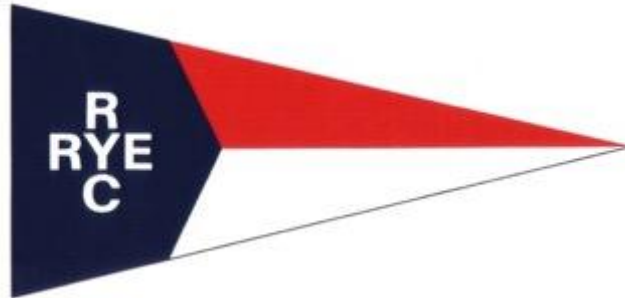


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Commodores Cabin

Hello members & friends

As another weather challenged season draws to a close, I think we can all reflect on the season that was and our hopes and aspirations for the next season. Likewise the committee is looking forward to the new season as an opportunity to further improve our club for the benefit of members and the local community.

Our annual AGM is coming up on Sunday 19th May, and I would encourage you to attend the formalities as well as the accompanying presentation of trophies/awards. I would also encourage anybody who is interested to consider joining any of the RYC committees (Executive, Social, Sailing or others) as there are always spots available and any help is gladly welcomed.

On a final sad point, I would like to note the passing of Lena Thomas after a short illness. Lena was our current Club Treasurer and highly valued member of the Executive Committee. Lena was a happy and welcoming person, and always around to lend a hand. She will be sorely missed by all.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming AGM.

Russ Matthews
Commodore

New Arrivals

Luna with 4 little puppies arrived Tuesday 16th April; 2 girls and 2 boys. Mother and babies doing well, as is Grandfather.



Sailing

Hi all, welcome to the wrap up of the season 2023/24. Summer eventually came but it feels like it was just a quick visit and with that, as quick as it came, it's gone again and I'm lighting the fire!

We've tried and changed a lot this season and we'll be doing more of the same next season to better suit the interests of our members. We'll be setting some things in stone and we'll trial some new ideas to see what works and is enjoyed.

CLUB SAILING

Our racing fleet has remained relatively stable. We have some returning sailors to the club and one or two new sailors. I'm excited next season to hopefully see a few sailors from Development Squad out racing, while results won't be a priority, their time with the main fleet will help them grow as sailors exponentially. It would be great to increase our racing fleet, racing aside, it's the best time to be on the water with other boats and it also is the time the safety boats are on the water too; providing that extra level of security and safety. Racing is fun, seriously, the results don't matter but the banter back on the beach with fellow competitors after the racing is done is something special. Nothing is as good as shared experiences, if you're not involved in this you're really missing out and not getting the most out of your membership.

Our social sailing is still ticking along nicely and there's plenty of gorgeous afternoons where members are making the most of the best weather. If you want to know when people are sailing or kayaking for that matter make sure you join the RYC Recreational Group on WhatsApp. Our Adult Coaching group on Saturday afternoons is also another way to do this.

Outside sailing we have a couple of little projects bubbling along that I think will be very popular with our members so stay engaged and connected to the club. We're building on the ocean sports lifestyle and culture because that's why we sail right? So, if getting out on the water is something you really enjoy, watch this space.

FAMILY FUN DAYS

Thanks to Val for organizing and running all of our family fun days this season, Val's trusty assistant Karl also deserves a thanks. Val and Karl have been unwavering in their commitment to the family fun days. We've had a few this season and the weather hasn't always played along. The standout days have been the main days like the Xmas FFD and the Easter FFD.

Next season we'll be moving towards concentrating the Family Fun Days on the main attractions to maximise participation within the club. You don't have to be a sailor to be involved in these, everyone is welcome and catered for. They are about building community and connections within the club so make sure you get along to them.

MOSQUITO MKII STATE TITLES

We recently hosted for the second time the Mosquito MKII Class Vic State Championships. The MKII is a sloop rig so it runs a main and jib with a helm and crew that both utilise the trapeze. This configuration allows the association to introduce more people to the class and particularly junior sailors wanting to further their experience in sailing with limited responsibility. It's a lot of fun for junior sailors to sail fast and learn to trapeze under the guidance of an experienced skipper.

We are exploring the option with the association to run this event as an annual feature on our calendar as it is the perfect way to progress juniors from the Sailing School out onto the course proper and further develop their sailing journey. Last year we had a fleet of 7 racing as a trial while this year we improved on this with a fleet of 11. There's no reason this cannot grow into something quite significant into the future and I expect other classes that can do so, follow in the footsteps of RYC and the Mosquito class.

Most of the catamarans came from far and wide, we should acknowledge their commitment to the sport but as we have one of the largest fleets in Australia I really want to thank those from RYC who participated in the event and those that provided a boat for it. Well done and I hope all of the junior sailors had a great time!

