

The Muppler

Autumn 2024



Learn to Sail Summer 2024 Group



Albert Sailing Club Inc.

EDITORIAL

Madeline Paul

Welcome sailors and social members to our Autumn edition of the Mudpuddler! Thank you for your contributions and a warm welcome to our new members. As we set sail into the upcoming season, I eagerly anticipate yet another wonderful year at the club.

I want to take a moment to bid farewell and extend my best wishes to John Whelan and his wife Paula who are moving to the Sunshine Coast in May/June. John's dedication and contributions to the club, from his time as previous editor and role as Vice Commodore, to his sailing experiences and camaraderie with members, has positively impacted the club and many of its members. I wish them all the best as they embark on this next chapter in their lives.

Our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) as it is a fantastic chance for every member to shape our club's future. Your ideas and involvement are crucial for our continued success, both on and off the water. Volunteers are the heart of our club, and we need your enthusiasm to support various roles and events. Thank you to everyone actively involved in the club, your dedication creates unforgettable experiences for all.

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

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

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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
Secretary	Tim Falkiner		Madeline Paul
Treasurer	Joe Chircop		Danny Matthews
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 good start to 2024. There has since been some interesting weather for sailing with often very light winds, at times shifting through more than 180 degrees.

We have seen water levels dropping rapidly over the first few months of the year, reaching near minimum levels for sailing just around the Grand Prix time. February and March were the driest on record in Victoria. We will continue to keep an eye on trends and work with Parks Victoria to look at options to mitigate low water levels. However, the last few weeks have provided good rainfall and the lake is now almost at full capacity – setting us up nicely for being able to sail through winter and into spring.

We had a great social event to kick-off the year on Australia Day, with over 50 people attending, including many of our newer members. A big thanks to the Social Committee for organizing – in particular Gai Bourke and Lisa McRae.

The next club social event is on ANZAC Day, 25 April – as advertised on Facebook and in Thursday Snippets. A big thank you in particular for Lisa for coordinating this event, with assistance from Gai and others on the social group. The club will be open from 1pm with social sailing or a drink on the deck and afternoon tea from 2pm to 4:30pm. Club boats available for members. There will also be a buffet style BBQ dinner at 5:30pm. The day will proceed regardless of weather (if too windy then there would just be afternoon drinks and a BBQ). We are

seeking members to register at least 3 days prior to the event via details on our club website www.albertsc.org.au.

A big welcome to new members to the Albert Sailing Club. We had 8 new members join for the Spring Learn to Sail program and 11 for the Summer learn to Sail, and a number of other new members. We look forward to their involvement in club activities on Albert Park Lake and in our clubrooms.

Finally, the club's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for as a face-to-face meeting 5pm to 6pm on Saturday 11th May, with an informal meal to follow. There will be an option to join the AGM remotely with a zoom option, but physical attendance is preferred. The Notice of Meeting is elsewhere in this Mudpuddler.

Please consider how you can assist with the operation of the club in 2024/25. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers for both the general committee and also the social committee, along with people to provide general assistance for club activities. In particular, we are looking for someone to fill roles in training, vice commodore and to help with communications. Further information on club roles and tasks are included in this newsletter and on our club website. Please speak to myself, or recent past Commodores Rod or Cindy if you can become more involved, or just to find out more about what you might be able to do to assist.



UPCOMING ASC EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Rod Thomas and Cindy Tilbrook

Winter Season Sailing

On Saturdays from 4 May.
Information Session at 1:15pm.
Division starts from 2pm.

Winter Associate membership and Visitor entry available for members other clubs.

Further details on www.albertsc.org.au

Annual Virgo Ladies Skipper Race

Saturday 4 May 10:15am Information Session for 10:45am start. Female skippers all levels of experience with female or male crew. Own boat or club training boats available on the day. 1up sail possible if own boat or sufficient club boats available.

