



YACHTING VICTORIA

ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 2017-18

PRESIDENTS REPORT

One Sailing

2 years on from YV's adoption of One Sailing, most would agree that it is still very much a work in progress, but we do believe that it is still in the best interests of the sport in the long term. The first 2 years have been particularly challenging for Australian Sailing (AS) in terms of finances and this has impacted the staffing and resourcing of our Victorian operations.

As the Member Yachting Association (MYA) with the largest number of members, we knew that potentially we had the most to lose of any MYA in adopting One Sailing. However, you may recall that we set up safeguards as one of our conditions of adopting One Sailing to monitor the service delivery and support which are provided to you – our member clubs and sailors. One of our key measures, for monitoring these safeguards, is the Club Satisfaction Survey. The response rate this year to the Survey was disappointing, so I have initiated a new program, whereby each Board member has been allocated 8-9 clubs for which they will become the main YV Board contact. I hope this will give you all a further point of contact and enable us to gather feedback on our services. I have tremendous confidence in Gavin and the Victorian team, but we want to continually improve our communications and be across your issues where we can help.

I realise the new structure has caused confusion about YV as opposed to AS and the role of the YV Board. All staff are employed directly by AS, wherever they are located, and therefore report into Sydney. As such, it is the view of the YV Board that we have a crucial ongoing role to play in ensuring that the interests of Victoria are met. Indeed, under the Australian Sailing strategic plan, each MYA Board is responsible to its member Clubs and Classes for:

- Safeguarding the efficient delivery of quality services to our member Clubs by Australian Sailing;
- Providing advice and representation on State/Territory priorities and issues;
- Providing regular input into the development of national strategy and priorities;
- Holding the Australian Sailing Board to account; and
- Managing retained local assets and investing returns into priority areas as determined by the MYA Board.

Fee Harmonisation

Thanks to all of you for your resounding support for our new national Fee Structure. At our Special General Meeting in early July, we had a 96% vote in favour of adopting the new model. I was contacted the next day by the Presidents of WA and Queensland who have yet to adopt the new model and I was very pleased to pass on news of our resolution.

The Club Levy Working Party, comprising of myself, other MYA representatives and Australian Sailing staff, met over a 12-month period. Our remit was to find an equitable method for calculating affiliation fees which would be acceptable to all our members nationally. As you will be aware, for larger clubs, the new national model is based on our Victorian system. It became clear from our discussion at the Special General Meeting that many of you would prefer this to be the case for all clubs, however other members of the Working Party expressed grave doubts about being able to gather the necessary data from all their clubs. The model, as it stands, needs some refinement, but it is a start towards fee harmonisation and I very much hope to see more equity across the various states in the next year to

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ensure Victorian clubs only pay their fair share. We have made considerable progress, but we still have a long way to go!

Committees

Our committees have continued to do a stellar job in supporting the various areas of the sport in Victoria and in many instances, played a national role. Our Women and Girls in Sailing Committee's experience has continued to be shared with other States as has that of our Risk and Safety Committee. The latter Committee has also been leading a dedicated working group addressing the Victorian Government's amendments to the Port and Marine Act. I think it is fair to say that our advocacy has been extremely successful in avoiding what could have been some additional risk exposure for clubs – as we understand it – not the original intention of the legislation. The working group is now working on a Code of Conduct.

Chris Boag, who joined the YV Board during the year, is now heading up our Participation Pathways (formerly our Coaching) Committee. This new title more accurately reflects the work of this committee which has revisited its objectives and focus following the recent AS changes.

At the last Board meeting, we set up a new working group to examine Club Leases. A number of clubs have expressed their concerns regarding leases negotiations with Parks Victoria or with local councils. The working group will look at ways in which we can assist. Initially I believe they will be performing a data gathering exercise and if any of you can contribute on this topic or would like to join the working group, we would love to hear from you.

State Sailing Centre

It was a delight to see the opening of our new facilities and the new home of our Victorian office in November. This time last year I thanked our Project Group for their work to date but it has been fantastic to see the fruits of their labour – a project brilliantly delivered on time, to budget – thanks so much to all who gave their time and energy to this.

