



THE MUDPUDDLER

**The Magazine of The Albert Sailing Club
Autumn 2015 Edition**

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Autumn at ASC

FROM THE EDITOR

The member profile this edition is one of our younger members, Richard Geake-Ransome. As well, Richard has provided an article concerning his experience behind the scenes at the ISAF Sailing World Cup in December 2014.

Don McKenzie has called for assistance and co-operation in the running of the club. We have fantastic support from many members but there is an urgent need for renewal. Please accept Don's call for assistance.

Rod Thomas has provided an article on marine power boat licences. Please help the club by obtaining yours.

Our treasurer, Cindy Tilbrook, has put in a power of work developing a new database for the club. This is a fantastic development and provides benefits in labour saving and content that we have never previously reached. She has outlined how you may access the database and her plans for further improvements.

Luke Tupper has provided us with a detailed explanation of the "no barging at the start line" rule. Expect the protest committee will find plenty of new customers!

There are two articles concerning the junior intensive sailing course run in January. One article is by Anna Cripsey and Grace Ricketts giving the participants view. The other is from Bruce Ricketts and Victoria Whatmore giving the organiser's perspective.

Finally, the usual upcoming events update and puzzle/jokes page are included.

Thank you to all contributors and keep the contributions coming. If you have suggestions for regular columns or stories that you would like to read, feel free to send an email to mudpuddler@albertsc.org.au. Also, feedback and letters to the editor will be most welcome.

Enjoy,

John Whelan

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Club Committee meets at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month (none in January).
Club members are welcome to attend, and participate on a non-voting basis.

THE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Don McKenzie

Co-operation

There has been comment recently that Albert Sailing Club and Albert Park Yacht Club were moving to join together. This has **not** been in the mind of the committee of either Club to the best of my knowledge. This subject has been raised on a number of occasions at Albert Sailing Club and at all occasions an explanation of the arrangements at that time has been given.

I will again explain the background of the arrangements.

A little over a year ago Albert Sailing Club was having difficulty organizing suitably experienced duty crews to ensure safe efficient running of our racing. It was apparent that Albert Park Yacht Club had the same problems. Their members who were able to be race officers were being rostered on about every five weeks. That meant they could not sail every fourth or fifth week.

In an attempt to improve the situation at both Clubs the committees agreed to share the race running duties, each Club running the racing on alternate weeks with the support boats being supplied by both clubs. A trial of three months led to this format being agreed for the ensuing time.

Both Clubs maintained their own finishing lines and approaches.

This arrangement has allowed members at both Clubs the opportunity to sail on more days. Our member who organises the duty roster still has difficulties filling the duty roster with suitably trained persons due to in part members not being available when rostered and in some instances having limited ability.

More members going to the effort of obtaining a power boat licence would make the job easier. The club refunds the licensing cost when you use your licence on club activities.

Our efforts to recruit volunteers from other sources has not been successful.

Albert Sailing Club struggles with filling committee positions, instructors and duty rosters with suitably experienced and capable persons. All members should look at their level of involvement and how they may be of assistance with the running of the Club activities for the efficient running of the club in supplying club activities for the members as a whole. In addition we have "working bees" at which the assistance of a larger number of members would be appreciated and allow more tasks to be completed. Being a member of a volunteer run club means you need to be involved.

Currently we have four qualified instructors, who are

putting in a great effort but, after many years, need more support to ease their load.

The qualifying course is not arduous and the club pays any fees involved. You would only have to be involved in at least one training course each year. A group of members have over a long time undertaken duties to ensure the club can be a viable operation and supply sailing activities and services for the benefit of all members. They also may need help. For the coming year we also need someone to volunteer as editor of the MUDDY.

Members should be looking to how they can assist the club. A new committee will be elected in May and 2 flag officer positions and treasurer will be open. The sailing committee will need to become active.

I have proposed persons nominating for the committee do so for a position with documented responsibilities. This will help share the load amongst the committee members. Rod Thomas and I will organise the spread of duties in the coming weeks in time for it to be displayed prior to calling nominations for the committee for 2015-2016.

Currently the involvement of persons in sailing is declining. Part of this is the amount of time involved and the amount of time a person is willing to commit to the pursuit. In some other sports you can arrive with your gear in a backpack spend two hours training or competing. That is your commitment at that time. Sailing however, involves much more, owning a boat, storage and perhaps trailing it to the club. A

PUBLICATIONS

THURSDAY SNIPPETS Our weekly email update is released each Thursday. It covers current and future club activities and is the best way to keep up to date. To receive it you need to subscribe through www.albertsc.org.au (Select The Club - Weekly Snippets Email, then provide your email details).

2015 MEMBER'S HANDBOOK has been completely revised. Extra copies are available from the Club Tower. A copy of the Club Calendar is in the Handbook and on our club website

ASC WEBSITE is www.albertsc.org.au, and we have a **FACEBOOK** page. Contribute your photos and comments. The more contributors the more visitors and the more activity there is perceived to be.

Sail Melbourne

Richard Geake-Ransome

December the 4th was, for my classmates, the start of a long period of rest. However, as I got off the school bus for the final time that year, this wasn't the start of a period of rest for me. No. Five minutes later, I was on my way to Sandringham Yacht Club – the host of the ISAF Sailing World Cup Australasian leg.

