

The Muppler

Summer 2020/21



*Racing resumes on the lake
21 November 2020*

EDITORIAL

Madeline Paul

This year has truly been like none other, with change constant and the need to continuously adapt to the unpredictable world around us. One thing that has not changed is the tranquillity of being out on the lake, focussing purely on the immediate surroundings. I am excited as fellow members return to the club and we all begin to get out on the water sailing again.

I would like to thank the committee for the appointment as Mudpuddler's new editor, the editors before me who have made this newsletter possible and everyone who has contributed articles, content and images for this edition - it is a huge team effort so thank you!

As I look back on previous issues of the Mudpuddler I am reminded of my grandfather, Bernie Paul's contribution as commodore from 1982-83 and my father Julian Paul who was an avid sailor and member from 1976 to 2013. The Albert Sailing Club is a community of wonderful and supportive people that I'm fortunate to be a part of as we share a love for the club, the lake and sailing - with this spanning across generations in my family.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Mudpuddler and wishing you all a lovely break over the holiday period. Stay safe and happy reading!

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Vice Commodore	Rod Thomas	Strategy, juniors & IT
Rear Commodore	Steve Dunn	Sailing and racing
Secretary	Tim Falkiner	Members, minutes & records
Treasurer (Acting)	Damian Blumenkranc	Finance & club databases
Club Captain	Paul Farrell	Sailing committee
Committee	Don McKenzie	Training principal & club boat maintenance, child safety officer
	Tony Schalken	Security/Club access, databases
	John Whelan	Legal, insurances
	Peter Bennell	Marketing & membership

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Cindy Tilbrook

A few special Shout-Outs to start this report:

- Big thanks to Madeline Paul (Maddy) for stepping into the Mudpuddler editor role. I'm sure she will do an excellent job and it's great to see one of our younger members assisting in this way.
- More big thanks to Hristina Burduja for her work as Treasurer over the last 18 months or so. Hristina has had to step aside from the role due to work/family commitments so another big shout out to Damian Blumenkranc who has agreed to step into this role for a short period of time.
- Steve Lincoln, whose place of work has kindly babysat our new RIB for most of the year until it's delivery to the club on Saturday 14 November.

We've had lots of members doing a variety of tasks since my last report, so look for further thanks and acknowledgements in this report. And thanks also to others whom I may have missed.

In my last Mudpuddler report in May, I spoke about the temporary closure of the Club due to the Coronavirus. Little did I know at the time, but the 'temporary' closure turned out to be far more extensive than we had anticipated. We managed to re-open for a very brief period between the first and second lockdowns, and then faced the very challenging second lockdown period when all activity at the club (and, it sometimes seemed, all activity of life itself) ceased completely. It is only now, as I write this report, that we are starting to see sailing return to the lake, albeit under 'COVID Normal' conditions. There is further information about how the sailing club is handling this 'new normal', and what is required from members and others visiting the club, elsewhere in this Muddy.

Fortunately, the good rains experienced earlier in the year continued and the lake water level is still good. The November weed cut of the lake is about to commence which should create some excellent sailing conditions over the coming few months. So come on down, visit your club, dust off your boat and take to the water over the coming period of time and remember, it's easy to 'Social Distance' out on the water.

And sailors, please note that we will all be operating under an updated version of the Racing Rules of

Sailing from 1 January 2021. There is a brief overview of the key changes for lake sailors in this Muddy.

Committee Matters

Despite the club being closed, our committee has been working just as hard as ever, or even possibly harder, using Zoom for our meetings. We have dealt with matters as diverse as:

- Wading through multiple directives from government authorities in relation to COVID (thanks Rod and Tony)
- Anticipating and planning for the re-opening of the club and the continuation of our sailing/training programs (Steve, Paul, Rod, Don)
- Continuing with matters related to the potential unification of ASC and APYC
- Renewing our insurances for the coming year (thanks John)
- Renewing our licence arrangements with SEDA for a further 2-year period and
- Transferring the club's internet across to the NBN (thanks Paul), plus many other matters.
- Ongoing liaison with various bodies in relation to our Emergency Management requirements (thanks Jack and Tony)

A number of committee members attended (via Zoom) the Club Conference sessions conducted by Australian Sailing, and Peter Bennell (thanks Peter) has been coordinating grant submissions on behalf of the club.

Members are always welcome to attend our Committee meetings or even put their hand up for a role, so please let me know if you would like to join in any specific meeting.