Sail Melbourne International (SMI)

Last December saw the relaunch of our Sail Melbourne International with a new format, as part of the Tasman series, and a new host club in Royal Brighton Yacht Club. Our entry numbers were well in excess of expectations and the only negative was the weather! Mark Klemens, as chair of our SMI Executive Committee has *guaranteed* 26-27C and 10-15 knots for this year! The dates this year are one week later which will hopefully work better for school holidays – and the weather gods – so we hope to see even greater numbers this year. We are also finalising plans for our 2020 Summer of sailing in the lead up to Tokyo and with a number of World Championships locked in, undoubtedly Victoria will be the place to be!

Other 'On Water' Events

It is hard to single out specific events since there are so many – these are just a few highlights:

- Marley Point Overnight race celebrated 50 years - an amazing achievement
- The Festival of Sails celebrated its 175th year
- The Volvo Pit Stop – unfortunately not a full stopover – but nonetheless really exciting to get up close and personal to those amazing boats and indeed, learn more of what the crew endured during the race. It was so exciting to follow right to the end!

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- Sandringham Yacht Club hosted a highly successful Australian Yachting Championships, with Victoria to host these again next January at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
- Sail Country was once again booked out with 200 boats as it is this year!
- Our new VST program has been well received with fantastic feedback for our new State Coach – Carrie, and finally
- I should not forget to mention that our Boatshed and Mobile Boatshed were ranked Number 1 for Tackers with other Victorian DSCs also in the top 5 nationally.

Our YV Board

I will be standing down as President at the AGM this year, having served my 2 years. I would like to thank the continuing Board members of Ian Cunningham, Debbie Parker, Linda Goldsmith, Liesl Petterd, Meaghan Densley, Chris Boag and Sean Hogan – with Sean succeeding me as President. I would especially like to thank Scott Llewellyn who, due to his other commitments, is not continuing on the Board and has made a great contribution over the last few years. We hope that Scott will still be very much involved in supporting our School Sailing Committee going forward.

Lastly many thanks are owed to Gavin Wall and his team who have continued to work tirelessly for us – they are a great and enthusiastic team who often go above and beyond to support us all.

Cherry Birch

President

TREASURERS REPORT

The financial statements for the year reflect 2 major events during the year; the completion of the State Sailing Centre (SSC) and the transfer of financial responsibility for the Sail Melbourne International event to Australian Sailing.

The significant profit for the year has been generated by reflecting as income the State Government grants in relation to the SSC in accordance with accounting standards. The total cost of the SSC is reflected in the balance sheet as an asset, together with the other retained assets such as training and coaching boats. These assets are provided to Australian Sailing at no charge other than regular maintenance costs.

The profit on sale of assets was caused by an insurance recovery following the write-off of a motor vehicle due to an accident.

There have been no further significant events to comment on in regards to the financial results for the year. The committee is continuing to review the use of its training and coaching boats to ensure they are suitable for their purpose and may consider replacement options in the next year. This will require ongoing support from Australian Sailing.

I commend the audited accounts for your consideration.

Ian Cunningham

Honorary Treasurer

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REGIONAL MANAGER - VICTORIA REPORT

2017-18 saw the continuation of Australian Sailing's (AS) delivery of the sport of sailing and ongoing development of its services to our member clubs. The Victorian Club Services team has grown this year with the addition of Clare Ridgway (events) and Chris Jones who replaced Paul Tweddell focusing on education and training. The full team of Sue Phillips, Adam Gristwood, Ian Wall, Chris Jones and Clare Ridgway worked hard to ensure all Victorian clubs received the service required to help them and the sport flourish in Victoria.

Under the new national structure we are starting to see national take up of some key Victorian initiatives and utilisation of key learnings from those initiatives. The great work done by our WGIS committee over the years has seen a number of their key strategies being adopted in other states and forming part of the national strategy. While the Day Pass membership is now the focus of a national working group headed up by Alistair Murray from the AS board.

