



# THE MUDPUDDLER

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**Rod Thomas—Club Champion 2014-2015**

## FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to the many members who have provided feedback to me on the format of the Members Handbook and the revised Mudpuddler. The committee decided that the members handbook needed a fresh look and to be more accessible. It serves as a source of information concerning the club for both members and intending members.

The printing of the Mudpuddler in colour was something of an accident. When I became editor, I sought prices for printing and the lowest price was from Dan Hansen of Minuteman Press in Richmond. It turned out Dan's price was for black and white, but he agreed to keep his price for colour at the black and white rate. Dan has been terrific with speed and delivery. The only other thing required is to get him off his motorbike and in to a dinghy at the club.

This edition is jam packed. It features an article from Steve Dunn on repairs to a transom of an Impulse. Steve hopes to bring us further articles on repairing wooden boats. As he has built many boats (is it 6 Steve?) and been the Impulse association national and state measurer, his articles promise to be informing.

We profile Anne Kaczorowski and Noelle Howitt, two long term and active members. Sue Schoene wants us to support the club by purchasing ASC merchandise. The winners of the annual awards and some photos are included. As well, we profile the Bunnings sausage sizzle, and a round up of the intensive youth sailing program from April.

We also sadly say farewell to Ian Roos, a long time member of the club, who recently died following a long illness.

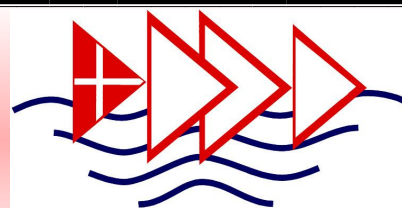
Rod Thomas found an interesting book called "People's Playground: A History of the Albert Park" and provides some excerpts. I find the history around the development of the lake and the club very interesting and hope that others may be able to contribute articles on these topics.

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*

## **Commodore's Report on 2014 – 2015 to the Annual General Meeting held 2 May 2015**

This report can be viewed as a rundown on the past year but hopefully can be viewed as where to in the coming year.

Sailing numbers are on a slow decline with race fleets becoming smaller. This is offset somewhat by more members wanting to sail just for the pleasure of sailing.

Training numbers are down on previous years, there seems to be a lull in demand. This is in part due to the weather pattern we have been experiencing.

The training fleet of pacers are aging, and maintenance to keep them serviceable is increasing. The sabre fleet is in good condition. We have increased the fleet of laser 4.7's to five. The advantage of the laser 4.7 is the minimal level of maintenance required. We now have sufficient singlehanded boats for students to sail when nearing the end of their course.

Recruitment of new members has been good in 2015. This has enabled the club to meet the budgeted income level. The drop off in learn to sail numbers decreases the income that can be derived from that source. There are signs of changing community involvement in sporting pursuits. Sports where there are limited time involvement and no arduous equipment or storage requirements seem to be growing whilst traditional sports requiring equipment such as boats are declining.

Training boats are being hired to members to sail when they are not being used for training. This brings in a small amount of income that hopefully will offset maintenance costs on the boats.

The Yachting Victoria Discover Sailing program offers a new direction for us to address which may become a recruitment avenue and an income stream.

For the future we should be looking at any associated activities that will give an income stream. This will enable the club to keep membership costs to a minimum, perhaps with only inflation based increases.

With the new club year comes the election of your committee. For some time the club has had a dedicated group involved in running our sailing and club business activities. Some of those persons will not be continuing for the coming year as a new committee is elected.

I would like to express my appreciation of the efforts they have contributed to ensuring the club remains one of the success stories of our sport.

For the new committee we have a reasonably new member volunteering to be treasurer, thank you. Another short term member has offered to administer our membership data base. Again, thank you.

For the coming year it is necessary for all committee members to take responsibility some of the areas of running club activities.

The passage of time has seen Doug Hunter relinquish control of the bar after more than 40 years. To the best of my recollection Doug was asked to help in either 1976 or 1977 and has been doing so ever since. We all owe Doug a vote of gratitude and appreciation.

Members with RSA certification will need to fill this void. Any member wishing to be involved just needs to speak to a flag officer for an RSA course to be arranged.

