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COMMODORE'S NOTES

I remember once upon a time when all I did was come down to my club and sail.....

Those were the days! Ignorance was bliss and all was right with the world. Now I only know too full well what the real costs of running a yacht club are, and the difficulties of raising and generating the necessary funds to keep it sustainable.

Over the years, we as a membership have seen it fit to continue to raise subscriptions pretty much in line with CPI or inflation, very modest increases. However, this has not taken into account our slowly decreasing number of senior sailing members, a big increase in the use of our resources, and a massive hike in the cost of utilities. To give you an example, electricity and gas this year will cost our club an additional \$5000, 25% up on last year.

In regards to juniors, as I explained to our new Youth Committee last night, the use of our rescue craft has gone up 3 fold since I was a kid. Back in those days (geez I sound old!), we paid our subs and then came down and pretty much just sailed a race in the afternoon. There may have been some rudimentary training provided by a few dedicated parents and senior youth, all volunteer off of one tinny. Once you were up and running, out to the race course you went and got the odd piece of advice

from a passing senior! Since then, fees have once again only gone up a modest amount, and yet we have more rescue craft on the water being used at 3 times the rate. An average outboard motor is used 100 hours a year, with a life expectancy of 900 (according to Peter Hannan). Ours on the RIB's are doing 300 per year. How is that sustainable?

All those hours are obviously not attributable to just our junior sailors, our sailing school is also functioning fantastically. Brett should be commended for the huge increase of people we have being introduced to sailing but unfortunately, there are hidden expenses that also arise from that success. At some point in time, we have to meet those expenses and replace equipment and craft, but it would appear difficult if not impossible with our current fee structures.

In the last 20 years or so, we have leaned more and more on our commercial enterprise to fund the sailing activities of our club. Sailing traditionally costs us significantly more than what we bring in from fees etcetera, leaving us with an \$80k to \$100k shortfall to fund. In a year where we have not had a good year commercially that leaves us very vulnerable, and completely unable to replace anything that is reaching its use by date.

I think you can get a feel for where I am headed with this. At some point our membership is either going to have to come down to our club and generate some of those funds or pay for them directly, simple as that. We will continue to refine and hopefully improve our profitability in our bar and galley but we still need more investment from our members.

We are not alone in our predicament. Adelaide Sailing Club has some well-publicised issues which we hope they come through, Largs is similarly struggling with boats on the water meaning a funds issue. It is something that we need to address and come up with a suitable solution and compromise, reasonable but affordable.

As I stated earlier, I discussed this matter with our Youth Committee to sound them out and they were unanimous in their support of raising their subs fee by over 25%. In relation to most other land based sports our subs are generally also considerably less.

I am not suggesting that we automatically put that sort of increase on across the board, but I do think it is important that you, our members, are aware of our plight and start to give some considered thought to this issue. We are not here to take advantage of anyone but we also expect that our members are understanding enough to not think we can continue in the same fashion when the world around us is becoming exponentially more expensive.

It is not all doom and gloom! I think, and have been told numerous times, that the club environment and culture at present is fantastic, our staff are warm and engaging and it is a perfect place to enjoy the sunset, beach and aquatic environment. We have some awesome new people who have been introduced to the club this year, and we hope they continue to feel welcome and enjoy what a great place in the world we have to offer. Onwards and upwards!

