

The Magazine of The Albert Sailing Club Summer 2015 Edition



Fraiser Leishman in his Open Bic

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FROM THE EDITOR

If you wanted to design and build your own boat, read Ted Zammit's article and, like me, admire the planning and workmanship. Perhaps Ted might be persuaded to demonstrate the boat for us.

Anna Cripsey, one of our talented junior sailors, has contributed an article bringing us up to date on the various activities for juniors at the club and elsewhere.

Rod Thomas has provided an article and photos on another successful discover sailing day that was held in late November. As Rod points out, these days are a useful source of new members as well as a lot of fun for those that participate. Always a great contributor to the Mudpuddler, Rod has also supplied an article on our successful Vic Health grant for new life jackets.

We also decided that members should brush up on the meaning of various nautical expressions. So we have found a compendium of terms that you might find useful (or not). Part 2 will be in the next edition.

To those participating in the various state and national competitions and other sailing events over the break, good sailing and good fun. Come back on the 9th January 2016 and let us know how you went and what people missed out on. To all readers, have a great and safe Christmas and new year.

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

With the year coming to a close and 2016 about to commence, the importance of the strategic planning exercises cannot be overestimated.

A limited number of persons have been working for the club ensuring that it runs to provide the opportunity for members in general to participate in the sport. They have done this for a number of years and it is obvious that in the coming year and beyond others will have to fill those positions. A quick check indicates there is a substantial area needing planned change. The club needs new people in the flag officer and senior roles. We have been fortunate that the committee has been well served with new members including a new rear commodore and treasurer, and this has assisted in re-visioning the club. This process should continue and develop, but perhaps with continued influx of new membership it may develop in areas we have only been able to wish for, as well as in others that are yet to be considered. I am confident that the club will flourish.

Racing fleets and numbers sailing have improved as the weather improves. The club's financial position continues to improve, the club's training fleet continues to grow, and many members do contribute to the work of the club.

New members continue to join, and junior training during school holidays also is growing.

So I call upon all members to consider how they can assist the many members who are already working in your best interests, and help the continued growth and regeneration of the club.

I had proposed a change to the duty arrangements with the yacht club but both clubs feel they can continue as is. So both clubs will continue providing a race officer, with starting responsibility rotated. The club with responsibility for the start will provide two on water boats and crews, and the other club one boat and crew. Briefings, race finishes and protests will remain separate.

There have been some movement in boat racking, a sabre has been sold and the sabot has been sold. The new owner is planning to join the club.

The spring training course has finished with 14 new sailors that we need to support and encourage to join us on the water each week. I know that you are al-

ways willing and ready to assist and support new sailors, so those new sailors should not be concerned about asking any member for help. We look forward to being of assistance.

The proposed intensive course has been postponed due to the participants being unable to avoid work commitments. It will therefore be held over two consecutive weekends in February 2016. Geoff Saliba will be the instructor.

It is planned to hold a social sailing day with the opportunity for friends to come and try sailing on January 23rd.

Parks Victoria have advised Rebecca Porter has been appointed to the position of Sports Development Coordinator.

There will be holiday period training for juniors to be held on January 19 to 21. Contact Mark Cripsey or me if you would like more information.

I hope you all have a merry Xmas and a safe new year and are refreshed when the club re-opens on January 9th.□

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).

2016 MEMBER'S HANDBOOK is enclosed with this edition of the Mudpuddler. It contains the sailing instructions, notice of race, sailing calendar as well as helpful information. Extra copies are available from the Club Tower.

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.

Zammit Tender Dinghy

In February 2015 I offered to build dad a tender for his 1950's timber converted trawler cruising boat on the Gippsland lakes which he has at Sale Yacht Club. The brief was for a light, stable, simple boat, to row (forward and backwards rowing); forward like they do in Malta where my dad comes from, 3hp motor on the back and a sail for a bit of effortless lake exploration.