Finally I would like to have the efforts of the trainers and those volunteers who are always there assisting with training courses, maintenance of boats and buildings and filling in when there is a shortage of duty crews; without them we could not operate.

Finally, a thank you to the all the outgoing committee for their efforts.□

## **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](http://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](http://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.



# DIY with a Timber Boat – A Transom Repair

Steve Dunn

With the plethora of DIY programs on television these days and fierce competition between our major hardware stores, one being viewable from space, owning a timber boat these days need not be expensive. In addition to the joy of sailing, the timber boat also provides a hobby that can become an enjoyable pursuit.

Through a series of future Mudpuddler articles on timber boat repairs and maintenance I will attempt to demonstrate that owning a timber boat can be a joy already known by many stalwarts of sailing who've been aware of this secret for years. A casual stroll in the boat yard will reveal many old dusty timber gems waiting to be discovered and given a new lease on life, whilst at the same time enabling the newcomer to get into sailing with a newfound hobby at minimal expense. To put some perspective around it, some of our members are also golfers and they'll tell you that dinghy sailing is a much cheaper and less frustrating pursuit!

So in this article I'll explain the process of repairing a damaged transom. This is not uncommon with a sailing dinghy and in this case happened at the Impulse Championships held recently at Yeppoon. The boat was 'dumped' heavily onto the beach by a rogue wave with the rudder still locked in the fully down position. From Photo 1 the result is obvious. OK, so on the lake we don't have too many rogue waves but a badly damaged transom can easily occur if one forgets to let go of the tiller after a capsize. Oh and one more thing before going too much further, similar damage is possible with a fibreglass boat. Whilst also repairable this is not such an easy task for the home handyman requiring the expertise of a professional boat builder. So think in terms of many hundreds of dollars when considering fibreglass repairs compared with a couple of hundred for a timber job.



Photo 1

There are basically two ways a problem like this can be tackled. The quick and nasty way is to simply bog up the damage with epoxy and push it all back into place or for a 'proper' job, complete replacement of the transom. The former was done as a quick fix to enable participation in the championships however the owner was not happy with that as a long term solution so went down the transom replacement path on returning home.

Only basic hand tools were required such as a drill, file, chisel, plane, spring clamps etc. Power tools make the job a lot easier with a jigsaw being a must have, a belt sander a nice to have, and a random orbital sander to make finishing a breeze. Of course the use of power tools means safety is paramount so safety specs, ear protection and a dust mask are also must haves. Nowadays our major hardware stores sell these items at very low cost. And once purchased they pay for themselves after the first job.

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For the transom materials, some epoxy glue, lengths of timber and 4mm thick marine ply was required. Fortunately there is a marine timber stockist in Melbourne who provided these items as a one stop shop.

First step was to chisel off the entire old transom and remove old cracked battening timber. Once removed any new battening timber was glued around the inside edges of the hull set 4mm in, to which the transom ply was eventually glued on to end up flush with the sides, top and bottom of the hull. No nails were used and the battens were cut to length and simply clamped in place until the glue set. Photo 2 shows transom removed with battens glued in place ready for transom to be fitted.



Photo 2

A transom post was next cut to fit and liberally glued into place as shown in photo 3. Notice the high tech device used to hold some pressure while the glue sets (aka a brick). Once again no nails were required.



Photo 3

Next step was to cut out the transom ply. The easiest way is to obtain the transom paper template pattern from the class association (in this case the Impulse class) or alternatively hold the ply against the open transom and

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trace the shape onto the ply. The ply was then cut out using a jigsaw with a fine tooth blade to minimise chipping. Ply was then trimmed to fit snugly into place inside the hull panels for gluing up against the battens. Trimming was easy and performed with a hand plane and file but a belt sander could have been used to make the job even easier. The trick here is to take your time removing only a small amount of material each time and testing for fit. And even if you take off a bit too much here and there, filler may be used later on anyway and will be barely noticeable.

Once the ply was ready all that remained was to fit and glue it in place. To hold some pressure while the glue sets, timber staples were used and removed later on. Resulting staple holes were then filled prior to finishing. Once again no nails or screws were required. Photo 4 shows the completed job with the new transom in place, staple holes filled and all sanded ready for finishing.



