

Torquay Sailing Club

2018-2019 Newsletter



Welcome to the 2018-2019 Sailing Season

The Torquay Sailing Club is anticipating another successful sailing season during 2018-2019. You will note from the Season Calendar another exciting year is planned with a lot of activity for our junior squads, an adult training course during November- December and plenty of competitive Sunday sailing. The Club, of course, will be holding its traditional warm-up day at Lake Charm over the Melbourne Cup weekend and its Australia Day coaster race to either Point Roadknight or Addiscott Beach.

Last year's season saw great progress with our junior sailing squads with strong showings in National and International events. The Hobie 14 group under the tutelage of Fletcher Warren-Myers was also highly successful. The traditional Australia Day coaster race was a great success and well supported with a modified course to beautiful Addiscott Beach and return. The Club held several social events last season which were very popular under the management of Silvana Asmus.

A big change this year is to move the Tuesday afternoon's junior sailing school to Friday afternoons to encourage more social sailing and post-sailing social activity.

A signal event for the Club this season is the hosting of the O'pen Bic State Titles on 2nd-3rd March, 2019. This event will further solidify Torquay Sailing Club as a preeminent off-beach sailing club. **All hands on deck for this event.**

The Committee

A new committee was appointed at the Club's Annual General Meeting held on 29th April 2018. The members of the new committee are: Chris Hordern (commodore), Peter Gordon (secretary), Dave Green (treasurer), Silvana Asmus (canteen officer), Sebastian Baas (membership officer), Aaron Green (marketing/website manager), Mia Hordern (grants/sponsorship), Shane Norris, Katrina

Hillier, Tony Spencer, Herman *Voorhoeve*, Georgia Warren-Myers, Fletcher Warren-Myers and Peter Steel.

Dave Green also agreed to coordinate club maintenance and Sebastian Baas will be the race coordinator.

Fees for the 2018-19 Season

There will be no increase in fees for membership or boat storage for this season. The fees will remain as follows:-Family \$290; Senior Membership \$270; Junior Membership \$85. For boat storage the fees will be: \$225 for graveyard area; \$280 for premium sites; \$100 for BICs.

NOTE: There is room for the storage of only 10 O'pen BICs in the Club building.

It is important to understand that boats cannot be placed into storage places until all fees have been paid. Once fees are paid a storage spot will be allocated with a key and padlock to chain up your boat.

Important note for members: The Club pays fees for the use of the land and in addition must pay an annual bond of \$2790 for boat storage to GORCC. Boat storage on the site is allowed from 21st September to 31st May. Failure to have all boats removed by 31st May is likely to cause the Club to lose the whole of its bond. This is a severe penalty and the presence of even one boat after 31st May is likely to cause substantial financial loss to the Club.

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 – 2nd November-6th November

Again the Club will be holding its traditional "warming-up" event over the Melbourne Cup weekend. This is the Club's traditional opening event. It offers the opportunity for social sailing and brushing up on sailing skills. This is a camping style weekend with a mixture of kitchen and campfire cooking and lots of great lake sailing. It is a great place for OpenBICs as well as Hobie Cats. 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. Those interested in this event contact Chris Hordern on 0418 543220.

Hobie State Titles

The Hobie State Titles will be held at Lake Burrumbeet on the long weekend of 9th-11th March, 2019. It would be great to have a strong representation from our Club – so sharpen those sailing skills!

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

The sailing season this year will officially start on 11th November with a social sail on Sunday 28th October.

A departure from last season's program is that the Tuesday's junior sailing program will change to Friday afternoons and be accompanied by Club social sailing.

Member Registration.

Registration for membership and boat storage for the 2018-2019 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.

Information for New Members

Communication

The Club's website is: www.torquaysailingclub.org.au where general information can be found. The Club is also on Facebook, see "Torquay Sailing Club Victoria" which provides a platform for Club news, photos and the posting of notices for events.

Club Security

The Club facility is protected by an alarm system. When dues have been paid you will be issued a key to the facility and given instruction on entering the building and activating/deactivating the alarm system. If you wish to store a boat on site you will be issued with a key and padlock to secure your boat with a chain. Sebastian Baas is the club's Membership Manager and he will issue keys for both the Club building and padlocks for boat storage.

