

The Muppler

Autumn 2021



EDITORIAL

Madeline Paul

Thank you to the many members who have contributed articles, content and images for this edition. I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to support the club, both at the events held in recent months and behind the scenes - it truly is a team effort.

This edition has some great content! Cindy Tilbrook has provided her Commodore's report, a notice of the upcoming Annual General Meeting, and an article about her experience being Race officer for the Taipan State titles. Rod Thomas has contributed articles about the recent Twilight Sailing and New Members Dinner, the new ASC club boats, the achievements of some of ASC's junior sailors and a summary of upcoming events. We also have an update from Steve Dunn, which includes the award winners, an article prepared by Tony Schalken regarding the Social Sailing and Picnic day and the roster prepared by Ron Lackington.

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

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2020-2021 ASC COMMITTEE

Office	Name	Portfolio
Commodore	Cindy Tilbrook	Club databases, social, strategy & representation
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

Welcome to another edition of our Mudpuddler magazine, with lots of articles of interest around all-things-Albert-Sailing-Club. This edition features key achievements of some of our sailors over recent months, various updates on club matters, details of our forthcoming Annual General Meeting, and an overview of recent club social activities.

Since the club re-opened following the COVID-19 extensive closure in 2020, we have seen good numbers of sailors on Saturdays for club racing, who have encountered the usual variety of sailing conditions that we are all familiar with. Our mid-week sailors have also been making an appearance and social sailing appears to be on the increase. Whilst the lake water level has dropped slightly, the water level is higher than it generally would be at this time of the year and the forthcoming weed cut by Parks Victoria will hopefully see sailing conditions improve even more. So if you haven't yet ventured back onto the water, now is a great time to dust off the boat, freshen up your sailing skills and come and enjoy the companionship of your fellow sailors.

I have been delighted with the overall number of new members joining the club over recent months and also delighted that the vast majority of our existing club members chose to renew their membership when subscription notices were sent out in December. As a result, our membership numbers have increased slightly since the COVID-19 lockdown and our financial position remains strong.

Congratulations to all of our sailors who represented the club at State Titles since our last edition, and equal congratulations to all of the new sailors who recently completed the 'Learn to Sail' course. These new club members were welcomed to the club at our New Member Dinner held in March. It was an enjoyable night with an excellent catered spit roast dinner, and those present found out some interesting facts about some of our newer and some of our existing club members. Let's hope the enthusiasm of these new members continues and we see them out on the water frequently over the coming months.

We've also had a number of junior sailing and development programs since our last Muddy, and big thanks to Rod and Don for their ongoing efforts to develop and conduct these training programs.

Another enjoyable Social Sailing and Picnic day was held on March 28th and you'll find an overview of this day in this edition. Big thanks to Tony Schalken and his team of helpers for their work in making this day a success.

Unification and the future

Club members were advised recently via email of the further deferral of the unification vote until 2022 following a request to defer from APYC. As advised in that email, this was a great disappointment to the team of ASC members who have worked tirelessly over a number of years to bring the proposed | unification model to the point where we were ready to take it to a vote of the members.

The deferral provides our club, however, with an excellent opportunity to revisit some earlier strategic plans, update those plans, and develop and consolidate ideas for taking the club into the future: both for the next 12 months and for the longer term. We have many excellent ideas coming forward for developing the club and increasing the membership and will be seeking further ideas in the near future. However, they all take considerable work, and the committee will be looking for assistance from club members in a variety of ways to ensure that our club maintains its strong position going forward.

Annual General Meeting / Call for Committee members

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on May 8th and full details can be found in this Muddy and on our website. As usual, the AGM will see the election of the flag officers and committee members for the coming year. All club members are invited to consider putting their name forward for a committee position, particularly if you have skills that can assist the club at this time. If you don't want to be part of the formal committee but simply have the time and enthusiasm to contribute to the successful running of the club, please make your availability known to the Commodore or a flag officer and we will match you up with an appropriate task that you can call your own.

Cindy Tilbrook

REAR COMMODORE'S RAMBLINGS

Steve Dunn

New Rescue Duck launched

Following the receipt of a grant and almost two years in the making, our new Aurora Adventure RHIB from RibForce Marine in Brisbane is now operational. A quality rescue craft and a major step up in performance and handling. A huge thanks to Stephen Lincoln for building the trolley and with assistance from Paul Farrell for making it all happen.

