



## **WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SAILING SEASON**

The Torquay Sailing Club is anticipating another successful sailing season during 2019-2020. The Season's Calendar is finalised and another full year is planned. There is plenty of activity for our junior squads with sessions on Friday afternoons and Sunday mornings. We will be running our adult "learn-to-sail" courses again this season (see below for details). In addition we will have specialised training classes for Hobie 14 and 16 sailors. The dates for these will be announced in due course once we have confirmed our coaches' availability. In addition to our competitive Sunday sailing events there is plenty of opportunity for social sailing on Friday afternoons in concert with the youth training squads. The Club's Committee would like as many folk as possible to participate in the social sailing activities on Fridays and stay for a meal and drinks in the Club house.

The Club, of course, will be holding its traditional warm-up event at Lake Charm over the Melbourne Cup weekend. This is an ideal event to get back into sailing after the winter hibernation.

The other signal Club event is the Australia Day Regatta which incorporates the Bill Worrell Memorial Coaster race to Point Roadknight and return and a day of short course sailing at Torquay. This year we are partnering with the Anglesea Motor Yacht Club for the running of the coaster and plan to invite, for the first time, mono-hulls to join the Coaster on the return leg from Point Roadknight to Torquay.

Last year's season saw great progress with our junior sailing squads. The Hobie 14 group under the tutelage of Fletcher and Georgia Warren-Myers was also highly successful. The Club held several social events last season which were very popular under the management of Silvana Asmus.

A key event for the Club was the hosting of the O'pen Bic State Titles on 2nd-3rd March, 2019. This event further cast Torquay Sailing Club as a preeminent off-beach sailing club.

### **The Committee**

A new committee was appointed at the Club's Annual General Meeting held on May 11th, 2019. The members of the new committee are: Chris Hordern (commodore), Peter Gordon (secretary), Dave Green (treasurer), Silvana Asmus (canteen officer), Sebastian Baas (membership officer), Mia

Hordern (grants/sponsorship), Shane Norris, Katrina Hillier, Tony Spencer, Herman *Voorhoeve*, Georgia Warren-Myers, Fletcher Warren-Myers and Tim Norris. Dave Green also coordinates club maintenance and Sebastian Baas is the race coordinator.

### **Fees for the 2019-20 Season**

Again 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 the 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 21<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> May. Failure to have all boats removed by 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1st -5th November, 2019**

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.

### **Adult Learn-to-Sail Classes**

The Club will be running its popular adult learn-to-sail classes again this year. The course runs on Saturday afternoons from 12.30 -3.30 pm, for 3 weeks starting on Saturday 30th November. These are very enjoyable events and participants learn to sail on the Club's Hobie Waves with experienced coaches. Previous sailing experience is not necessary. The cost is \$500 which includes a full year membership of the Club. The Hobie Wave is a very safe boat and ideal for beginners. You will learn how to rig the boat, sail in a variety of conditions, water safety and much more.

## **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)

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 2019-2020 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.

## **Life Membership to Shane Norris**

This year the Committee was pleased to appoint Shane Norris as a Life Member of our Club. Shane has been a key member for many years and has made valuable contributions to the running of the club, not only as a committee member but also for his generosity in providing earthmoving equipment for our working bees and providing a rescue/service boat for our regattas.

## **Information for New Members**

### **Communication**

The Club's website is: [www.torquaysailingclub.org.au](http://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.

### **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](http://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.

## **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](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. In addition it contains much useful information on boat and water safety.

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