Albert Sailing Club's Top of the Lake Annual Regatta

Short course races pm on Saturday 22 June and am to mid afternoon on Sunday 23rd June.

Notice of Race and call for volunteers in late May.

VIODA Optimist Class Association Winter Coaching

Returns to Albert Sailing Club on Sunday afternoons from 19 May. This program offers a unique opportunity for young sailors with an Optimist to hone their skills, stay active, and have fun on the water during the colder months.

Again expecting 30 to 40 junior Optimist sailors and families from Victorian clubs Coaching Groups for Green fleet (Tackers 3 or similar & above), Intermediate, and Open.

Three 4 week blocks from 19 May to 1 September.

Further details on <https://www.vioda.org.au>.

ASC members queries, including boat hire speak to Rod or training@albertsc.org.au.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Albert Sailing Club

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Rules and By-Laws, of the Annual General Meeting of Albert Sailing Club Inc. The meeting will be held both in person and via Zoom at 5 p.m. on Saturday 11th May 2024:

- In-person: 1 Aquatic Drive, South Melbourne
- Zoom: see details on the club website (www.albertsc.org.au) at [The Club: AGM](#)

Meeting information, Committee Nomination forms and Proxy Forms are available on the club website at [ASC Annual General Meeting](#). The report of the Committee and Financial Statements will be available on the website by 6 May 2024.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on your behalf. See the instructions on the Proxy Form at the Meeting Information page on our website.

Although it is not a requirement, in order to assist in organizing the meeting it is requested that, if you plan to attend the meeting, please notify the Secretary via email to secretary@albertsc.org.au.

A general Question and Answer/Discussion session will follow once the AGM has concluded, followed by an informal dinner (no cost to members. \$15 for non-members). Please let admin@albertsc.org.au know if you will be attending the dinner following the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Welcome from the Commodore
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on 13 May 2023
4. Annual Report of the Committee: available on the website after 6 May 2024
5. Financial Accounts and Report of the Treasurer: available on the website after 6 May 2024
6. Club Member of the Year and Life Member nomination(s)
7. Election of members to the following positions:
 8. Commodore
 9. Vice Commodore
 10. Rear Commodore
 11. Club Captain
 12. Secretary/Public Officer
 13. Treasurer
 14. Eight Members of the General Committee

Nomination forms for Committee Positions can be found on the meeting information page on the club website.
15. Meeting Closure

Tim Falkiner, Secretary

(Email: secretary@albertsc.org.au)

Date: 12 April 2024

VOLUNTEERING AT ALBERT SAILING CLUB

Rod Thomas and Greg Ryan

As a volunteer run club we need members, both long term and newer members, to come forward and commit to undertaking tasks on a regular, semi regular or ad hoc basis.

The overall management of the club rests with the general committee which consists of 6 club officers and up to 8 committee members.

Flag and Club Officers

Commodore	Vice Commodore	Rear Commodore
Club Captain	Treasurer	Secretary

The club's general committee meet monthly, usually on the third Tuesday of the month, with a mix of face to face and online 'Zoom' meetings.

The areas of involvement of the 8 general committee positions are flexible according to club needs and individual skill sets. Important areas include: Membership management; Training; Communications; Government and non-Government grants; Building Improvements; Social Activities; Special club Events such as Discover Sailing Days.

There are other roles and tasks that are important to the functioning of the club undertaken by club members not on general committee or by committee member such as: duty roster coordinator, training instructors, website maintenance and development.

An overview of the roles of the Club Officer, and some of the other key club roles is on www.albertsc.org.au The Club/Officers and Committee tab.

REAR COMMODORE REPORT

Rod Thomas

The ASC/APYC Saturday afternoon club racing continued each Saturday in January with the 3 week Commodore's short course series and alternating Club Championship and Club Handicap series from early February.

Saturday morning Informal Races have been held monthly and been well attended with 10 to 12 of our less experienced members sailing Sabres, a couple of Pacers or club Zest boats.