Cheers Rob



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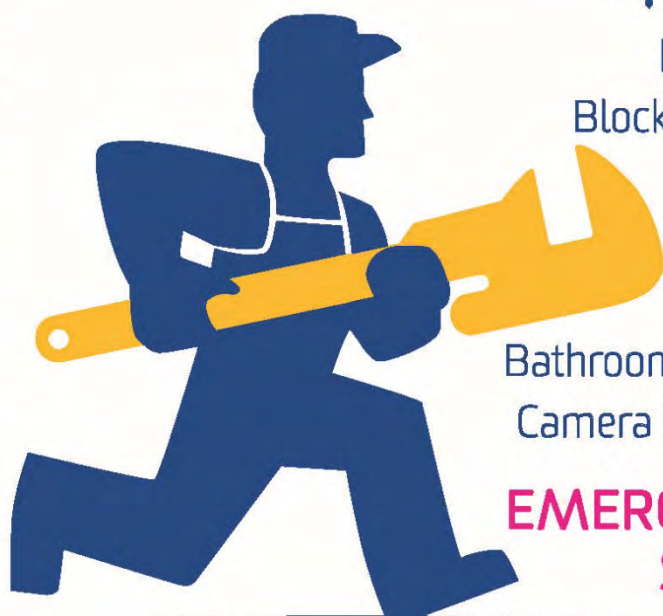
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

We are entering into the last few weeks of a packed season, I have learnt so much more this season than I did last season, your feedback on the sailing and the courses has been appreciated and added to the list for the agenda for the sailing meeting which is held at the end of the season. Any other points you want to bring up please let me or your delegate know.

We have had some difficult races to run, rest assured we are trying to make them happen.

We have also patched up a few Sharpie sailors over the last few weeks with thanks to Helen Higgins and Malcolm Higgins who checked over the patients on separate weeks.

The junior program is a force unto itself with so much happening and the kids travelling to lots of different clubs to compete in various events. They have done extremely well this season. We are hoping to revamp how this works during the winter so that Saturday mornings flow a bit more freely.

Brett is working hard on Adult learn to sail and Tackers programs all coming up in the next few weeks, over the school holidays and into May.

We had a very successful family fun day a few weeks ago with a jumping castle, music, and great food –

fantastic weather and great helpers.

Bob Anesbury cooked about 450 sausages, I was on the registration desk and registered:

- 125 kids for sailing
- 52 Adults for sailing
- 33 Kids for Stand Up Paddle Board
- 6 Adults for Stand Up Paddle Board

Brett was on the beach putting people in boats, Robbie, Jock and Witty were taking people out on the Pacers and 420's. Tony G was doing Rear Commodore stuff like raffles etc. the Canteen Queens were on hand for all the other tasks.

Brett produced an email which was sent to all participants on the excel spreadsheet of data which I inputted off the registration forms. Feedback was fantastic and we are hoping for new members as a result. Thanks to everyone who did their bit to promote our fantastic club.

The SA SUP Crew Inc. have submitted a proposal to join BSYC as an association (which we have accepted) they will use our Club as their base with at least one combined event during the season. This should be great for the club with increased numbers enjoying our club rooms for meetings, our beach for social paddles and cold beer after many events throughout the year. They have 1600 Facebook followers and 30+ members.

A core group of volunteers on the rescue boats, tractors and myself headed off to the Sea Squadron for a VHF radio course which ran all day from 8am-6pm (with a test at the end). When we passed the course, we received our licences. This is in preparation to switch from our current 27 Meg radios to the VHF radios on all Committee boats and RIBS – at the moment communication is great between the Stessels and Seacliff 6, however the junior RIBS can't communicate with each other a lot of the time for various reasons – the new system will make sure everyone can be in contact.

NEW MEMBERS:

– Simon Li

Hoping everyone will make it for the Cocktail Night – dressed in their fancy dress.

See you there, or on the water,

Lisa Brock

Vice Commodore

JUNIOR UPDATE

Well the weekends are flying past and there are now only four to go before end of season, one of those is Easter. Here is the rundown through til 14th April.