The ISAF Sailing World Cup is the only leg of the series to be held in the Asia-Pacific region, and it also marks the beginning of the 2014/15 series. Needless to say, this event carries a lot on its back!



In total, 503 (official figures are up at 800, but somehow this doesn't seem quite right!) competitors swarmed down on Sandringham Yacht Club for the second week of December to partake in what many view as the pinnacle of sailing – bar the Olympic Games. As well, according to the Sail Melbourne website, there were an ad-

ditional 230 registered volunteers, 40 from overseas and another 30 from interstate.

My role in all of this? I lead a small team of three people who were in charge of looking after the Invited Classes results for the event. The invited classes made up a significant portion of the regatta competitors, the hardest of which being the junior classes. The Optimist raced under a Gold and a Silver fleet – and needless to say the first couple of days of this included some very late nights (as will the Optimist States I am involved in next weekend!)

Preparation for Sail Melbourne 2014 began a long time – pretty much the day the 2013 event concluded. 2013 marked Swiss Timing's debut with the Sailing World Cup, which was met with mixed



Richard (r) and assistants

responses. I was involved, at the end of the 2013 event, in writing up a post event analysis of how our results delivery functioned, and areas that could be improved upon for 2014. For a while, I heard nothing more about Sail Melbourne, until September when we revisited this document. Between September and December, various physical and email conversations were taking place to ensure the results delivery of the 2014 event would improve upon the previous year. These preparations went on right up until the day before Sail Melbourne, when I finished 'constructing' the results office and

conducting training for my assistants.

The week began, and ended fairly quickly – I suppose. Each day I would arrive just after 8 in the morning, and usually wouldn't leave until the other side of 7 in the evening. Each morning there were various forms needing to be reprinted, competitor changes, protest decisions, you name it – we did it! Racing didn't usually start until just after 12pm, so between the Race Management briefing and racing start I found time for lunch...just! Once the racing concluded, I usually waited around (having various dis-

cussions with people) and if there were protests, stayed to check on the outcome, otherwise I would try and prepare for the following day.
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I didn't stay for the whole event (hard to be both in Sandringham and London at the same time!), I left on the Friday evening five hours before my flight! Sail Melbourne certainly isn't the easiest event I've run results at, but it certainly is one of the more rewarding. The opportunity that the event provides to work with an Olympic class group of Race Officers is second to none – and the satisfaction we get as volunteers after running a successful event is what brings us back, year after year.

I would encourage anybody with even a remote interest in race management to consider volunteering at Sail Melbourne. There are a fair number of Albert Sailing Club members who find themselves there, such as Charles and Rita Bagossy, Cindy, and myself, and it seems that number is growing as the years go by.

Members with new Marine Powerboat licences

Rod Thomas



Well done to Matt Leishman who recently obtained a Victorian Marine licence and his son Fraser a restricted Marine licence which allows them to operate recreational powerboats including our ASC rigid inflatable boats (RIB's). Matt is our club assistant secretary and currently a non-sailing dad. His son Fraser, who is 12 years old, regularly sails a junior Optimist class boat at ASC and in Victorian Optimist Class Association events.

Albert Sailing Club needs more members to obtain a Marine licence and thus be able to be included on the Saturday duty roster as a powerboat operator. To do so you need to familiarise yourself with the Victorian marine regulations, pass the multiple choice marine licence test, and take out a licence with the appropriate multi year fee. The process is outlined on the Vicroads Marine Licence website, with the content relevant to the licence test in the Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook available from the Transport Safety Victoria website or from VicRoads offices. More information is available in the new Members' Handbook.

With our annual turnover of members we need more members to obtain a power boat licence and notify the Treasurer so that we can continue to meet our requirements for on-water powercraft when we have scheduled sailing activities. On application to the Treasurer, the club will reimburse the test fee and annual marine licence fee. Also Don McKenzie can provide licence holders with practical instruction on how to use our club RIB's.

The ASC committee is also interested in hearing from club members or members of the public with a recreational boat marine licence who are interested in regularly operating a club power boat, say monthly, fortnightly or whatever. □

SPONSORSHIP

The club is actively considering obtaining sponsorship. Packages are being developed which we hope will have appeal to potential sponsors.

Depending on the package, the benefits will include listing in Snippets, on the website and Mudpuddler, Facebook link, signage in the club, external signage on banners and sails and race days.

If you or the organisation you work with might be interested in exploring sponsorship opportunities, please contact John Whelan on 0414 251 669 or by email at vicecommodore@albertsc.org.au. □

WE'VE MODERNISED OUR MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

Cindy Tilbrook

Albert Sailing Club has moved into the modern era with the recent implementation of a new, partially automated database to record club member details and assist with the renewal and registration process for members and new members.

The database is 'cloud-based', which means authorised club officials can access information at any time, even when away from the clubrooms. The renewal process for those members with an email address is fully automated, with invoices and reminders issuing without any need for manual intervention.