Refer to 'New ASC Club Boats' for more information.

Sailing Program

As we slowly emerge from COVID-19 lockdown the assembling of a Race Program has not been an easy one with the Grand Prix on again/off again status, and lockdown at short notice. Fleet numbers are slowly getting back to normal levels and with the lake at full capacity and the weed almost negligible it was disappointing that we were unable to sail for much of this period. But true to form now we are back sailing again the water level has dropped and the weed risen, so indeed everything is going back to normal!

Duty Roster

Please try and remember to check the Sailing Program roster on the ASC website and note your roster day on your calendar. It's advisable to check it on a regular basis and keep an eye on Thursday Snippets for any possible change to our program that can happen at any time due to COVID-19. If unable to perform duty on your rostered day, please try and arrange a swap early on. It is extremely difficult to source a duty crew at short notice in the current COVID-19 normal world we all now live in.

Whilst on the topic of duty please give consideration to assisting at our annual regatta coming up on June weekend 26th & 27th. At this stage it's still on pending enough members are available to assist (and we're not thrown once again into lockdown).

To all members who regularly do their duty please know that in no uncertain terms your efforts and good work does not go unnoticed by the ASC Committee and is highly valued and appreciated.

Results

Results processing has been a little slow and not always initially error free due to some newer members who assist down at APYC still learning the ropes. Apologies to those who may have noticed. Thanks to the fine efforts of Leslie, Sue, Brenda and Stephen Lincoln in the ASC Tower we have always got it

covered, just occasionally the wheels get a little wobbly as APYC's new race committee come up to speed while at the same time still slowly emerging from COVID-19.

Awards

Congratulations to all recipients at recent presentation events held prior to racing in March and April as we gradually get back to 'normal' after months of COVID-19 lockdown and disruption.

Refer to following page for full list of results.

Bathtub Boat Series (held during the COVID-19 lockdown)

ASC Family Category Winner

Jamie Wilson Team - Mirror 'No Chance' Dinghy

ASC Individual Member Winner

Steve Dunn - Plywood Stitch & Glue Dinghy

ASC Individual Member Honourable Mention

Graeme Blunt - Soft drink bottle based 'Ronstan'

ASC Past Member Category Winner

Team Wright - "Memories Trimaran"

Non-Sailing Corona Series (7 races)

Corona Series Winner

Noah Bajavo

Perpetuals

Most Improved Junior 2019-2020

Zachery Kolobius

Junior Club Champion 2019-2020

Hamish Gilsenan

Sabre Champion 2019-2020

Ian Coleman

Impulse Champion Julian Paul Memorial

Paul Farrell

Bernie Paul Over 45 Champion 2019-2020

Rod Thomas

Overall Champion 2019-2020

Paul Farrell

AWARD WINNERS

Steve Dunn

Place	Sail no.	Boat	Class	Skipper
Commodore's Series 2020				
1	597	Cool Change	Impulse	Jonathon Pulham
2	1189	Kelpie	Aero7	Ron Ferguson
3	1333	Haywire	Sabre	Geoff Saliba
Commodore's Series 2021				
1	2083	Black Heat	Sabre	David Emery
2	1575	Whistler	Sabre	Stephen Magner
3	1393	Still Special	Sabre	Ian Coleman
Summer Handicap 2019-2020				
1	686	Grumpy Boy	Impulse	Steve Dunn
2	621	En Bateau		Peter Whitaker
3	545	On A Whim		Jack Woods
1	2083	Black Heart	Sabre	David Emery
2	1393	Still Special		Ian Coleman
3	1341	Cee-Bee		Charles Bagossy
1	1279	Mauruder	Solo	Ian Kirkhan
2	2678	Solstice		Ray Wines
1	APYC6	APYC6	Pacer	Hendric Hanalainen
2	2847A	Good Pace		Emma Taig
1	3396	Misty	Moth	Jonathon Pulham
2	8942	Street Fighter		David Weston
Summer Championship 2019-2020				
1	650	Hot Mocha	Impulse	Ross Mulcahy
2	502	Poly Dog		Paul Farrell
3	597	Cool Change		Jonathan Pulham
1	934	Coaster	Optimist	Riley Chienig
2	1349	No Name		Zachary Kolobius
1	2847A	Good Place	Pacer	Emma Taig
2	APYC5A	APYC5		Stephen Magner
1	1333	Haywire	Sabre	Geoff Saliba
2	1393	Still Special		Ian Coleman
3	2083	Black Heart		David Emery
1	2672	Han	Solo	Brian Jones
2	2678	Solstice		Ray Wines
Bill Hooper Series 2020				
1	597	Cool Change	Impulse	Jonathon Pulham
2	1189	Kelpie	Aero7	Ron Ferguson
3	1333	Haywire	Sabre	Geoff Saliba

