



## Newsletter 2016-2017

### *Welcome*

The sailing season 2015-2016 turned out to be excellent for the Torquay Sailing Club. Sailing conditions were invariably good and there were some great highlights during the season. Perhaps the stand-out achievement must go to the Youth Training Squad under the leadership of our commodore Chris Hordern with unflagging help from Dave Green with Fletcher Warren-Myers being an inspiring coach for the Hobie 14 squad. The Youth Squad is going from strength to strength and if the Club can maintain the interest of these young folk then we have the foundation for a stronger club in the future.



**The Youth Squad with Commodore Chris Hordern—Everyone a Champion!**

The Club's signature sailing event, the Australia Day coast race to Point Roadknight and return was undertaken in near perfect conditions. The success of the day was due to the invaluable help of many volunteers and the cooperation and assistance of the Anglesea Motor Yacht Club. Ian Champion did a sterling job in setting up management templates for future coaster events.

The Club had the privilege of hosting the State Hobie Titles during the March Labour Day weekend. There were some 22 competitors racing in challenging conditions. Fletcher Warren-Myers President of the Hobie State Association and a Club committee member was the driving force behind the organisation of the event.

A number of Club members excelled in International sailing competitions these include Georgia Warren-Myers and her sailing companion Krystal Weir (Sandringham Club) came first in the Women's World Hobie Championships in Dapeng, China. Georgia with her husband Fletcher came third in the World Championships. In addition, Campbell Weddell and Sam Norris also performed extremely well at the World Hobie Championships coming 14<sup>th</sup>.

Among our junior members Conall Green was placed ninth in the International Open Bic Titles in France in July. This is splendid achievement for such a young sailor.

A critical issue for the Club is the need for greater participation of members in the Club's activities. There is a pressing need to increase the depth of expertise in the club and this can only be achieved by members being prepared to assist on race days and increasing their range of skills, for example being able to set a course and managing the rescue craft. The Club also has a need for more members to have a Victorian Marine Licence so that there is a greater pool of people in the Club who can operate our rescue craft.

### ***The Committee.***

At the 2015 AGM the following appointments were made:

Commodore - Chris Hordern

Secretary – Peter Gordon

Treasurer – Tony Spencer

Committee Members – Mai Hordern, Herman Voorhoeve, Dave Green, Paul Bateman, Max Kitchen, Ian Champion, Shane Norris, Tim Norris, Katrina Hillier

Committee members with specific responsibilities are as follows:

Grants and Sponsorship – Mai Hordern

Canteen and Catering – Dave Green

Race Officer- Ian Champion

Club Maintenance – Paul Bateman

### ***Fees for the 2016-2017 sailing season***

It was agreed there should be a modest increase in membership dues and boat storage costs for this season. Fees for juniors (under 17 years old) will remain the same as last year. The social membership category is abolished.

The new fees are as follows: Family- \$270; Seniors - \$250; Juniors - \$80. Boat storage fees have been increased by \$5; the new fees are now: Area A - \$280; Area B - \$225.

***Canteen Float.*** In addition to the membership payment, members have the option of making a non-refundable payment \$50 or \$100 towards their canteen purchases. This option is payable with membership. Any unused balance at the end of the season will become part of Club revenue. This measure has been taken to streamline the end-of-year reconciliation of individual canteen credit accounts.

### ***Registration***

Registration for membership and boat storage for the 2016-2017 season is now all on-line.

Go to <http://www.torquaysailingclub.org.au> to sign up.

### ***Club Working Bee***

To prepare for the 2016-2017 sailing season a working bee will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>. There are a number of maintenance tasks to be undertaken at the Club rooms as well as preparing the grounds for boat storage for the forthcoming season and the laying down of the rubber launching mats. The working bee will be followed by a BBQ lunch

### ***The Club's AGM***

This is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm following the working bee. It is hoped there will be a good turn up for this event as we do need members to take a more active role in the running of the Club and being prepared to serve on the Committee.

### ***Death of Max Kitchen***

This year the Club lost one of its most stalwart members with the death at 84 years of Max Kitchen. Max died peacefully on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Max was a member of the Management Committee, captain of our rescue boat and was made a Life Member of the Club for his long and dedicated service to the Club. He will be sorely missed. As a perpetual reminder of his services to the Club our rescue boat will be christened "The Max Kitchen" in a ceremony to be carried out on 16<sup>th</sup> October following the AGM.

### ***Warm Up at Lake Charm – 28<sup>th</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November***

This is the Club's traditional "warming-up" event. It offers the opportunity for social sailing and brushing up sailing skills. The club is based right on the water's edge and there is a shed fitted out with a kitchen/dining and showers and toilets. Camping is available right at the club and the views over the lake are fantastic. It's a camping style weekend with a mixture of kitchen and campfire cooking and lots of great lake sailing. Those interested in this event contact Chris Hordern on 0418 543220

### ***Saturday Sailing***

You will notice from the sailing calendar that this year the Club is planning to trial a social sailing session once a month on a Saturday afternoon with boats on the water by 3.00pm. It is hoped that this will increase the Club's conviviality and post-racing atmosphere as members will not feel so pressured to leave immediately after racing to prepare for the working week.

### ***Season Gold Pass***

A great deal for those who wish to sail but do not have a boat is to purchase a Gold Pass for \$300 for the sailing season. This entitles the holder to sail a Hobie Wave at any time that does not conflict with the Sailing School's program.

Contact Chris Hordern for further details

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## CLUB AWARDS

Standout sailing performances were achieved by Fletcher and Georgia Warren-Myers who won the Club's Spring Series Trophy as well as the Commodore's Cup.

The Club's Championships trophy was won by Campbell Weddell and Sam Norris who also won the Bill Worrall Memorial Trophy with excellent sailing in the Coaster

Aaron Green won the Rising Star Trophy while his brother Conall won the best sailor award. Sweeny Simms received "The Most Improved Sailor" award for Open Bics.



**Georgina and Fletcher with The Commodore's Cup**



**Campbell and Sam with the Club Championship Trophy**



**Aaron Green with the "Rising Star" Trophy**

Ian Champion received the Best Club Member award for his work in organising the Australia Day Coaster and putting in place the protocols and templates for future events as well as serving as the Club's Race Officer.



**Ian with his "Best Club Member" Award**



**Members of the Youth Squad with their sailing trophies**