ONLINE PAYMENTS USING PAYPAL ARE AGAIN AVAILABLE, with ONLINE REGATTA AND EVENTS REGISTRATION ON THE WAY

Members will also be able to access, check and update their own details online

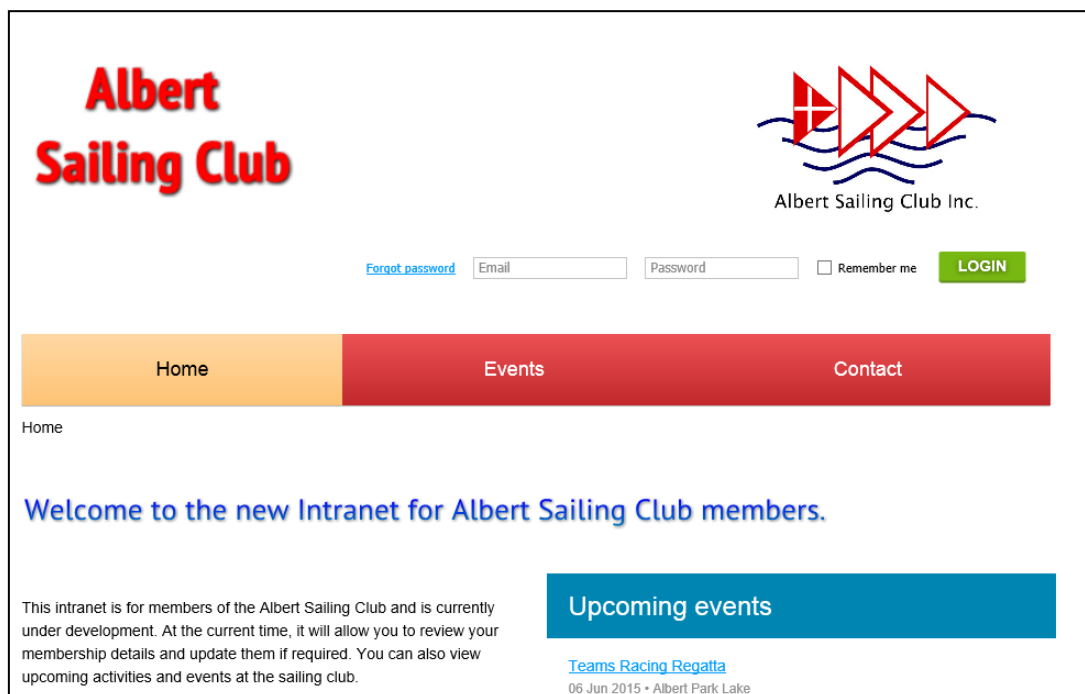
What does this mean for me as a member?

Those members with an email address will shortly receive an email providing them with details of their username (their email address) and their initial password. Members without an email address currently registered with the club are encouraged to provide one so that they can access the full functionality of the system.

Members can log-in to the database at the following url:

<http://albertsailingclub.wildapricot.org/>

The following screen will first appear.



The screenshot shows the login page for the Albert Sailing Club. At the top left is the text "Albert Sailing Club" in red. To the right is a logo featuring a red sailboat on blue waves, with "Albert Sailing Club Inc." written below it. Below the logo are login fields: a link "Forgot password", an "Email" input field, a "Password" input field, a "Remember me" checkbox, and a green "LOGIN" button. A navigation bar below these fields has three buttons: "Home" (orange), "Events" (red), and "Contact" (red). Below the navigation bar, the text "Home" is displayed. A blue banner reads "Welcome to the new Intranet for Albert Sailing Club members." Below this, a small text block states: "This intranet is for members of the Albert Sailing Club and is currently under development. At the current time, it will allow you to review your membership details and update them if required. You can also view upcoming activities and events at the sailing club." To the right of this text is a blue box titled "Upcoming events" containing a link "Teams Racing Regatta" and the date "06 Jun 2015 • Albert Park Lake".

When you first log-in, you will be encouraged to change your initial password. Please remember the password you select – if you forget it, we cannot view this password and would need to issue you with a new one instead.

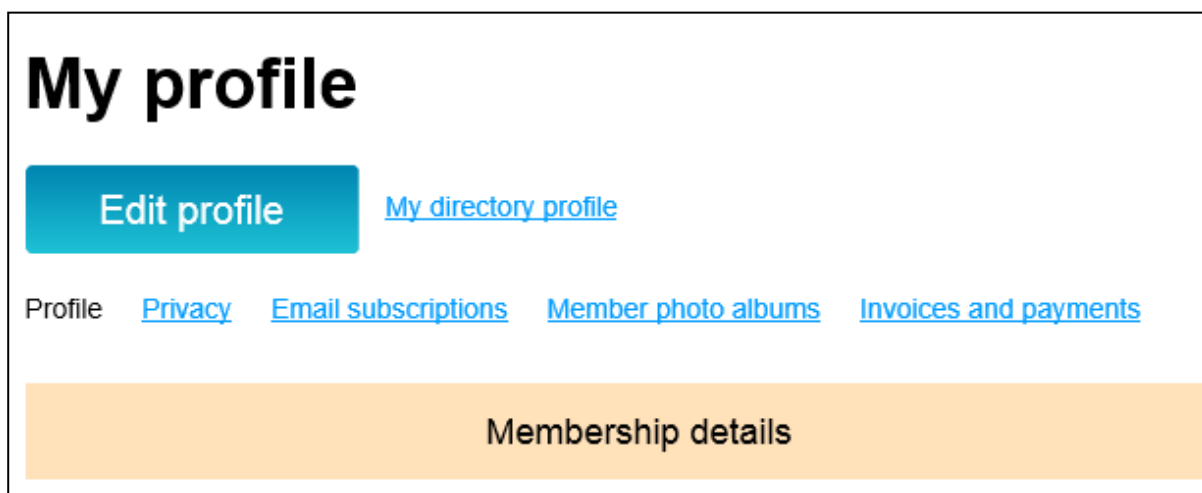
Once you have logged in, you will see a screen similar to the above, but your name will now be where the log-in details were – see below: (cont next page)

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How can I view or update my details?