I didn't have confidence in adding all these components to an existing design, as there were too many conflicting criterion. Knowing this boat would pair with a 60 year old craft, I also wanted a period fitting boat which matches to a time when I like the way things were made 'like they used to build them' for many vehicles and equipment.

The dinghy is constructed from various materials, including western cedar, baltic pine, huon pine trimming, marine ply sides and birch ply. I used stitch and glue. Length is 9ft 6 inches and beam is 4ft 2 inches.

The wide transom enables fast planing under motor while also providing required buoyancy as far back as possible (rear of skipper) due to the tiller steer motor. However, body weight can be shifted forward while sailing with enough beam and rocker to lift

the transom out of the water to dramatically reduce wetted surface area.

A skeg 'centreboard', and lug rig (thanks to Steve Walker with 12% balance) enables drop and go sailing with a design that needs one reef knot, and clipping one fitting for sailing or about 30 seconds to rig-up. (Insert) The Skeg is a glued on centreboard below the waterline permanently affixed so the boat can easily be sailed, it is not very deep so the boat can enter very shallow or swampy waters so does slip more than a centreboard.





The skeg on this boat allows for sailing in all conditions, and does not require any centreboard or other board obstructing the cockpit so you have much more room to relax. The skeg has been positioned correctly, and, proven to sail at about 40 degrees to the wind with a small amount of slip allowing for about a 47-55 degree sailing angle; which is ideal for relaxing sailing to prevent being prone to wind-shifts.

With some early sketches, measurements and a few calculations I got the initial shape to work with, bending the 4.6mm play was the hardest part which had to make some hard bends and I would use thinner ply next time at just 4mm or 3.6mm.

The rest of the build was about strength and minimising weight; the boat has two in-built water tanks, is easily righted from a capsize and weights exactly 24.8 kilograms.

To sail, row or motor, nothing needs to be removed or added. You can head out with the 3hp motor



mounted, with it raised when not is use and down while motoring. The sailing rudder is mounted offset from the centreline on the transom so it is mounted next to the engine, and equally the c-shaped tiller allows for steering while the engine is mounted. This gives the skipper the choice to row, sail or use the motor at any-time, making it both incredibly safe and functional.

When leaving your mother vessel, or heading to explore, you can drop the oars into the locks to cover a short distance. If you get tired of rowing you can put the sail up, and when the wind dies you use the engine to continue.

The sail is dropped into the mast hole and tied on, the lug is lifted and tied off to the mast and the main-sheet clipped to the bri-

dle, pull a rope to lower the sailing rudder and you are ready for sailing. If the wind dies or you enter a fast moving river, one rope is untied and the mast and sail altogether can be lifted out and stored on the floor. You can steer under motor by just using the motor's tiller and then retracting the sailing rudder. Or, you can lock the engine straight just using the controls for speed adjustment and continue using the sailing rudder to steer. It is a matter of convenience.



The 6ft oars and the sail,

which is ready to go on the mast, fit inside the cockpit, and the design doesn't require a boom and sheeting is from the transom on a bridle to keep it away from the engine and rudder.



The sail and cover (which fits perfectly) were made professionally and designed by Steve Walker in Tasmania, to the specifications for this boat. The boat was proven in Williamstown to sail with 3 persons aboard plus a day-trip of luggage on Port Philip Bay.

I have also taken this vessel out in gust up to 30 knots and due to the beam of the boat, and the power of the sail being very low (as well as the small sail area), tipping was not an issue and I was able to sit on the floor of the boat with the sail fully sheeted.

I would love to build another one and could modify the design accordingly to fit slightly different needs.

Some Junior News

Anna Cripsey

The spring season sailing began with the Spring Holiday Sailing Camp at ASC in late September . Coaches: Mel, Rhett, Gus, Don and Rod did an amazing job, so did all the parents and volunteers organizing it and helping out with the boats, sausage sizzle and so on. The course was so much fun for all the participating junior sailors new and old, it was a great experience.