Photo 4

The final stage was to seal the ply with epoxy and apply final coat of either an undercoat/paint system or simply varnish. Single pack polyurethane exterior varnish being the easiest was chosen and looks great. Of course the transom pintles needed to be refitted to enable rudder mounting. At first glance this appears a simple task but to be done properly needs to be done such that rudder and centreboard are in line. This is a job that requires some time to be allocated before commencing and is easier done with a helper. Luckily there are plenty of willing helpers at the club so these sorts of tasks may often be left for the club on a Saturday.

Don't try to achieve everything in one day and never be afraid to ask a member for advice or assistance. With all timber boat repairs this is the biggest secret to success. If in doubt, 'scream and shout', and if time runs out then leave it for another day – there's no point in rushing. And the satisfaction of having done it yourself and knowing you've saved a lot of money is almost as enjoyable as sailing itself!□



### **ASC ANNUAL REGATTA**

**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.

Register on-line or at the club. Full details of the event will be provided on [www.albertsc.org.au](http://www.albertsc.org.au) and in our weekly Thursday Snippets emails.□



# Juniors News

Rod Thomas

It has been pleasing to see growth in the number of juniors participating in club activities, and the improvement in their sailing skills and enjoyment.

There has been five or six juniors sailing in club races most Saturdays. In May a couple more Optimists joined the fleet as winter members, with an expectation of more in June and July.

Five juniors from Albert Sailing Club sailed in the Optimist Class Victorian State championships held at Royal Brighton on the March long weekend March 7th to 9th. This was the largest representation from Albert Sailing Club in State Optimist titles. The fleet of 135 boats was divided into 3 groups.

Fraser, who is our most experienced Opti sailor, sailed in the Open division. Emerson, Philip, Anna, and Hamish all sailed in the middle Intermediate level fleet of 50 boats. All 5 of them displayed some good form at various stages of the event, with a number of top 20 heat results.

The annual Verna Templeton junior race was sailed at Albert on a Saturday morning in April. This event is named after Verna Templeton, one of our Life Members who was a strong supporter of junior sailing at Albert Sailing Club in the 1970's and 1980's, including her own children Gordon and Dulcie Templeton. The 2015 event consisted of a number of short races sailed in Club Pacers in the northern basin of the Lake. The overall winners, with wins in two of the three heats, were Anna and Emese (pictured right). Anna graduated from crewing in the 2014 event to skippering in 2015, while Emese had just graduated from the club's Learn to Sail program and was sailing in her first race. Second overall were Paul Caddaye and Philip Cripsey, who won the first heat and finished less than half a boat length behind the girls in the second heat.



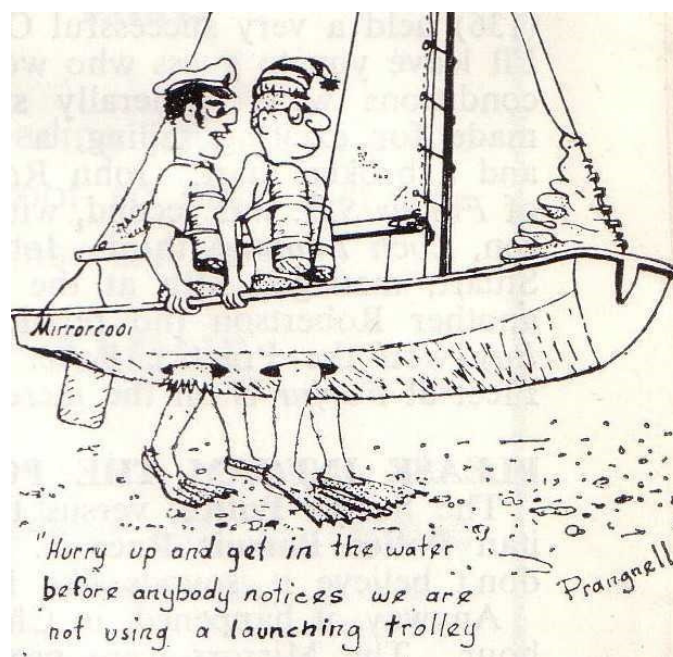
The ASC Junior Training Sub Committee organised an Autumn intensive 3 day junior sailing course at Albert Sailing Club 9 to 11 April 2015, during the school holidays and a report can be read at page 13 of the Mudpuddler. The junior parents group are looking at conducting another 3 or 4 day program in September school holidays. Details will be provided through Thursday Snippets and our club website. Expressions of interest in this course or other junior activities can be directed to Mark Cripsey or Bruce Ricketts.

