when the boat was on a broad reach. Paul challenged us further each week when first we learned to rig Corsairs, then Pacers. So much to learn, but I still drove home with a smile on my face. Mondays were another story though with sore knees and colourful bruises, what was I doing wrong? Determined, I worked harder at the gym and finally it paid off. Dinghy sailing, I found, needs strong legs. Finishing the LTS felt like a great achievement, but I knew there was so much more to learn. Whilst I had started to develop some skills as a crew member, my time on the tiller had been short and I still had no confidence in my ability

to sail solo. Could I have more time please? Not a problem, I could join the next LTS course. More practice with a new group and a few opportunities to crew for Paul in Good Pace on Saturday afternoon helped build my confidence.

On the spur of the moment I enrolled in the 2017 CitySail regatta, knowing with work commitments I could only commit to the Saturday. The plan was to crew a Pacer with one of the other girls from LTS, but when this fell through Graeme Cox was co-opted as my crew. Conditions were gusty and challenging. I recall Graeme bailing us out whilst after a second near capsize. I slunk home after lunch exhausted and wondering if I would ever sail solo. With Lisa Taig expecting a baby, a vacancy came up to regularly crew with Paul in Good Pace. The two trophies proudly on display in my cabinet reflect the success we had. I was learning a lot about the wind, racing strategies, but still not developing my tiller skills.

One afternoon, on a slow down wind leg Paul announced he was selling his Sabre Triple A2. I pricked up my ears, would he consider selling it to me? This was my chance to take the next big step to becoming a 'real' dinghy sailor. While a broken ankle took me off the lake for the early part of this year I can proudly say I entered and finished City Sail 2019, a wonderful regatta without capsizing, taking on only a little water and having finished all the races.

Many thanks to all my fellow club members who have mentored, encouraged, helped rig and fix my boat, you have all been wonderful.



Jill Stow
Sabre, Triple A2

The Paynesville Classic Boat Rally

Acrospire to attend – calling all members.

A group of dedicated members are taking Acrospire to the Paynesville Wooden Boat Rally Feb 28th To March 1st 2020

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This event attracts thousands of visitors to the Gippsland Lakes to see the many old traditional and custom wooden boats from around the country, we thought why not take Acrospire down to represent APYC and if there's a race to be sailed then we will enter her.

We are wanting to make this a Club event and would like to see as many club members as possible come down and have a sail on Acrospire on somewhat open waters which will make a difference to the constraints of Albert Park.

If you are interested in the event and would like to be part of the Acrospire Team please let us know as we will be organising a couple of working bees to freshen up Acrospire and have her looking her

finest for the weekend and some sailing days to tune her up to Race Ready.

For further information please contact:

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Further info will be provided via our weekly e-newsletters. Links below for info on the weekend and accommodation

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Graeme Cox
Club Captain





Ray Wines looking good coming back from the St Kilda mark at speed.



Solo Class Captain Report



Well we have come to an end of the Winter series and a challenge it was this season, plenty of cold weather and strong winds which meant more time to drink coffee for those that came to the club.

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But it was good to see that on some Saturdays the Solos were the leading fleet (that doesn't say much for the others).

We have been lucky to see Col Randall back sailing on a regular basis bringing his sense of humour with him! Brian Taylor has been on a blinder and putting some great races and distance between him and the next Solo.

As for Brian Jones he has finally seen the light... sold his Impulse (people actually buy them??)

and will be a regular Solo sailor again, well done.

Ian Kirkham has returned from his annual sojourn around Australia and will be back in Marauder over summer (moon boot permitting, ask him about that), setting the pace along with Commodore Grant Haggett pushing us all along.

We wish our old friend Les Wood a quick recovery and back at the club soon after a spell in hospital; from all his Solo friends. 

Ray Wines
Past Commodore
Solo 2678



America's Cup



Excitement is growing with the launch of the first boats for the next America's Cup which will be contested in Auckland in March 2021.

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The design for the new AC75 boat calls for a 75 foot foiling monohull with few hull measurement points, so in some ways they will resemble huge versions of the Moth class. There are five syndicates competing for the Cup, and so far four of these have launched their first AC75, and all look different – two are flat bottomed, while two have a more conventional shape, but with a bustle.