By clicking on your name, you will be taken to your profile screen. This screen has various 'tabs' as indicated below:



From here, you can view and/or edit your details, update your email preferences, and view your financial details, including current invoices and payment details.

How can I make an online payment?

From the invoices and payments screens, you can click on the "Pay Online" button which will take you to a screen where you can pay via Paypal, using either your Paypal account or your credit card.

On some renewal invoices which are received via email, you will be able to click directly through to the system, log-in and pay online directly from the email you receive.

Can I register and pay for events online?

You will also soon be able to register for events such as our annual regatta online, and also make payment online using the same process as set out above. A link through to the relevant area of the new system will be provided either in Snippets, the Mudpuddler, or on the club's main website.

How can I find out more information?

If you want to find out any more information about the system, please contact the Treasurer, Cindy Tilbrook, on treasurer@albertsc.org.au.

Cindy Tilbrook
Club Treasurer



We look forward to seeing you at our events both on and off the water over the upcoming Autumn and Winter months.

In April

Saturday 4 April Easter weekend, No programmed ASC sailing.

There will be an intensive Learn to Sail program Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend and the following weekend.

Saturday 11 and 18 April Club Races with commencement of 2pm starts with the reversion to AEST. On Saturday 18th the club race will incorporate another Pacer Cup where newer members can sail with more experienced in club Pacers class boats. Details of how to signup will be in Thursday Snippets in early April.

Saturday 18 April Junior members of all levels of experience are invited to sail in the annual **Verna Templeton Junior trophy event**. Sign on by 10.15am. Briefing session at 10.30 am, with start scheduled for 11.00am. Format is short races of 15 to 20 minutes in the northern half of the Lake. Juniors will be allocated to skipper or crew in ASC club Pacer class boats.

Saturday 25 April Anzac Day weekend. Working Bee from 9.30am and our April Social Sailing Day, with family and friends and visitors welcome to sail 1pm - 4pm.

In May

Saturday 2nd May Winter Sailing season commences with Autumn Series.

Following club racing - Annual Trophy Presentation at 5.30pm then the AGM at 6pm followed by a meal at a local restaurant. Everyone invited and encouraged to come and participate and enjoy.

Sunday 3rd May ASC BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings, Port Melbourne.

Saturday 16 May am ASC Virgo Ladies trophy event Our annual short race series, specifically for women and girls of all levels of experience. Similar in format to Verna Templeton trophy event, with sign on by 10.15 for 11am start with entrants allocated to club Pacers. Stay on for afternoon club race which includes Heat 2 of the ASC Lake Women's Challenge.

In June

Sat. 6/ and Sun. 7 June Australian Teams Racing Championships hosted by ASC on Albert Park Lake. No club racing for Queen's birthday long weekend. This event will have competitors from Victoria and other states sailing in 3 boat Pacer teams. Good to watch. We will need volunteers on and off the water.

Sat. 20 and Sun. 21 June ASC Annual Regatta. We want to maximise the entry of boats sailed by Albert Sailing Club members, but will also need volunteers to conduct our premier club event.

Full details of events will be provided on www.albertsc.org.au and in our weekly Thursday Snippets emails.□

PROFILING ASC MEMBERS

This edition features Richard Geake-

Ransome

As told to Rod Thomas

Richard is a secondary school student who has been a member of Albert Sailing Club since 2008. Since 2011 he has been involved in the week long international Sail Melbourne Regatta sailed from Sandringham Yacht Club. It is one of five World Cup events sailed across the world for Olympic and invited classes. The 2014 event sailed in early December had more than 500 boats and 800 competitors representing 33 countries, with over 230 volunteers drawn from sailing clubs in Victoria, with some from interstate.

Richard was one of a handful of volunteers who were profiled on the Sail Melbourne website.

Hobbies and Interests

Some of my hobbies and interests include computer programming, sailing race management and sailing handicapping and results.

What Yacht Club do I come from?

I am a member of Albert Sailing Club and Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

How long have I been involved with sailing?

I have been involved with sailing since a very young age – coming from a family with a sailing background. I first started sailing probably when I was about 6 years old in 2005 at Hampton Sailing Club in Savage Sprat dinghy with my father and brother.

What was your first experience when you first started sailing?

The clearest memory I have from when I first started sailing was taking part in a Pirate Day at Hampton Sailing Club when we sailed from the marina to the beach nearby to discover the hidden treasure. A highlight also from my junior sailing was the weekly Sunday Social sail at Albert Park, where I made many friends.

What type of boat did you sail when you were a child? What boat do you sail now?

I began sailing on a Savage Sprat with my father and brother, before progressing into an Optimist when I was seven years old. When I moved to Albert Sailing Club, I decided that I would try a new boat, and before long I started sailing a Minnow. Nowadays I don't sail that often as I am mostly involved in race management activities, however I still occasionally lease out a club Laser 4.7 at Albert Sailing Club and sail in a race.