Unification

During the period of closure, discussions have continued with APYC in relation to the potential unification of the clubs and considerable work has been undertaken in developing 'functional specifications' for each of the existing clubrooms, which can then be used in determining how each building may best be used in the future should unification occur. Subject to ongoing discussions with APYC and 'COVID Normal' requirements, it is hoped that we can re-schedule the planned face-to-face member meetings and the Special General Meeting to vote on the unification in the first quarter of 2021.

Member Fees and New Database

Due to the extensive period of closure of the club, the committee has resolved that membership fees for the 2020-2021 membership year will be set at 50% of the fees charged for the 2019-2020 year. There will be an option to donate the 50% discount or another amount to the club with your payment for those members who are in a position to support the club in this way.

Racking fees will be the same as for the 2019-2020 year. Members will be invoiced late December/early January.

The club is transferring to a new database system (RevSport – the preferred Australian Sailing database). Invoices will be issued from RevSport and will accordingly be in a slightly different format to previously. The various payment options will be shown on the invoices, but members are requested to pay via an online option if possible.

New RIB arrives

We were fortunate to receive funding from Parks Vic for the purchase of a new RIB. Whilst the RIB arrived earlier in the year, the closure of the club has meant that it has 'resided' at Steve Lincoln's workplace for some months. It was great to see it finally delivered to the club on Saturday 14th, and we look forward to seeing it out on the water soon.



Vale: Doug Hunter and Bill Avallone

We note with great sadness the death of two long-standing club members: Doug Hunter and Bill Avallone.



Doug in his beloved bar

Doug passed away on 23rd November at the age of 91 after a short illness. He is acknowledged by his family as being a great husband, father & grandpa to his 4 grand-children. Doug and his family joined the club in 1977, and Doug spent a period of time serving on

the General Committee and looking after the allocation of club racking. He then progressed to the role he was probably best suited for in running the Bar. Doug did this important job for several decades, and it was his outlet every Saturday to go down to the Lake and mingle with the members and help out – and to make sure everyone was always aware of the footy scores! “Doug’s Bar” is named in his honour.

Bill was another of our long-term members who retired from ASC membership in 2018 and passed away peacefully on Thursday 10th September after an extended period of poor health. Bill served on the ASC general committee for around 12 years, with seven years from 2010 to 2017 as secretary. Bill and his wife Beni were at the club most Saturdays, with lunchtime for socialising followed by Bill assisting with Race Management usually in the Club Tower. Bill and Beni attended most club functions and were regularly involved in ASC Discover Sailing and Community Sailing Days.



Bill Avallone

The Committee members' condolences are with the Hunter family and the Avallone family.

Seasons Greetings

And finally, as we draw closer to the end of this year, I wish each and every one of you the best wishes for this season of religious celebrations, holidays, family gatherings, reflections on the year past and, hopefully, brighter plans for the year to come. It has certainly been a challenging one for the sailing club but the committee and I are positive about the future and enthusiastic about the great sailing conditions on the lake at the moment as we enter this summer period. We look forward to seeing you all in person at the club and, hopefully, out on the water in the near future.



Cindy Tilbrook
Commodore

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rod Thomas

A BIG welcome to new members joining Albert Sailing Club

In November we have welcomed new family members in Amy Baker and family, Helen Jenny and family, and Kolbi Axten, a junior with an International optimist.

There have also been 9 ASC temporary junior members join for the Term 4 Boatshed/ASC Junior Development (Green Fleet) and Youth Development Programs for 4 Saturday afternoons from 21 November.

Meet one of Albert Sailing Club's new members Joe Chircop

Joe Chircop

My name is Joe Chircop, and I am a new member at ASC. My first intro to sailing was when I attended classes at Albert Park some 40 years ago. Soon after that, I bought myself a mirror kit, which I succeeded in putting together. The finished product coincided with the arrival of my children and that was that. The mirror was only taken out at Portarlington as a rowboat.