## Learn to Sail Training programs

From February to April another of our 8 week Learn to Sail programs was conducted. We had 8 adults and 7 juniors enrol and successfully complete this program. The adults commenced in Pacers, with most of them sailing at least a couple of sessions in single handed Pacer or Laser class boats.

The juniors sailed in club Ozi Optis. By the end of the program all had learnt to rig a boat, launch and retrieve, and the basic skills to sail upwind, reach and downwind. Thanks to Geoff Saliba, Rod Thomas, and Ron Lackington who ran the program each week, with assistance on a number of weeks from Noelle Howitt and Richard Rawlins.

Over the summer and autumn Don McKenzie and Rod Caddaye have provided 'green fleet' and coaching sessions on Saturday mornings for members seeking further development of their sailing knowledge and skills.



The next Learn to Sail program will be for adults, youth and juniors on 8 Saturday mornings in Spring, commencing in early October. People interested in the program and registering an Expression of Interest can send an email to [training@albertsc.org.au](mailto:training@albertsc.org.au), with further updates on [www.albertsc.org.au](http://www.albertsc.org.au). □



## Annual presentation



### Club and Class Champions 2014 - 15

Overall Club Champion on Line Honours  
Rod Thomas (Laser) (picture left)

Overall Club Champion on Handicap  
Rod Thomas (Laser) & Gary Todd (Impulse) - joint winners

Over 45's Champion  
Charles Bagossy (Sabre)

Junior Champion  
Fraser Leishman (Optimist)

Most Improved Junior  
Anna Cripsey (Optimist)

Laser class - Laser Perpetual  
Rod Thomas

Encouragement Award  
Hamish Gilsenan (1st year Optimist)  
(picture right)

Impulse class - Julian Paul Memorial Trophy  
Gary Todd

Sabre class - Sabre Perpetual Bucket  
Charles Bagossy (picture below)



Junior Champion  
Fraser Leishman (right) □





## PROFILING ASC MEMBERS

**This edition features Ann Kaczorowski and Noelle Howitt**  
**As told to the editor**

First off, I know Anne and Noelle are going to hate the pictures, but blame the photographer. They were taken when, typically, they were helping a new Sabre sailor rig her boat. To me, that says everything about these two stalwarts of the club. Even if not sailing, they are helping and encouraging others to sail.



Noelle and Anne joined the club around the same time. Noelle joined in about 1991 and Anne in early 1993. But their reasons for joining were different. Jason, Noelle's son, was a keen sailor and sailed at Mordialloc and at ASC in the winter. Sick of standing around in the cold, Noelle thought she may as well join in. For a short time she sailed a Mirror with her husband, Jack, but says this was always a test so moved to Sabres. Jack meantime moved onto sailing with Peter Wright.

Anne said she was a golf widow. Her husband Bob was, and still is, a keen golfer. So Ann initially went to Parkdale Yacht Club, sailing a Sabre. After a couple of years, she decided that dislike of the bay waves and a move of home to Middle Park meant that ASC was a better place to sail.

Noelle has had considerable success since taking up sailing. She wouldn't say what success, but the writer recalls many Sabre awards and even overall club champion awards.

Anne's greatest success has been on the golf course. She recently scored a hole in one, but is still one behind Bob.

