

NOVEMBER 2019

FROM THE

BILGES

THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF PORTARLINGTON SAILING CLUB

**PSC 50TH
ANNIVERSARY**

DON'T MISS OUT! RSVP TODAY!

**50TH SEASON OPENS
WITH A BANG**

**STRONG WESTERLY CANCELS
RACING, BUT NOT THE PSC
SPIRIT**



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RSVP REQUIRED

RSVP by the 7th of November

**SAVE YOUR SPOT AND DON'T MISS OUT! MORE INFORMATION ON
THE FOLLOWING PAGE.**



Please join us in a CELEBRATIVE WEEKEND

WE ARE CELEBRATING
Portarlington Sailing Club's
50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Join us for dinner at the Portarlington Golf Club @ 6:30pm

Dinner consists of a 3-course meal including tea and coffee.

\$40 per adult / \$15 for children meals

Drinks at bar prices.

Bookings and pre-payments required. Book via:
club website: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/portarlingtonsc/>
email: info@portarlingtonsc.org.au or
phone: June - 5278 4926 or 0400 151 995

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Sailing and Social Day / Afternoon Tea Catch-up at the club.

Briefing @ 12 midday for Sailors.

Afternoon Tea and Cake @ 4pm, after racing finishes.

Please bring any memorabilia and photos



COMMODORE'S REPORT

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VALUABLE CLUB MEMBERS

This month has been a busy one for our club! With both Discover Sailing and Scout days occurring, it has been awesome to see some of our members seriously contribute time to help us build our club into a now reputable training centre.

Rarely do I like to name individuals as key characters involved, but I'd like to thank Alistair Condor for his ongoing contributions to the junior sailing schedule. Without his time and effort into the paperwork and physical training of junior sailors, none of this would be possible.

Special thanks to many of our other committee members who have all made contributions, including Club Captain Jacob Stuchbery and Roger Kennett, our treasurer, who is more than just the maths man!

Non committee members too have played a huge part in our junior program, including but not only Paul Slevin, who has spent countless hours designing marks and assisting Alistair, in all aspects of the program! As another announcement, our club lease is going to be ready to sign next week, which will now guarantee our immaculate new footprint for the next 21 years!

A huge effort has involved many members and committees collaborating to get us to this stage. Discover Sailing and our Scout training day attracted local media interest.

After these last couple of weeks I'm so excited for what we're going to see in the near future.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

SUCCESSFUL SCOUTS AND DISCOVER SAILING DAYS!

Since the last instalment of **From the Bilges** we unfortunately haven't had all that much racing at the club, these October and November winds can be annoying. Luckily, we were able to have a Scouts day, with easing winds in the afternoon, allowing us to get out on the water. It was a great day for all involved.

Similarly, we had **Discover Sailing** day on the 20th, which saw a few new faces come down and have a crack at sailing the 12' Cadets in marginal winds, still, plenty of smiles after what may have not been the best start to the day.

The Opening day only saw two boats keen enough to hit the water for a play. Some of the club's youngin's "borrowed" a Laser and tried to find out how much one could be buried down the back of a wave. The answer is down to the gunwales, they love it.

The RS 500 also ventured out with an extra crew because more righting moment is always better. As far as important things are concerned:

- This weekend (10th of November) we are holding the second Long/Short Race Series of the season. The course for the Long will be announced closer to race day once the forecast is a bit more predictable.
- Our leg of the Tri-Club is on the 24th of November and I would just love to see a strong PSC turnout on the day.
- Next month (8th of December) we are having another Working Bee.

If there is anything around the club you thinks needs actioning please let me know and I will see if we can make it happen.

DATE	EVENT	First Warning	OOD'S	
3/11/19	Event 8 - Resail if Required	1330	Ian Pritchard	Magnum Crew
10/11/19	Short Race Series & Trailable Long Race	1100	Jacob Stuchbery	Beatty Lane-Davis
17/11/19	Event 9 - Event 10	1330	Glenn Bain	Chris Russell
24/11/19	Tri Club @ PSC - Kelly Country Cup	1100	Harrison Mann	
1/12/19	Event 11 - Event 12	1330	Alastair Conder	Sam Camilleri
8/12/19	Event 13 - Event 14 - Working Bee	1330		Russell Lowe

ON THE WATER

EPIC SAILING CONDITIONS

Two races were held on the 13th of October in some of the best sailing conditions in recent memory.