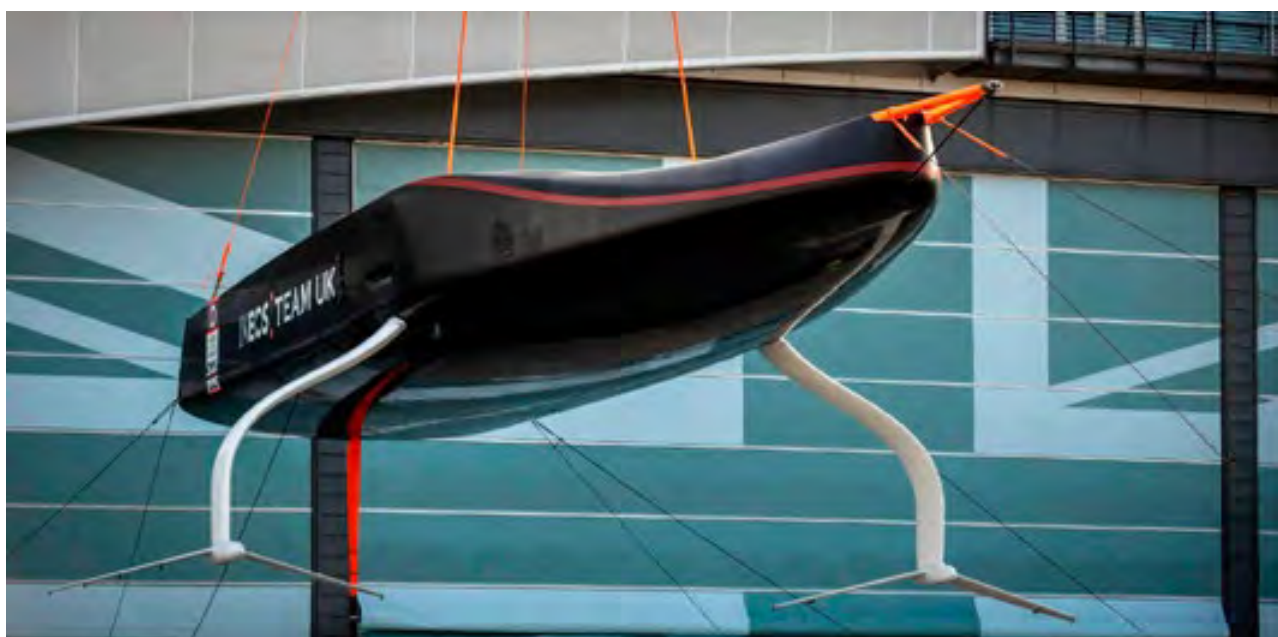
Each team is allowed to build just two boats to the AC75 rule, so it is unlikely that any of these first boats will actually compete for the Cup.

Other design rules of interest include: double skinned soft main; rigging and identical hydraulic foil arms supplied to each team; bans on exotic materials in construction; bans on automated controls on foils; ban on cycles to operate winches (used by NZ in winning the Cup).

My favourite rule reads as follows:

28.1 There shall be eleven crew members, unless reduced by accident, who shall all be human beings.

The racing will be spectacular to watch as these boats will reach well over 40 knots – perhaps up to 50 knots which was reached recently by the F50 foiling cats in the recent Sail GP series.



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Brian Taylor
Blue Bear – 2656



A trip back in time

Albert Park Lake Water Levels

Excerpts from The History of The Albert Park Yacht Club, 1871-1996 pages 4-5
by Ralph P Neale

On 15 September 1872, at Taylors Clarendon Hotel, Emerald Hill, a meeting was held to form the Albert Park Yacht Club, and 50 members were enrolled. It was announced at this meeting that plans for lagoon improvement had been completed. This was not the first permanent yacht club to be formed in Victoria; the Victoria Yacht Club (now RYCV) had been founded only five months earlier in April 1872. The APYC was, however, the first permanent inland waters yacht club to be founded in Australia. In March 1873 the tender of 4,625 pounds 17 shillings and 7 pence for lagoon improvements by Packham and Faram, was accepted by the Victorian Government. By September 1873 after six months' work it was clear the lake construction was not going well. A dispute had arisen and work ceased while the contractors sued the Queen. It was not until late 1874 that the contractors were awarded damages and the work resumed, but it was never satisfactorily completed. In November 1874 the APYC burst into life again, the interval having been used to construct yachts which were far too large for the water they had to sail on. By December 1875 the recurring problem of lack of water in summertime led to an outcry. A newspaper report: The lake was "a sheet of water obstructed by heaps of mud and grass, so thick that a boat can scarcely make headway through it. Don't the wooden heads know that grass grows faster and thicker the more shallow the water?" One answer was sailing in lightly ballasted skiffs which could race on a mere 25 inches of water. By 1876 the lake was described as: "neither more than less a puddle of the dirtiest and dangerous kind, its