What has been your involvement in Sail Melbourne?

I first volunteered for Sail Melbourne in 2011 when I was 11 years old. I started on the Sign On/Sign Off desk with Rita Bagossy answering queries and checking sign-on and sign-off completions. The year after, 2012, because of my prior experience with re-

sults at Albert Sailing Club, I moved onto results inputting and processing at Sail Melbourne and ever since then I have kept going with it, which has ultimately led to the opportunities I have had to work at other events in results management, including the Lidgett Trophy, the 29er and 49er National Championships, numerous State events, and the continuation of my role at Sail Melbourne. (In 2014 Richard was the leader of the small Results desk team of three who had responsibility for processing the results for the Invited Classes over the seven days of the regatta).

In your book of dreams where would you go sailing and why?

If I could choose any place to go sailing in the world I would choose the Whitsunday islands during summer because of the weather and



WORKING WITH CHILDREN

All committee members and trainers are required to have a current working with children check. Application is made at Post Offices and are free, except that a photograph will be taken and must be paid for. The check will need to be renewed every 5

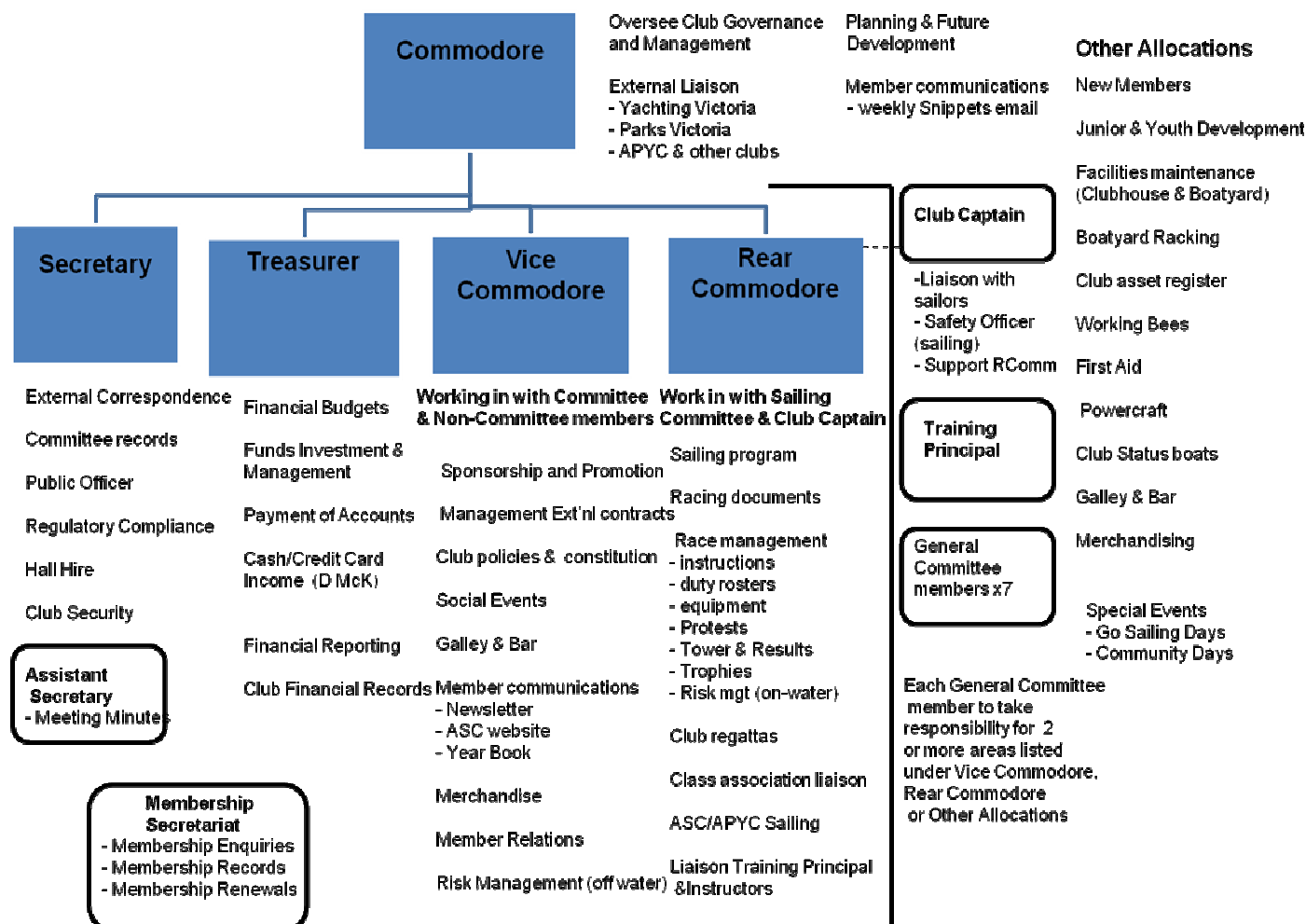
IT'S YOUR CLUB

(help keep it strong)

Below is a schematic of the various roles and responsibilities in the club. This year, we more than ever need your support as we will be looking to fill the treasurer, vice commodore and rear commodore positions. Members no longer have the luxury of sitting back and saying :

ALBERT SAILING CLUB Committee Roles & Responsibilities

As at 3 March 2014



- I have done my bit. Sorry, but that doesn't cut it any more. If you want to retain an independent thriving club, you will need to pitch in.
- No one asked me. Well take this as your gold embossed invitation. If you are reading this, you are wanted.
- I don't have the skills. You must be joking! If you have a voice, you have the skills.
- I'll only be making up the numbers. First, there won't be any numbers if you don't get involved and second, you have the opportunity to actively shape the club that you want for the future.