Noelle's goal was to beat the boys and to encourage and support more women to take up and keep sailing. She is pleased that the club is actively seeking ways to do this. She is also a member of Bonbeach Badminton where she is a keen player and has competed for longer than she has been sailing. Noelle started playing before she was

married, and used to play badminton up to 5 days per week, but now keeps to one day a week. She says she doesn't run as fast as before, so lets her partners do the chasing

Anne enjoys being on the water. She and Bob holiday in Yeppoon each year. For the past 4 years she has crewed on a 2 handed keel boat every Wednesday during winter. Anne retired from work about 10 years ago at Allsafe Safety where she was a purchasing officer. Golf, sailing, and grandchildren are now the main activities.□





# Vale Ian Roos

*by Rod Thomas*

Ian Roos, a regular sailor at Albert Sailing Club in the 1980's and 1990's "sailed into the sunset" in April, after a long struggle with health issues. Ian and his family, wife Pam and children Claire and Nigel, joined Albert in the early 1980's. They started out sailing the popular Mirror class boat, as many families did. He taught his children to sail and when they moved on to other pursuits he progressed to a single-handed Impulse boat. Ian and his family fitted in well with the "Albert crowd" and were active participants in club activities on and off the water. This included club social activities, and Ian's involvement as a general committee member, including a stint as club treasurer. In recent years Ian continued as an associate member of the club. His daughter Claire took ownership of the Scott family's Mirror "Jabiru" in 2014, and Ian came down on a number of occasions to help rig the boat and attend to some minor repairs.

Albert Sailing Club was well represented at the funeral for Ian Roos at the City Baptist Church in Collins Street, with 15 of our members in attendance. It was illuminating to hear of the different streams of Ian's life which included a long term involvement in post graduate level cancer research and community advocacy which was recognised with an Order of Australian Medal. He also had a life-long involvement as a member and volunteer with the Puffing Billy Railway, including in later years as stationmaster for the Belgrave Puffing Billy station.

The following poem, Requiem For a Sailor, was penned by Ian and featured in the funeral service.

When I set sail in the morning  
And I sail beneath the sky  
Please don't come and mourn for me  
Whatever you do, don't cry.

For I'll be sailing easy  
The wind is fair and free  
I'm sailing on a lazy reach  
My heading's easterly.

So when I sail beneath the sunrise  
Beneath that clear blue sky  
Don't come and mourn for me  
Just come and wave goodbye.□



## Review of ASC Rules

*John Whelan*

The committee has reviewed the club's rules and a special general meeting will be held to consider approving the rules. You will find the proposed rules and an explanatory guide on the club's website at [www.albertsc.org.au/index.php/about/club-rules/](http://www.albertsc.org.au/index.php/about/club-rules/).

The club adopted its current rules in May 2010. Since then, the Victorian government introduced The Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. 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, notices provisions and tidying up some terminology. As well, there will be technical changes due to the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Please send any comments concerning the proposed rules to me at the club, or by email to [mudpuddler@albertsc.org.au](mailto:mudpuddler@albertsc.org.au). The notice contained with this edition of the Mudpuddler will give you details of time and date of the special general meeting. Come and have your say.□



# People's Playground: A History of the Albert Park (1996) by Jill Barnard and Jenny Keating

This book provides a comprehensive story of the Albert Park from its origins to the mid 1990's when this book was published. It was authored by two Victorian historians, and commissioned by Melbourne Parks and Waterways, a state government agency which preceded Parks Victoria.

The club has had a couple of copies of the book provided by Parks Victoria. You can reserve a loan of a copy by sending an email to [sailing@albertsc.org.au](mailto:sailing@albertsc.org.au). Alternatively copies can be purchased through the Parks Victoria Albert Park office or borrowed as an inter-library loan through municipal libraries. Below are some extracts of interest from early chapters of the book.

Chapter 1 covers the original indigenous inhabitants of the area, European settlement and early settlement in the inner area south of Melbourne.

Chapter 2 Building a Park 1860 - 90.

“A walk in Albert Park in 1864, when it was proclaimed a public park , would have revealed few changes in the generously wooded landscape since the 1850's. At its centre a shallow swamp, teeming with wild fowl, swelled at times of flood such as when rain fell for two days. Some trees might have been scorched by the three fires that swept through the park in the summer of 1863. Most parts of the park afforded a sea view, and the south-western boundary reached almost to the coast at St Kilda.