surface covered over with green slime, and it may at any moment become the cause of widespread disease. The Albert Park Yacht Club should not be left to fight alone the battle of having the lagoon put in order." It had always been part of the plan in the creation of Albert Park Lake to provide a pipeline and pump to replenish the lake each summer. In 1878 there was a report of the pumping engine in use bringing fresh water from the Yarra at Brander's Ferry, but there were inadequate funds for it to cope with the problem for the whole summer. More excerpts will be published in forthcoming editions of *On The Lake*. A copy of the 1871-1996 history can be found on the club website. If you would like to contribute information or photos to the 150 edition please email Jill Stow at secretary@apyc.org.au






Green Fleet Report

And so, to the Summer season...

After an exciting Winter Season, we have welcomed the start to our Summer Season which will run up to Christmas and may also include some Twilight Sailing.

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We have around four Green Racing sailors and we have all been enjoying our sailing with Jill Stow really improving after participating in CitySail. Jill may be leaving Green Racing I feel as her technique and confidence has improved greatly this season. And so, to the Summer season, remember to keep coming to the club, even if the weather isn't perfect, the camaraderie is always there and you learn by watching others in all weather conditions.

See you all on the Lake. 



Jennifer Jaeger
*Green fleet captain
Ankh-Or -1284*



The Swan News

Our regular Swans in front of the clubhouse have had some delightful little cygnets, we all enjoyed seeing the little babies sitting on their parents backs for warmth and coming right up to the water's edge. On the East side of Gunn Island are a small family of Wood Ducks with babies. They were so tiny on the last Winter Season day but now they are a little bigger and are venturing out. Mark Richardson told me that he saw one swim right across the lake and back on their own, the parents didn't seem bothered at all. So, remember sailor's, when we are out on the water please give our feathered friends a wider birth than usual as they have babies on the water now.





Caption to come



Moth Class News

Miscellaneous no more, we are a class to be reckoned with!



For a few years now I've been the nominal class captain for the Miscellaneous classes sailing at APYC, originally for my persistence in sailing one of only two or three Lasers in the club, then for my 'foolish' desire to sail what was then the only Scow Moth sailing at APYC. But the times have changed! The Moth numbers have steadily grown, to the point where we now effortlessly field at least 5 on Moth days (Handicap heats), and we now have our own division flag. Pennant 9 or 0 or 10, I can't even remember what it looks like actually. But the important thing is we start First! And what a sight we made on Opening Day, five of us leading the sail-past then blasting off the start line leaving all the other classes in our wake*. Miscellaneous no more, we are a class to be reckoned with!

Danny was awarded the 2018/19 Class Champion trophy on Opening Day (the only trophy of all classes big enough to hold a baby), and he also took out the Best Dressed Boat competition, displaying the aforementioned trophy with grand-daughter Amelia inside on the deck of Ogo. Danny has requested I give a special mention to Cindy Tilbrook, Commodore of Albert Sailing Club (and a fine judge of boats).

Danny had his eyes firmly set on the final prize of the day, the Ladies Bracelet, but I was equally determined, knowing that as the race would be decided on handicap I would have to cross the finish line by a considerable margin to have any chance at the win. Unbeknown to me, the handicaps had been reset to 0 for the new season,







so I won the Ladies Bracelet by two thirds of a lap, and have destroyed my chances in the Handicap series.