There was some sailing on both days of the Formula 1 Grand Prix weekend in March with participants drawn from Albert Park Yacht Club, Albert Sailing Club, the Sea Scouts and a fleet of 20 junior Open Skiff sailors. Some of the video from helicopters during the F1 race showed the boats on the water, with the yellow sails of the ASC Zests prominent.

We look forward to the Winter Season on Saturdays from 4 May, with some visitors from other Victorian sailing clubs, including the VIODA Optimist class junior sailors.

Learn to Sail programs

Nineteen new members undertook the Spring and Summer Learn to Sail courses at Albert Sailing Club's Australian Sailing accredited Discover Sailing Centre across the mid November to early March period. The courses were essentially for adults with three teenagers where their parent was undertaking the course. Both courses consisted of three Sundays and a Sunday morning and were based on Australian Sailing's Start Sailing 1 and 2 courses.

A lunchtime club BBQ was conducted at the conclusion of both courses to better introduce them to the club and provide opportunity for them to meet other members.

We welcome these new members to our club and look forward to their participation in club events on and off the water.



Summer Learn to Sail group in the ASC lounge for debrief on 2nd March 2024

SUMMER SAILING AT ALBERT SAILING CLUB

Photos: Chris Markiewicz , March 2024



CLUB MEMBERS AT CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Rod Thomas

The club had 3 members sail at World class championships across January and February.

- Our most experienced junior **Hamish Gilsenan** graduated to the big rig ILCA7 (Laser) class in the latter half of 2023. He sailed the ILCA7 Australian and 1 of 12 Australians who sailed World ILCA7 championships in Adelaide in January. The competition was hot with big fleets of Australian and overseas Olympic sailors including Matt Wearn Australia's ILCA7 gold medallist in Tokyo 2020. The ILCA (Laser), is the world and Australia's most popular class.

- **Jaemie Wilson and David Scammell** sailed Jaemie's Fireball in the Australian and World Fireball championships at Royal Geelong Yacht club in February.

Jaemie reported that they started well with a couple of heat results in the low 30s in a strong fleet of 57 boats. After that they had a few breakages a capsized before a start, and a major collision in the second last race where a port tacker failed to give way and another port tacker holed them. Jaemie reported that overall the standard was very high and it was a great experience and opportunity. "The reaches were a highlight getting to 15 knots boat speed regularly with spinnaker up and David extended on trapeze in 25 knots winds and flat water.

- **Michael Horvath** who mainly sails from Indented Head and Black Rock Yacht Clubs, but is a longer term ASC member, finished 67th in a strong fleet of 110 boats in the World OK dinghy championships at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron in late February/early March.

There were other ASC members who sailed Australian and State class championships:

- **Paul Farrell** finished 10th in the Australian Impulse class championships at Meningie, SA and sailed in Hartley TS16, Pacer Pursuit and Impulse State championships.
- **Ron Fergusson** finished 10th of 24 in the Aero 7 Nationals and 2nd of 3 in the Vics.
- **Kengo Matsubara** sailed his first Victorian Optimist champs at Sandringham in March.
- **Nigel Leishman** sailed his ILCA4 Laser in the Victorian Youth Champs at SSCBC in April.
- **The Cantwell family** who sail with us in Winter had two sailing the Optimist Nationals and one in the ILCA4(Laser) nationals in Adelaide.

Class championship events are organised by Class Associations and are recommended for improving your sailing, sailing at different locations and enjoying time with others.



Hamish at ILCA Youth Worlds, 2023



Jaemie and David at Fireball Worlds, March 2024

KENGO MATSUBARA - ALBERT SAILING CLUB

[Post from Victorian Optimist Dinghy Association Facebook, 25 March]

I am Kengo Matsubara and the thing I like about Albert Sailing Club (ASC) is I can sail my Optimist boat in the strong winds safely. I sailed in over 15 knots. I learned hiking and sitting aft of the gunnel. I love planing very fast in downwind. I like spring wind because it has a stronger and steadier wind.