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cindy Tilbrook

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 in person at 1 Aquatic Drive and online via Zoom or telephone at 5 pm on **Saturday 8th May 2021**.

All papers and meeting Information can be found on the club website at: <https://albertsc.org.au/index.php/about-1/annual-general-meeting>

Zoom Meeting details can be found below.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, online or via phone, 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.

Agenda

1. Welcome from the Commodore
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2020 (see Note 1)
4. Annual Report of the Committee (see Note 2)
5. Financial Accounts and Report of the Treasurer (see Note 2)
6. Election of members to the following positions: (see Note 3)
 - i. Commodore
 - ii. Vice Commodore
 - iii. Rear Commodore
 - iv. Club Captain
 - v. Secretary/Public Office
 - vi. Treasurer
 - vii. Eight Members of the General Committee
7. Meeting close

A general Question and Answer/Discussion session will follow once the AGM has concluded.

An informal dinner will be provided once the meeting and Q&A sessions have concluded. Please let the Secretary know if you will be attending the dinner following the meeting.

Tim Falkiner, Secretary

Email: secretary@albertsc.org.au

Date of notice: 16 April 2021

Note 1: The minutes of the last AGM are available on the meeting information page on the club website (or enclosed if this notice has been sent to you via mail)

Note 2: The Annual Report of the Committee and the Financial Accounts will be available on the meeting information page on the club website no later than 1 May 2021.

Note 3: Nomination forms for Committee Positions can be found on the meeting information page on the club website. The list of nominations for Committee will be available on the same page no later than Friday 30 April 2021 at 6 pm once all nominations have been received.

Zoom Meeting Details

To join the Zoom Meeting, log in to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82213459628>

Instructions on how to use Zoom to attend this meeting can be found on the Meeting Information page.

To join via phone: Dial +61 3 7018 2005

When prompted, enter the Meeting ID:

When asked for your participant ID, press #.
You should then be joined to the meeting.

Further Information

Committee Nominations

Nominations of Officers and General Committee members shall be made in writing. Given the current COVID-19 restrictions, options for the completion and lodgement of nominations are included on the Nomination form itself, which can be found on the club website or enclosed if this notice has been sent to you via mail.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rod Thomas

On **Friday 19th March** we had our first (and sadly last) Friday night Twilight Sailing for the 2020/21 season followed by a New Members Dinner and Welcome.

The Twilight sailing saw 5 club Zests out with new members in a nice 10 - 15 knots South Easterly breeze. The Zests sailed single-handedly had a mainsail furl around the mast which reduced the effect of gusts but still made them lively to sail. The Goodman family, Andrew and his 2 sons, had their Mirror out and showed that they could handle the conditions well.

The New Members Night was attended by new members, some longer term members and partners - around 30 people all up. Our Club Commodore organised and hosted the evening. Cindy kicked it off with a welcome to the new members with an update on the club and how it operates. We then had dinner with a selection of meats and salads and desserts provided by an external caterer and served by Liz, Maddy and Tony who followed appropriate protective protocols. Everyone who attended agreed that it was a good evening which provided an opportunity for new members to meet and chat with each other and some longer term members.

From December to March ASC has had 4 new family memberships, 8 new Seniors memberships and 2 Social Associates from SEDA group. A big welcome to them all.

