

The Muppler

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Albert Sailing Club Regatta June 2023



Albert Sailing Club Inc.

EDITORIAL

Madeline Paul

Welcome to the Winter/Spring 2023 edition of our Mudpuddler! Thank you to all members who have contributed articles, content and images. A warm welcome to our new members and the 2023-24 committee. As we set sail into the upcoming season, I eagerly anticipate yet another wonderful year at the club.

This edition has some really great articles and content, including personal sailing stories, club news and upcoming activities and regattas. Congratulations to Graeme Blunt, Club Member of Year for 2022-23, and winners of our Perpetual Trophies and the Top of the Lake Regatta. Also a special thanks to volunteers and Cindy for their stellar coordination during the Top of the Lake Regatta.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Mudpuddler. Stay well and happy reading!

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

www.albertsc.org.au



For updates from the Club, follow us on Facebook or register on our website for our weekly Snippets e-mail.

2023-24 ASC COMMITTEE

Office	Name	Office	Name
Commodore	Greg Ryan	Committee	Don McKenzie
Vice Commodore	[Vacant]		Peter Bennell
Rear Commodore	Rod Thomas		Bettina Azzopardi
Immediate Post Commodore	Rod Thomas		Madeline Paul
Secretary	Tim Falkiner		Danny Matthews
Treasurer	Joe Chircop		
Club Captain	Paul Farrell		

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Frequently asked questions from Current and New Members are provided under the FAQ tab under the top level "The Club" tab on www.albertsc.org.au. The FAQ's cover subjects such as: club duty requirements; access to the Lake; car parking; boat racking; key to the club, car parking, bringing visitors to the club; and use of club training boats.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greg Ryan

Hi everyone, it has been a tricky winter season for weekend sailing, with either strong winds or very light winds most Saturdays. Strong wind conditions eased slightly for the Top of the Lake Regatta and good to see some strong fleets out on the water. Particularly so for some of the younger sailors in the Opti's.

I would like to acknowledge the great work that has been done over the past 9 months in training and encouraging newer members to the club. We have had over 30 new members joining since the start of the year. This has injected some new energy and has helped in reforming the social committee as we move forward. Rod Thomas as Rear Commodore is also now reforming the sailing committee – looking to strengthen our approach to on-water activities.

In order to better assist and make our new members feel welcome it has been suggested by the social committee that it would be great to see people starting to wear club sweaters, polos and caps to help identify people affiliated with the ASC. Separately, if you have a name badge, it would be good if you were able to wear it when at the club to help introductions with new members. We are looking at how we can make these available for all members.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures for our Clubrooms have recently been reviewed. A copy of the updated Fire Orders and Evacuation Procedures has been placed next to the noticeboard at the top of our main stairs. Please familiarise yourself with them when next at the club.

The club committee has recently discussed and agreed on an Inclusion statement for the club. This encapsulates the club's approach to welcoming others and has recently been placed on our club website.

Albert Sailing Club acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Country on which we live, work and play. We pay our respects to all First Nations peoples, their Elders, past and present and acknowledge their continuing relationship to the waterways on which we sail.

Our club warmly welcomes, respects and embraces all our community members and our rich diversity of beliefs, cultural backgrounds, abilities, gender identities and family structures. We value and appreciate the contributions that all people make to our community and to our club.

Kind regards, Greg Ryan

VIODA OPTIMIST CLASS WINTER COACHING PROGRAM

38 Optimist class sailors from Victorian clubs sailed the 4 week Block 1 coaching program of the Victorian junior Optimist class association (VIODA) from Albert Sailing Club on Sunday afternoons from mid May to mid June. This is the seventh consecutive year that the program has been organised as a partnership between VIODA, and Albert Sailing Club using top junior coaches from other clubs.

The participants have come from clubs on Port Phillip, Mornington and Bellarine Peninsulas, and from Albury Wodonga. And this year we had a new ASC junior member in Kengo also participate.

There are two more four week blocks on Sunday afternoons from mid July to end August. Come down and watch Victoria's Optimist sailors having fun and enjoying sailing on the Lake or view some of the action on the club's webcam via the link on our club website.

Rod Thomas - photos sourced from VIODA Facebook



UPCOMING ASC EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - SPRING

Rod Thomas

Saturday 2nd, 16th and 23rd September Three race Bill Hooper Series

Division starts from 2pm, with information session at 1.15pm. Members, winter associates and visitors welcome to sail one, two or three weeks.