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped run the club this season. We can't operate without you so all of your efforts are very much appreciated. I'm also pleased to see a few new faces chipping in and putting their hands up to fulfill volunteer roles where needed. The roles can actually be a lot of fun and those that have joined us in running events have all really enjoyed the experience and the comradery of working together as a team. It builds high value relationships and connections that are hard to find anywhere else. You can get a lot out of being a part of something like a championships or a one off event so don't hold back, get involved.

See you all soon!

Scott Paton
Rear Commodore



Sailing school report

Hi all,

As of last weekend, most of our Sailing School programs for the current season have now been completed. I will be running a Powerboat Handling Course in the next couple of weeks. This course covers the information you need to know to do your licence test and also provides some on the water boat driving exercises to help build up your skills. I will be circulating dates for this in the next few days. If I cannot fit everyone into this course, I plan to run several more in September.

The sailing over the past couple of months has been quite good with light winds most of the time. However, the second last session with the Sunday morning Development squad was really quite challenging. The wind was around 18 knots from the north-west creating some decent sized waves. We decided we would send the squad out on the water anyway although we did keep them a bit closer to shore than usual. Three of the young sailors, Banjo, Josh and Pippa who had just recently moved from sailing OpenBICs to sailing Laser 4.7s only a couple of weeks before, had a great time although there were a few capsizes. Alex, who had been sailing a Minnow until the previous week also sailed in Laser 4.7 for the first time. He had to deal with a broken tiller extension universal joint before he sailed back to shore. A couple of younger sailors, Tom in a Minnow and Jayla in a BIC sailed as well and enjoyed themselves. It was certainly the strongest wind and biggest waves they had ever sailed in.

We found the weather forecasts quite consistent in their inaccuracy. The last Saturday for the adult group had been sailing comfortably in 12 to 14 knots of wind when a sudden change hit. Luckily they were heading in for lunch when the wind went straight up to 26 knots. Everyone did get back to the beach safely although with a couple of capsizes.

The same day we had the OutThere group in the morning sailing in 10 knots, the Development Squad group windsurfing in 18 to 22 knots close to the beach and for the Wing Foiling group starting at 3:00 the wind had dropped again to about 8 knots. Unfortunately, for the Wing Foilers, every day was quite light – we had been hoping for at least 20 knots on their last day.

Since January, we had run both a Windsurfing course and a Wing Foiling course on Saturday afternoons. These are a bit different from most other learn to sail courses as they prefer stronger wind rather than light. With Windsurfing, it is easy to learn in around 10 knots, but to get the real thrill that Windsurfing provides, 20 knots plus is better. The course was run with wind around 10 knots most days. This is great to get started. We start teaching people with small sails and large big volume boards and everyone is able to sail within the first hour. Skills are improved over time and then sailors can choose to sail on smaller boards and use larger sails.

With Wing Foiling courses, there are two separate skills to learn. How to stand on a board being towed behind a power boat and to get it up and foiling is one of these. This takes good balance but is also quite demanding on the boat driver to get the boat speed just right. Learning to sail with the wing on a larger big volume board is the next skill. When transferring this to a board of half the length and much less volume is the next challenge. We now have two foiling boards and wings of 3.1 m, 4m, 5m and 6m. Like Windsurfing, Wing Foilers will choose a sail size to suit the wind strength and the size of the sailor.

Matt Brunton has bought himself a foiling board for Windsurfing. This board is a little bigger than the boards for Wing Foiling and the foil is further back on the board. Boards that are used in the surf without a wing are different again. He took it out on the last session in the Wing Foiling course, but there was not quite enough wind to get the board foiling,

Those of you who watch “Sail GP” or have taken an interest in the America’s Cup foiling boats will have an idea how fast foiling craft will go. The foiling catamarans in Sail GP are hitting close to 100 kph at times and things happen very quickly on the race course. Sailing with foils is growing remarkably quickly in many different forms and it is great for us to be involved in this aspect of sailing.

Over the last few weekends we have been running our Presentations for all our Sailing School programs. I would briefly like to thank all our Tackers Instructors and those parents/volunteers who helped with these groups. With the OutThere and Development Squad Programs, again thanks to the Instructors, parents and volunteers from the club for helping with these groups and a special thanks to Lizzie for all her help on Saturday mornings. To the .Adult Sailing group Instructors and volunteers a big thank you as well.

I am writing this on the evening of the weekend that the Mosquito Sloop championships were held. We were able to have six of our young sailors sail with skippers sailing in this event. Sally Naismith sailed on both days, Will Tuchtan and Jensen Peeters sailed on Saturday while Sally, Banjo Elliot-Wilson, Josh Martin and Pippa Hart sailed on Sunday. This opportunity for our young sailors was begun last season and the Mosquito class group have said that they will be back again next summer with the same opportunity offered. Our young sailors loved sailing in this event and all had the opportunity to sail on trapeze in a catamaran going significantly faster than the boats they usually sail in. The skippers involved were very happy with the skills shown by our young sailors.