New Members

George Hall	Senior, Laser
Juergen Heiser	Family (4)
Michael Gratton	Senior, Sabre
Faye McKenzie	Senior, Sabre
Binh Ta	Family (3), Mirror

Summer Learn to Sail Program

Matthew Anastasi	Family (4)
Simon MacDonald	Senior
Chi Zhang	Family (2)
Diane Moloney	Senior
Bettina Azzopardi	Senior
Rebecca Pearson	Senior
Courtney Tiller	Senior

Social Associates from SEDA Group

Ashlea Cefai	Social (SEDA)
Greg Schneider	Social (SEDA)



ASC SOCIAL SAILING AND PICNIC DAY

Tony Schalken

After 18 months of what was a hard time for most of us, the Club hosted a social picnic and sailing day on **Sunday the 28th of March.**



After a week of indifferent weather, Sunday put on a splendid show of what Melbourne can be like in Autumn, gentle winds, mild sun in a blue sky scattered with spectacular clouds. Perfect setting for the day. Tables and chairs were set outside, which gave a festive feel to the event. We also opened up the deck and club room for socialising and eating though most chose to sit on the foreshore. Amongst the approximately 50 people who turned up, could be seen the usual and familiar faces of Don*, Rod*, Cindy*, Jack*, Max* (minus his Mirror), Geoff* (minus his Sabre), Graeme* and Joe*. Many families turned up; Bennell*, Blumenkranc*, Blunt, Goodman, Heiser and McKenzie. Completing the roll-call, Maddy* and her sister Erin, Noelle, Helen and Samuel, Steve and Karen, Di, Byron, Simon, Sean, Michael and Thea, Bettina and daughter and, not forgetting, young William, a prospective new member.

The team of 13 volunteers who helped with the running of the day were great; setting up, launching and retrieving boats, assisting with sailing and in marketing the event. Their willingness to assist augurs well for future events of this nature.

There was a comprehensive fleet of club boats on the water including kayaks (both junior and adult), Zests (with their vivid sails), the RS Quest and the two RIBs. All were in use and many of those present availed themselves of them to go sailing or to tour the lake.

The RS Quest was in constant use, which was particularly pleasing.



Damian and family
Photo courtesy of Graeme Blunt



Cindy in action

All this movement and colour presented a great sight. It was pleasing to see that some non-volunteer members lent a hand with the sailing.

Coincidentally there were other events occurring on that day; display of model boats, sailing at the Boatshed and the Sea Scouts were active on the lake. All of which enhanced the appeal of the lake as a sporting and leisure venue.

As a social event and as a show the day was visibly successful. People enjoyed themselves both on and off the water. I certainly did.

Tony Schalken

*[*Denotes volunteers]*

ASC SOCIAL SAILING AND PICNIC DAY

SUNDAY 28TH MARCH 2021



Photo courtesy of Byron Ko



Photo courtesy of Joe Chicop



Photo courtesy of Joe Chicop



Photo courtesy of Graeme Blunt



Photo courtesy of Graeme Blunt



Photo courtesy of Graeme Blunt



Photo courtesy of Joe Chicop

NEW ASC CLUB BOATS

Rod Thomas

In the last two years Albert Sailing Club has done very well with two significant grants for purchase of boats from the Parks Victoria annual grants scheme for sporting clubs in the Albert Park Reserve.

ASC was successful with a grant application for a new Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) plus motor in late 2019. The order and delivery of the boat was delayed with the year that was 2020. The red RIB is now fully operational and is being used on club race, training and social sailing days. A long term club member Steve Lincoln took on responsibility for purchase, and delivery of the RIB and construction of a fit for purchase trolley for the RIB. Thanks Steve for your efforts on this.