Fast forward to 2019 and a number of events came together. A friend suggested we undertake the Discover Sailing course (Start sailing 1 and 2). We attended the course at Altona Yacht Club in 2019/20. After many weeks of learning knots, sailing terms and occasionally getting very wet in the middle of the bay, I was hooked. The peaceful floating on water in a gentle breeze is almost spiritual. The adrenalin rush in a not so gentle breeze is exhilarating, (but not really for me). In 2019, we also moved into an apartment in St Kilda road, after some 35 years in Sunbury. Also in 2019, I cut back heavily on my teaching, (I will retire at the end of this year). Walking around the lake one day, on an ASC open day, these events seemed to intersect at the clubhouse. The members I spoke to were very friendly, very encouraging. They showed me around, gave me information and made me feel

welcome. They introduced me to Charles who sold me a reconditioned Sabre, perfect for starting out. Since that time, the number of people who have gone out of their way to help me set up, check my rigging, and gave helpful tips on boating has been incredible. ASC is certainly a welcoming and friendly environment, a place where experienced sailors are happy to share their knowledge.

Living so close, I have been lucky, (when not in lockdown), to take advantage of the lake and facilities and sail on weekdays, as well as Saturday mornings, even in winter. With more experience, (and especially practise with the give way rules), my aim is to have a go at racing on Saturdays.



ALBERT SAILING CLUB BATHTUB BOAT BUILDING COMPETITION

Rod Thomas



Albert Sailing Club



The inaugural Albert Sailing Club Bathtub building competition was held across the COVID-19 stage 4 lockdown period in September.

The rules were simple:

1. Lead boat builders can be ASC family or individual Members or ASC Contact
2. Boat must be homemade and from scratch, with assistance permitted
3. Boat materials are completely open and no formal requirements regarding construction (wood, metal, plastic, whatever)
4. Boat length between 20cm and 50cm. Name on rear of boat.
5. Two or more sails.
6. Boat must float, with photo submitted to show 'seaworthiness' of boat in a kitchen sink, a bathtub, or a manmade or natural waterway

9 high quality entries were received.

The winners were :

ASC Family category

Mirror 'No Chance' by Team Jaemie Wilson.

Mirror dinghy constructed from rice milk cardboard container with sticky tape. Rig is satay stick Mast, gaff and boom with nylon sails.

ASC Individual member

'ASC 2020' Sailing Dinghy by Steve Dunn

Plywood Stitch and Glue, 48cm LOA, 12cm Beam.

Fully battened main, Stainless fittings, Dagger board with winged tip.

Honorable Mention to Graeme Blunt's soft drink bottle based 'Ronstan' which had multiple votes from Blunt family members.

ASC Contact (past member) category

'Memories Trimaran' by Team Wright

(Tasmania). A trimaran described as 'fanciful and decorative '.



Steve Dunn's Bathtub Boat Meets ASC Zest

TOP OF BAY REGATTA AT PORT MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB ON SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2021

Rod Thomas

For clubs at top end of Port Phillip including : Albert SC, Albert Park YC, Port Melbourne YC, Williamstown SC, Altona YC, Elwood SC. To be confirmed in December, when updated COVID-19 regulations are available.

This is a good opportunity for a summer sail on Port Phillip. 2pm start, enter on day with no entry fee for TOP club boats. Any members with queries speak to Steve Dunne, Rod, or Don or email training@albertsc.org.au.

ALBERT SAILING CLUB BATHTUB BOAT BUILDING COMPETITION SUBMISSIONS



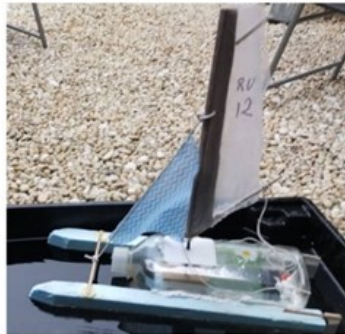
Winner ASC Family Category
'No Chance' by Team Wilson



Winner ASC Individual Category



Winner ASC Contact Category
'Memories Trimaran' by Team Wright



Don McKenzie



Honourable Mention
'ASC 1009' by Graeme Blunt



Team Scammell



James Glover



Cindy Tilbrook



Team Blumenkranc

LOCKDOWN NON-SAILING

Cindy Tilbrook

The “Non-Sailing Corona Series”

A number of intrepid sailors took to the land (and their computer screens) to participate in the Non-Sailing Corona Series during the period of the first lockdown earlier this year. The series was conducted over 8 weeks with 3 drops allowed. Racing commenced at 2 p.m. each Saturday and participants were required to answer a series of questions, with some questions sailing related, others only indirectly related to sailing. Places were awarded according to the time the answers were submitted to Cindy, but time penalties applied for incorrect answers. Hence participants had to decide whether to go for the fastest time, or whether it was more important to get the answers right.