Having started the season on such a good note, we just had to continue. Highlights for Anna and my brother Phillip have included participation in our Optis in the large Sail Sandy Regatta at Sandringham and Sail Country on Lake Hume near Albury Wodonga over the Melbourne Cup weekend. Out of those two Sail Country was the most fun: most people camped, so atmosphere was great, even big thunderstorms could not dampen the spirits. It was also Halloween week end, so the night was wild with all the lollies and Halloween dress up. Overall week end was lots of fun and I am very pleased



Anna in Dream Catcher at Sail Country

with my results placing 26th in the fleet of over 50 boats which included Vic State Team and some really good sailors from NSW. After Regatta finished we stayed for 2 more days to enjoy the lake and do some training. Our coach Mel celebrated her birthday and it was great for all of us to be part of her special day.

With such a great start to the sailing season I am really looking forward 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup in St Kilda which is coming up in December, Optimist Nationals in Sydney in January and a junior Holiday Sailing program at ASC at the end of the summer holidays in January.

ASC Juniors at Upcoming Nationals

Rod Thomas

In the December, January period we have a number of juniors from ASC competing in national level events. We wish Anna, Phillip, Fraser, Emerson and their families, and any others who may be competing in junior championship events, good sailing and fun on and off the water.

The Optimist class Australian Championships will be sailed in Sydney, 2nd to 7th January. As at 24 November there were 143 entries, with well over 200, maybe 300 expected, including overseas entries from New Zealand and a number of countries in Asia

The Open Bic World Cup event is at Safety Beach Sailing Club on the Mornington Peninsula, 27 December to 3 January. This will be the first international event in Australia for this new and growing class As at 24 November 116 entries, mainly from Australian states but with overseas entrants from Japan, New Zealand and some European countries.□



School holiday sailing program

Successful Discover Sailing Day

Albert Sailing Club had another successful Discover Sailing Day on Albert Park Lake on Sunday 22 November 2015.

Seventy people registered and ventured out for a sail on a club boat, with the large majority registrants on the day.

A couple of photos from the Discover Sailing Day are produced. The first is a picture of Mum, Dad, Son and spoodle spaniel sailing on one of our club Status trailable boats. The other is a photo of some of the club boats, members' boats and visitors on the foreshore mid afternoon.

With perfect conditions of light winds and cool to mild weather we were able to put children (and a couple of parents!) out solo in club Ozi Optis, while adults and many of the children sailed with experienced members in a club Status trailable or Pacer class boats. The club provided a barbecue for visitors, and sailing and volunteer club members on our upstairs decking over lunchtime.



A quick analysis of Discover Sailing Day registration forms indicates that we had 10 families and 10 single adults (43 people) indicate an interest in learning to sail, receiving further information about sailing opportunities and possibly interested in joining a club. The other 27 people were interested in a sail, but no further interest in information about other opportunities or joining a club. Our challenge is to define programs and activities which are attractive to potential new members. We need current members prepared to contact people who have expressed an interest to determine their needs, discuss options and provide some advice and support.



We had 15 club ASC members involved in assisting in the conduct of the Discover Sailing Day including : publicity, preparing boats, taking people out sailing, providing information, handling registration, clubhouse setup and BBQ duties. Thanks to Steve, Mark, Dot, Rob, Gary, Greg, Andrew, Bill, Peter, Tim, Phil, Don, Rod and new members Jack and Fhadi for their involvement.

The Discover Sailing Day was our second community day this Spring, following a successful day on a Sunday in late September when we hosted 20 people from the Port Phillip Bicycle Users Group for a Cycling and Sailing Day.

Such days are important as a means for introducing people to sailing and our club. Each year we have a number of new members and learn to sail program participants join us through these types of days.□



Sailing Recommences

On Saturday 9 January 2015, sailing resumes with the first Commodore's series race. This will be a two race series this year. There will be no organised racing on 23 January 2016. The galley will re-open on 30 January 2016, so until then you will need to make your own arrangements for food.