Steve Lincoln with RIB ready for launching

An application for a grant for the purchase of 4 new RS Zest training sailboats was successful in late 2020. The order, delivery and final assembly of these boats was undertaken by Don McKenzie in January - thanks Don. Steve Dunn is constructing shorter hardwood rudder blades which will be more suitable for the variable water levels in the lake - thanks Steve. The club now has a fleet of 8 RS Zests, with 4 purchased in 2018. These have already had good use in the club's Summer Learn to Sail program, the recent Picnic and Social Day and for casual sailing or club races on Saturdays. They have proved to be ideal for use at many levels. The Zests are being sailed 2up with main and jib or 1up with main only, and can be sailed 3up for an introduction to sailing. They have distinctive bright yellow sails and are easy to rig taking up to ten minutes from removal of boatyard to fully rigged. There is more clearance under the boom than other dinghy class sail boats, and sail controls are basic and uncomplicated. Enquiries about use of the Zests by members on a club sailing day can be directed to Don or Rod via training@albertsc.org.au



Zests on jetty on ASC Learn to Sail Program Day

CRIPSEY

Rod Thomas

Anna Cripsey is an ASC junior who has progressed to being one of the top female sailors in Victoria. She learnt to sail at Albert Sailing Club and had many good results in the International Optimist class from 2012-2018 in ASC club races, State and National level Regattas, and in a couple of overseas Optimist Regattas in the Asia Pacific Region. Around 3 years ago Anna moved to sailing two handed 420 class at Royal Brighton Yacht Club where she has sailed both as crew and skipper with a number of other Victorian sailors. In 20/21 she has entered the Victorian Institute of Sport athlete program for sailing and has sailed in club, State and national 420 regattas. We are pleased to have had a significant involvement in Anna's and her brother Philip's early development and will follow their future progress in the sport.



VIS Website Personal Details for Anna Cripsey

Age: 16

Hobbies: Sewing and crafts

Hero: Tom Slingsby

"Train as you race, and race as you train."

ASC JUNIOR SAILOR'S SUCCESSFUL SUMMER

Rod Thomas

Hamish Gilsenan, Albert Sailing Club's 2019-20 Junior Club Champion has had a busy and successful summer of sailing following the very restricted 2019 sailing year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He has sailed his Laser 4.7 in a full program of Regattas in Victoria and interstate. The Laser 4.7 is an International class sailed throughout the world which uses the hull and approximately a 2/3rd's sized sail of the Laser dinghy class which is sailed at the Olympics.

Hamish's program commenced with all day Victorian Laser Association training programs hosted by Albert Sailing Club on two Sundays in late November. He then travelled to Sydney in early December where he won the Laser 4.7 division of the Sail Sydney Regatta on Sydney Harbour. He rounded the month of December off by sailing his Mum's old wooden Sabre against a good fleet of Sabres in the Black Rock post Christmas Regatta to finish third overall in his first Sabre class event. January became a month for training, after the Sail Melbourne regatta at Royal Brighton was cancelled due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation.

In February Hamish finished 1st Laser 4.7 in the large annual Sandringham Yacht Club regatta, and was very unlucky in the Victorian Laser 4.7 championships at Sorrento, He had a DSQ which he had to carry with a first and a second in his overall score when no score drops were possible in a shortened Regatta due to fickle winds. Then in March Hamish sailed a borrowed Laser In Sydney to win the Laser 4.7 division at the New South Wales Laser Association Metro Championships at Hunters Hill.

Hamish's successes follow a weekly program of training and club racing on Port Phillip since November and the strong support of his Mum and Dad Jon and Belinda. His parents drive him to training from Camberwell to Port Phillip clubs, usually for two or three after school sails per week and both weekend days. They also of course provide the equipment and access to programs and events provided by Sailing Clubs and the Laser Association in Victoria and other States.

We look forward to seeing Hamish and the Gilsenan-Rawlings family at the Lake in the winter months and will follow Hamish's further development and progression in sailing in coming years.

Hartley TS16 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Vic State Champion Tru-Blu

The Victorian TS16 Championship was held over the weekend of the 20th and 21st February, at Yarrowonga Yacht Club. Most competitors arrived on the Friday to this outstanding venue and the extremely welcoming club members. Camping was on the beautiful foreshore of Lake Mulwala at Yarrowonga Yacht Club.

When the 12 strong TS16 fleet assembled for the first 2 races the winds were 12-15 knots with the occasional higher gust. After a very tight series the overall winner was Tru-Blu skippered by Michael Horvath and crewed by Anthony Berger. Michael and Anthony are both members of Albert Sailing Club. Michael normally sails an OK and Anthony a Heron or Sabre. They team up a number of times per year to sail the Hartley at Trailer Sailor at various Victorian venues, and have previously won the Hartley TS16 championships.