....Post-and rail fences, with gates and lodges at Cecil Street, Fitzroy Street and St Kilda Road were the most prominent signs that this was indeed a public reserve. But already there were three rough cricket grounds. The beginnings of a road ran between Cecil and Fitzroy Streets and a number of trees and shrubs had been planted at the South Melbourne end of the park.

....An early observer, arriving before 9.00am, might have noticed horses being exercised in a specially-allocated area, but most of the park was given over to cattle, which grazed during the day and were locked up at night. At the southern end of the park, near the St Kilda railway station a small flock of alpacas grazed."

## Creating a Lake

The feature of the park that attracted the most attention in the 1870's was the lake. The lagoon in its natural state had formed a marshy landscape, fed by the Yarra River and the run-off from the higher areas around it, and draining off towards the sea at the St Kilda end of the park. The transformation of the lagoon into a lake was a saga in itself and many of the problems associated with its creation and maintenance would occur repeatedly over the next century or more.



Edwards shed at Albert Park Lake (1887)

## First Sailors on the Lagoon

William Buckhurst (an Emerald Hill resident and estate agent) and other boat owners had not waited for (possible) improvements before they began using the lagoon. In 1870 Buckhurst had commissioned a sailing boat. Appropriately named *The Pioneer*, it was launched on the lagoon in January 1871. Soon the *Pioneer* was joined by other craft, notably two Chinese sampans which had been imported into the colony for sailing on the bay, but were moved to the gentler lagoon.

Later chapters have sections which detail the progression of boating activity on the Lake including : Boathouses for hire of boats, the Rowing Clubs, the Speedboat club, and the formation of Albert Park Yacht Club and Albert Sailing Club.□

# Annual General Meeting

The club's AGM was held on Saturday 2 May 2015 and was well attended. The commodore presented his report which has been reproduced on page 3. The treasurer reported another excellent financial result for the club. The club made a small profit, and an increase to its balance sheet as well as increasing the training boat fleet, making a number of repairs and improvements to the club's premises. The following persons were elected:

Commodore:	Don McKenzie
Rear Commodore	Steve Dunn
Secretary :	Bill Avallone
Assisting Secretary:	Matt Leishman
Treasurer:	Qinwei He
Committee:	Rod Thomas
	John Whelan
	Mark Cripsey
	Victoria Whatmore
	Andrew Freadman

At the committee meeting on 12 May 2015, Bruce Ricketts was added as a committee member.

It was pleasing that Andrew and Qinwei, two newer members, were elected and that Steve Dunn, a long time and respected member, was elected as rear commodore. However, the position of vice commodore and club captain are vacant and the committee welcomes expressions of interest from members willing to undertake these roles.□

## ASC Apparel



Navy blue V-neck windcheater  
\$30.00



Navy blue polo shirt  
\$20.00



Visor \$12.00  
Beanie \$15.00  
Cap \$15.00



Grey crew neck windcheater  
Reduced to \$25.00. Select sizes.



Sailing vest \$25.00



Navy blue rugby top  
\$37.00  
Size XXL only

See Sue Schoene in the galley



## Bunnings Sausage Sizzle



The club held a successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Sunday 3 May 2015. Over \$750 was raised which will be applied to the cost of the new BBQ which Steve has arranged to purchase for the club. Steve Lincoln and Cindy Tilbrook worked tirelessly to arrange the sausage sizzle and staff it along with a number of helpers. When you next have a sausage from the new BBQ, perhaps give a silent thank you to all that worked at the stall, but in particular Cindy and Steve.

## ASC Intensive Youth Sailing

*Bruce Ricketts*

The ASC Junior Training Sub Committee organised an intensive youth sailing course that was held at Albert Sailing Club from 9 April through to 11 April 2015.

Thirteen children, with a range of sailing abilities took part in the three day intensive training program. The program was led by Coach Sally Radnell, with two extra coaches, Dave and Camilla. Each day started with a briefing and ended with a debrief and on Saturday afternoon, 7 of the trainees joined our Club Race.

The program cost was \$100 per child, 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 \$12.50.

Four trainees were new to the sport, were not members of ASC or other sailing clubs, and therefore joined ASC under our Temporary Membership provisions for \$25 each. We decided to use fully-qualified coaches at a cost of \$525. The program was open to Optimists, Minnows and Sabots.