Social Sailing Day

A follow up to the successful discover sailing day from November will be held on Saturday 23 January 2016. Bring friends and family and enjoy a few hours of fun and a BBQ on the deck at lunchtime.

Saturday 6 February - Top of the Bay Regatta at Altona Yacht Club

For clubs at top end of Port Phillip including : Albert SC, Albert Park YC, Port Melbourne YC, Williamstown SC, Altona YC, Elwood SC. We need at least ten boats for a club team result. This is a good opportunity for a summer sail on Port Phillip. This year at Altona, which has good free car parking, a grassed rigging area and friendly members.

Summer Learn to Sail training program

Program commencing early February for adults and youth in Pacer class boats, with opportunities to progress to Laser and Sabre boats. Juniors up to 12 years old in plastic Ozi Opti class boats. Enquiries and bookings through training@albertsc.org.au

Sunday 20 March, F1 Grand Prix Sailing on Albert Park Lake

There will again be a low key sailing event on Albert Park Lake on the Sunday afternoon of the F1 Grand Prix. For Albert Sailing Club and Albert Park Yacht Club members and invited visitors, this year to be hosted from APYC. A series of short races from 4pm to 6.30pm. All day entry provided to the circuit for preparations and to take in the pre-Grand Prix race day fun and activities. Full details and Entry Form on ASC website and in Thursday Snippets in early February..

28 December to 3 January. Impulse Australian Championships at Gippsland Lakes YC, Paynesville

Over 50 boats expected with at least three from Albert.

Saturday 23rd to Tuesday 26th January. Yarrawonga Yacht Club Australia Day Weekend Regatta

Camp or caravan next to clubhouse on shores of Lake Mulwala on the River Murray. Sail in races on one or more days . A number of ASC members usually travel up and sail in this event and have a great weekend. Speak to Ron Fergusson or check out details on the Yarrawonga Yacht Club website.□

Nautical Terms (Part 1)

Hopefully the following explanations might aid with confusion.

<u>Ahoy</u> - The first in a series of four letter words commonly exchanged by skippers as their boats approach. Amidships - condition of being surrounded by boats.

<u>Anchor</u> - a device designed to bring up mud samples from the bottom at inopportune or unexpected times. <u>Anchor Light</u> - a small light used to discharge the battery before daylight.

<u>Bar</u> - Long, low lying navigational hazard, usually awash, found at river mouths and harbour entrances, where it is composed of sand or mud, and ashore, where it is made of mahogany or some other dark wood. Sailors can be found in large numbers around both.

<u>Beam Sea</u> - A situation in which waves strike a boat from the side, causing it to roll unpleasantly. This is one of the four directions from which wave action tends to produce extreme physical discomfort. The other three are 'bow sea' (waves striking from the front), 'following sea' (waves striking from the rear), and 'quarter sea' (waves striking from any other direction).

<u>Bend</u> - A knot used to tie two lines together in a manner such that it cannot be untied, yet has the uncanny ability to untie itself when unattended.

Berth - a little addition to the crew.

Boat ownership - Standing fully-clothed under a cold shower, tearing up 100-dollar bills

 \underline{Boom} - A laterally mounted spar to which a sail is fastened, used during jibing to shift crew members to a fixed, horizontal position.

Bulkhead - Discomfort suffered by sailors who drink too much

<u>Cabin</u> - A cramped, closet like compartment below decks where crew members may be stored - on their sides if large or on end if small - until needed.

<u>Calm</u> - Sea condition characterised by the simultaneous disappearance of the wind and the last cold beer <u>Channel</u> - Narrow stretch of deep or dredged waterway bordered by buoys or markers that separates two or more grounded boats

<u>Chart</u> - a type of map which tells you exactly where you are aground.

<u>Clew</u> - an indication from the skipper as to what he might do next.

<u>Course</u> - The direction in which a skipper wishes to steer his boat and from which the wind is blowing. Also, the language that results by not being able to.

<u>Current</u> - Tidal flow that carries a boat away from it desired destination or toward a hazard.