On **Saturday 9th September**, ASC Working Bee and no club sailing.

Saturday 2nd September and 7th October Morning Sessions

For newer and less experienced members. Rig own or club boat from 9.30am with short informal race or sail from around 11am. Experienced club members providing on and off water support.

Saturday 7th October Spring Season commences

Club races start at 2.30pm in Spring and Summer months. Spring Season weekly until mid December.

Sunday 22nd October Discover Sailing Public Open Day

Our annual Discover Sailing Open Day for ASC families and friends and the general public. The clubhouse will be open and club Quest, Zests, Pacers and junior Ozi Optis rigged and used to take people sailing. BBQ at lunchtime.

Details on public registration for Discover Sailing day will be on www.albertsc.org.au mid September.

We will need members to assist with registration, BBQ and/or sailing activities for full day or half day within 9.15am to 4pm. Members can volunteer to assist now by contacting Rod via training@albertsc.org.au or in September when online volunteer registration is available.

Sunday 11 November Spring Learn to Sail program commences

7 session program on three consecutive Sundays (am, pm) 15th, 22nd and 29th November and Saturday 2nd December (am). For adults and youth same family.

Full Sailing Schedule is in on the Home Screen of www.albertsc.org.au.

Additional activities in weekly Thursday Snippets emails and club Facebook.

Upcoming for Juniors at ASC

Wednesday 22nd September Spring Holiday Sailing Day

A day of sailing 9.30am to 4pm with instructors for Green Fleet and Intermediate level juniors sailing own Laser or a club Laser or RS Zest. Possibility of an RS Quest sail.

Half Day session 1pm to 4pm for 8 – 11 year old ASC juniors who have completed at least a Tackers 3 or equivalent training program. Sail own Optimist or a club Ozi Opti with option to come before hand for a sail or BYO lunch supervised by parent.

Full Details and Registration on club Facebook will be available late September.

Sunday 22nd October Discover Sailing Public Open Day

Bring a friend and their family down in the morning to sail on a club boat with you or another club member.



ASC Quest at last Discover Sailing day

Other events include a **Social Sailing/Family Picnic Day** on **Sunday 1 October** and our **Christmas Party** on **Saturday 9 December**. More information will be available in the coming months via Thursday Snippets, Facebook and club website.



In addition to our upcoming sailing calendar, the ASC Social Committee would like to announce our **ASC Trivia Night** scheduled for **Saturday 16 September 2023**.

Register online via the club website or add your name to the list in the galley. Further details regarding time and dinner arrangements will be available on our club website www.albertsc.org.au, Facebook page and posters will be placed around the clubrooms.

ASC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rod Thomas

13 May 2023

Committee Report for April 2022 to March 2023 year presented by outgoing Commodore, Rod Thomas. Highlights included: new members and overall increase in membership, full sailing program with two fully subscribed Learn to Sail training programs, successful Victorian Government and Parks Victoria Grant applications.

Also submission to Parks Victoria for new clubrooms lease from July 2024. External relations discussions on Lake and Park issues with Parks Victoria, Albert Park Community Sporting Tenants association, and local Federal and State politicians.

Thanks for the major contributions made by the committee and the club members who helped support the functioning and success of the club. Involvement of new members and succession to club roles continue to be important.

Club Member of Year for 2022 – 23:

Graeme Blunt in recognition of his active involvement on the committee as an 'Ideas Person', his work coordinating the club's Discover Sailing and Picnic days, his support on maintenance items, spruiking the club to new members, selling old club sail boats, and pushing for monthly Saturday morning sailing races.



**Greg Ryan with Paul Farrell and Julian Paul
Impulse Class Perpetual Trophy**



**Greg Ryan with Philip Gardynne and Laser
Class Perpetual Trophy**

Perpetual Trophies for 2022 – 23 Club Championship and Handicap Series

Overall Club Champion – Paul Farrell

Overall Handicap Champion – Rod Thomas

Class Champions Laser – Philip Gardynne

Impulse – Paul Farrell

Sabre – Ian Coleman

Treasurer's Report tabled by Joe Chircop

The Profit and Loss statement showed a profit for 2022/2023 and the Balance sheet continuation of healthy cash reserves and assets.