The annual roadshow/club forums were run again this year with a focus on discussing the specific issues being faced in each region. This targeted approach proved to be highly successful and I would be very keen to see more clubs come back to me with their individual topics of concern next year.

This season saw a large percentage growth in our Discover Sailing Course numbers, up 49% on last year. While this included Discover Sailing Experience/introductory courses, our key programs saw good growth which is key to the sustainability of our sport:

Tackers	+9%
Dinghy	+22%
Keel Boat	+40%

In November 2017 we moved into our new offices at the renovated Boatshed (now the State Sailing Center) at Albert Park. The consolidation of the Victorian team has proved to be hugely beneficial to the sport with a number of clubs and associations now utilizing the facilities. Special thanks must go to the project group that brought the project to completion – Steve Walker, Sean Hogan, Linda Goldsmith, Tim Davies, Scott Davies, Simon Drydon and Paul Marazita from Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Below is an outline of some of the key activities and achievements from the 2017-18 year.

Discover Sailing

- 60+ Victorian clubs ran DS Days over the October to January period with 4 on the National Day. On average 5% of attendees signed up for family memberships on the day with another 5%+ signing up for DS courses.
Once again those clubs that focused on the benefits of being a member of the club and ensured they followed up appropriately with the participants post the event had above average conversion into courses and membership. In some cases this was as high as 40%.
- The Day Pass system continued to be utilized at a number of clubs with good feedback. This flexible introductory membership category is crucial to the engagement of new people to the sport. Clubs utilizing the Day Pass (now called the Sail Pass) report that up to 40% of their new

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membership is attributed to the Sail Pass process. VicHealth has partnered with AS – Victoria to further develop the Sail Pass process with major enhancements to the RevSport Myclub system, club tool kits and marketing material aimed at further take up by Victorian clubs.

- AS – Victoria has been successful in partnering with VicHealth on a three year initiative aimed at engaging with the 12 – 17 year old demographic. This involves designing and piloting a program that will resonate with this age group and motivate them to ongoing participation and membership in Sailing.
- The Boatshed is again looking to visit a number of regional clubs over the upcoming season to assist them in their membership strategies with the delivery of the Tackers program. This includes Apollo Bay SC, Portland YC, Flinders YC, South Gippsland YC, Gippsland Lakes YC, Point Leo Boat Club, Wyndham Harbour and hopefully Yarrawonga SC.

Performance

- The state underpinning program (VST) is now being managed by the performance department of Australian Sailing. AS employed a new coach in Rio Olympian Carrie Smith in March 2018. Carrie is responsible for the performance development of the VST sailors while also looking to mentor up and coming coaches and sailors as required.
- The new Victorian program will address development and performance outcomes for our youth and intermediate sailors; and further support the ongoing growth and capabilities of our Club and Class Association sailing programs across the state. The VST coaching program will be split into two components; 1). VST Performance Coaching Program and 2). Non VST Development Coaching Program.
- AS is working with clubs and classes to develop their coaches and programs to offer quality opportunities for sailors sitting under the VST. One initiative saw AS fund up to 10 participants through the Safety Boat Operator and Sailing Coach courses to increase our club and class capabilities

Governance

- AS has continued to work with the Department of Transport to ensure the amendments to the Ports and Marine Act Amendment Bill do not adversely affect Victorian Clubs. This has been well received by the department and would not have been possible without the input from the working group of Vanessa Twigg, Ray Shaw and Murray McCutcheon. We are hopeful that a relevant code of practice will be available to Victorian clubs by the start of the season to give clarity on compliance.

Gavin Wall

Australian Sailing Regional Manager - Victoria

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The YV Race Officials Committee has seen another active year.

The composition of the Committee has remained stable with all members having made positive contributions to the culture and work of the committee. We currently have 18 members which, despite absence due to the travel associated with supporting events throughout the year, ensures that we always have a solid quorum at our meetings.

We note that long serving member, Noel Allen, retired during the year having made a significant contribution over more years than I can remember.