The competition was intense and the final standings came right down to the last race. It appeared that some competitors were standing by their computer screens promptly at 2 p.m., with family members available to assist or with multiple search engines open and running, and the race to be the first across the line became quicker as the weeks went by. The series was all tied up at the end of Race 7, with Noah Bajayo from ASC taking first place in the final race and hence becoming the winner of the Series. He was followed by Rob Pulham from APYC who was 1 point behind. Noah will be presented with his trophy at our next Presentation event.

If you want to try your hand at some of the questions, here is a sample:

Question 1: If you were sailing and saw this cardinal mark, in what direction is safe passage?

North
South
East
West



Question 2: What is rain called that evaporates before it reaches the ground?

Question 3: In one week we asked about port and starboard lights when leaving a harbour via a channel. As Western Port has two entrances, boundaries are laid down to indicate where the direction of buoyage from each entrance meets. Where is this boundary?

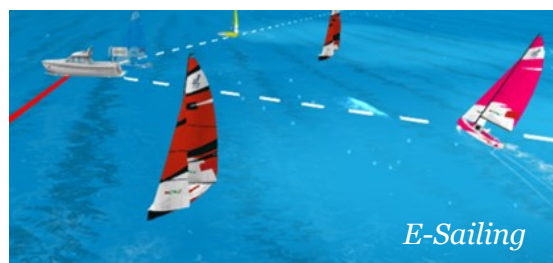
Question 4: This symbol represents a boating/sailing term. What does this mean?



E-sailing

Noah Bajayo was the clear winner of the ASC short e-Sailing Series held in May and represented the club well at the Australian Sailing Victorian e-Sailing finals.

E-Sailing is conducted online at www.virtualregatta.com. Competitors ‘sail’ their boat using computer controls and the simulation is far more accurate than one might at first think. Sailors need to navigate the course, successfully round the marks whilst avoiding other boats, read the wind changes and make appropriate sail adjustments throughout the race.



Normal racing rules of sailing apply and a solid start is essential to a good result. Each race only lasts for a few minutes and quick reactions and fast computer speed are vital, as the boats are super-fast and are off sailing before you can work out where you are in relation to the Start Boat. One tap too many on the ‘tiller’ sends your boat into an online spin, which then makes it extremely difficult to re-orientate yourself on the course.

Our field of competitors may have been small, (Noah, Rod Thomas, Steve Dunn, Cindy Tilbrook) but the competition was intense. Our competitors had varying degrees of success:

- Noah had done all this before and had generally won each race before the other competitors reached the top mark (or even found the top mark) for the first time.
- Cindy did some online training prior to the racing and managed some good early results coming in second behind Noah in the early races.
- Having been beaten by Cindy, Steve Dunn decided he needed to upgrade his entire computer system to increase computer speed and after the upgrade, improved dramatically over the course of the series.

Great fun was enjoyed by all and well done to Noah.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Rod Thomas

The health and safety of our members, visitors, volunteers, contractors, and external users of club facilities is a priority.

Albert Sailing Club has a COVID-19 Safe Plan which provide the club's framework for managing the

COVID-19 pandemic. We also have ASC COVID-19 Safe Plan guidelines to be followed by members and visitors when at the club.

For details go to ASCCOVID19 link on Home screen of www.albertsc.com.au

SOME KEY COVID-19 RELATED MESSAGES



LATE NEWS: Restrictions in Victoria were further eased from 11:59pm on Sunday 22 November 2020

Some key points from the DHHS website relevant to sailing:

- You do not need to wear a face mask when exercising outdoors. You still need to wear a face mask when you are outdoors and you cannot keep 1.5 metres distance from others. You must carry a face mask with you at all time, unless you have a lawful reason not to.
- You can exercise or spend time outside in a group of up to 50 people (*on land*). You should keep at least 1.5 metres distance between yourself and others.
- Indoor facilities can now open. You must clean and disinfect equipment between users. Where possible you should minimise the sharing of equipment.

Sailing Specific Summary from Australian Sailing on Sunday 22 November 200

- Organised club racing and training for all members (adults and youth) can resume. This includes double handed dinghies and all forms of fully crewed keel boats, trailables and sports boats.
- Masks and social distancing are no longer required while sailing.



CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

Cindy Tilbrook

A revised set of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) becomes effective from 1 January 2021. This follows the usual practice of updating the rules every 3-4 years and the new rules will be effective from 2021 until 2024.