The Victorian Hartley TS16 Association has ASC corporate/class association membership. They have their annual Presentation Day in the ASC clubrooms on Sunday 23rd May. Yarrowonga YC's annual Anzac Day Regatta is on 24 and 25 April, with boats of all sizes and shapes welcome as always.



Photo of Hamish and his Dad Jon at Black Rock regatta after a well deserved 3rd placing overall in the Sabres.

MISSING MARKS AND MAYHEM

Cindy Tilbrook

Photos courtesy of Russell Jones, Western Port Yacht Club

Over the 3 days of the March long weekend, I had the pleasure of being the Race officer for the Taipan State titles conducted at Balnarring Beach by the Western Port Yacht Club. This was a well-run and fun event and the Taipans are an exciting class to watch race, often with crew members out on the trapeze and the catamaran up on one hull. But in this article, I wanted to tell you about some of the 'things that can go wrong' with a regatta from the Race Management perspective.

Scene 1

Picture This: The start boat, which was also acting as the finish boat, was anchored approx. 50 metres behind the leeward gate mark. The start boat was facing in to the wind against an incoming tide, (which runs between 3 - 5 knots at Balnarring), with the finish flag around 40 - 50 metres directly behind the start boat.

What happened: We had successfully run 1 race of the planned 3 race session and were in the closing stages of the second race. Two boats had already crossed the finish line and I was 'calling the finishes' as they crossed, when I noticed that the finish mark appeared to be getting closer to the start boat at a fairly rapid rate.

In fact, it was the start boat that had begun drifting and was now caught in the tide and quickly moving closer to the finish mark. The boats approaching the finish line were by now needing to make adjustments to try to cross the line between the start boat and the finish flag, (a distance that by now was down to around 30 metres), with a few close encounters of the loud shouting kind taking place between the boats.

What we did: we quickly alerted one of the rescue ribs to come and 'stand in position' where the finish flag should have been. And I then stood on the back of the boat madly waving one arm up and down and shouting out "Ignore the blue flag, ignore the blue flag --- cross here".

The funny bits: By this time, the distance between the start boat and the blue flag was down to around 10 metres and closing fast. One of the younger crews on one of the Taipans was heading towards this narrow gap, both out on the trapeze, so I yelled out louder and waved harder - "Ignore the blue flag. Just cross here" only to have them respond back to me "We think we can make it Cindy, we think we can make it".

Fortunately, they didn't actually try to squeeze through the very narrow gap and all boats finished the race successfully.

The outcome: By the end of the race, our start boat had drifted totally over the blue flag and managed to tangle the tackle very effectively around the anchor chain. It took about 20 minutes to get everything untangled, which involved cutting the blue flag tackle shorter and retying it and then trying to get a secure hold for the start boat.



Scene 2 – Next morning

The next morning, all marks were again in place and Race 4 was underway. I went to the back of the boat only to find that this time, the blue finish flag, which had been placed in position prior to the start of racing, was now nowhere in sight. With boats quickly approaching the finish, it was a mad dash to call a rib, hand them a blue windcheater that one of the race management crew fortunately had on, and have the rib hold position at the end of the finish line waving a blue windcheater.

What had happened: we eventually worked out that, by shortening the tackle rope on the finish flag the previous day following the entanglement, the rope was now simply not long enough to hold the finish flag on the surface against the incoming high tide -- the water had simply gone over the top of the flag. Even searches on the next low tide didn't manage to find the missing mark and we assumed that the strong tide had simply claimed the flag as its own...

MISSING MARKS AND MAYHEM CONT.

Cindy Tilbrook

Photos courtesy of Russell Jones, Western Port Yacht Club



Scene 3

Another race, with the fleet spread out over the course. I was routinely sighting the top mark some 800 metres away and noticed that we must have had a wind shift, because the mark was now well to the left of the gate mark (instead of a 90 degree angle to the gate). But no, the rescue boat standing in position near the top mark advised that one of the Taipans had touched the marked, wrapped itself around the mark tackle, and effectively dragged the top mark with it for a distance of some 100 metres.