The Committee continues to be an industrious and responsive 'expert committee' being comprised of race officials of all disciplines from aspiring Club and State level through to International level. Members are both actively involved in officiating at events, as well as being committed to supporting the wider group of Victorian and interstate race officials and clubs.

We have managed to continue providing a high level of service to events in Victoria and interstate, despite the concentration of events in Australia from December through to March, which remains something of a challenge. In addition, the committee remains actively involved in supporting officials generally, providing experience and mentoring.

In addition, we have provided support to clubs through race management advice such as the preparation of race documentation, current best practice, etc., and have assisted many clubs by providing members of protest committees.

Key strategic initiatives that have been the focus for 2017-18, remains our focus for the 2018-19 year, these being the identification and engagement of younger officials and where appropriate, redressing any gender imbalances. Working in conjunction with initiatives such as the 'Road Show' conducted by AS staff, our initiatives including the Club Delegates program and School Team Sailing, members are actively working with clubs to identify and support young people who may be interested in embarking on a 'Race Official' pathway. As previously reported, the challenge remains to attract younger officials and more importantly, retain their interest, acknowledging that this is necessarily a longer term task with which we continue to make progress by, firstly, capturing interest and subsequently, maintaining a link with them as their interest and ability to engage as officials fluctuates throughout their careers and life changes.

To this end, the committee continues to explore initiatives such as the YV Race Officials Facebook page in order to provide another, socially relevant medium for keeping a level of engagement and as a tool for disseminating information. In addition to this, the committee is investigating other online platforms that might add to our ability to engage, provided information and foster ongoing professional development of our race officials. The aim is to build on traditional mediums such as the newsletter by providing online, interactive environments that will facilitate our goal of supporting our volunteer officials with the best resources available and maintaining a culture of positive development.

Members of the committee have continued to roll out a steady offering of training courses for all levels of race officials with the biggest uptake coming from Club level and we are pleased to note that we lead

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the country in this regard. In particular, the engagement level with club race officers remains a stand out and, whilst many will not progress beyond club level, the aim is to ensure that we have solid and consistent base of competent and supported club officials.

The beginning of 2017 saw the update to the rules of sailing for 2017-2020 come into effect and, although this is now a year ago, committee members continue to provide Victorian clubs with information and 'rules nights' as a service to clubs and their members. This remains a popular service and sessions have been conducted throughout Victoria with more planned for the 2018 summer season.

The transition to Australian Sailing is progressing quite well and, whilst we still have some way to go at a National level with development of the National Officiating Program (NOP) and related data bases, the support we have received from Victorian Regional Manager, Gavin Wall, and his staff, has been excellent.

Finally, I would like to thank the tireless efforts of all our committee members for their continuing support and contribution to the sport both in terms of skill, time and passion which is – to quote Darren Eger last year - is at times truly awe inspiring. The fact that they are a wonderful group of people and enjoy each other's company is icing on the cake.

Rob Ware
Chair
Yachting Victoria Race Officials Committee.

Members: Rob Ware (chair), Darren Eger (Vice Chair), Luke Tupper (Secretary), Bill Bell, Chris Wilson, Ross Wilson, Paul Pascoe, Kevin Wilson, Andre Blasse, Geoff Eldridge, Matt Ross, Geoffrey Searle, Glenys Hitchen, John Collings, Ben Fels, Danielle Watkins, Peter Merritt, Tony Dawson.

WGIS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Women and Girls In Sailing (WGIS) committee's focus is to:

- Increase the number of women participating in sailing by providing events, training and promoting awareness in our sport.
- Increase the number of women in (sailing) leadership roles by running and promoting events and training that equip women with the necessary skills and training to undertake leadership roles.