**Rod Thomas with Graeme Blunt
Club Member of the Year**

Election of 2023 – 24 Club Committee

Updated Club Committee available on page 2.

GIPPSLAND LAKES SAILING AT EASTER

Helen Faulkner



The Faulker family at Jetty Road Retreat, Ungarner

Helen Faulkner reports. My husband Xavier and I and our 2 daughters (aged 11 and 14) had an enjoyable Easter at Jetty Road Retreat, Ungarner, roughly half-way between Lakes Entrance and Metung.

The Retreat is located on the shores of the Gippsland Lakes, about 3 hours East of Melbourne. It consists of several holiday cabins set into a hillside above a small foreshore with a sheltered beach and jetty.

We have gone there with our kids (now aged 11 and 14) and our Pacer each Easter for the last 3 years. The beach is safe for children to swim at, and the jetty makes it easy to leave the dinghy moored overnight and ready to sail whenever we want to. The area is not (yet) developed, so is bushy and filled with wildlife.

As long as one is aware of the wind direction and strength, the current coming in and out of Lakes Entrance and the right of way rules in the channel, it is perfectly possible to sail from Ungarner to Metung and back for a coffee, or to pick up something in the General Store. There are also several small islands with nesting birds and resident wombats to sail to across the channel. The kids have absolutely loved exploring new places - it's very "Swallows and Amazon".

NEW MEMBERS

Rod Thomas

In 2022/23 we welcomed 52 new members to Albert Sailing Club, including family members some of whom sail and some who (have to date) not sailed. Over half of the new members completed a club Learn to Sail course.

Twenty of the newer members participated in a Saturday morning sailing session in Pacers at RYCV, Williamstown with Rod (in red) and two RYCV Instructors (on the right).



VALE PAST COMMODORE ROB CLARK

Rod Thomas

Rob Clark one of our long term members until 2019, and Commodore for two years in the 1980's, passed away in late June. Rob was a very active club member. He sailed regularly in club races with his sons in the 1980's in a wooden Mirror, then an Impulse followed by a Sabre. He sailed the Sabre into his early 80's. Rob's son Jason has been a top of the fleet Sabre sailor, and we look forward to seeing him back sailing at the Lake when work and family commitments allow.



Rob Clark in our original ASC clubrooms in 1980's

ASC TOP OF THE LAKE REGATTA

Rod Thomas

The club's annual two day Top of the Lake Regatta was sailed on 24 and 25 June in moderate to strong gusty northerly winds.

There were 52 entries, with 40 boats sailing at least one of the short course races in the trying conditions. There was a real mix of entries with adult skippers in a Fireball, an RS Aero 7, several ILCA 6 (Lasers), several Impulses, a number of Sabres, a couple of Pacers, a 125, an RS Zest and a Mirror. There were two junior classes with 12 Optimists and 4 Minnows.

The Champion of the Lake for the senior classes was Johnathon Pulham in his Impulse Cool Change. The junior champion Atticus Tan who finished one point ahead of his sister Ashley.

The Race Officer Cindy Tilbrook and the 30+ duty crew on and off the water did a great job to conduct a successful regatta in the wintry conditions.



Sabre Class

1st place - Peter White (left), 2nd place - Colin White (right), 3rd place - Stephen Cui



Impulse Class

1st place - Jon Pulham



Laser Radial Class

1st place - Riley Cantwell



Minnow Class

**1st place - Theresa Morton (left)
2nd place - Oliver Halse (right)**



Optimist Class

**1st place - Atticus Tan (left)
2nd place - Ashley Tan (right)**



Optimist Class

3rd place - Maya Cantwell



Encouragement Awards presented by Mark Snell

Junior - Stirling Marshall (left)

Senior - Rob Hart (right)



ASC TOP OF THE LAKE REGATTA

Madeline Paul



2023 Regatta Champions
Junior Champion - Atticus Tan (left)
Senior Champion - Jon Pulham (right)



For anyone who sailed in the ASC Top of the Lake Regatta, if you would like to enquire about sharing of photos from the day, please reach out to Maddy at mudpuddler@albertsc.org.au.