<u>Crew</u> - Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down charts, anchor cushions in place and dampen sudden movements of the boom.

Dead Reckoning - a course leading directly to a reef.

Displacement - when you dock your boat and can't find it later.

<u>Fitting Out</u> - Series of maintenance tasks performed on boats ashore during good weather weekends in spring and summer months to make them ready for winter storage.

<u>Flashlight</u> - Tubular metal container used on shipboard for storing dead batteries prior to their disposal.

Flipper - Rubber swimming aid worn on the feet. Usually available in two sizes, 3 and 17

<u>Flotsam</u> - Anything floating in the water from which there is no response when an offer of a cocktail is made. <u>Fluke</u> - The portion of an anchor that digs securely into the bottom: also, any occasion when this happens on the first try.

Galley - Ancient: Aspect of seafaring associated with slavery.

Modern: Aspect of seafaring associated with slavery.

<u>Gear</u> - Generic term for any pieces of boating equipment that can be forgotten in the back-seat or boot of a car, left behind on a pontoon, soaked in the bottom of a dinghy or lost over the side of the boat.

Grounding - Embarrassing situation in which a sailor returns to shore without leaving his boat.

<u>Gybe</u> - A common way to get unruly guests off your boat.□

VicHealth Grant and New Lifejackets

On our Season Opening Day on Saturday 10th October the club took possession of around 40 new life jackets purchased with a Vic Health Active club grant. Twice a year, the State Government open up applications from sporting and community clubs for Active Club grants to assist with the purchase of core equipment, in particular injury prevention related equipment, with the aim of increasing the number of people participating at clubs.

At ASC we use jackets for use in our club training and Discover Sailing programs and for use by our on water duty crews. An audit in early 2015 determined that we should expand our lifejacket stocks and replace older



and one off jackets acquired or donated to the club. John Whelan prepared and submitted the online application. When advised of our successful application Commodore Don investigated options and procured jackets through Discount Seamart in Elizabeth Street in the City. Thanks John and Don.

We were pleased to have on hand for the handover of the new lifejackets and the Season Opening Sailpast Martin Foley (Victorian Government Minister and MP for Albert Park), Councillor Andrew Bond (City of Port Phillip councillor), CEO Yachting Victoria - Steve Walker, and Paul Taig (APYC Commodore). \Box

Trivia Night

On Saturday 10 October 2015, the club's trivia night was held with a new quizmaster. Tim Falkiner prepared a fun and challenging quiz for the annual battle of wits, skill, and guesswork.

Tim's questioned were on books and film, with a special emphasis on children's questions. Unfortunately, your editor had long forgotten the books and films of childhood, but others seemed to draw upon experience with grandchildren, or else relied on the younger people on their table.

It was a great fun night. Congratulations to the winners. D

For Sale

ASC Status 19 trailer sailor. Mid 1990's vintage. Option of 4hp outboard. Best as lake or estuary class boat.

Contact our Commodore Don McKenzie if you are interested or know someone interested in purchasing. \square



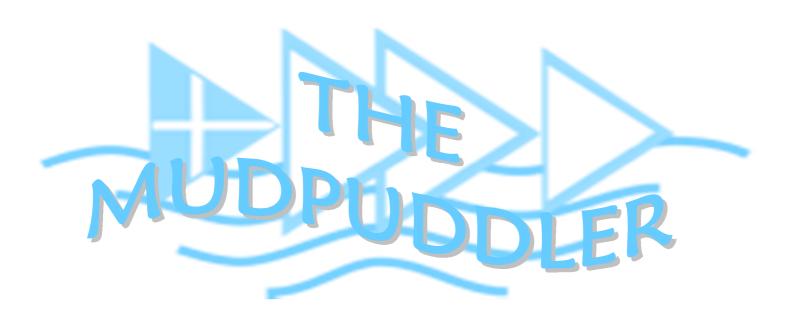
Summer Duty Roster 2016

OOD & CREW: Please be at club on duty day by 11.00 a.m. If your date is not convenient please arrange a swap with another member