The following table shows the current progress (May 2018) toward these objectives:

Item	Current
% Female club members (AS Target 40%)	34%
% Female Instructors	26%
% Female Commodores	18%

Highlights

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1. Another successful Port Phillip Women's Challenge Series (PPWCS) was run this season which kicked off with the Synergy launch of both PPWCS and AWKR events at HBYC celebrating over 100 years of Women In Sailing at HBYC
2. A successful submission to VicHealth for the Change Our Game grant will provide funding to run additional training courses in leadership and boat skills, and to run events to inspire women to tackle challenging activities and roles.
3. Two WGIS club representative's forums held this year were well attended by representatives from over 25 clubs.
4. Sailing at Albert Park was again held on one Friday evening per month over the summer.
5. There are now 42 clubs that have a WGIS club representative with 49 club representatives in total across those clubs.
6. Successful female only boat maintenance course held at Black Rock Yacht Club with over 20 participants
7. Inspirational Speaker Lisa Blair (first female to circumnavigate Antarctica) presented to over 100 people at RBYC.

Events

WGIS has continued to manage and promote the Port Phillip Women's Challenge Series (PPWCS) and the event has just completed its 6th year. The series is now attracting an average of 30 – 40 boats and is a great event for newcomers to the sport with many skippers ensuring they bring at least one new sailor along. It was encouraging to see that there was an increase in the number of boats entered this year (47) and a corresponding increase in the number of participants. Of these, 43 boats completed 1 or more races of the 5-race series.

WGIS also continues to support clubs running events for women and girls by promoting club events in social media and on the WGIS website, and assisting in any way to make the events successful.

This year, successful events included a number of women's programs involving sailing, stand up paddle boarding and beach yoga, held at Mount Martha Yacht Club, Black Rock Yacht Club, Elwood Sailing Club, Chelsea Yacht Club and Somers Yacht Club.

Social Sailing

WGIS and Australian Sailing ran Friday Social Sailing evenings once per month at the Boatshed at Albert Park in summer for all-comers but specifically targeting women and girls who are new to sailing, and friends and family of sailors. Newcomers were encouraged to come along for a casual sail followed by a BBQ. This year over 70 people enjoyed the sailing and yacht club hospitality.

Funding

The Women and Girls In Sailing Committee was successful in its application for the Change Your Game Grant from the Office for Women in Sport, Victorian Government. This funding will be spent on leadership workshops for volunteers, subsidising training for women and girls under 18, inspirational events and networking opportunities amongst club representatives.

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Social media/promotion

Social media platforms are a key communication tool WGIS uses to promote women's events for all Victorian clubs. Facebook, Instagram and the web site are used for sharing stories of success, 'local heroes', training courses and general interest items. There is also a closed FB group for club representatives. The number of followers on the Facebook (FB) open page is now approaching 1100.

WGIS Club Representatives Forum

WGIS aims to run at least 2 club representative forums per year to provide training, networking opportunities and support to the WGIS club and class association representatives. Two forums were held last season one in September 2017 and one in March 2018 and another is planned for this year.

Challenges for 2018-2019

1. Identify women with the desire to take up leadership roles and provide mentorship and training to build skills and facilitate progression to leadership positions in their clubs.
2. Continue to build the PPWCS event and increase the number of races that boats race in and the number of boats competing in all 5 races.
3. Extend the reach of WGIS to include more OTB sailors and regional clubs.
4. Engage with clubs and class associations to increase the number that have a WGIS Club Representative.
5. Continue to run and support activities that result in an increase the number of women in leadership roles.
6. Update the WGIS resources available for WGIS Club/ Class Representatives and provide training to run successful events/ participation programs at their clubs.

SCHOOL SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

The focus of the School Sailing Committee is to introduce and increase the numbers of those participating in sailing as a school sport, to help provide a competitive framework for this designing a wide variety of regattas targeted towards a wide range of abilities and ages.

This year the School Teams Sailing had a successful season with mid-week racing occurring at Davey's Bay Yacht Club, Royal Brighton Yacht Club and the Victorian State Sailing Centre. Saturday sailing travels around the bay with Davey's Bay Yacht Club, Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Mornington Yacht Club, and the Victorian State Sailing Centre. The Saturday competition had also hosted two teams from the Royal Hospital School, Suffolk UK.