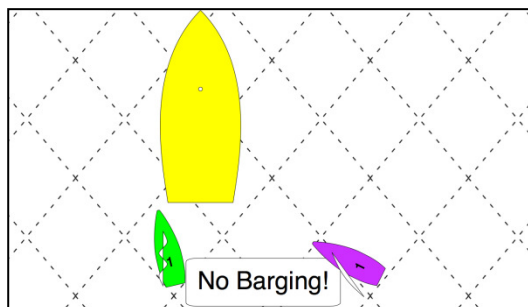
The committee has done an amazing job to ensure the club is financially strong, respected, and is growing its membership. But the work has worn out the few who have been working so hard and fresh faces are required. Please look at the schematic and decide where you can assist. Start with the leadership roles such as rear commodore and vice commodore and treasurer before considering other roles. Then speak to the existing committee members for more information. Their contact details are inside the front cover.

Finally.....welcome aboard!

Rules of Sailing : 'No Barging' at Start Line

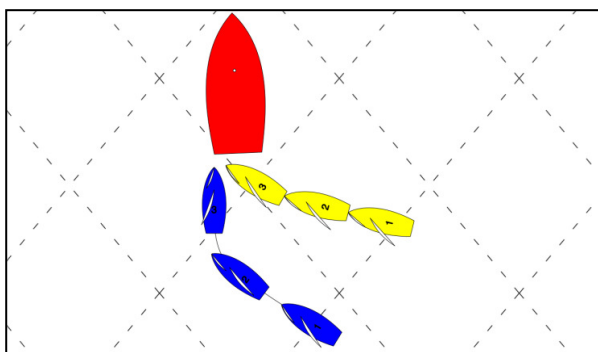
Luke Tupper

'No Barging' is a common cry at many a committee boat end of the start line. For those of you not in the know this is aimed at stopping people sailing between your boat and the committee boat.



In this situation the boat to the port side of the committee boat is stopping the boat to the starboard side from sailing in and stealing prime position at the start. A cursory glance at the rule book, or even a search of an electronic version will find no mention of barging. So what rules apply?

The committee boat is a mark of the course, but at the start the rules of mark room do not apply to starting marks (see the preamble to Part 2 - Section C). So therefore the rule that applies is Rule 11, windward/leeward. So looking at the scenario above the boat racked up at the start boat (on the port side) can effectively block the barging boat (starboard side of committee boat) out of the start line. Note that the committee boat is a mark, and therefore is not an obstruction (Rule 19.1).



There is one scenario where the leeward boat can't force the windward boat out. That is if she changes course at the last moment. She must give the windward boat room to keep clear (Rule 16.1). If the leeward boat has left it too late to 'shut the gate' and the windward boat cannot tack away without hitting the committee boat, the leeward boat must let the windward boat between them and the committee boat. In the above diagram, the numbers on the boats represent their position on the course at the same time.

The point at which a leeward boat can 'shut the gate' by changing course is governed by the definition of 'room' (note : in the rules in anything in *italics* is a definition). Room is space needed in the conditions to comply with her obligations, while manoeuvring in a seamanlike way. So the moment you finish changing course the windward boat then has to start taking avoiding action. A seamanlike way assumes a competent skipper, but does not require them to extraordinary measures, such as 'crash tacking' the boat. I would guess that a protest committee would consider most dinghies which can turn pretty quickly and would be able to keep clear until they were overlapped with the committee boat.

If you are the leeward boat at the start line and it is obvious a windward boat is going to barge in you still have a couple of responsibilities. Rule 14 (avoiding contact) requires that a boat avoids contact if reasonably possible. If you have no boats to leeward the best course of action would be bear off. This is when you yell 'protest', and expect the windward boat to do penalty turns or have a short protest meeting in the protest room after the race. Unfortunately if there are other boats to leeward of you and you have nowhere to go, there will mostly likely be

Luke Tupper - long term Albert Sailing Club member, State Judge, member of the Yachting Victoria Race Officials and School Sailing Committees.

NB : Any penalty turns for breaking one or more rules while racing (e.g. after prep signal) must be taken as soon after the incident as possible. Of course you must get clear of other boats before taking the turns (Rule 44.2). It does not matter whether you are either side of the starting line, or what signals have been made.

JUNIOR INTENSIVE SAILING COURSE

Anna Cripsey and Grace Ricketts

On the 8th of February we took part in a four day intensive sailing course at ASC to improve our sailing skills. We (Anna and Grace) and eight others learnt the basic skills of sailing with our coach Mel and also learnt to do starts and other various parts of sailing.

We didn't have the best weather for the second and last day with the wind getting up to 15kn and then going down to absolutely nothing. We missed all of the rain, luckily, and the only rain we did have was during the lunch breaks.