There are a number of excellent resources for both sailors and race officials in relation to these new rules, and I've provided a number of links that should be of interest at the foot of this article. This article is only a brief overview of some of the key changes which may be of importance to sailors at Albert Park Lake. If you frequently sail on the Bay or at larger Regattas, please also ensure you refer to the various resources at the foot of this article for a more in-depth analysis of the new rules.

Starting and Finishing

A change to the definitions means that a race start and finish now occur when any part of the hull is over the line. Previously, the definition was 'hull, equipment and crew'. However, there has been no change to the overlap definition, so an overlap position is still determined by "the hull and equipment in normal position"

For Race Officials: This is an important change and is of particular importance for those watching the line for OCS starters, and for those marking off boats when finishing. It will be important to know what kinds of boats are in the fleet and what constitutes the 'hull' of these competing boats. For example, in the photo, one boat is over the line but the other isn't.

Can you spot the difference?



For sailors: This has particular importance when on the start line and when finishing. Bow sprits, Go-Pros, hiking crew members etc may now be over the start line prior to the starting signal, and it is only when any part of the hull crosses the line that the boat is

regarded as starting. It also means that you only need to get your hull back over the start line if you are called back. Similarly on the finish line: bow-sprits, spinnakers etc may be over the finish line but you haven't finished until the first part of your hull crosses the line.

Sailing the Course

A definition of 'sailing the course' has been added, together with a new score, "NSC" for "Not Sailing the Course". The practical implication of this new definition and score is that the race committee is now permitted to disqualify a boat without protest or a hearing if they see that the proper course has not been sailed e.g. a mark has been missed or a gate mark has been rounded from the wrong direction.

For Race Officials: Race Officials should score a boat NCS if they see that the course has not been sailed correctly.

For sailors: If you are in any doubt as to whether you have sailed the proper course, check the race results as quickly as possible. You can still seek redress if you believe the race committee has scored you NSC incorrectly, but your request will need to be lodged within the required time limit.

Person Overboard

Rule 47 and 48 cover the situation when a crew member is overboard. Previously, the person needed to be back on board before the boat continued in the race. Now, the person overboard only needs to be back in contact with the boat, not actually on board.

For sailors and Race Officials: This may have particular relevance if there is a capsized close to the finish line.

Rule 14: Avoiding Contact

For Sailors: A right of way boat need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not keeping clear or giving room or mark room. In mark rounding situations, you are only protected by this rule if you are sailing within the room to which you are entitled.

Additional Race Signals: Orange and Blue Flag

The orange flag has now been added to the race signals and means: The staff displaying this flag is one end of the starting line. The blue flag previously meant that the committee vessel is in position at the

finishing line. The Blue Flag now means that “the staff displaying this flag is one end of the finishing line”. These flags should now be used in accordance with these definitions.

Other changes:

- A new Exoneration Rule: rule 43, which consolidates parts of Rules 14(b), 21 and 64.2 into one rule.
- When hailing for room, there are now also some rules about hand signals or when a hail may not be heard. (Rule 20.4)
- Rule 18: Mark-room: minor changes
- Changes in relation to support vessels giving them obligations in the event of boats in distress or if a search and rescue operation is signalled.
- Changes to Rule 40 in relation to Personal Flotation Devices and when they need to be worn

- Hearings: Can now protest and penalise support people as well as competitors and can also accept hearsay evidence, (although this can’t be questioned or examined in the protest room). In practice, this means that a protest committee can take a wider range of evidence in to account.

Resources:

- * For pdf versions of the rules and the Study Guide, go to <https://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/>
- * [Study Guide](#)
- * [Racing Rules Video Overview \(RRS 2021-2024\)](#)
- * [Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024](#)
- * [Starting and Finishing](#)




RACING AT ALBERT PARK LAKE

Cindy Tilbrook & Rod Thomas

The sailing instructions for racing on Albert Park Lake provide for a 3 minute start sequence rather than the 5 minute sequence specified in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

A diagram of our standard start sequence is illustrated below.