Other thing about Albert Park is the birds because I like to see them on the water. The most common birds are black swans, Eurasian coots and all 4 species of cormorants which are little pied cormorant, Australian darter, black faced cormorant, and great cormorant. I saw a big pelican on the water then flying over the lake. There were Spoonbills during the summer when no boats except me and Dad were there.

I love science, especially biology, and some of the club members are scientists and teach me lake ecosystems and microbiology.

The club people are friendly and supportive. Some of them came to the States Opti championships all the

way to SYC to cheer me up while I was sailing. Last but not least, I like a lunch time BBQ on the deck! I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the lake in our winter sailing season and VIODA winter training!



KENGO'S FIRST OPTIMIST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mai and Shinsuke Matsubara

The 2024 International Optimist Victorian Championship was held at Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) over the Labour Day long weekend (9-11 March). About 70 Optimist sailors participated, and 15 sailors came all the way from Sydney and Adelaide. Kengo competed in the Green Fleet, representing Albert Sailing Club. He practised very hard over the summer, and the State Championship was his second regatta to participate following the Buxton Cup at Sorrento in January.

It was an extremely hot and dry weekend, about 35-37 degrees. The winds were over 20 knots on the first day, and all Green Fleet races were cancelled. On the second day, we had 3 races with a moderate and fresh breeze. On the third day, they had 6 races in a lower end of moderate breeze. Kengo came in the 12th position out of 14 boats after the 9 races in total.

The regatta was an excellent opportunity for Kengo to discover what worked well from the hard yards on the lake and what he needs to work on for the next. Kengo demonstrated his skill in beating very well in the first race and went around the top mark in third place. Kengo tasted the first capsized in the sea just before the first race of 3rd day. He managed to get his boat

upright all by himself and bailed water hard to hit the start line. At the end of the regatta, a coach gave Kengo great advice on how to improve his sailing. He needs to master easing out the mainsail and bearing the boat to keep it flat, especially in a gust, so he doesn't have to lose speed.

After the race, Kengo enjoyed ice poles and BBQ. It was great to see him catch up with friends from other clubs who trained together at the lake last winter.

We would like to thank Cindy for being the racing officer for the Green Fleet. And we really appreciate Tony, Gai, Rowley, Rita and Charles for coming to the SYC to cheer Kengo up. Kengo would not have been able to sail in such a strong wind without the support of the Albert Sailing Club. Thank you, Rod, for advising us and running junior training for Kengo during the school holidays.

He took his first Tackers course for a week at Albert Park Lake in 2021 but didn't sail for two years due to the lockdowns. He took Tackers 1 again in early 2023. The last day of the championship in March was his 114th sailing day. Mai and I are very proud of him as Kengo was brave enough to take on strong winds and waves. And he truly loves sailing.

KENGO AND ASC CREW COLLAGE



BOATS FOR SAIL

Albert Sailing Club

There are older wooden Sabres in Boatyard currently available for Sale - 2 x ASC training boats and 2 x club member boats. All ready to go sailing. Also a member's wooden Mirror for sale.

If interested contact Rod or Don via training@albertsc.org.au.

Other Boats and gear for Sale displayed on noticeboard on Boatyard sliding gate.

REFLECTIONS ON MY 20 YEARS AT ASC

John Whelan

[John Whelan and his wife Paula are moving to Pelican Waters on the Sunshine Coast in May/June. We wish them well in their next stage of life.]

Sometimes you just don't know what you are letting yourself in for. I just wanted a place where I could sail a Sabre, having done a learn to sail course in Mooloolaba a month earlier. After visiting Elwood and Port Melbourne I came to visit ASC. Terry O'Donnell Vice Commodore at ASC, made sure that anyone half interested in membership didn't leave and I was signed up for membership on the spot and approved in January 2004.

