



Newsletter 2020-2021

Welcome

Welcome to the 2020-2021 season. Let us hope it turns out better than the last season, which was marred by indifferent weather post- Christmas conditions, bushfires which caused poor visibility and the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite these adverse issues the Club had another successful year especially with our junior sailors performing well both at State and National events. At the Open Skiff National Championships at Black Rock, Oliver Hordern came third in the under 16's and Billy Hordern came third in the under 13's. In the Open Skiff Cup held at Torquay Oliver Hordern came first and Liam Clark second. Flynn LaPorte, MacArt McCormack, Marvin Baas, Fleure Deschang and Bobby McDonald also put in sterling performances. The Club is grateful to Milli McDonald, Jarrah Harris Moore and Conall Green for their services as coaches in the Youth Sailing School – they did a superb job!



Members of the Youth Sailing School

The Club also performed extraordinarily well at the Hobie State Titles held at Sommers with Georgia and Fletcher Warren-Myers coming first in the Hobie 16's and masters classes; Aaron Green first in the youth Hobie14's and Oliver and Billy Hordern coming first in the Hobie Dragoons class. Not to be outdone, Mai Hordern took out the women's Hobie 16 title.

The adult learn-to-sail program and Hobie 14 classes managed by Fletcher and Georgia Warren-Myers were a great success. The Club is especially fortunate to have these two international champions as instructors for the adult program.



Fletcher and Georgia Warren-Myers -Instructors at the Adult Learn-to-Sail Program

The Club's classic Australia Day Regatta was again a high point of the season. This year it was run in concert with the Anglesea Motor Yacht Club and despite light wind conditions the coaster to Point Roadknight and return was a great success. 22 boats participated with the Warren-Myers duo coming first, winning the Bill Worrell Trophy on their Hobie 16. Second place went to Oliver and Billy Hordern with Herman Voorhoeve coming third on his Hobie 14.



Ready for departure – the 2020 Australia Day Coaster

The AGM and Committee Membership

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the AGM was held by ZOOM and a new committee appointed. Committee members are: Chris Hordern (commodore), Peter Gordon (secretary), Dave Green (treasurer), Sebastian Baas (membership), Fletcher Warren-Myers (manager of the officer-of-the-day duties), Georgia Warren-Myers, Herman Voorhoeve, Shane Norris, Tim Norris, Katrina Hillier, Silvana Asmus and Rachel Bowen.

Adult Learn-to-sail Classes in 2020

The adult learn-to-sail classes will be run again by Fletcher and Georgia Warren-Myers. Due to issues with Covid-19 restrictions and distancing requirements for adults on boats the classes have been postponed to February, 2021. A detailed timetable will be circulated later in the year.

Youth Sailing School

The program for the Youth Training School has been delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions but with the relaxing of distancing and gathering rules the program can now commence. The program will begin in earnest on Sunday, 8th November. Please refer to the Club's website for further details.

Fees for the 2020-21 Season

Registration and fees for membership and boat storage for the 2020-2021 sailing season are now due and can be done on-line. Go to [http:// www.torquaysailingclub.org.au](http://www.torquaysailingclub.org.au) to sign up.

The fees for both membership and storage remain the same as last year. The fees are 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

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 (see below) for further details.

Warm Up at Lake Charm.

Traditionally the Club organises a warm-up event over the Melbourne Cup weekend at Lake Charm. Due to the relaxed regulations in Regional Victoria this event will proceed as normal during the weekend 31st October-3rd November. More information on details can be obtained from the Commodore, Chris Hordern: chris.hordern@gmail.com.

Management Committee Outcomes

Extension of Present Building: The committee is in the first stages of planning for an extension and upgrading the present shed into a fully fledged Club facility which will include a kitchenette, toilets and change rooms. Preliminary plans have been drafted and are now in the process of being developed into working drawings by Tony Spencer a long-standing member of the Club.

Repair of the Red RIB: The boat has undergone repairs to the hull and an upgrade to the trailer and winch system. The work has been carried out by Garner Marine (Moolap) who have done an excellent job.

Grant applications for a new rescue boat: The Club was fortunate to receive a Community Grant towards the purchase of a new RIB. Unfortunately, the acquisition has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The committee is now in the process of securing additional funds for the purchase of a suitable outboard motor for the new RIB.

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.

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 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.

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