Three Minute Start Sequence

Minutes Until Start	Period	Visual	Sound	Description
3	Warning	Raise Class/ Division(s) Flag(s) for first fleet	One	Race Committee displays the class/division flag of the first starting fleet
2	Preparatory	Raise Prep Flag 	One	Display the preparatory flag; class/division flag stays up. Starting line set.
1	Preparatory	Lower Prep Flag	One Long	Race Committee removes prep flag. Class/division flag stays up.
0	Start	Lower Class/ Division(s) Flag(s) for first fleet. <u>If multiple start sequence, raise Class/Division flag for second fleet.</u>	One	Class/Division flag(s) down for first fleet. If boats are on the course side of starting line, X flag (individual recall) or general recall displayed. with sound. <u>Multiple starts:</u> raise Class/ Division flag(s) for second fleet

REPEAT PROCESS IN ONE MINUTE INTERVALS FOR MULTIPLE STARTS

REMEMBERING SYDNEY OLYMPICS SAILING 20 YEARS ON

Rod Thomas

The sailing events at the Sydney Olympics were memorable for the performance by the Australian Sailing Team and the unprecedented coverage of sailing on Sydney Harbour. The Australian Sailing Team finished with two gold, a silver and a bronze, and second nation in the overall medal tally behind Great Britain, and Australia's. This was Australia's first sailing gold medals in 28 years.



Albert Sailing Club had a strong interest and involvement in the Sydney Olympics sailing.

Tom King was the skipper of the Gold medal winning 470 class Men's combination. Tom started his sailing career at Albert Sailing Club as a 9 year old in Mirrors in the mid 1980's. He sailed Mirrors at ASC up until he with crew Raf Heale won the World Mirror championships in Netherlands in 1991.



Tom then progressed to the competitive 470 class where he sailed for Australia in the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 with Owen McMahon, who had also developed as a junior at ASC. Tom then teamed up with a new crew in Mark Turnbull from Black Rock/Royal Brighton YC's to win a world championships and the Olympic Gold medal. After a post Olympics break Tom moved on the Etchells small keel boat class where he skippered 'Iron Lotus' to win the 2012 Etchell's world championships, again with Owen McMahon in the crew, in a strong fleet that included America's Cup winning skipper John Bertrand.



Melanie Dennison, who joined Albert SC in the late 1990's, finished 15th in the Europe dinghy class for Women at the 2000 Olympics in a fleet of 27 from 27 nations. Melanie had won a World Laser Radial championships and finished second in a World Eouroe class championship in the 1990's before honing sailing skills at ASC. Soon after the Olympics Melanie moved to Sydney where she has sailed Yngling small keelboat class boats successfully for many years.

DOG DAYS

Jane Millar

Cruising Helmsman
October 2020
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HIGH SEAS

AAHH SPRING; WHERE
A YOUNG PERSON'S
THOUGHTS TURN TO ...

JANE MILLAR

I thought I had a partner ... I do not,
for the man in question loves a yacht.
They say man's best friend is his dog ... it is not,
Man's best friend is his yacht.

My best friend is my dog.
I write in my journal, he writes in his log,
He sleeps on his yacht, I sleep with my dog.
While I'm asleep between my sheets,
He pulls his in and coils them neat.
For in his mind a sheet is a rope,
I often wonder how I cope.

In my mind, when I think of a painter:
Cezanne, Degas or someone quainter,
Like Australian Impressionists,
Among them some of my favourite artistes,
Roberts, McCubbin, Streeton, Conder,
Able to capture our deep blue yonder.
Now they were painters, don't get me started,
I treasure those painters, dearly departed.
However, he thinks of something stringy,
He thinks of a rope that ties up a dinghy.

If you get my drift,
Is it little wonder we have come to a rift?
When I consider that darling word tender ...
Delicate, gentle, young and slender ...
Humane and merciful, tickle my heart,
Return to sender when we must part.
Now if you ask him what tender is for,
He'll talk about moving from ship to shore.
That vessel, wherein, is such a chore,
A bit like a dinghy, with a little bit more.

Honestly, I can find him a bit of a bore,
So much so that I start to think:
Am I being led to drink?
So as I reach to my right for the port,
He, naturally, says it's left and I snort.

From tender to bender, you get where I got?
You can't come between a man and his yacht!

Poor Jane, even Mr Biggs loves the sea as well.

This poem appeared in the October edition of the Cruising Helmsman. Permission from the editor was provided to include this poem in the Mudpuddler, with the editor having sailed against the Hoopers in the past.

CLUB UPDATES

Rod Thomas

ASC Galley, Bar and Social Activities

The club galley will open at lunchtime and club bar after sailing in early 2021, with some changes in operation in accordance with Government COVID-19 regulations and requirements. Also some Friday night BBQ and twilight social sailing dates.