The most significant event in the busy school sailing calendar is the School Team Sailing State championship at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. We had 29 teams competing in the three-day competition. 200 races were completed, with Brighton Grammar School taking out both the William Angliss Trophy and the John Middleton Trophy.

Victoria hosted the two top school sailing competitions for our region this year. The first was the 2017 Interdominion School Team Sailing Championships held at Sandringham Yacht Club in September. 10 Teams from Australia and New Zealand competed with Australia winning the Interdominion trophy.

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The 2018 Australian Secondary Schools Team Racing Championships were held at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron on the 11th – 15th of July. 23 of the top school teams from around Australia competed in superb conditions. 252 races were completed in the first three days of the competition. Strong wind reduced the last day to just a finals series. The final top four teams were Westminster (SA), Scotch (WA), Friends (TAS) and Brighton Grammar (VIC). This is the highest a Victorian team has finished at the nationals.

The results from the Victorian Schools Team Sailing Championships.

Div 1

Place	School
3 rd	Brighton Grammar
2 nd	Haileybury
3 rd	Mentone Grammar

Div 2

1 st	Trinity Grammar
2 nd	St Michaels
3 rd	Scotch College

Div 3

1 st	Brighton Grammar Div 3
2 nd	McKinnon College
3 rd	Brighton Grammar Div 3

The Overall Awards for State Championships are

Award	For	Winning School
Girls Sport Victoria	Highest placing Girls Sport Victoria School at this event	Toorak College
Krystal Trophy	Girls Award	Toorak College
Associated Grammar Schools	Highest placing Associated Grammar School at this event	Mentone Grammar
Associated Public Schools	Highest placing Associated Public School at this event	Brighton Grammar

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School Sport Victoria	Highest placing School Sport Victoria School at this event	Albert Park College
Most Improved	Most improved school over the duration of the event.	Toorak College
Best Regional	Highest placing regional school at this event	Dromana College

John and Helen Middleton Series

Helen Middleton Trophy	St Michaels
John Middleton Trophy	Brighton Grammar
William Angliss Trophy	Brighton Grammar

A big thanks go to our long-term Partnership William Angliss Institute for their contribution to School Team Sailing.

A special thank you for the years of service to the school sailing committee by Felicia Brown and Tim Humphris both of whom retired from the committee in the past year. Felicia and Tim both served tirelessly on the committee and a special thanks to Felicia who was the Victorian representative to the Australian Team Sailing Association.

The committee would also like to recognise our key Race Officials Glenys Hitchen, Geoff Eldridge, Rhett Gowans, Luke Tupper, and Ben Fels They are supported by other key Race Officials, volunteers and host clubs. The committee would like to thank everyone involved. Further thanks must also go out to our committee for their tireless work.



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TRAILABLE COMMITTEE

The highlights for the 17/18 year for the Victorian Trailable Yacht Division committee have been;

- Delivery of a training package for trailable yacht sailors at Hobsons Bay Yacht Club,
- Promotion of the Travellers Series including six events at venues across the state,
- Host a successful season opening dinner and re-discover sailing day in Docklands,
- Conduct 2017/18 Trailable state championships by Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club at RMYS,
- Regular seminars to promote various cruising events across Australia,
- Continue to improve our web site and the promotion of Facebook page,
- Consider CBH ratings, submissions for CBH ratings for new and reviews to ATYSBR committee.

The committee generally meet monthly at the YV Boatshed at Albert Park where various trailable yacht associations and yacht club matters are considered.

The Season Opening dinner in October '17 included many sailing up to docklands and pre dinner refreshments dockside before about 90 people attended the opening dinner and participating in the Bob Couper memorial quiz. The following day had many trailable yacht associations attended a flare and overboard recovery workshop, then sail past (theme being a Re-Discover Sailing day), attracting visitors to the waters of Victoria Harbour at Docklands. Other trailable yachts were displayed on their trailers. A great outcome of the weekend being the participation and collaboration between various associations and yacht clubs to host the event.



