



# YACHTING VICTORIA

ANNUAL REPORT

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### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

#### ***Sailing***

Our lead into the 2021-2022 season this year was filled with a level of uncertainty. Although restrictions for community sport were greatly reduced, the increasing daily case numbers saw many refraining from attending regattas both interstate and local.

Clubs have reported a steady membership figure, many retaining the increased numbers they saw from the previous years. However, some of our clubs also felt the negative impact of covid with staff/volunteer shortages, with many people either requiring to be in isolation or making the decision to avoid public gatherings during the January period. For some clubs this meant not running canteens, events and seeing a decrease in overall participation during what is normally the busiest part of the year.

#### ***One Sailing***

In 2016, Yachting Victoria and all other Member Yachting Associations (MYA's) agreed to move towards a new governance model under the banner of "One Sailing". This model strengthened the sport's national governance framework, reduce duplication, created more efficient management/organisational structures, and developed closer relationships with Clubs and Classes.

To facilitate this, the MYA's transferred all staff to Australian Sailing (AS), responsible for day-to-day operations. An "Implementation Agreement" was signed between AS and all the MYA's to ensure delivery of services. YV committees continued to operate, reporting to the YV Board.

From Yachting Victoria's perspective, this process has worked well, and it is now ready to complete the transition to the One Sailing structure. Members of the YVIC board have consulted with AS and other MYA's and spoken to many clubs. They have concluded that Yachting Victoria no longer needs to operate or exist as a separate entity. The YV Board will become the Regional Advisory Committee for Australian Sailing, reporting to the AS Board.

#### ***Committees***

Our committees continue to do their great work supporting various aspects of sailing in Victoria, and in many instances, they have played a national role. The role of these committees is critical to the continual improvement of our sport, and we thank all those committee members for their ongoing support.

#### ***Our Victorian Australian Sailing Administration Team***

I want to thank Meaghan Densley and the AS Victorian team on behalf of the YV Board (and our clubs) for another great year of service to Victorian Sailing. This year again, they have had to cope with the complexities imposed by various stages of COVID-19 but have managed this process with commitment and a very professional approach.

#### ***Our YV Board***

I want to thank the continuing Board members Debbie Parker, Linda Goldsmith, and Liesl Petterd. Members of the Board have been assisting various clubs with a wide range of issues, and we look forward to working closely with our clubs over the next twelve months as YV and beyond as an RAC. We will be focusing on how best to revive our sport as we evolve from COVID-19 and are looking to develop our communication with clubs. This has been materially affected by restrictions imposed by COVID-19, and we all look forward to getting out on the water again soon. Of course, as President, I invite you to contact me directly if you have any issues you wish to discuss.

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**TREASURERS REPORT**

Given the transfer of operational responsibilities to Australian Sailing there are very few items now going through the financial statements of Yachting Victoria.

There have been no significant events to comment on in regards to the financial results for the year.

I commend the audited accounts for your consideration.

Liesl Petterd

Honorary Treasurer

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### **REGIONAL MANAGER - VICTORIA REPORT**

2021 saw the continuation of Australian Sailing's (AS) delivery of the sport of Sailing and the ongoing development of its services to our member clubs. Again, it was a challenging year with the continuing Covid Crisis and the multitude of seven-day lockdowns that turned into months. In addition, fighting a worldwide pandemic for over two years has significantly impacted our clubs and members of our sailing community. Australian Sailing is working tirelessly to support our clubs and community through Government advocacy and financial support where possible.

The Victorian Office has seen some staff movement during the year.

Olivia Newman took a role within the Commercial and Communications Team as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator.

We welcomed Kris Mannix as an intern and later a short-term contract as a Club Service Officer. Kris has since farewelled Sailing as he moves into his new position at AFL. We wish him all the best.

After four years as the boatshed manager, Adam Gristwood finished up with Australian Sailing. The Sailing community highly respected Adam's commitment to the boatshed operations, and sailing throughout Victoria was highly respected amongst the Yachting Victoria and Australian Sailing community.

We also Farewelled Clare Ridgway. Clare worked with Australian Sailing for four years, working behind the scenes to organise some of Victoria's most prominent events and oversee the national Club Conference and award ceremonies. Again, we wish Clare all the best in her future endeavours.

We also welcomed some new faces into the Victorian Office. Nadine Tabak has recently joined the Team as a Club Service Officer. Nadine regularly sails from RMYS and joins the Team with a strong background in event management. Kate Hyde, a long-standing lead instructor with Australian Sailing, has also accepted a permanent role. Kate will be overseeing the Boatshed operations and work with clubs to grow their training numbers.

#### **Sailing in Victoria**

Although our clubs have faced another problematic year with Covid, Victoria has increased membership numbers. We saw a total increase of 3,259 members from 33,701 in 2021 to 36,960 at the end of 2021.

5,130 participants were marked completed within an Australian Sailing Program (Tackers, OutThere Sailing, Dinghy, Keelboat, Windsurfing, Powerboat, Safety & Sea Survival), and 248 participants across Australia qualified, such as an instructor, coach, official

#### **Victorian Olympic Representation**

If we needed to be in lockdown, at least we had some exciting TV to watch. The Olympics kept us all entertained while we watched from the comfort of our houses. Victoria was proud to support their own with Sam, Will Phillips, and Tess Lloyd to represent Australia at the Tokyo Olympics in the 49er and 49erFX. Not since 2012 has Victoria had a representative in the Australian Sailing Team for the Olympics.

#### **Advocacy**

AS has continued to work on behalf of its member clubs on several topics. These include, but are not limited to:

- 1- Numerous lease negotiations with local committees of management
- 2- Advocacy around Covid, Covid Safety plans and Financial support available to clubs
- 3- DOT maritime safety – review of boating registration
- 4- Child Safety Standards

#### **Victorian Volunteer Committees**

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Outside of our strong clubs and their committees, one of the strengths of Victorian Sailing are the Yachting Victoria Board and its subcommittees. The support and subject matter expertise these committees give the Australian Sailing staff and clubs in Victoria is highly valued and appreciated. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support.

Meaghan Densley  
Australian Sailing, Regional Manager – Victoria