The series is wide open this year, with Danny, Phil, John and Graeme all finishing within a minute or so of each other. Graeme is doing his best to wreck another of Harry's boats (actually, I shouldn't talk, Harry's Moth still bears the scars of my best efforts in that department). John is focusing his attention on his green Moth this year (the one that started life as a Sabre, thought it wanted to become an Impulse and then settled on the only logical outcome). Phil's boat is still the best looking Moth, but he may have to modify it to include some grab rails or a non-slip surface for those pesky Albert Park Lake 90 degree wind shifts. Danny has sold Street Fighter to Stephen Magner in an inspired attempt to get the Sabre class infected with Moth fever the way the Impulses have been. Stephen may have to shelve his Moth plans for a little while, but there are a few Sabre sailors waiting in the wings...

Don't forget, every club Handicap series race is a Moth Day. Make the most of the sailing now while we have the water to sail our Moths. The next event for the travellers among us is the Cairn Curran Wooden boat weekend, 7th - 8th December, following that, the Inverloch Australia Day Weekend, then Gippsland Lakes YC in Paynesville is planning a wooden boat festival early next year. Let's show them what fun we have sailing our Moths! 🚩

Jon Pulham
Past Commodore
Misty 3396



* a little poetic licence may have been used here.



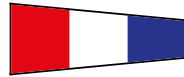
▲ Steve Magner enjoying the great breezes on the lake.

Andrew Shaw has developed quickly into a great new sabre sailor. ►



Sabre Class Captain Report

The Sabre fleet has been consistently strong over the Winter season.



I didn't think that I would ever look at the course board and feel enthusiastic about a journey through the narrows to St Kilda, but the lifting of water level that has allowed this to happen makes even dealing with the fig tree something to be positive about. Let us hope that the Spring rains are sufficient to keep the water high, and that a great Summer season awaits us.

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The Sabre fleet has been consistently strong over the Winter season, with many days seeing ten to fifteen boats lining up at the start. [Well, our starts aren't often a great line but the thought is there]. Many of us were privileged to attend the training day with Class Champion Alan Riley in late August, and Alan's thoughts and advice have changed the way boat handling and tactics are being approached by those who took part with varying success. For most of us it is still a work in progress, but it has shaken up the results each Saturday which can only be a good thing. It was certainly a very

worthwhile day, and I hope inspires us to think about other things we might do to increase the numbers and improve the skills of those sailing on the lake. Alan also recommended a number of books he has found helpful in developing both his skills and attitude to sailing, and I would be happy to pass the details of these on to anyone interested.

City Sail, the training day for women and girls, was held on the lake in late September, and again those attending have said they gained insights into improving their sailing skills. Many of those taking part were in Sabres, and it would be wonderful to see them making regular appearances at Albert Park for our regular racing. If anyone out there, women or men, young or old, would like to join us on the lake sailing do feel free to ask us about it. We will do all we can to get you on the water. 



David Emery
Black Heart – 2083



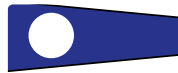


Brian Jones carving some serious water on a fast run to St Kilda.



Impulse Class Captain Report

*National titles for our class will be at Altona
from the 28th December to 3rd January.*



We have made it through winter! The summer racing season has started. Opening day saw sunshine a nice breeze plus Jono Pulham presented as the Impulse club champion.


He did make comment that the engraving on the trophy had the wrong boat name? does that make a protest possible for changing boats mid-season? Maybe time to read up on the sailing instructions? I can't say I have seen that Welsh dude at the club calling on Poseidon to purge the old name either. But because we are generous crew in the Impulse class we will still celebrate our champion, well done Jono.

Coagulations also must go to Ross Mulcahy for taking home the ladies bracelet for our class. Ross's wife has a birthday coming up with a zero in it so maybe we will need to check that there is no re- gifting happening.

We have to bid fare well to Brian Jones from the class as he has decided to concentrate on sailing his Solo. Maybe the boom is a bit low on an Impulse now as I have also noticed Brian sporting a helmet while sailing. Just to confuse our tower people Brian has sold his Red Impulse to Paul Farrell at the sailing club plus as our race secretary has been

instrumental in getting combined racing happening between the two clubs. This just maybe Brian's way of improving his Impulse results? This may bring a whole new meaning to sailing outside the boat. We will have to keep an eye on the results.

Speaking of the tower crew Les had a bit of a health scare but is on the mend. We all wish Les a speedy recovery plus I may will try to let the tower know if I change sail numbers but only while he is not a 100%. We do like to keep the race box interesting for all involved.

