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Member Newsletter - December 2016

From the Commodore's Chart Table



Welcome to the new Summer sailing season. Very soon our club will kick into full swing as the New Year arrives and the club becomes a hub of activity both on and off the water. Spring was one of the coldest windiest for many years and to date we have only been able to run three races, possibly our worst Spring ever! In addition to race and sail past cancellations both 'Try Sailing' days with Newhaven College year 9 & 10 students also had to be cancelled due to poor weather. However, the predications are for a hot dry Summer so let's see if the forecasters are right? A lot has been happening over Spring, this newsletter is our opportunity to keep everyone up to date. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Commodore's Welcome on the 27th December at 6pm. Also, remember look for the latest news on our facebook page: 

Members phone numbers are now available securely online.

The member contact list link and password were sent to members on the 3rd October 2016, as this newsletter is a public document the link and password are not listed here. Please be aware the online phone number contact list is kept updated with the latest information you supply. Remember if your contact details (phone and email) change or you want the online secure link please let us know by sending an email to: admin@cowesyachtclub.com

The Cowes Yacht Club Calendar is online.

Did you know that you can have the latest Cowes Yacht Club calendar on your PC, Mac or mobile device? You can find the link at: <http://www.cowesyachtclub.com/sailing-calendar.html> As you know very occasionally there may be a private function in the Club rooms during the off season. The online calendar is kept up to date regarding these private functions so every member is kept aware.

Commodores Welcome - 27th December 2016

To kick off the Summer holidays all members and their friends are invited to the Commodores Welcome party. It will all kick off at 6:00pm with finger food. Dress is smart casual. Please come along and renew old friendships or why not make new ones!

Social – New Year Eve Party.

A reminder that our first social function for 2017 is to bring in the New Year in style. The event will commence on the 31st December from 7pm onwards. There will be plenty of music, food, fun and frivolity! Remember to book early to avoid disappointment. Outrageous frivolous dress is encouraged (but not mandatory).

RSVP Kasey 0439 378 867 via SMS or bookings@cowesyachtclub.com

Sail Training news

Firstly, a reminder that Sail Training bookings are now open to the public. The training has already been advertised in the local paper so please book early as places are limited. Due to the forecast demand for sail training since Cowes Yacht Club became an Accredited Sailing Centre it was apparent the club did not own enough Optimis to satisfy demand for sail training. Daryl asked all the other Western Port Clubs if we could get some boats on temporary loan but none were available as they are also running their courses at this time. So Brian Walton cast around and has been lucky in securing 4 used Optimis from NSW to expand our fleet to a total of eight. This is the minimum number of Optimis we need for the anticipated demand, plus it makes the sail training financially viable. There is also a plan to purchase another Pacer from a club member to expand our Pacer fleet to a total of 5. As always apart from reserved events (eg Sail Training and Match racing days) all these club boats are available to members to use at no extra charge at any time there is Patrol Boat coverage. I would like to thank two club members, Blake Eims and Doug Telford who have volunteered to do the assistant instructors course this month at Albert Park, this strengthens our accreditation and our depth of qualified instructors.



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Boat Safety Declarations

Please be aware that all member boat owners which includes power, sail and paddle power must ensure their boat details are up to date on our boating register. This is a safety requirement so that in the case a boat is reported missing we know all its details. In the case of those that take part in yacht races with no current safety declaration no results for that yacht will be recorded. Safety declaration forms for yachts are available on the Club website. Otherwise, all boat owners should check the list on the board in the lower race control room to ensure their details are up to date. Please contact Michael Hart our Rear Commodore if you have any questions.

Bendigo Bank Sponsorship Update



As you may recall the Club entered into a sponsorship arrangement with Bendigo Bank at Cowes one year ago. We have made good progress towards the targets. Target 1 was for club members to take out 10 insurance policies with the Bendigo Bank. I am happy to announce this target has been achieved! Target 2 was for club members to take out \$2 million of new financial business in any financial product. To date members

have accumulated \$1.4 million. so \$600K to go. Once this is achieved the Bendigo Bank will donate \$10,000 to the club. This \$600K can be in any financial product from the Bendigo Bank at Cowes. Remember you must tell the Cowes branch specifically that this is to go to the total associated with Cowes Yacht Club sponsorship deal.

Land Application

The application for a small extra area of public land behind the winch room is progressing. As part of the process a draft lease has been produced. The application will be advertised shortly in the local paper. The public will have the standard period to lodge any objections. It is imperative that we are granted the extra land because if the beach erosion continues we may need the space to move the yard fence back. Especially, since the north west corner of the yard is quite close to collapsing into the sea. We have an application to drop more rock but it is also delayed in the wheels of the Victorian Government. Bass Coast Shire is sympathetic to our situation.

Welcome to New Members

Please seek out and make our newest members most welcome as part of our Cowes Yacht Club family.

- Claire Kirkhope
- Michelle Gregory
- Ken Waddell
- Julie Martin
- Bruce and Jane Jackson

Ongoing Reminder - Casual Boating Sign in/Sign Out book.

An ongoing reminder that we now have a Casual Boating Sign In and Sign Out book and EVERY member on any day that takes any craft out, not involved in a calendar club event, must sign out advising where they are going, and most importantly when they are expected to return (and whom to contact). THIS IS NECESSARY so we can respond appropriately to any urgent event a club member may have in and around Western Port. The book is kept in the lower eastern alcove, well sign posted.



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Photo Corner



HMAS Adelaide dropped anchor right off the club on the 3rd December
During the race briefing sailors were warned of the 500 metre exclusion zone, those racing
could see the 22mm machine guns! 😊



Doug Telford with Kim from St John learning how to use our new second Defibrillator that will be
carried on our Patrol Boat. 7 members attended the first aid refresher class on 4th December.



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Article from the Advertiser 9th November 2106



Cowes Yacht Club Commodore Daryl Hergt (left) is pictured with Gavin Wall, Australian Sailing regional manager, at the opening of the yachting season. Gavin congratulated the Cowes Yacht Club on becoming an accredited Discover Sailing Centre.

Cowes Yacht Club earns top status

COWES Yacht Club celebrated its 59th Season Opening on October 30.

Commodore Daryl Hergt warmly welcomed members to the club for this new season

Unfortunately, due to gale force winds, the sail past and first race were cancelled, but a wonderful afternoon tea was served which proved a great opportunity for friendships to be renewed for the new sailing season.

The guest speaker, Gavin Wall, Australian Sailing regional manager, highlighted that Cowes Yacht Club has achieved the status of an Australian Sailing - Discover Sailing Centre.

This is a prestigious achievement for the Bass Coast region being the only sailing club in Victoria to achieve this status in 2016.

As a result of this accreditation and the high standards it demands, Cowes Yacht Club will be running two Sail Training courses open to the public in January 2017.

These courses are open to participant groups aged 7-12 years (Tackers), youth 13-17 years and adults 18 years and over.

The first course will be conducted from January 5-9 and the second course from January 11-15.



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