The problem: This normally would not have been a major issue, except that the course also included an offset mark (a small mark some 30 metres from the top mark which is rounded after the top mark in order to keep some separation between the boats still heading to the mark and the boats which are now on their downwind leg). The offset mark was now the first mark the following sailors were approaching, rather than the second, and it was obvious that sailors were having trouble in trying to work out how to round the marks in the correct order.

What we did: The rescue boat at the top mark quickly secured the mark and dragged it back into place, whilst hailing the sailors and telling them to ignore the offset mark and just round outside the rescue boat dragging the mark.

What was the result: In reality, because some boats had faced marks in the incorrect position, the race should have been abandoned. However, no boat actually changed position in the fleet as a result. And fortunately, the boat that had caught the mark was skippered by the President of the Association. He agreed to go around the fleet following the race and query whether all the sailors were prepared to accept

the results rather than have the race abandoned. Being a good-hearted group, all said that the placings should stand.

Surely that's enough??

Yes, no other incidents. But a lesson for the sailors about tides.

On the first 2 days of racing, the start line saw boats sailing into the tide (i.e. with the tide running against them). We had clear starts for all 6 races on the first 2 days. On the third day, however, the start line saw boats with the tide behind them. In the first race of the morning, most of the fleet were pushed over the start line by the tide and a general recall was flagged before the race got underway successfully.

Then, exactly the same thing happened on the second race, with another general recall before a successful start.

By the third race, I decided to use the U flag in an attempt to keep the sailors back from the line. But no, again 7 boats were pushed over the line by the tide, resulting in a disqualification for those 7 boats and costing one of the skippers his standing in the overall regatta results.

Oh, the joys of life as a Race Officer!



UPCOMING AT ALBERT SAILING CLUB

Rod Thomas

Autumn Club Working Bee on Saturday 24th April morning and into the afternoon. A good turnout will be required with plenty of jobs to complete. More details in mid April in Thursday Snippets.

Winter Sailing Season on Saturdays from 1st May, with club races from 2pm. Sailors from other clubs welcome with Winter Associate details and Registration on <https://albertsailingclub.wildapricot.org/>

ASC Annual General Meeting in clubrooms on Saturday 8th May.

Autumn Learn to Sail program on two Saturday mornings and two Sundays from Sunday 2nd May. Updated details on club website by mid April. Enquiries can be directed to our Discover Sailing Centre Principal Don McKenzie on training@albertsc.org.au.

ASC/Boatshed Junior and Youth Development programs 2 pm - 4.30pm on the 5 Saturdays in May. Junior program in Ozi Optis for 9 - 12 year olds who have completed Tackers programs. Youth program in Boatshed Pacer class boats for 13 - 17 year olds. Details, Enquiries and Registration via Courses tab on theboatshed.net.au.

Victorian International Optimist Association (VIODA) Winter Training Program on Sunday afternoons mid May to 20th June, then mid July to early September. This popular program which attracts between 20 and 30 Optimists returns with coaching for 9 - 13 year olds at Green Fleet, Intermediate and Open levels. Details and Registration will be on VIODA website <https://www.vioda.org.au/home/> If you are an ASC junior requiring an International Optimist class boat ASC has 3 available on a lease base, with enquiries on these boats via Rod on training@albertsc.org.au

Victorian Laser Association Laser 4.7 Training. 1st - 4th July midyear school holiday training camp is in the VLA calendar. Details of this and other VLA programs will be released in May.

WinterSail Junior and Youth Coaching Regatta at Albert Park Yacht Club 9th - 11th July. Early information on <https://www.apyc.org.au/wintersail.html>

HIRE BOAT USERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ASC Committee

How great it has been to see the RS Zests and kayaks out on the lake and the increased use, particularly by a number of the newer club members.

In establishing this fleet of new hire boats, a lot of effort was put in by Don and Rod to ensure a simple system of identification on the Zests so that the boats are always put away correctly and ready for use by the next sailor. Unfortunately we have found that at the end of the day some of the boats are being put away in a hurry with the wrong sail cover or boat cover, and sometimes the jib halyard missing, or the jib not left in the boat.