The Canteen

The Club runs a small canteen service which provides alcoholic beverages and soft drinks as well as BBQ food. An "honesty book" system is in operation so when members do not have ready cash to buy food or drinks, such as immediately after sailing, you will need to enter your name and the date into the book and list your purchases for reconciliation at the end of the sailing season.

Member Obligations

As a member you do have obligations to the Club. As the Club is relatively small you will be expected to contribute time in acting as Officer-of-the-Day (OOD,) assisting with the canteen and participating in working bees. At the beginning of the year a brief training course is given in OOD duties. We always need volunteers to man the rescue boats and assist in the range of duties required for enjoyable and successful sailing.

Australia Day Coaster

Over the weekend of 26th and 27th January the Torquay Sailing Club will be holding its traditional Australia Day Regatta which includes the Club's signal event for the year - the "Bill Worrall Memorial Coaster". This event, weather and sea conditions permitting, is scheduled for Saturday 26th January and involves a race from Torquay to either Point Roadknight or Addiscott Beach and return. The race is open to those who sail catamarans and is a challenge in both racing and seamanship due to the variable sea conditions along the coast. An additional benefit to the sailing challenge is the great experience of viewing the magnificent coastline from the sea.



The race to Point Roadknight – leaving Zeally Bay.

Officer-of-the-Day (OOD)

The OOD manages the racing events of the day and is charged with setting the course and briefing participants on the course, the weather which includes wind strength and direction, sea conditions and the tide.

Ideally the course should be set by around 11.30am with a race briefing to occur at noon ready for a 1.30pm start. The course is normally a triangular one which incorporates an upwind beat as the first leg followed by a reach leg and a downwind leg. The OOD, however decides on the course relevant to the weather and sea conditions of the day.

At the finish of racing the OOD is also responsible for managing the retrieval of the buoys used in setting the course along with housing of the rubber zodiac and the tractor used in towing the boat from the beach.

Operating the Rescue Boats

The Club has two rubber inflatable boats for rescue and instruction purposes. To operate these boats you must hold a Marine Licence (equivalent to a motor vehicle driver's licence). The issue of Marine Licences is done by Vic Roads following the successful completion of a test. Details can be obtained from a VicRoads office or their website: www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au.

Canteen Duties

You are likely to be rostered to assist with canteen duties on sailing days. Generally you may only need to do it once during the sailing season and it is certainly not an arduous responsibility. The Canteen Manager (Silvana Asmus is the present Canteen Manager) will normally contact you during the week preceding your rostered day to brief you on requirements. It is a good idea to make a note of proceedings a few weeks ahead of your rostered day to get a feel for what to do.

In brief, your responsibilities are to ensure there are warm party pies and sausage rolls for the youth squad who will be ravenous at around 10.30am and to prepare hot dogs and hamburgers for members prior to the afternoon's sailing.

The Youth Sailing School



The Youth Sailing Group with Instructor Darcy and the Club Commodore

The Club has a youth sailing school which encourages young folk to learn to sail using O'pen BICS and then graduate to the more challenging Hobie Waves. The school runs two sessions: Sunday mornings starting at 9.00am and Friday afternoons starting at 4.30pm. The youth sailing squads are proving to be immensely popular. **It is important that parents assist in the running of the sailing program by helping to rig and launch the boats and lending a hand with catering especially for the morning break Sundays.** For further information contact Chris Hordern or Dave Green.



The Youth Squad polishing their technique

Adult Learn To Sail Course

This four week course will utilize the Club's Hobie Waves and will be managed by Fletcher Warren-Myers. The dates are listed in the calendar. The cost of the course is \$550 per person which includes a year's adult membership to the Club.



The Hobie Wave is an ideal boat for learning the art of sailing catamarans.

Background Reading

If you are a beginner you may find the following website of value. It describes the basics of sailing and good information on setting up your boat, righting in case of capsize, setting the rudders and trailering: http://static.hobiecat.com/digital_assets/sailguide.pdf

“Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook” which is free from most Victoria Roads offices, is a useful read and essential if you wish to obtain a Marine Licence.

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