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COMMODORE'S RACE 1 Saturday, January 9, 2016 ASC S OOD Tony Schalken (pbl) Crew David Schrapel (pbl) Phillip Humphries (pbl) Andrew Grocholski (pbl) Training: Phillip Iacano COMMODORE'S RACE 2	Phone tart 9570 2867 9530 6241 0438 611 684 0417 150 068 9557 8493	SUMMER SERIES 5 Saturday, March 5, 2016 ASC S OOD Steve Dunn (pbl) Crew James Catton (pbl) Tim Finn (pbl) Anne Kaczorowski (pbl) Andrew Halse LABOR DAY WEEKEND	Phone art 9800 5650 0435 494 893 9754 4223 9587 7964 9599 9931			
Saturday, January 16, 2016 APYC S OOD Tim Falkiner (pbl) Crew Ken Brain (pbl) Darcy Simpson Training: Qinwei He	tart 9888 4214 9562 6140 0412 322 826	Saturday, March 12, 2016 No organised activity casual sailing only at ASC				
AUSTRALIA DAY WEEK Saturday, January 23, 2016 No formal racing Casual sailing only		GRAND PRIX WEEKEND Sat/Sun., March 19/20, 2016 Club closed Sat. and Sun. Pre entries required for proposed short course races Sunday 20				
SUMMER SERIES 1 Saturday, January 30, 2016 ASC S OOD Lesley Scott (pbl) Crew Colin Wright (pbl) John Smith (pbl) Brian Finlayson (pbl) Jack Woods (pbl)	tart 9682 2909 9898 5056 9876 3603 0408 391 573 0419 541 802	EASTER SATURDAY Saturday, March 26, 2016 No organised sailing at ASC				
TOP OF BAY REGATTA Saturday, February 6, 2016 Venue: Altona Sailing Club no provision for resail on Sunday 7th Saturday, February 6 Casual Club Sailing at ASC		SUMMER SERIES 6 Saturday, April 2, 2016 APYC S OOD Charles Bagossy (pbl) Crew Gary Craig (pbl) Andrew Gillman (pbl) Training: Phillip Iacano	start 9555 5967 9886 1075 9699 5468 9557 8493			
SUMMER SERIES 2 Saturday, February 13, 2016 APYC OOD Ian Skinner (pbl) Crew Arthur Misson (pbl) Training: Sanjay & Jairaj Bajaj	Start 9337 7007 9877 4732 0409 296 147	SUMMER SERIES 7 Saturday, April 9, 2016 ASC St OOD Gary Todd (pbl) Crew Colin Wright (pbl) Paul Leitinger (pbl) Colin Webb (pbl) Matt Leishman	art 9726 9783 9898 5056 9696 1056 0412 472 684			
SUMMER SERIES 3 Saturday, February 20, 2016 ASC 5 OOD Cindy Tilbrook (pbl) Crew Steve Lincoln (pbl) Mark Snell (pbl) Jim Glover (pbl) Asst. OOD Richard Geake-Ransome	tart 9645 0629 9305 2162 9842 3623 5255 4230 0467 066 638	AUTUMN TROPHY RACE Saturday, April 16, 2016 APYC OOD Keith Staite (pbl) Crew Richard Rawlins (pbl) Darcy Simpson Training: Qinwei He	Start 9690 7907 0412 472 684 0412 322 826			
SUMMER SERIES 4 Saturday, February 27, 2016 APYC OOD Ron Lackington (pbl) Crew Walter Green (pbl) Training: Ian Coleman Training: Andrew Goodsell	Start 9338 4819 9819 1386 8589 4922 0428 118 292	ANZAC WEEKEND Saturday, April 23, 2016 WORKING BEE No club racing at ASC				

Twilight Sailing starts late January from ASC then each Tuesday. 6pm start approx. Any changes will be notified in Thursday Snippets and Saturday Club Briefings



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