This year having regard to changing COVID-19 regulations there will not be a sit down End of Year Christmas function at ASC. A BBQ and twilight sailing activity or another activity or two may be scheduled in December, when options become available with Government easing of COVID-19 related restrictions.

Details on dates and arrangements will be in the weekly Thursday Snippets.

Car Parking Restrictions, Fees & Permits

The machines for parking in the Albert Park Reserve are back on. Parking is in pay-for-parking areas where you purchase a ticket from a ticket machine or have an annual permit, for display on your dashboard or windscreen to avoid a fine.

Sports Club member Parking permits at a very reasonable rate are again being processed by Parks Victoria. 20/21 annual fee is \$68.70, with 6 months and concessional available (approx. 1/2). Junior Sports parking permits also available at a reduced rate for drop-off when junior member attending a club activity.

If you need an application form for renewal or new application it needs to have an Albert Sailing Club stamp on it. Members can pickup a copy from the forms folder in our clubrooms or send an email request to Rod via training@albertsc.org.au.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cindy Tilbrook

WE WANT YOU (AND YOUR FRIENDS/FAMILY)

We are always looking for volunteers to assist our club and have a number of roles always available for people who are willing to help out.

This can include:

- Club Members who may not wish to sail on any particular day.
- Family members or friends who may not be members but would like to come along, enjoy the day and help out the club. Please note we have insurance for these non-member volunteers, and having non-sailors offer to assist the club allows us to see the maximum number of active sailors out on the water.

Some specific current roles where we are looking for volunteers are:

- People to operate/crew our Rescue Ribs. We can provide training and instruction in what is required. To operate the Rib, you need a power boat licence. To be a crew member, you just need a willingness to spend an afternoon out on the water and see the sailing up close.
 - *If you have your Power Boat Licence or would like to obtain one, we will reimburse the cost of that licence.*
- Two shore-based volunteers to assist launching and retrieval of sailing dinghys.
- One volunteer to oversee and coordinate COVID-19 procedures on race day at ASC.

If you or anyone you know can assist the club in this fashion on a regular basis, please let our commodore know via email to Cindy at commodore@albertsc.org.au

ANSWERS TO NON-SAILING CORONA SERIES

Question 1: West. Question 2: VIRGA. Question 3: Just north of Lang Lang River to Palmer Point (French island) and observation point (Phillip island). This is where the buoyage changes. Question 4: Compass. Explanation: Comma minus 'Ma' = Com. Add p then add ass (donkey/ass) to give compass.

UPCOMING TRAINING AT ALBERT PARK SAILING CLUB, SUMMER 2021

Rod Thomas

With the resumption of community based sport in Melbourne in early November a program of sail training courses and activities has been established for current and new Albert Sailing Club members. As with all community activity we need to be flexible and prepared for program changes as Government COVID-19 related Regulations and guidelines update.

For Junior Sailors up to 18 years of age.

Junior School Holiday program - January 2021

Holiday program is suitable for juniors, 8 - 12 years, who have completed Tackers or Learn to Sail programs. Scheduled for Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th January. Details and booking link on Home screen of www.albertsc.org.au in early December.

Term 1 Junior and Youth Development programs - February 2021

* 6 week joint Boatshed/Albert Sailing Club Term 1 Junior Development (Green Fleet) program on Saturday afternoons from 6 February. This is for juniors, 8 - 12 years, who have completed Tackers or Learn to Sail programs. Sailing in Boatshed Ozi Optis or own boat.

* 6 week joint Boatshed/Albert Sailing Club Term 1 Senior Development group program for 13 - 17 year olds in Boatshed Pacer class boats on Saturday afternoons from 6 February.

*For junior Learn to Sail, there are multi day Tackers and Intro to Tackers programs at the Boatshed at various dates and times. Discounts for ASC members when apply through Adam the Boatshed manager.

All of these junior programs are non-competitive programs with an accredited Boatshed Instructor. Details and bookings are on the Course tab of <https://www.theboatshed.net.au/home/>

For juniors wanting to sail in club races, club races most weeks as per ASC club program with separate junior division where 2 or more boats. Contact Rod or Don via training@albertsc.org.au if some assistance with participation in club racing is required.



Ozi Optis

For Adults and Youth

Starting a Race - January 2021

This ASC course on Saturday 9 and 16 January (11:00am to 12:00 noon), will include a mixture of theory and boat control, and actual starting. If you don't have your own boat, some club boats will be available for lease hire.