It has been quite a hectic season again this summer and I am looking at making some changes for next summer. I will have more information about this available shortly.



Pippa and Kate Hyde



Bob Cooper. Sailing School Principal



Josh and Banjo all set to go.



Social Committee News

Social Committee – Sandbar: April 2024

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Bec Marthick (Secretary)

Sally Naismith

Christine O’Keefe

Majella Gale

Andrew Wallace

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Robert ‘Dipper’ DiPierdomenico

SOCIAL

As we come towards the end of another season, it is time to thank and appreciate all those members who helped make Rye Yacht Club a fun and enjoyable place to be around over the summer.

Firstly, to all the members of the Social Committee who have hosted a range of social functions including the pre-season winter escape & trivia night at Escape Brewing Capel Sound, opening eve spit roast dinner, Christmas and Easter family picnics and the monthly afternoon tea and snacks in support of the monthly Family Fun Days. A special call out to our resident MasterChef, Sally Naismith, and her delicious range of cakes and other baked goodies.....

Secondly to all the other members and partners who gave their time and energy to help out on these occasions, in particular in providing meals, canteen supplies and drinks from the now world famous ‘RYC Opti Bar’. With all their help we were able to successfully host the competitors and guests for the Windsurfer LT State Championships in October and the Mosquito State Titles just recently in April. Your efforts have ensured that those visitors from around Victoria have gone home having really enjoyed their time at Rye Yacht Club.

Following the refurbishment of the upper deck flooring, the Social Committee completed the next stage to make the upper deck a more attractive and inviting place for members and guests to enjoy the magnificent outlook across Port Phillip Bay. With the installation of wine barrels, stools, umbrellas and plant pots, many members and guests have taken the opportunity to enjoy their evening gatherings, meals and drinks with a view of the setting sun. We invite you all to make the most of this before the cold weather really comes in. Future improvements include the addition of lighting, maritime decorations and servery to make it an even better place to enjoy next season.

CANTEEN & FUNDRAISING

The canteen successfully moved completely out of COVID times and resumed full operation for this last season with members and guests being able to make the most of snacks, lunches and drinks whilst at the club. Again, a huge thankyou to not only the Social Committee for managing the canteen but also to the many volunteers who have turned up to run the canteen on race days.

Also, to Jean Cooper and her helpers from the Sailing School to ensure the canteen is operating on days of Sailing School programs for adults, volunteers and juniors.

The Social Committee has been committed to run the canteen at an affordable level rather than prioritising it as a fundraising avenue. To offset this approach, we have run a number of other

fundraising initiatives over the season. This included the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in November, (\$1,153), Merchandise Sales (\$180), Container Deposit Scheme (\$204.10) and Wine Sales.

The Wine Sales initiative through Prospect Wines has now concluded after three seasons. Thank you to all members and guests who ordered wines through this link which saw more than \$900 come back to the Rye Yacht Club since 2022.



[Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme](#)

Thank you to Mandy Robertson who introduced us to Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme. Also to all the members and guests who have taken the time to deposit their 10 cent refundable drink containers in the specially marked bins around the club. All members can continue to support this initiative during the off season with their individual deposits of eligible containers. You can either drop your containers from home into the bins at the club or at your nearest collection site. When you deposit your containers, you can simply choose Rye Yacht Club Sailing School as the recipient of your refund.

MERCHANDISE

We have a range of club clothing and other merchandise available for purchase through the canteen. Refer to the item and prices below, particularly the current special price for the end of season Half Price 'T' Shirt sales. You can get these over the last couple of weeks at the canteen or via Sam Naismith at rodn@bigpond.net.au



Neville Taylor
President
RYC Social Committee



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Around the Club News by Peter Kinsman



A big thanks to Scott Paton, Mark Hosie, Kevin Thomas, Mark Lampe and especially John Dunn for excavating and laying the concrete behind the front gate. This makes a huge difference with the pick up of recyclables and our rubbish bin by our contractor. Not bad for a crew with an average age of around 70 years old ☺



Thanks to Tony Campbell and Brian Dunn for installing the replacement winch on the tractor (the old one finally gave it up).

Thanks to John Dunn, Mark Lampe and Bob Cooper for collecting the (used) chairs from Sandringham Yacht Club. We were given 100 charcoal fabric covered chairs and 10 bar chairs. Also, thanks to all the club members who on Sunday 25th February, carried all of the new chairs upstairs and took all of the old chairs downstairs. Many hands do make light work of it. We finally have nice chairs to help showcase our wonderful function room.





Luna has been up to some more tricks and randomly decides to jump ship and go sailing. This one was with one of the Rye Primary girls (also one of Luna's bestie's).