We really need your help to ensure that they are stored correctly with all the matching parts, and that if there are any maintenance issues on the Zests, kayaks, or other club boats that you let Rod or Don know, and don't just take parts from another boat. If we get this right then it will make setting up the boats

easy for others, without the need to impose additional checks. This may mean that you need to spend a bit longer in packing up, but it will be well worth it to you and the club in the long run.

Let's all work together to keep this system working well.

Thanks for your co-operation!



Autumn Duty Roster 2021



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

Saturday, March 27 SUMMER HANDICAP Race 3 RO Steve Dunn (pbl) 0408 594 636 Crew Jim Glover (pbl) 0468 354 997 Damian Blumenkranc (pbl) 0433 804 775 Joe Chircop 0467 468 163 Byron Ko 0410 546 088	Saturday, May 22 WINTER HANDICAP Race 2 RO Ian Skinner (pbl) 0499 605 108 Crew Mark Snell (pbl) 0407 569 083 Chris Shields (pbl) 0411 246 353 Philip Gardyne 0433 672 875 Juergen Heiser 0449 664 195
Saturday, April 3 EASTER SATURDAY No Organised Sailing at ASC Members welcome to take boat out for sail	Saturday, May 29 WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP Race 3 RO Paul Farrell (pbl) 0419 133 641 Crew Ron Lackington (pbl) 0421 788 145 Faye McKenzie (pbl) 0412 139 169 Stephen Tillman 0418 536 575
Saturday, April 10 SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP Race 4 RO Cindy Tilbrook (pbl) 0438 988 772 Crew Walter Green (pbl) 0433 082 505 Ingo Mueller 0475 182 811 Diane Moloney 0458 354 974	Saturday, June 5 WINTER HANDICAP Race 3 RO Tim Falkiner (pbl) 0417 107 440 Crew Arthur Misson (pbl) 0490 183 073 Anne Kaczorowski (pbl) 0427 877 964 Michael Black 0405 794 516 Simon MacDonald 0430 069 795
April 17 SUMMER HANDICAP 4 VIRGO LADIES SKIPPERS (am) RO John Whelan (pbl) 0414 251 669 Crew Jaemie Wilson (pbl) 0420 362 575 Jack Woods (pbl) 0419 541 802 Greg Ryan 0418 321 632 Danny Matthews 0418 961 278	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND Saturday, June 12 No organised racing at ASC Members welcome to take boat out for sail
ANZAC DAY WORKING BEE Saturday, April 24 No Sailing at ASC WORKING BEE Commencing 9.30 am	Saturday, June 19 WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP Race 4 RO Rod Thomas (pbl) 0438 988 772 Crew Jack Woods (pbl) 0438 541 802 Lindsay Berge 0412 287 333 Michael Gratton 0414 271 876
Saturday, May 1 WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP Race 1 RO Don McKenzie (pbl) 0421 333 743 Crew David Scammell (pbl) 0408 003 166 Margarete Lee 9877 7973 Max Beaton 9857 7454	ASC ANNUAL REGATTA WINTER HANDICAP 4 - Saturday 26 WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP 5 - Sunday 27 Saturday/Sunday June 26, 27 RO and Crews to be announced Volunteers Welcome Enquiries to Flag Officers
May 8 WINTER HANDICAP Race 1 VERNA TEMPLETON JUNIORS (am) RO Cindy Tilbrook (pbl) 0438 988 772 Crew Ron Lackington (pbl) 0421 788 145 Graeme Blunt (pbl) 0417 311 295 Keith Staite 0354 241 815 Chris Bennell 0402 029 657	Saturday, July 3 WINTER HANDICAP Race 4 RO John Whelan (pbl) 0414 251 669 Crew Jim Glover (pbl) 0468 354 997 Richard Rawlins (pbl) 0421 472 684 Ian Coleman 0417 744 456 Joe Chircop 0467 468 163
Saturday, May 15 WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP Race 2 RO Ron Fergusson (pbl) 0410 492 091 Crew Anthony Berger (pbl) 0413 651 345 Steve Milton (pbl) 0425 719 124 Bill Rehill 9443 0089	Saturday, July 10 APYC Junior and Youth Regatta To be run over 3 days 9am WORKING BEE at ASC No Sailing at ASC

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