We had lots of boats on the water, including former Moth sailor Michael Boode on his MG14 and the Condors on their RS500.

The first race was sailed in a light nor-easter, which gradually built as the day went on.

The start line of the second race was set with minimal bias. **Eleven**, **Which Way Up** and **Ms Agro** jostled for position at the boat end, luckily all three boats getting off the line cleanly. **Which Way Up** tacked off towards the right hand side of the course early, with the rest of the fleet continuing off on starboard.



Eleven surfs down the first reach



Name to Come punches upwind through steep chop

Eleven was able to just cross **Which Way Up** to take the lead by the top mark. The two leaders set fractional asymmetric spinnakers for the relatively tight reach to the wing mark, surfing down the steep chop.

On this leg the Morrison-designed **Which Way Up** pulled some distance out of the refitted **Eleven**. By the next windward mark **Eleven** had slightly extended from **Which Way Up**, **Bottom Line** and **Ms Agro**, with positions remaining the same until the finish.

50TH OPENING DAY A SUCCESS

A CELEBRATION FROM LUNCH TO SUNSET

Commodore Harrison Mann opened our 50th Season to great applause on the 20th of October. After a delicious lunch of sausages, salads, cob loaf and of course the famous Portarlington Potato Bake –thank you to everyone—we headed downstairs for speeches. Graham Richie attended and shared some great stories from the clubs early days.

Even though the sky graced us with some beautiful clouds, the westerly –unfortunately–was a bit blustery for racing to take place.

However, the Stuchbery's were able to get Harrison's ILCA out briefly. And with that we can at say least some sailing was undertaken on Opening Day!



CRUSING ABOUT

ADVENTURES OF THE CRUSING GROUP



The weather hasn't been kind for our scheduled cruises, although several members have had enjoyable day sails during the weeks of an odd occasion and a little bit of fishing as well. The next scheduled cruise is for 13th of November and as an added interest we are planning a race on the first leg of our cruise. It will be a stern chaser based on CBH and Chris Russell will be our handicapper.

Details to follow closer to the day. It will not be too serious so don't worry about pulling out your best carbon racing sails. Not sure where we are going yet, because as always, it depends on the winds. Hope to see you all on the water for a fabulous time.

—Ian P | Cruising Co-ordinator

LEARN TO SAIL

WHAT MAKES UP A LEARN TO SAIL COURSE

START SAILING 1 AND 2

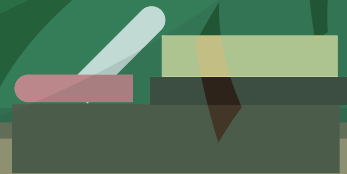
Your discover sailing journey starts here as you learn the fundamental skills of sailing and are introduced to the fun of dinghy sailing in a fun and supportive environment.

- 1st Dec 2019 9.00am to 12.00pm
- 8th Dec 2019 9.00am to 12.00pm
- 15th Dec 2019 9.00am to 12.00pm
- 22nd Dec 2019 9.00am to 12.00pm

Cost of Course: \$160.00 per child, \$200.00 per Adult (includes 3 months of membership)

Further information can be found at www.portarlingtonsc.org.au or contact Alastair Conder, our Discover Sailing Instructor on 0417 031 187 for further details

The course is run with accredited instructors in accordance with Australian Sailing guidelines.



HOUSEKEEPING

A COUPLE OF THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

MEMBERSHIP

On the website members can find current documents, latest news, club events and weather link .

A couple of things we need our members to do as soon as possible:

- Please fill out online boat storage and registration forms on the club website.
- The treasurer has sent out membership invoices—if anyone has any questions regarding their membership please contact the treasurer.

The Club now has the facility of receiving payment by Visa and Master Card. Fees do apply, 2% +60c per transaction. This is just one option to make a payment, Direct Deposit and Cash are the other options.

REMINDER: WWCC

All active adult members, (which includes canteen and BBQ volunteers, OOD's etc) over the age of 18 need to have a Working With Children Check.

Below is the internet link to apply for a check:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply>

HALYARDS AND DEFIBRILLATOR

Please make sure your halyards are tied securely so they do not disturb our neighbours in the caravan park. Members are encouraged to take note of the position of our defibrillator which is hanging on the wall just inside Club office.

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