### Lessons learned

While the program was opened to other classes of boats, Optimists were the preferred choice. The more advanced sailors who were using the plastic training Optimists felt they were at a disadvantage in the heavier boats and the advanced sails were in demand for those using the plastic training boats.

The coaches were excellent choices, their programming was thoughtful and had the children engaged throughout. They related well to the children and maintained participation throughout.

The children had difficulty getting the boats out and putting the boats away in the current Optimist racking.

### Participant feedback

Participants found the course excellent, friendly and well run. All 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 excellent by all attendees, and all said they would be interested in further courses and further paid training at ASC, including weekly paid coaching at the club.

Several participants stated they would be interested in a similar course for pacers.

New comers to sailing recommend including a list of clothing/gear requirements in the pre-course information package. □





## SUDOKU

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A flying impulse at Inverloch



Learn to Sail juniors Feb—March 2015

## DUMB JOKES

The sailing party was hopelessly lost on the ocean. The sun was going down and the waves were starting to build when one of the sailors growled, "I thought you said you were the best damn captain in California." "Oh I am," replied the captain firmly, "but I'm pretty sure we're in Mexico by now."

**"During a sailboat race you will often hear crew calling "STARBOARD!" to claim right of way. One boat calls, "PORT! NO INSURANCE" ....And everyone gives way."**

"If it is supposed to move and it doesn't then WD 40 will likely help.

If it is not supposed to move and it does then duct tape will likely help." □



Jack, a winner at GP regatta in March

## SAILING QUOTE

"Go small, go simple, go now"  
— Larry Pardey, *Cruising in "Seraffyn"* □





# Winter Roster 2015



Albert Sailing Club Inc.