Saturday 24th March

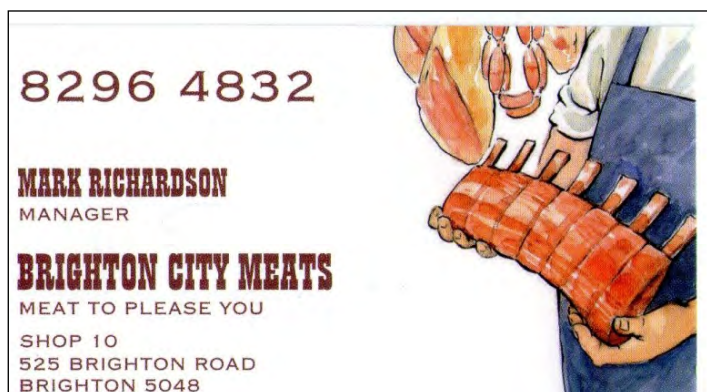
Normal coaching sessions for all fleets other than Gold Optimis as a number of these sailors will be at Largs for the Youth States. The afternoon race is a Club Heat for all classes but **not Optimists** for the same reason. Once again we will try to run a course that suits all sailors and is fun!!

Saturday 7th April

Final coaching sessions at BSYC for this season. Expect some-thing different with Webby and myself at the helm along with other coaches as usual. The afternoon race is the Vice Commodore's Mystery Race and the juniors are included. This means something different with a long leg to either Marino Rocks or the jetty.

Saturday 14th April

End of season! last race at BSYC until September. Optimist State Titles at Adelaide Sailing Club, no formal coaching sessions at BSYC (we will have a casual practice sail for fleets and sailors not at ASC). More fun racing in the afternoon. Of course there will be music and a bit of a celebration after racing.





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Hope to see you at the club this weekend.

Cheers Brett

Sail Training Professional

SABRE DINGHY NEWS

Around the Club

We have been somewhat unlucky in the second half of the sailing season so far with three Saturday races abandoned because of either lack of, or too much, wind. On the 9th March there were two races scheduled, which also included two Sabre state heats, however after a long postponement the first race was called off with most of the fleet only

halfway up the first beat in the fading seabreeze. This means that seven Saturday's of racing so far have not happened this season - what's going on here? Maybe it's climate warming...I won't go there!

A quick perusal of the BSYC website and with races sailed to date the 2017-18 Sabre Club Championship looks to have been won by Hoodoo, with five races completed. With a scorecard of 3,1,2,1,1 John Gratton has the points on the board and cannot be beaten, regardless of his or anyone else's placings, in the final club heat which will be sailed in the last week of March. Peter Leader (Buttons) and Rob Gale (Piccolo) will scrap it out for the second and third placings.

The Consistency trophy is more open, with only three Trophy Races to go - at time of writing Buttons is leading after Race 13 but there are a number of boats that could still take it out, including Matthew Loftes in Get Real who is only three points adrift and Piccolo is still a good

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chance while Hoodoo, John Rumpff (Five Stars) and Graeme McLeay (Felix) could still take out the Bruce Higgins Memorial Trophy but they would have to have everything going for them in the remaining races.

In the recently completed Sabre Class State Championship ASC's Mark Soulsby with eight wins in the eight races convincingly won, with Rick Stockley from Largs Bay SC second and Grant Evans from Somerton YC third overall. Best Brighton boat was Buttons (5th) with Felix (7th), Piccolo (8th) and Dean Francis in Tiger (9th) getting top ten placings.

Club Racing

Trophy Race (N/C) 10/02: With a number of Brighton Sabres away for State heats it was a small, but nevertheless quality, Sabre fleet of ten boats that fronted for the non-consistency race which was sailed in a perfect 10-15 knot SW seabreeze. Hoodoo had a narrow lead at the first mark rounding and then eased away for the remainder of the race

to record a handy line honours win. Five Stars had a good scrap with both Get Real and Thumbs Up (Bill Tucker) before coming in at second spot. The handicap placings saw Don Wilson in Wave Rider sail a top race to secure first place points, while Jonathan Owen in Argonaut with a well sailed 5th across the line secured third on handicap.