A reminder to those who wish to enter or visit the National titles for our class will be at Altona from the 28th of December to the 3rd of January. Entries will be open soon. There are a number of APYC/ASC club members showing interest in attending and with a large fleet anticipated there will no doubt be some close racing. 

See you in the Lake



Danny Marrinon
Whykickamooocow 626



Duty Roster

Check when your duty is and ensure you are on time or let Brian Jones know early if you need to swap a date.

Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Start boat	Rescue 1	Crew	Rescue 2	Crew
26 Oct	Summer Handicap Heat 2	APYC	Chris Davey	Ray Richards, Les Wood	Glen Currie	Rob Pulham	Ian Kirkham		
27 Oct	SUNDAY SOCIAL SAILING & DISCOVER SAILING DAY								
2 Nov	MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND								
9 Nov	Summer Championship Heat 3	ASC	Colin Randall	Jenny Dixon, Robyn Primrose		Grant Haggett	Russell Lucas		
10 Nov	DISCOVER SAILING DAY								
16 Nov	Summer Handicap Heat 3	APYC	Peter Whitaker	Ray Richards, Geoff Kirkham	Max Currie	Ross Mulcahy	Andrew Leach	Graeme Cox	Stephen Magner
23 Nov	Summer Championship Heat 4	ASC	Danny Marrinon	Jenny Dixon, Norma Watt		David Emery	Andrew Shaw		
24 Nov	SUNDAY SOCIAL SAILING								
30 Nov	Summer Handicap Heat 4	APYC	Phil Johnson	Ray Richards, Les Wood	Ian Kirkham	Ray Wines	Rob Allen	Harry Cox	Grant Haggett
7 Dec	Summer Championship Heat 4	ASC	Peter Naismith	Jenny Dixon, Chris Pulham		Rob Pulham	Jill Stow		
14 Dec	No racing APYC - Winter Presentation - Christmas Party								





Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Start boat	Rescue 1	Crew	Rescue 2	Crew
4-Jan-20	No organised racing	ASC	Colin Randall	Jenny Dixon, Anne Wells		Michael Cook	Paul Richards	Mark Ashkanasy	Russell Lucas
11-Jan-20	Short Course Sailing 4,5,6 - 14:30	APYC	Peter Whitaker	Ray Richards, Robyn Primrose	Dave Weston	Paul Taig	Emma Taig		
18-Jan-20	ASC/APYC Commodore Series 1								
19-Jan-20	Sunday Social Sailing								
25-Jan-20	Australia Day Weekend								
1-Feb-20	Summer Championship Heat 6 - 14:30	ASC	Danny Marrinon	Jenny Dixon, Gerd Beier		Graeme Cox	Andrew Leach	Ross Mulcahy	Scott Andrew
8-Feb-20	Top of the Bay - 13:00 (Altona)								
15-Feb-20	Summer Handicap Heat 5 - 14:30	APYC	Jenny Dixon	Ray Richards, Chris Pulham	Andrew Shaw	David Emery	Ian Kirkham		
22-Feb-20	Summer Championship Heat 7 - 14:30	ASC	Phil Johnson	Jenny Dixon, Norma Watt		Ray Wines	Marion Green	Rob Pulham	Max Currie
23-Feb-20	Sunday Social Sailing								
29-Feb-20	Summer Handicap Heat 6 - 14:30	APYC	Peter Naismith	Ray Richards, Rob Allen	Glenn Davey	Harry Cox	Riv Davey-Greene		
7-Mar-20	Labour Day Weekend								
14-Mar-20	Grand Prix (12-15 March)								
15-Mar-20	Grand Prix (12-15 March)								
21-Mar-20	Summer Championship Heat 8 - 14:30	ASC	Jen Jaeger	Jenny Dixon, Norma Watt		Colin Randall	Brian Taylor	Jon Pulham	Glen Currie
28-Mar-20	Summer Handicap Heat 7 - 14:30	APYC	John Dixon	Ray Richards, Jill Stow	Paul Richards	Grant Haggett	Andrew Leach		
29-Mar-20	Discover Sailing Day								

Winter Presentation and Christmas party

Put the 14th December in your diary.

What a year it has been, the wind and the calm, the water and lack of, the highs and the lows, the wins and the losses, come celebrate them all.

APYC & ASC will celebrate together and share the festive spirit.

More details to come in eNews.

Albert Park Yacht Club