A MIRROR SAILING HOLIDAY ON LAKE MACQUARIE

Marc Bernstein

In the May school holidays the Bernstein family including Sox, our Golden Retriever, plus a couple of friends loaded up our little Mirror for trip to Lake Macquarie, south of Newcastle for a camping and sailing holiday. Lake Macquarie is a top spot to explore. On one of the days we crossed the Lake from its North End to the South End by jib sailing only (so we had enough room for a third person and enabling a bit of a fishing). At Lake Macquarie we had great support from Bill from the Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club (SPACS), who sends his regards and invite to other members of Albert Sailing Club. I had contacted Bill beforehand, and he provided us with access to their change room and bathrooms together with camping permission on their grounds on the foreshore of the lake in return for a little fee, so that was awesome.

We ended the trip with a few days in Forster, where we stayed on Tony's Point Island (nature camp ground right on the foreshore with boat ramp) and sailed on Wallis Creek and back into Forster from there. It was mainly my son Leon and myself on the Mirror While it sometimes felt like sitting in a 'nutshell' in these environments, it was a great experience. Can highly recommend both locations

and happy to chat about that to other members if anyone's interested.

Postscript the Bernstein family joined Albert Sailing Club in April 2022. Marc and Leon completed the ASC Spring 2002 Learn to Sail course. They recently undertook a Victorian powerboat licence course and now have their pbl's (powerboat licence). Marc Snell has had them out in a club RHIB powerboat for some practical experience in driving a RHIB and Ron Lackington has had them on our Winter duty roster.



**Bernstein Mirror next to Albert Sailing Club
ready for trip to Lake Macquarie**

TWO MIRRORS FOR SALE

Rod Thomas

The club has two wooden Mirror dinghy sail boats for sale. They were last sailed in the early 1990's by Geoff and Lucy Matthews, and have since been stored undercover in our Albert Sailing Club boatyard. The boats are well equipped with spars, sails, foils and equipment for racing and/or casual social sailing. They are being offered for sale to Albert Sailing Club members till late October, and after that more widely. Contact Rod via training@albertsc.org.au for more details and to look at the boats.

Other boats for sale. See noticeboard on Boatyard wire sliding gate.

BOAT RACKING REVIEW

Jack Woods and Rod Thomas

In line with the Club's By Laws, we are currently undertaking a review of boat racking such that boats that are seldom sailed are re-allocated to middle or top racks when there is demand for bottom racks by owners of boats sailed regularly. We hope to complete this review before membership renewals, and we will let you know if there are any changes proposed that affect your current racking arrangements.

Additionally, if you have a boat in our club Boatyard please ensure that spars in particular masts have your sail number on top and/or bottom, and that mast is left in same rack as boat, on a nearby masts rack or top rack with other masts.

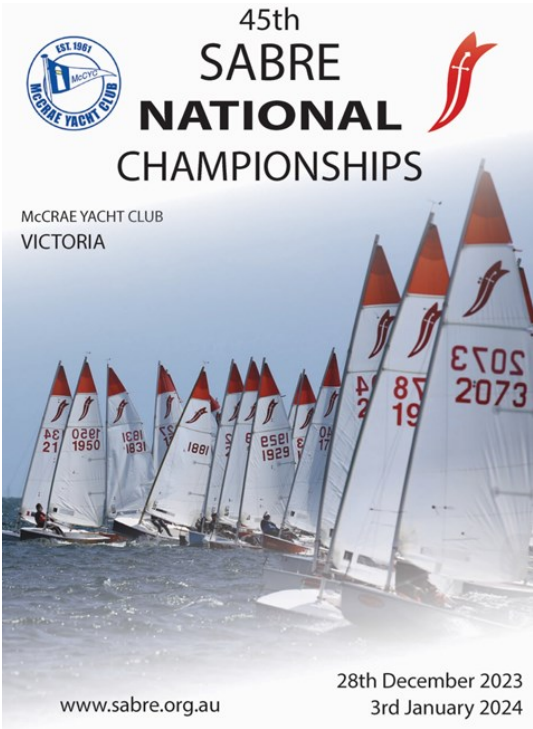
UPCOMING REGATTAS



Albert Park Yacht Club
 Women & Girls Coaching & Racing Regatta
 presents 9-10 September
 CITYSAIL citysail.com.au



Sandringham Yacht Club
 21st and 22nd October



		
1 – 8 January 2024 4.7, Radial and Standard Rigs All ages: 14 – 80 Male and Female Enter Here	24 January - 31 January 2024 Mens Olympic Qualifier	2 February - 10 February 2024 ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 Over 30 years of age
Estimated 250 boats	Estimated 160 boats	Estimated 250 - 300 boats