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

<b>TROPHY RACE</b>		<b>Phone</b>	<b>WINTER SERIES 5</b>		<b>Phone</b>
Saturday, June 13, 2015 <b>APYC Start</b>			Saturday, August 8, 2015 <b>APYC Start</b>		
OOD	Ron Lackington (pbl)	9338 4819	OOD	Rob Clark (pbl)	9337 9637
Crew	Mark Snell (pbl)	9842 3623	Crew	Richard Rawlins (pbl)	0412 472 684
	Gary Craig (pbl)	9886 1975		Anne Kaczorowski (pbl)	9587 7944
	Andrew Freedman	N/A		Noelle Howitt	9772 7535
<b>ASC ANNUAL REGATTA</b>		<b>Volunteers Welcome</b>	<b>WINTER SERIES 6</b>		
Saturday/Sunday June 20, 21			Saturday, August 15, 2015 <b>ASC Start</b>		
OOD and Crews to be announced		<b>Enquiries to any Flag Officer</b>	OOD	Gary Todd (pbl)	9726 9783
			Crew	Steve Lincoln (pbl)	9305 2162
				John Smith (pbl)	9876 3603
				Robert McIntyre	9853 1980
				Andrew Halse	9599 9931
<b>TROPHY RACE</b>			<b>WINTER SERIES 7</b>		
Saturday, June 27, 2015 <b>APYC Start</b>			Saturday, August 22, 2015 <b>APYC Start</b>		
OOD	Tim Falkner (pbl)	9888 4214	OOD	Charles Bagosy (pbl)	9555 5967
Crew	Mike Simpson (pbl)	9889 7101	Crew	Chris Shields (pbl)	9354 1193
	Cameron Simpson	9395 5414		Phillip Humphries (pbl)	0438 611 684
	Bruce Bulled	0400 095 620			
<b>WINTER SERIES 1</b>			<b>TROPHY RACE</b>		
Saturday, July 4, 2015 <b>ASC Start</b>			Saturday, August 29, 2015 <b>ASC Start</b>		
OOD	Cindy Tilbrook (pbl)	9645 0629	OOD	Lesley Scott (pbl)	9682 2909
Crew	Colin Wright (pbl)	9898 5056	Crew	Geoff Saliba (pbl)	9807 8560
	Walter Green (pbl)	9819 1386		David Schrapel (pbl)	9530 6241
	Ron Lackington (pbl)	9338 4819		Mark Snell (pbl)	9842 3623
	Qinwei He	0488 446 330		Darcy Simpson	0412 322 826
<b>YV/APYC WINTERSAIL</b>			<b>HOOVER SERIES 1</b>		
Saturday/Sunday, July 11/12			Saturday, September 5, 2015 <b>APYC Start</b>		
NO CLUB RACING AT ASC			OOD	Ron Fergusson (pbl)	0410 492 091
			Crew	Andrew Gillman (pbl)	9699 5468
				Stephen Tillman	9338 4819
<b>WINTER SERIES 2</b>			<b>HOOVER SERIES 2</b>		
Saturday, July 18, 2015 <b>ASC Start</b>			Saturday, September 12, 2015 <b>ASC Start</b>		
OOD	Steve Dunn (pbl)	9800 5650	OOD	Ian Skinner (pbl)	9337 7007
Crew	Arthur Misson (pbl)	9877 4732	Crew	James Catton (pbl)	0435 494 893
	Tim Finn (pbl)	9754 4223		Robert McIntyre (pbl)	9853 1980
	Greg Ryan	9503 8735		Ken Brain (pbl)	9562 6140
	Ann Elmslie	0404 4223		Nils & Douglas Kvalheim (pbl)	9308 9894
<b>WINTER SERIES 3</b>			<b>HOOVER SERIES 3</b>		
Saturday, July 25, 2015 <b>APYC Start</b>			Saturday, September 19, 2015 <b>APYC Start</b>		
OOD	Keith Staite (pbl)	9690 7907	OOD	Tony Schalken (pbl)	9570 2867
Crew	Anthony Berger (pbl)	0413 651 345	Crew	Jim Glover (pbl)	5255 4230
	Lynette Staunton	0439 012 488		Margarete Lee (pbl)	9877 7973
				Max Beaton (pbl)	9857 7454
<b>WINTER SERIES 4</b>			<b>GRAND FINAL DAY</b>		
Saturday, August 1, 2015 <b>ASC Start</b>			Saturday, September 26, 2015		
OOD	John Whelan (pbl)	9347 4464	11am TROPHY RACE		
Crew	Colin Wright (pbl)	9898 5056	OOD	Don McKenzie (pbl)	
	Ron Lackington (pbl)	9338 4819	Crew	Colin Wright (pbl)	
	Pam Webster (pbl)	9337 9637		Ron Lackington (pbl)	
	Michael Black	0405 794 516			

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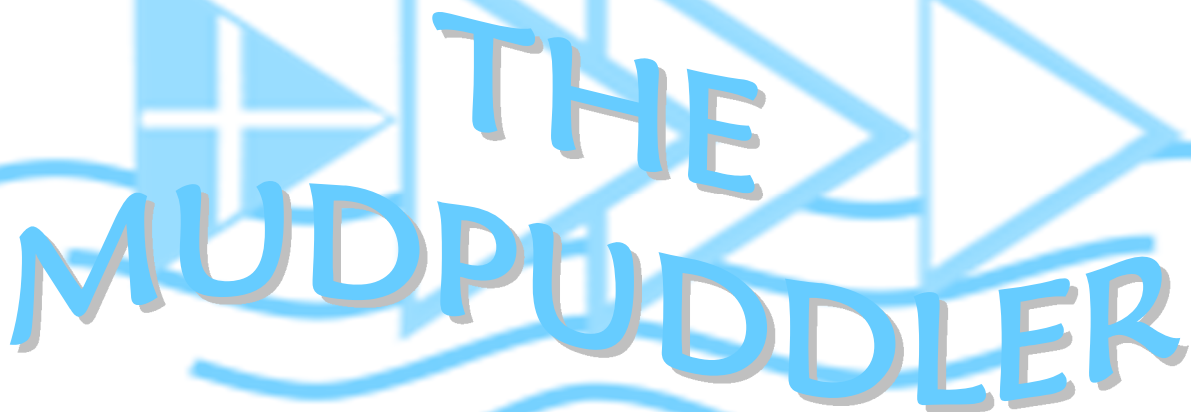
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