There was a much larger fleet of boats, and Impulses were the largest class. It was the Impulse members who convinced me to sail one and lo and behold: we have one for sale! But gee I was a terrible sailor, barely knowing where to sit on the boat. But all at the club supported, taught and encouraged me to persevere. From receiving the benefit of mercy finishes, when I was a lap behind the second last boat, to gradually improving, the sailing cohort were fantastic. Don McKenzie, Rob Clark, Gary Todd, Steve Dunn, Steve Lincoln, John Smith, Ralph Schoene, Rob Caulfield, Paul Farrell, Ron Lackington, Glenn Read, Arthur Misson and Julian Paul were the Impulse sailors who taught me so much. As well, Luke Tupper, Rod Thomas, Steve Haintz, Gary Craig and Geoff Saliba also were generous with their time. Of course there are many others who may feel annoyed that I didn't mention them, but it is not for lack of gratitude. Many of these people have stopped sailing and moved into other roles in the club. To me this highlights the fantastic camaraderie that they and their predecessors built.

But it couldn't all be fun. Bill Avallone, then secretary, approached me to join the committee in 2009. I then found out just how much work fell upon committee members and others who volunteered their time for the benefit of everyone. In particular, Cindy Tilbrook, Don McKenzie and Rod Thomas worked huge hours for the club. It was seeing the work they did that made me decide in 2011 to accept nomination, and election, as vice commodore. I tried to carve out a role for the position and took on social duties, policies, forms and rules reviews, insurance and legal matters. I was also editor of the Mudpuddler for a few years. The strategic review of the club and merger discussions with APYC emerged as huge undertakings involving considerable time and effort,

particularly from Rod, Cindy and Don.

We had some great social nights over the years. I started the trivia night, organised the mid year function and Christmas function including presents for the juniors. The night that stands out the most was when we engaged a belly dancer. That function remains the best attended that I went to, other than the 70th year anniversary in our clubrooms in 2018.

When no-one would take on the role as commodore in 2016, I decided to have a go, again inspired by the work of all the others around the club. Boy, did I get lucky because Jack Woods took on the position of secretary and set about re-organising administration. We are still seeing the benefits of that work. But luck didn't end there as Cindy Tilbrook had been working on a new membership and events database for the club, which we still use and which is superior to other databases widely used. It was a rewarding time and I am very grateful to all the members of the committees as well as all the volunteers who put in so much during those three years.

What makes the club is the relationships with fellow members. This is a warm and welcoming club. From the galley staff lead by Sue Schoene, the tower crew, the skilled sailing trainers, boatyard repairers and maintainers, the non-sailing members who help out, as well as the sailing cohort, all blend seamlessly to provide a sailing experience and club of which I have been proud to be a member. I look forward to hearing about the continued growth of the club and the exciting times ahead.



John Whelan sailing his Impulse in 2012

AROUND FRENCH ISLAND - TRACKING THE FAST CATS

Cindy Tilbrook

The Around French Island (AFI) race is a National sailing event run each year by the Cowes Yacht Club on Phillip Island. It consists of a “simple navigation around French Island in Westernport” (quote: Cowes Yacht Club. See further comments below) and is unique in that it has over \$11,000 in overall prize money. This year’s race was conducted on 23rd March and I was invited to be the Race Official.

The race is restricted to ‘fast catamarans’ i.e. those with a handicap <83. The fleet is split into 3 divisions, with Division 3 (Hobie 16, Mosquitos etc) starting first, following by Division 2, 5 minutes later (Taipans and Mosquitos with spinnakers), then by the Division 1 boats a further 5 minutes later (F18s, sloop rigged F16, Tornados etc). Whilst the most direct route is 70 km, most competitors travel closer to 100 km whilst navigating around the island. The record for the quickest time is 2 hours 45 minutes with the overall race time limit being 7 hours.