N/C handicap placings:

1. Wave Rider
2. Hoodoo
3. Argonaut

Fastest: Hoodoo

4th Club Heat resail 17/02: A light 5-10 seabreeze was the forecast for the club heat resail, however a big incoming tide saw the breeze fill in at 10-15 knots for the race. The 16 boat Sabre fleet got away OK at the start, with Buttons the early race leader with a big breakaway lead going down the first reach ahead of Hoodoo and Tiger. However by the end of the first square run leg Buttons and Hoodoo were neck and neck, with Hoodoo gaining the lead on the next windward leg. At the end of the second triangle it was still Hoodoo and Buttons having a good scrap, with Peter Verhagen in Bluebird sailing well to be in third spot - somewhat inexplicably Buttons peeled off at the red leeward mark and headed for the finish line leaving the rest of the fleet to sail the required windward/return final legs to complete the course. Hoodoo won

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from Tiger with Piccolo third followed by Felix and Five Stars. For the second successive race Don Wilson had a handicap win, securing first place in the Consistency points.

Club Heat placings:

1. Hoodoo
2. Tiger
3. Piccolo
4. Felix
5. Five Stars

Consistency placings:

1. Wave Rider
2. Argonaut
3. Hoodoo
4. Tiger
5. Felix

5th Club Heat 24/02: Twelve Sabres hit the water for the penultimate club heat race of the season, with a 15-20 knot seabreeze forecast. As per the previous week Buttons led handily at the first mark, this time from Piccolo and Hoodoo and a tight pack of following boats. At the end of the first triangle the leading order was still the same but with Felix sailing well to be close up in fourth spot. On the square run Hoodoo had moved into second behind Buttons with Felix now holding down third and Piccolo fourth. As the race progressed Hoodoo grabbed the lead and went on to win by 17 sec from Buttons, Felix and Piccolo. Graeme Mac. had a good day out and he complimented his third over the line place by jaggig a win on handicap in

the Consistency placings, from Buttons and Get Real.

Club Heat placings:

1. Hoodoo
2. Buttons
3. Felix
4. Piccolo
5. Five Stars

Consistency placings:

1. Felix
2. Buttons
3. Get Real
4. Five Stars
5. Hoodoo

Trophy Races (C) and (N/C) 03/03:

Some forecasts indicated fresh 15-20 knot SW seabreezes and we certainly got that, and more, in the building breeze. Two short course back-to-back races were set, with the first being for consistency points and the second was to be a non-consistency race. Laura Baker sailing Still Miss B Haven was the best of the 13 boat Sabre fleet at the first mark rounding, followed by Piccolo, Get Real and Hoodoo. At the bottom mark Piccolo appeared to have gained a narrow lead from Still Miss B Haven however Laura led the fleet at the windward mark for the second time. The rather scary square run (the breeze had built up to 22+ knots) to the finish line proved to be a handful for Laura, allowing Piccolo and Get Real to battle it out for a win, with Piccolo eventually prevailing to get the hooter from Get Real by just 4 seconds, with Hoodoo

third and Still Miss B Haven coming in at sixth. Matthew Loftes seemingly enjoyed the big breeze, securing a Consistency points win from Piccolo and Still Miss Behaven. The scheduled second race was subsequently abandoned as the building seabreeze and wave conditions were definitely getting rather over the top for most skippers!

Consistency placings:

1. Get Real
 2. Piccolo
 3. Still Miss Behaven
 4. Felix
 5. Wave Rider
- Fastest: Piccolo

Trophy Race 10/03: This was a State Heat weekend and with the Sabres having their final two state heats at BSYC both club and state racing was combined. Unfortunately the wind gods had the day off and after a long postponement waiting for the breeze to fill in the first race finally got underway, only to be abandoned with the fleet barely halfway up to the first mark.

Bye for now,
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10 Mar	TYF	Tony Colliver	
17 Mar	Sabres	Ron Rickards	
24 Mar	420 Dinghy	Matt Magarey Barry Burdon	
31 Mar	NS14	Tom Vercoe	
7 Apr	Sharpies	Jim Lelliott	
14 Apr	505 PMSC Contender	Martin Pike John Whitrow Ian Kirkwood	
21 Apr	Opti	Nicole Russell-Higgins	
28 Apr	TYF	Tony Colliver	

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