If interested chat to Don McKenzie or send him an email via training@albertsc.org.au.

Learn to Sail program - February to March 2021

Summer course of 7 sessions for new and current adult and youth members. These sessions will be held from Saturday 6 February to Saturday 6 March, with 3 Saturday mornings (9:30am—12:30pm) and 2 full day Sundays (9.30am - 12.30pm; 1.00pm - 4.30pm).

Details on Learn to Sail tab of www.albertsc.org.au
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Zest

The health and safety of participants in Boatshed and Albert Sailing Club training programs is a priority and COVID-19 Safe plan and guidelines are in place with instructor and participant responsibilities.

Summer Duty Roster 2021



OOD & CREW: Please be at club on duty day by 11 a.m.

If your date is not convenient please arrange a swap with another member

Albert Sailing Club

Saturday, January 9 COMMODEORE SERIES 1 RO Don McKenzie (pbl) 0421 333 743 Crew Anthony Berger (pbl) 0413 651 345 Graeme Blunt (pbl) 0417 311 295 Chris Bennell 0402 029 657	ASC Start	LABOR DAY WEEKEND Saturday, March 6 No Organised Sailing at ASC Those with yard entry can take the boat out for sail
Saturday, January 16 COMMODEORE SERIES 2 RO Don McKenzie (pbl) 0421 333 743 Crew David Scammell (pbl) 0408 003 166 Chris Shields (pbl) 0411 246 353 Keith Staite (pbl) 0354 241 815 Bill Rehill 9443 0089	APYC Start	Saturday, March 13 SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP Race 3 RO Ron Lackington (pbl) 0421 788 145 Crew Geoff Saliba (pbl) 9807 8560 Richard Rawlins (pbl) 0421 472 684 Ian Coleman 0417 744 456
AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND Saturday, January 23 No formal racing Social Sailing at ASC		GRAND PRIX WEEKEND Saturday, March 20 Club closed during Grand Prix event
Saturday January 30 SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP Race 1 RO Cindy Tilbrook (pbl) 0438 988 772 Crew Jack Woods (pbl) 0419 541 802 Margarete Lee 9877 7973 Max Beaton 9857 7454	ASC Start	Saturday, March 27 SUMMER HANDICAP Race 3 RO John Whelan (pbl) 0414 251 669 Crew Jim Glover (pbl) 0468 354 997 Damian Blumenkranc (pbl) 0433 804 775 Joe Chircop 0467 468 163 Lucas Wright 0437 728 669
Saturday, February 6 SUMMER HANDICAP Race 1 RO Charles Bagossy (pbl) 9555 5967 Crew Mark Snell (pbl) 0407 569 083 Paul Galea (pbl) 0419 378 146 Bruno Costa (pbl) 0424 535 855 Lindsay Berge 0412 287 333	APYC Start	EASTER SATURDAY Saturday, April 3 No Organised Sailing at ASC Those with yard entry can take the boat out for sail
Saturday, February 13 TOP OF BAY REGATTA Venue: Port Melbourne Yacht Club Event run by Williamstown Sailing Club no provision for resail on Sunday 14th If Top of Bay Regatta is cancelled Social Sailing will be available at ASC		Saturday, April 10 SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP Race 4 RO Cindy Tilbrook (pbl) 0438 988 772 Crew Jaemie Wilson (pbl) 0420 362 575 Max Commeignes (pbl) 0402 338 460 Tim Abovian 0429 691 004
Saturday February 20 SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP Race 2 RO Paul Farrell (pbl) 0419 133 641 Crew Walter Green (pbl) 0433 082 505 Michael Black 0405 794 516 Philip Gardyne 0433 672 875	ASC Start	April 17 SUMMER HANDICAP 8 Ladies Verna Templeton (am) RO Steve Dunn (pbl) 0408 594 636 Crew Ron Lackington (pbl) 0421 788 145 Jack Woods (pbl) 0419 541 802 Greg Ryan 0418 321 632 Danny Matthews 0418 961 278
Saturday February 27 SUMMER HANDICAP Race 2 RO Tim Falkiner (pbl) 0417 107 440 Crew Arthur Misson (pbl) 9877 4732 Anne Kaczorowski (pbl) 0427 877 964 Stephen Tillman 0418 536 575 Alex Carr 0424 912 426	APYC Start	Saturday, April 24 No Sailing at ASC WORKING BEE Commencing 9.30 am

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