We did a few races on the last day but unfortunately we didn't do as many races as we hoped to because the wind was strong and shifty so we ran out of people to race against. Overall we had a fun time doing the races and the overall results were Grace Ricketts coming first, Anna Cripsey second and Hamish third. We had a really fun time and we would love to do it again! Maybe even in the next Easter Holidays!!! Thanks to Bruce, Mark and Victoria for organising and the great coaching from Mel!!



ASC Intensive Youth Sailing Summer 2015

Victoria Whatmore and Bruce Ricketts

In January, members of ASC organised an intensive youth sailing course that was held at Albert Sailing Club from 8 January through to 11 January. Ten children, with a range of sailing abilities took part in the four day intensive training program. The program was led by coach Mel Hitchen-Haw, herself a past member of the club. Each day started with a briefing and ended with a debrief and on the one afternoon the weather prevented sailing, on-shore theoretical training was given. The program cost was \$120 per child, and lunch and boat hire was included in the price. Parents / Guardians booked the program via a trybooking store that was set up through one of the ASC members at a cost of \$18.

It was decided to bring in an outside fully-qualified coach at a cost of \$500. The program was open to Optis, Minnows and Sabots. All participants are current members of the Albert Sailing Club. Parents were asked to fill in a questionnaire at the end of the course. All participants were handed a certificate of completion at the end of the four days.

While the program was opened to other classes of boats, Optis were the preferred choice. The more advanced sailors who were using the plastic training Optis felt they were at a disadvantage in the heavier boats and the one advanced sail was in demand for those using the plastic training boats. Coach Mel was an excellent choice, her programming was thoughtful and had the children engaged throughout. She was able to relate to the children and maintain participation throughout.

Participants found the course excellent, friendly and well run. All parents of those taking part said they would enrol their children again. All found the course excellent value for money with catering a valued part of the course. The coaching was deemed as excellent by all attendees, all said they would be interested in further courses and further paid training at ASC, including weekly paid coaching at the club. One participant stated they would be interested in a similar course for Pacers.

The organisers would like to run a further program in the next holidays, with the chance to open the program up to non-members. There has been interest from outside the club, particularly from parents wishing to enrol their children for holiday programs but that do not have the capacity to become full members of the club (commitments to other sports: football, cricket, basketball precludes them from joining). It would be beneficial for the club to create a training program that can fit in with these other commitments to ensure continued access to sailing with the aim to encourage young people into sailing. The added benefit for the club is to form an association that has the potential to endure and create a long-term relationship with these families. We have

access and experience to young, qualified Pacer coaches if the club would like to explore this option further. We would like the club to consider a boat hire / purchase possibility for those members (cont next page)

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who are unable to buy a boat outright. Other clubs run this sort of scheme and it is recommended that further investigation into this possibility is carried out.

The coach stressed the importance of having fiberglass Optimis for rent; it would enable more people without boat ownership to participate and create more revenue for the club, while enabling greater access to sailing for intermittent club users. She supports the choice of Optimists being the junior class for the club as they are universal. More importantly the boat supports and encourages good techniques due to its design. It also allows for those children who want to sail for leisure to compete without disadvantaging them against those who are



Congratulations

Its good to see members going the extra yard to help increase numbers, even if we may have to wait a little while to see them on the water.

Silke Schwartz and Tony Barber welcomed their daughter Amelie Sophie Barber to the world on 1 December 2015. When Silke recently brought her to the club, Amelie was already turning her cheek to feel the wind direction.

Arthur and Brenda Misson also recently welcomed a new grandchild. Andrew, a long time but recently ceased member, and his wife Rachel welcomed Owen Daniel Misson on 18 February 2015 and brought him to the club where the Sabre sailors particularly made a great fuss.

We look forward to seeing Silke and Andrew back on the water soon.

RULES REVIEW

John Whelan

The club adopted its current rules in May 2010. Since then, the Victorian government introduced legislation with which all clubs must comply. The legislation states that new clubs and clubs revising their rules must comply with it.

The committee has identified a number of deficiencies with our current rules and also wishes to introduce temporary memberships.

As part of the club's strategy review, it was apparent that we need to allow people to sail on a more recreational and social basis, and for short terms. Our rules do not allow for this., hence the need to amend the rules. Other changes will review matters such as the grievance and dispute procedures, the membership admission process, changing the winter membership category and tidying up some terminology. As well, there will be technical changes due to the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

The proposed new rules will be posted on the club website for comment. Thursday Snippets will contain a link to that page. Please forward your comments to me at vicecommodore@albertsc.org.au.

SUDOKU (easy)

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DUMB JOKES

Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil?

BECAUSE IT'S POINTLESS!

What did one hat say to another?

You stay here, I'll go on a head!

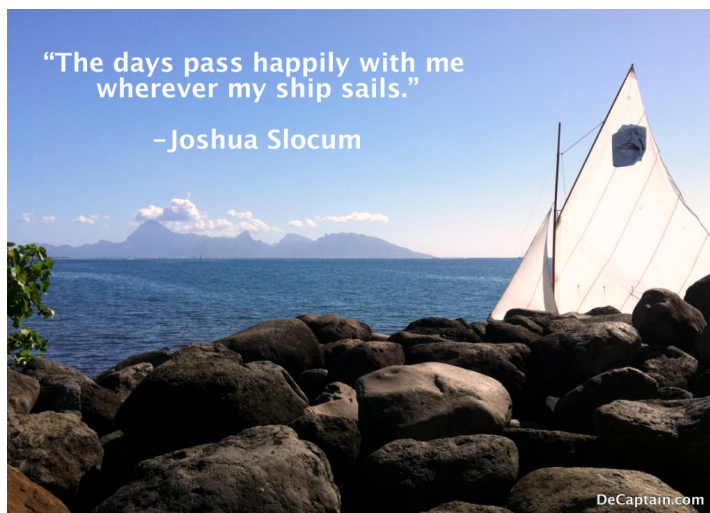
Why did Cinderella get kicked off the softball team?