Spring Duty Roster 2023



RO & 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

<p>Saturday, September 16 APYC Start BILL HOOPER Series 2</p> <p>RO Don McKenzie (pbl) 0421 333 743 Crew Mark Snell (pbl) 0407 569 083 Walter Green (pbl) 0433 082 505 Shinsuke Matsubara (pbl) 0401 885 750 David Reid 0479 157 500</p>	<p>Saturday, November 4 APYC Start MELBOURNE CUP Weekend</p> <p>No organised racing at ASC If club open or those with key welcome to take boat out and sail</p> 
<p>Saturday, September 23 ASC Start BILL HOOPER Series Heat 3</p> <p>RO Paul Farrell (pbl) 0419 133 641 Crew Ron Lackington (pbl) (flgs) 0421 788 145 Richard Rawlins (pbl) 0421 472 684 Lindsay Berge 0412 287 333</p>	<p>Saturday, November 11 APYC Start SUMMER HANDICAP Heat 3</p> <p>RO Lesley Scott (pbl) 0407 335 188 Crew Steve Milton (pbl) 0425 719 124 Michael Gratton (pbl) 0414 271 876 Greg Ryan (pbl) 0418 421 632 Andrew Thompson 0473 088 410</p>
<p>Saturday, September 30</p> <p>GRAND FINAL DAY</p> <p>No organised racing at ASC Members welcome to use club key and sail</p>	<p>Saturday, November 18 ASC Start SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP Heat 3</p> <p>RO Cindy Tilbrook (pbl) 0438 988 772 Crew Ron Lackington (pbl) (flgs) 0421 788 145 Jim Glover (pbl) 0468 354 997 Lisa McRae/John Capewell 0421 634 254</p>
<p>Saturday, October 7 APYC Start SUMMER HANDICAP Heat 1</p> <p>RO Charles Bagossy (pbl) 9555 5967 Crew Crofton Dawson (pbl) 0417 571 281 Arthur Misson (pbl) 0490 183 073 Ian Coleman 0417 744 456 Mark & Leon Bernstein 0431 253 446</p>	<p>Saturday, November 25 APYC Start SUMMER HANDICAP Heat 4</p> <p>RO Rod Thomas (pbl) 0438 988 772 Crew Anthony Berger (pbl) 0413 651 345 Helen Faulkner (pbl) 0400 248 064 Margarete Lee 9877 7973 Max Beaton 9857 7454</p>
<p>Saturday, October 14 ASC Start SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP Heat 1</p> <p>RO Cindy Tilbrook (pbl) 0438 988 772 Crew Ron Lackington (pbl) (flgs) 0421 788 145 Jaemie Wilson (pbl) 0420 362 573 David Scammell (pbl) 0408 003 166</p>	<p>Saturday, December 2 ASC Start SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP Heat 4</p> <p>RO Geoff Saliba (pbl) 0407 668 418 Crew Ron Lackington (pbl) (flgs) 0421 788 145 Mark Snell (pbl) 0407 569 083 John Old 0427 287 965</p>
<p>Saturday, October 21 APYC Start SUMMER HANDICAP Heat 2</p> <p>RO Steve Dunn (pbl) 0408 579 636 Crew Philip Gardyne 0433 672 875 Chris Shields (pbl) 0411 246 353 Bettina Azzopardi (pbl) 0407 588 913 Bence Paul 0411 418 057</p>	<p>LIFE MEMBERS TROPHY Saturday, December 9 APYC Start SUMMER HANDICAP Heat 5</p> <p>RO Tony Schalken (pbl) 0417 107 440 Crew Walter Green (pbl) 0433 082 505 Adam French (pbl) 0438 599 639 Joe Chircop 0467 468 163 Ingo Mueller 0475 182 811</p>
<p>Saturday, October 28 ASC Start SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP Heat 2</p> <p>RO Ron Fergusson (pbl) 0410 492 091 Crew Ron Lackington (pbl) (flgs) 0421 788 145 Jack Woods (pbl) 0419 541 802 Stephen Tillman 0418 536 575 Diane Moloney 0458 345 974</p>	<p>HAPPY CHRISTMAS</p>  <p>GOOD SAILING 2023</p>