Whilst the race is regarded as a ‘simple navigation’, Western Port is very tidal and the north-eastern corner of French Island has very restricted navigable waters at low tide. There are also multiple ‘exclusion zones’ around French Island (pink areas on the attached diagrams), making it tricky for boats, especially those travelling at speed and with sailors hanging out on a trapeze, to successfully avoid those zones. The fleet is therefore led by a lead power boat, but once the fleet has spread out, sailors need to rely on their own knowledge, watch carefully for navigation marks, or hope that the boat in front of them is going the correct way.

To assist in race management, all boats carry a tracker, and all marks of the course and support boats also carry trackers. Once the race is underway, the race management therefore consists primarily of monitoring the electronic tracker system to ensure that:

- Boats will get to the half-way mark on time (3.5 hours), otherwise the race is shortened.
- All boats complete the course correctly.
- No boats are lagging so far behind the fleet that they are unlikely to finish. If this is the case, the race officer can mandate that those boats turn back.

This is an interesting way to monitor a race and, whilst it was highly successful in some aspects, the tracking system presented its own challenges and we needed to make allowance for minor discrepancies between where the tracking system said marks were and where they actually were. On the plus side, the tracker can be filtered to show either individual sailors, a selection of sailors, or the entire fleet.

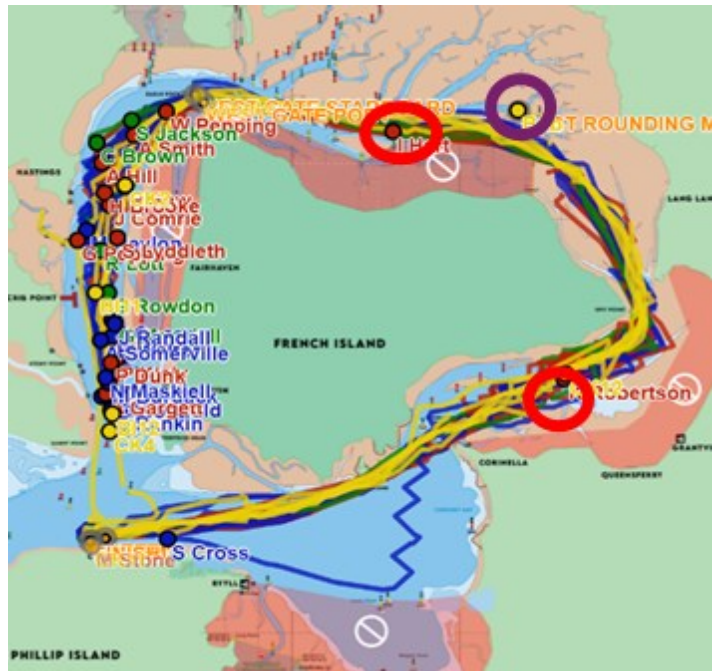


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows the whole fleet as it sailed around the island.

In this diagram, you can see that the majority of the fleet is on the final leg of the course, coming down the western side of the island. However, there are a number of boats well behind the rest of the fleet (circled in red), and the last of these boats had been turned back prior to reaching the half-way point (circled in purple).

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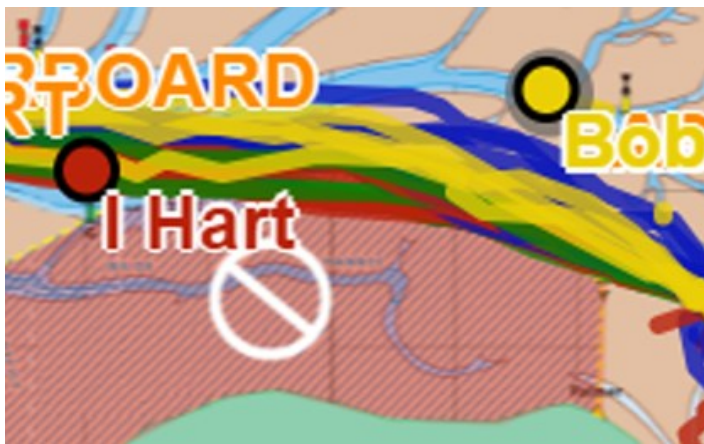