Now she is off to have some puppies and will be away for a few months.

Easter Hunt.

Thanks to Val, with the support of the Social Committee for organising the Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Fun was had by all with lots of quacking and clucking.





Mariners Shed

Many thanks to the Tuesday team for taking care of the Club and equipment. Over the last month or so, a lot has been done:

- Clearing and cleaning of the storm water drain
- Cleaning the storm water from the garage.
- Installing a new winch.
- Fixing the BBQ lid and repairing some of the quad around the area.
- Repairing a number wheels for the Optis and Bics.
- Repairing the vangs on the Optis.
- Correcting a number of the cleats on the Optis.
- Adding the sail numbers to some of the school boats.
- Installing a new TV and its cover in the briefing area
- Repair of the large sliding gate
- Inspecting and installing floor protection on all the 'new;' chairs upstairs.
- Repairing some of the Laser trolleys for the school.
- Repairing the rear of Southerly trailer
- Finding and correcting the fault with one of the power point circuits.
- Fixing the Davey gate.
- Many, many coffee and lunch breaks 😊

Visit by Member for Eastern Victoria

In March we had a visit from Tom McIntosh who is our member in the Legislative Council. Tom visited the club on a Sunday morning and was suitably impressed. He made comment on the invaluable use of volunteers, the community feel and involvement as well as the programs we run at the club. We were also able to speak with him in regards to future projects at the club which we would like to receive funding for from the government.

Below is a link to a speech where for the second time he mentions the club.

<https://youtu.be/gBMLNMifLsY?list=PLo--M5dbXBp1LTqWna1bcq9SHgcdyEQA5>



Tom with Neville, Sally Hudson and Bob



Neville, Tom, Bob and Sally.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be at RYC Clubhouse on Sunday 19th May 2024 at 2:00pm.

It will also be conducted over Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/7194122169>

Current Committee members will need to nominate for positions by 14/04/2024.
All other members will need to nominate for positions by 12/05/2022.

The Positions are:

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- Rear Commodore
- Club Captain
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Executive Committee Member
- Registrar
- Sailing School Principal
- Social Committee President
- Sailing Committee regular members
- Social Committee regular members
- Financial Oversight Officer

If voting is required, it will be conducted via online Survey ahead of the AGM.

Kayakers

Due to popular demand, we have created the RYC Social Kayakers on *Whatsapp*. To join this group, please contact Marg Darcy, Val Smith, Neville Taylor or Peter Kinsman. This is a group of members who like to engage with each other to organise social kayaking sessions.



Recycling your 10c bottles and cans

The Sailing school has registered as an approved entity to receive funding via the Victorian Recycling initiative. If you take recyclables to the depot in Rosebud, please use the following Donation Partner ID or barcode.

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Welcome to our new members

Welcome to the following new members:

- ❖ Jodie Bretherton, an adult learning to Windsurf.
- ❖ Pippa and Willow Martin, youths learning to sail.
- ❖ Kylie Morgan an adult learning to Sail.
- ❖ Isabel and Hannah Payne, youths learning to sail.
- ❖ Benjamin and Dylan Presutti, youths learning to sail.
- ❖ Karen Travis, an adult learning to Windsurf.
- ❖ Joshua Westley and Danika Polasek, adults learning to Sail.
- ❖ Christina Ellnor, an adult learning to Sail.
- ❖ Vivian McMillan joining as a Junior member.
- ❖ James Hill an adult learning to Wing Foil

CLUBHOUSE USAGE & HIRE

These are bookings on hand as at the date of publication of this issue of Sandbar.

Bookings & enquiries to: Peter Kinsman on 0418 619921 or e-mail secretary@ryeyachtclub.org.au

Other notable dates:

Nil at this time.

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What's on this month?

Besides the normal Sunday sailing and Sailing school events, please note the following upcoming events.

- Tuesdays each week the Mariners' Shed



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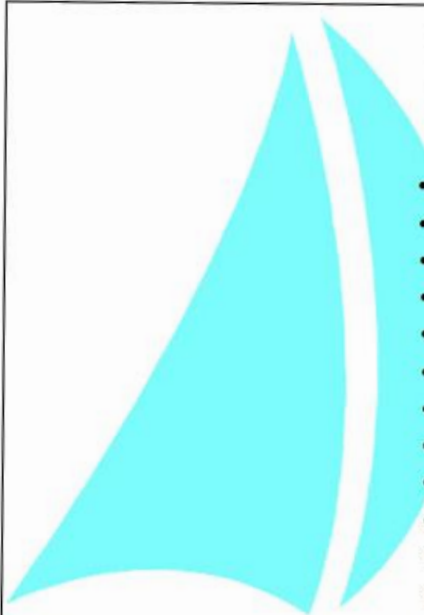


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