



### **Welcome to the 2017-2018 Sailing Season.**

As we approach the forthcoming sailing season it is timely to reflect on the achievements of the past year which has again been a notable one for the Club. In particular a number of our members have participated and excelled in national and International events. Congratulations go to Fletcher Warren-Myers for winning the Hobie 14 World Championship held in Noordwijk, Holland and to his wife Georgia Warren-Myers for becoming the world's Woman Hobie 14 champion and Open runner-up. This is truly a signal achievement for this couple.

Our Club's younger members did themselves and the Club proud at the Bermuda America's Cup Endeavour Junior regattas held from June 14-24 this year. Oliver (12 years old) and Billy Hordern (9 years old) came third in the Hobie Wave Regatta. This is a magnificent achievement for two very young sailors.

Conall Green competed magnificently in the O'pen Bic series also held in Bermuda in June. Again this is a signal achievement for such a young sailor. This follows Conall's participation in the O'pen Bic International Titles in France last year.

Another singular achievement was attained by Ian Champion who won the Arrow State Championships at Altona. Ian is the Club's Race Officer and is a familiar face around the Club.

The quad bike which is used to tow our rescue boats is now worn out and beyond economic repair; the Club is in the process of acquiring a small tractor to replace it. Though this is a substantial outlay for the Club the committee believes a small tractor will be a more efficient, safer and effective appliance for the purpose of managing the rescue boats.

The biggest challenge for the Club continues to be attracting new members and increasing the active participation of present members in the running of the Club. We need folks to assist in running our race days such as setting out the courses, in managing the rescue craft and helping out with the canteen.

### **The Committee**

A new committee was appointed at the Club's Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The members of the new committee are:

Chris Hordern (Commodore), Dave Green (Treasurer), Peter Gordon ( Secretary), Mai Hordern, Ian Champion, Silvana Asmus, Shane Norris, Tim Norris, Katrina Hillier, Sebastian Baas, Fletcher Warren-Myers and Georgia Warren-Myers.

Committee members with specific responsibilities are: Sebastian Baas (club membership), Ian Champion (race officer), Silvana Asmus (canteen and catering), Mai Hordern (grants and sponsorship) and Fletcher Warren-Myers (coaching).

### **Fees for the 2017-18 Season**

The new fee structure would be as follows:-Family \$290; Senior \$270; Junior \$85. For boat storage the fees will stay the same as last year viz: \$225 for graveyard area; \$280 for premium sites; \$100 for BICs.

### **The Gold Pass for the use of the Hobie Waves**

For those who wish to sail but do not have a boat it is possible to purchase a Gold Pass for \$300 which entitles the holder to sail a Hobie Wave at any time during the season providing there is no clash with the Sailing School's program. The fee remains unchanged from last year and is a great deal especially for those who are new to sailing.

Contact Chris Hordern for further details.

### **Warm Up at Lake Charm – 3<sup>rd</sup> November-7<sup>th</sup> November**

Again the Club will be holding its traditional "warming-up" event over the Melbourne Cup weekend. 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 there is a social evening on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Last year the Club trialled a social sailing once a month on a Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately the event did not attract a lot of interest but the Committee would still like members to avail themselves of the Club facilities for social sailing on suitable Saturday afternoons.

### **Club Achievements**

The Angus Belton Trophy was won by Ian Champion sailing his Arrow followed by Fletcher Warren-Myers on a Hobie 16 and Sean Dove sailing a Hobie 14.



**Ian receiving the Angus Belton Trophy**

The Commodores Cup was won by Georgia Warren-Myers on a Hobie 14 followed by Fletcher Warren-Myers and Aaron Green also on Hobie 14's.



**Georgia receiving the Commodores Cup**

The Bill Worrall Memorial Trophy for the Australia Day Regatta was won by Fletcher Warren-Myers (Hobie 16) with Geoff Rowden in second place (Hobie17) and Shane Norris on a Hobie 18 in third place.

The Australia Day local races were won by Fletcher Warren-Myers with Shane Norris in second place and Aaron Green in third place.

Dave Green was presented with the Clubman of the Year award for his contribution to the Youth Sailing squad and his work as Treasurer.



**Dave Green - Clubman of the Year**

## Youth Trophies

The Rising star Trophy was won by Conall Green, the “Most Improved Award” was won by Sophie Sossin and the best endeavour O’pen Bic Trophies were won by Finn Rogers Hirst and Oliver Hordern.



The O'pen Bic Squad. L. To R Chris Hordern(commodore) Oliver Hordern, Billy Hordern, Ryder Benson, Conall Green, Marvin Baas (absent Sophie Sossin)

## The 2017-2018 Season and Working Bee

This year’s sailing season begins on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with the start of the Spring Race series. As a prelude to the season a working bee will be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October to prepare the facilities for the new season. The major objectives will be to position the launching mats, prepare the boat storage sites and ensure all equipment is ready for use. Boats can be returned to the site after this date provided storage fees have been paid.

## The Club Calendar

The club calendar is now complete along with responsibilities for canteen duties and assistance with race administration duties; it can be accessed on the Torquay Sailing Club website - [www.torquaysailingclub.org.au](http://www.torquaysailingclub.org.au)

## Registration

Registration for membership and boat storage for the 2017-2018 sailing season is now due and can be done on-line. Go to [http:// www.torquaysailingclub.org.au](http://www.torquaysailingclub.org.au) to sign up.

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