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a close up of one of the exclusion zones (pink area) near the north-eastern turning mark, and it was apparent that a number of boats had entered the exclusion zone. Closer inspection revealed that there was approximately a 50-100 metre discrepancy between the shown position of the mark and the trails left by the boats, although the boats had clearly rounded the mark correctly. Unfortunately, even taking this into account, we disqualified approximately 20% of the fleet for entering an exclusion zone.

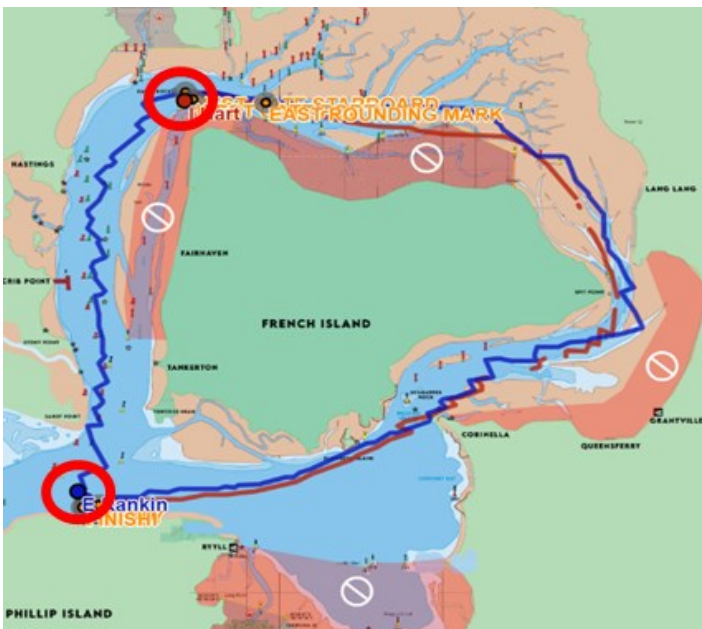


Figure 3

Figure 3 shows the first and last finishers in the race (circled in red). The first finisher across the line completed the race in just over 4 ½ hours. Unfortunately, this boat failed to go around the turning mark close to the finish line (which was clearly stated in the sailing instructions), and needed to back-track, round the mark and cross the line again (see more below).

The last finisher completed the course in around 6 ¾ hours but was one of those disqualified for entering the exclusion zone.

Whilst I had no hesitation in making the required disqualifications, my heart went out to those sailors who had spent the better part of the day out racing only to find out after many hours on the water that they hadn't achieved a valid result.

The failure to read the sailing instructions also had very costly consequences for the first finisher, who had travelled from NSW for the event. The boat went from receiving the overall Line Honours Prize and First Prize in Division 1, which would have netted \$3000 in prize money, to being 3rd in Line Honours and 3rd in Division 1, netting \$1050 in prize money. The skipper admitted that she had neither read the sailing instructions nor attended the briefing and had consequently learnt a valuable lesson in the importance of both of those activities.

More information and photos of the event can be found on the Cowes Yacht Club website: <https://www.cowesyachtclub.com/afi>

And for me? Another interesting day of race management and a new learning experience!

Cindy Tilbrook

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

Albert Sailing Club

Boat Licence Reimbursements

Due to a change in policy, the club will now reimburse the full cost you incur in obtaining or renewing your boat licence, including:

- Costs of doing the course
- Cost of your licence or licence renewal, including full reimbursement for a 5 year licence.

If you are one of the club members who has only had the first 2 years of your 5 year licence reimbursed, please submit a copy of your original licence payment and a copy of your licence to the ASC Treasurer (treasurer@albertsc.org.au) and we will now reimburse the remaining 3 years of your licence payment.

WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR US

Albert Sailing Club

The Club has registered to receive donations via the **Container Deposit Scheme**. Club members can either bring their containers to the club, or deposit them locally and request that the proceeds be directed to the ASC account.

Bring Your Containers to the Club

Collection containers are located downstairs near the sign-in area or upstairs near the deck doors (white plastic tub). Simply tip your containers into either of the tubs. Containers must bear the scheme logo (10c) and cans must not be crushed.



CHECK FOR THE **10c** MARK

Take your containers to a local collection point and donate the proceeds to ASC

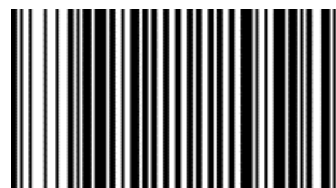
The State has been divided into three zones and the club is registered within each zone. So any collection point can be used. You can find your local collection point and type at <https://cdsvic.org.au/locations>.

Collection points differ in type, but whatever the type, you will need to direct the proceeds to go to ASC using the following:

Registered name: **Albert Sailing Club Inc.**

Registered Number and Bar-Code: for scanning machines at collection points.

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You can collect a laminated card containing this ID number and bar-code at the club to retain in your wallet. By using this information, the funds should automatically be directed into our bank account.

Any queries, see Cindy or email admin@albertsc.org.au

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
HELP IN THIS WAY.**

REMINDERS

SPORTS CLUB PARKING PERMITS

Albert Sailing Club

Do you have a Parks Victoria Parking Permit that needs renewing or do you visit the club 15 times per year or more and don't have one of the Parking Permits?

Yearly and half yearly Sports Club parking permits are available for parking in the Albert Park Reserve from Parks Victoria for all categories of ASC club membership. The current annual fee is \$73.70 with half rate for half year or concession permit.

Details and forms which include details on how to lodge are available on <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/albert-park/things-to-do/car-parking-in-albert-park>.

The application requires either a Form stamped with 'Albert Sailing Club', available upstairs at ASC on a club sailing Saturday or the non stamped form with a copy of receipt for current ASC membership. An acceptable receipt can be obtained by logging in with your email address and a password on <https://albertsailingclub.wildapricot.org/> and selecting and printing My Profile. The My Profile should show Active member with Renewal due on 01 Oct 2024. Sports Club Parking Permit Conditions on the reverse side of the application form should be read and followed. A permit is for a specific car and must be displayed on the left side of the car windscreen. Weekday use with a permit is for parking when involved in Albert Sailing Club activities, and hourly parking restrictions do not apply.

HIRING THE ASC CLUBROOMS

Cindy Tilbrook

Looking for a great venue for a function for yourself or your organisation?

The ASC committee has just approved new terms and conditions for the hiring of the ASC clubrooms.

Adult members of >12 months standing can obtain non-exclusive use of the hall at no charge for up to 20 people (excluding periods when the hall is in use by others). Members then receive special discounted rates for hiring the hall for more than 20 people.

The hall is also available for hire by non-members, community groups and external organisations, with Community groups and not-for-profit organisations obtaining discounted rates.

Please contact Cindy on admin@albertsc.org.au if you are interested or know any groups or organisations that require a venue or may be interested.



BOATS AND EQUIPMENT IN CLUB

Rod Thomas

It is important that your boat, trolley, masts and other equipment be labelled with identifying information, at the very least class of boat and sail number using a permanent marker. Sometimes items are moved (for example at a working bee or to move a boat into a nearby rack) and it can create a problem with locating your gear when you come down for a sail.

Keep your boat in its allocated rack. Preferably trolley and spars in same rack, otherwise spars on spar racks. Last least preferred option is spars on top rack above boat. Boat rack enquiries can be directed to admin@albertsc.org.au.

Duty Roster 2024

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



**DETAILS OF WINTER ROSTER
(DATES, NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS)
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