

# *From the Bilges*



3/12/2017

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## **In Brief:**

**Event 9 03/12/17**

**Pursuit Race**

**OODs Neil Boyd & Mark Farrugia**

## **Special Calendar Dates:**

**Christmas Cheer Sailing Event**

**17/12/17**

**OODs Peter Herring & Russell Lowe**

## **Club News**

There will be a working bee on 17/12/2017 starting at 10am, followed by our Christmas Cheer Sailing event in the afternoon. Santa will visit after the race. Please provide a chris kringle for your child if you would like Santa to give them a present. A sausage sizzle will take place after the race.

Not much news due to the weather. Either too much or too little wind and today's forecast doesn't look too good either.

The Cruisers have been lucky with their cruises in the middle of the week, with the last one taking them to Hobson's Bay and RVYC. From there to StKilda and then back to Port on Friday.

The last Cruise (6 yachts confirmed) for the year is scheduled for December 7th and extra crew are required for a couple of boats. Any volunteers please contact Ian Pritchard on 0414 400 820 or 03 5259 2601.

## **Discover Sailing**

You may have heard that the Club is now an Accredited Discover Sailing Centre. With the instructors that we have in the club we can now start to deliver a Learn to Sail Program that covers children 8 - 12 years of age in a Tackers Program over 3 Levels. We can also cater for teenagers in a Dinghy Program over 4 Levels and an Adults program in a Discover Sailing Experience.

All being well, a program will be starting early 2018.

**But as usual Volunteers are the key to success.**

We are in need of **Volunteers** for many jobs, both on and off the water, to help with the running of Titles that we have committed to during December 2017 and January 2018. These events provide us with extra funds to Keep the club running and keep fees down. We need to man 3 rescue or course boats, so will need quite a few members to help. Other members might like to help out in the kitchen or man the tower and radio or any odd jobs

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?aID=21171&pKey=efcfb15f6105c2f4109928a38820cee1&formID=63989>

**Hartley Titles:** December 28<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> January

(a mix of morning and afternoon races. January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 is a lay day).

**National E Titles:** 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to January 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

(a mix of morning and afternoon races)

**Festival of Sails at Royal Geelong YC:** January 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to all members that have already offered to help. If you wish to offer assistance with our upcoming events and gain the advantage to learn more about the sport of sailing through Volunteering, please contact Harrison Mann ph. 0423 361 734.

**Thank You :**

The Committee would like to thank Gillian Horvath for donating the materials and making new Toe Straps for the Club's Optis.

Thank you also to Geoff Searle for putting together the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for this current Season.

A copy of these documents will be mailed to you soon. **Please remember** that you can download your own copy of the Sailing Rules from:

<http://www.sailing.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/03Sailing-v6.pdf>

### **Sausage Sizzle Fundraising Group:**

Thank you to Kevin Holland, Chris Russell, Lynden Haskett, Mick Martin, Harry Clark and Ron Kenyon for their involvement in running the Sausage sizzles in Portarlington. If there is anyone who would like to offer their help, please talk to one of the above as they would certainly appreciate your help.

### **Lunch-Time Forum 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Bring your lunch and join in from 1200hrs to discuss any questions or general information about being involved on the Rescue Boat on your OOD Duty Days. These forums may continue to cover other topics over the season.

### **Child Safe Standards**

You may be aware from the media that there has been changes to Victorian laws regarding Child Safe Standards. The Committee would like to inform the members that the clubs' Child Safe Documents have been updated in line with the amendments to the laws, and they will be available soon on the clubs' web site. Harry Clark has volunteered to be our Child Safety Person and his contact details are, Ph 0431 430 600 Email [harryclark@optusnet.com.au](mailto:harryclark@optusnet.com.au)

### **Day Pass for Visitor Sailors**

The club has a new option for skippers to obtain a Day Pass for day visitors that they may have as a crew on their boats. This is a digital option instead of filling in the paperwork at the club. By completing a Day Pass using this digital option, the visitor receives a Yachting Australia Number and easier access if they wish to sail multiple times. The link to this Day Pass will be available from the Clubs' Website, so ask your visitor to access the link via their phone, and follow the 4 steps to complete the registration. It is also an option to complete this task at home prior to heading out sailing. The information Yachting Australia requires for a Day Pass is an email address, name, address, contact number, and DOB. The Committee have set a limit of 5 Day Passes per person allowable, prior to being required to gain membership with the Club. There is an internet link to complete a day pass registration, it will be available to be accessed via the Clubs website soon.

## OOD Duties

Below is a list for the next few weeks. Please be aware of when you may be rostered on the rescue boat. Contact Jacob Stuchbery 0407 485 490 if you have any questions.

3/12/17	Event 10 - Pursuit Race	Neil Boyd	Mark Farrugia
10/12/17	Event 11 - Resail if req'd	Peter Rouse	Ken Durran
17/12/17	Event 12 - Christmas Cheer Sailing Event & BBQ afterwards	Peter Herring	Russel Lowe
28/12/17 - 3/1/18	Hartley TS16 National Titles		
6/01/2018 - 10/01/18	National E National Titles		
SERIES THREE 13/1/18	Event 13 – Mussel Festival Race *Saturday*	Roger Kennett	Robert Phillips
14/1/18	Open sailing / Training day / Potential Cruise	David Marshall	Stuart Boyd
21/1/18	Event 14 - Resail if req'd	Lyndon Haskett	John Oflus

## Halyards

Please make sure that your halyards are tied securely so that they do not disturb people in the camping ground.

Members are encouraged to take note of the position of our defibrillator which is hanging on the wall just inside club office.

## Our Sponsors

Thanks to our sponsors, **Power Drive Marine**, **Geelong Insurance Brokers**, **Jack Rabbit Vineyard** and **Adams Print** for their support this season. We also would like to thank **Community Care Chemists** for their generous donation. Please make sure you support our sponsors as they support us.



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Also remember the book inside back door for members carrying out work or sailing out of normal sailing times. Guests sailing or participating should be recorded for insurance purposes.

Well Members that is all for now.

Hope you all have a happy and successful sailing season.

Ian Lewis,

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