



# ALBERT SAILING CLUB

## INFORMATION AND FAQs

### A Message from our Commodore



A very warm welcome to the Albert Sailing Club. We pride ourselves on being a warm, friendly and welcoming club. We offer a range of sailing activities including year-round Saturday racing, sail training and development opportunities and regular social sailing (including some evenings during the warmer months).

The lake is shallow and a very safe place to learn to sail. But the lake, with its island, frequent wind shifts, and trees/buildings around the perimeter, also offers a challenge to more experienced sailors.

We have one of the most outstanding club locations in Melbourne and we offer a range of social activities and events. We hope that you will consider joining us as either a sailing or social member.

Rod Thomas  
Commodore

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How do I become a member?

Information on the process and benefits of joining Albert Sailing Club are on our club website at <http://albertsc.org.au/index.php/join/>. To **join**, click **Apply** on the above webpage and then progress through the Application screens. You will need to provide various personal details, the name of a club committee member you have spoken to who is your Membership Nominator and contact details for two Referees.



If you haven't yet visited the club or met a club committee member, please email [membership@albertsc.org.au](mailto:membership@albertsc.org.au) and we will make arrangements for you to have a chat with a committee member who can then act as your membership nominator.

When the application is completed check your details and select your payment option. Either "Pay online" for secure Paypal account or credit card payment OR "Invoice Me" with additional option for Electronic Funds Transfer. After your application is submitted and payment made you have Pending membership which awaits final ASC committee approval. As a Pending Member you can visit the club and engage in club activities. Once the committee has approved your application, you will receive advice of final approval and a welcome email.

### What types of membership are available?

The following membership categories are available;



- Senior** – aged 18 years and over as at 1 October.
- Junior** – aged under 18 years as at 1 October.
- Juniors (Two)** - 2 junior members of the same family aged under 18 years as at 1 October.
- Student** – full-time students or apprentices aged 18 years and less than 25 years as at 1 October.
- Family** – an adult member, spouse or de facto and one or more juniors and/or students of the one family.
- Pensioner** – holders of a recognised pension card.
- Social** – non-sailing, social members of the club.

Member boats may be stored at the club premises, and the relevant racking fee will be included on your membership invoice.

### Can I learn to sail through the club?

The club provides learn to sail and better sailing courses for all ages. In addition, junior and novice sailors can engage in green fleet racing to improve confidence and skills away from the main club races. Training is also provided for those assisting with club racing (eg boat drivers and race officers). Subsidised training is provided in first aid, obtaining your power boat licence, and other relevant areas required by the club.



### What if I don't have a boat?



Club 'Zest' Boats sailing on the lake

The club owns a number of boats which are available for the use of members (sometimes with a small boat hire fee involved). These boats are either single-handed boats sailed by one person, or two-handed boats which are especially suitable for an adult/child. Club members who wish to participate in regular club racing are encouraged to eventually purchase their own boat. Current club members can provide advice and assistance in sourcing, selecting and purchasing an appropriate boat.

### How Can I Find Out About What's Happening At The Club?

#### The Mudpuddler

The club newsletter, "The Mudpuddler", is published 4 times per year, usually in March, June, September and November. Copies of the 'Muddy' are provided to all club members and can be viewed in pdf format via the club website.



### Thursday Snippets

This email is sent to all members and others who have subscribed online to receive it. Through 'Snippets', we communicate current activities and information. It is always available on our website and Facebook page.

### Website

The club's website is [www.albertsc.org.au](http://www.albertsc.org.au). The website provides a good deal of information about the club, its facilities, racing and social program, training, membership fees and application, club rules, and committee contacts.

### Facebook

Make sure you "Like" our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/AlbertSailing](https://www.facebook.com/AlbertSailing). This is another source of information concerning the club and its members. Interesting reading and photos are always found.

### Email enquiries

Our website has more information concerning email addresses. General enquiries should be sent to [commodore@albertsc.org.au](mailto:commodore@albertsc.org.au)

### How is the club structured?



The club is an incorporated Association and as such is governed by and for its members.

There is a general committee which is elected annually by the members. The Club's rules (available on our website) set out the rules and regulations which govern club members. For example, the Rules set out the procedure for holding the annual general meeting and standing for a position on the committee. In addition, there is a sailing committee and other occasional committees. Members are welcome to be involved in all committees.

The senior club officers are called 'Flag Officers' and are the Commodore, who has responsibility for overall activity of the club, the Vice-Commodore, who assists the Commodore and looks after off-water and social activities, and the Rear Commodore, who has responsibility for sailing related activities and is assisted by the Club Captain. Other key roles within the committee and the club include those of Secretary, Treasurer, Training Manager, Training Instructors, Boat and Racking Manager, Duty Roster Manager etc. In short, it takes a lot of effort by many people to ensure the club runs smoothly.

### What is expected of me as a member?

As a club member, you are encouraged to participate in all club activities. These include sailing, training and social activities, and your level of participation is up to you.



All club members are expected to undertake 'duty' at least once per annum. This involves assisting with the running of the club and club racing on Saturdays, and your involvement will depend on your particular skills.

For example, members are encouraged to obtain their Power Boat Licence and will then be rostered (after training) on to a Rescue boat to provide support to club racing. Other activities may be to assist with race management, recording race results, or assisting in the galley or bar area.

### Does the Club organise Social Activities?

There are regular social activities conducted each year, including Picnic Days, the annual Trivia Competition, a Talent night, our Christmas break-up, and various Sailing/BBQ evenings during the warmer months.

Social activities are subsidized for club members, and are often associated with presentation nights, where trophies are awarded to sailors who have achieved success over the racing season. Non-members are welcome to attend our social events but are not subsidized.



Picnic Day 2019



### CONTACT US:

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