Because she ran away from the ball!

**What do you get if you divide the circumference of a
pumpkin by its diameter?**

PUMPKIN PI

SAILING QUOTE







Autumn/Winter Roster 2015



Albert Sailing Club Inc.

OOD & CREW: PLEASE BE AT CLUB ON DUTY DAY BY 10.30 a.m.

SUMMER SERIES 6		Phone	AUTUMN SERIES 4		Phone
Saturday, March 28, 2015 ASC Start			Saturday, May 23, 2015 APYC Start		
OOD	Steve Dunn (pbl)	9800 5650	OOD	Rob Clark (pbl)	9337 9637
Crew	Colin Wright (pbl)	9898 5056	Crew	Andrew Grocholski (pbl)	0417 150 068
	Anthony Berger (pbl)	0413 651 345		Mark Crispey (pbl)	0427 222 090
	Pam Webster (pbl)	9336 7043			
	Andrew Gillman	9699 5468			
EASTER SATURDAY			AUTUMN SERIES 5		
Saturday, April 4, 2015			Saturday, May 30, 2015 ASC Start		
No club racing at ASC			OOD	Charles Bagossy (pbl)	9555 5967
			Crew	Colin Wright (pbl)	9898 5056
				Paul Leitinger (pbl)	5255 4230
				Richard Rawlins	0412 472 684
				Bill Rehill	9443 0089
SUMMER SERIES 7		<th colspan="2">QUEEN'S B'DAY LONG WEEKEND</th> <td></td>	QUEEN'S B'DAY LONG WEEKEND		
Saturday, April 11, 2015 APYC Start			Saturday, June 6		
OOD	Keith Staite (pbl)	9690 7907	NO ORGANISED RACING AT ASC		
Crew	David Schrapel (pbl)	9530 6241			
	Michael Black	0405 794 516			
TROPHY DAY		<th colspan="2">TROPHY RACE</th> <td></td>	TROPHY RACE		
Saturday, April 18, 2015 ASC Start			Saturday, June 13, 2015 APYC Start		
OOD	Ron Fergusson (pbl)	0410 492 091	OOD	Ron Lackington (pbl)	9338 4819
Crew	James Catton (pbl)	0435 494 893	Crew	Mark Snell (pbl)	9842 3623
	Ron Lackington (pbl)	9338 4819		Gary Craig (pbl)	9886 1975
	Andrew Halse	9599 9931		Andrew Freedman	N/A
	Les Swallow	9547 3039			
ANZAC DAY			ASC ANNUAL REGATTA		Volunteers Welcome
Saturday, April 25, 2015			Saturday/Sunday June 20, 21		Enquiries to any Flag Officer
WORKING BEE			OOD and Crews to be announced		
No club racing at ASC					
AUTUMN SERIES 1		<th colspan="2">TROPHY RACE</th> <td></td>	TROPHY RACE		
Saturday, May 2, 2015 ASC Start			Saturday, June 27, 2015 APYC Start		
OOD	Lesley Scott (pbl)	9682 2909	OOD	Tim Falkiner (pbl)	9888 4214
Crew	Steve Lincoln (pbl)	9305 2162	Crew	Mike Simpson (pbl)	9889 7101
	Jim Glover (pbl)	5255 4230		Cameron Simpson	9395 5414
	Chris Shields (pbl)	9354 1193		Bruce Bulled	0400 095 620
	Stephen Tillman	0418 556 575			
AUTUMN SERIES 2		<th colspan="2">WINTER SERIES 1</th> <td></td>	WINTER SERIES 1		
Saturday, May 9, 2015 APYC Start			Saturday, July 4, 2015 ASC Start		
OOD	Ian Skinner (pbl)	9337 7007	OOD	Cindy Tilbrook (pbl)	9645 0629
Crew	Phillip Humphres (pbl)	0438 611 684	Crew	Colin Wright (pbl)	9898 5056
	Margarete Lee (pbl)	9877 7973		Walter Green (pbl)	9819 1386
	Max Beaton (pbl)	9857 7454		Ron Lackington (pbl)	9338 4819
				Qinwei He	0488 446 330
AUTUMN SERIES 3		<th colspan="2">YV/APYC WINTERSAIL</th> <td></td>	YV/APYC WINTERSAIL		
Saturday, May 16, 2015 ASC Start			Saturday/Sunday, July 12/14		
OOD	Gary Todd (pbl)	9726 9783	NO CLUB RACING AT ASC		
Crew	John Smith (pbl)	9876 3603			
	Robert McIntyre (pbl)	9853 1980			
	Ken Brain (pbl)	9562 6140			
	Nils & Douglas Kvalheim (pbl)	9308 9894			

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