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The 2017/18 Travellers Series was well attended by 214 trailable yachts (12% up on 2016/17), that saw many crews travel across the state to attend events. This year included six rounds (two drops):

- 1 'Around French Island Race' hosted by Warneet Motor Yacht Club;
- 2 'Pelican Race Geelong' (New) hosted by Geelong Trailable Yacht Club;
- 3 'Around Sunday Island Race' hosted by Port Albert Yacht Club;
- 4 'Four Winds Marine - Victorian Trailable Yacht Championships' hosted by Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron and Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club;
- 5 'C.H. Robinson - Marlay Point Overnight Race' hosted by Lake Wellington Yacht Club;
- 6 'Four Points Race' hosted by Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club.

Notably, 229 trailable yachts entered the 50th year of the 'C.H. Robinson - Marlay Point Overnight Race' hosted by Lake Wellington Yacht club. LWYC were recognized with a special award at the YV awards day. They hand over the running to Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club from 2019.



The 2017/18 - Four Winds Marine Victorian Trailable Yacht Championships were hosted by Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron and Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club. This event concluded the TYD Sailor of the year, Mitch Bayliss 'PIPALINI' a Castle 650.

The VTVD maintain a website and Facebook page promoting events and activities across the state. Facebook has proven a great addition attracting many followers and visitors, follow us at 'Trailable Yachts Victoria'. <http://www.trailableyacht.com.au/home/>

Des Russel has continued to provide training weekends with assistance from Hobsons Bay Yacht Club.

The VTVD continue to support trailable yachts with CBH ratings, through building capacity to measure boats. A sub-committee is working on developing efficient outcomes.

A workshop was hosted for '17/18 Travellers Series clubs in July. The focus to build a consistent approach and to assist these clubs in the race management, promotion and participation of trailer sailing to through the Travellers Series events. Thanks go to Geoffrey Searle for support at the workshop.

Plans are well underway for the coming season's opening dinner and Trailable Yacht Re-discover sailing day. Looking to draw Trailable Yacht owners and new members to improve participation.



I would like to thank the YV-TYD committee including Des Russell, Ron Parker, Mitch Bayliss, Peter Shepard, Andrew Mackenzie, Chris Bland, Greg Power and Chris Jones (YV) for all your great support. Also Collin Forester for support with the Travellers Series handicaps (PBH) and results, and website.

Also, recognize the efforts of various associations and yacht clubs for their support to make the past year a great success. Thank you.

Mark McLellan

VTYD Chairman

RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights

- Interfaced with Australian Sailing (AS) on a range of safety-related issues, both locally and nationally.
- Provided leadership and support for the National Equipment Auditor Scheme and liaised with local auditors, clubs and class associations on a range of audit matters.
- Supported local clubs and class associations on a wide range of safety and risk management issues.
- Assisted in nationally rolling out the latest AS approach to Risk Management.
- Actively involved in AS liaison with the Victorian Government to ensure that the recent changes to the Ports and Marine Act can be effectively incorporated into the existing AS safety and risk management framework.

Challenges

- The committee endeavours to support clubs locally on an as needed basis but would benefit from a more coordinated national approach to risk management and safety and an environment where best practices can be more effectively shared.

Looking Ahead

- Continuing to work with Australian Sailing with ongoing developments in the national risk management framework, changes to the Special Regulations and Safety Information Bulletins

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- AS provides arrange of policies, procedures and regulations that that together help to provide a safer sailing environment. However, the recent changes to the Victorian Ports and Marine Act highlight the need for clubs to be more proactive in developing comprehensive risk management plans to suit their individual range of activities. The Committee is able to play an active role in assisting clubs in this ongoing process.

Alignment

- The Risk Management and Safety Committee's goal is to ensure that an excellent risk management framework are in place and effectively communicated to all member clubs and event organisers. In the current environment, this aspect of club's operations is clearly playing a more visible role.

Thanks

- To the committee members and our collaborators at Australian Sailing

Ray Shaw

RMSC Chair

PARTICIPATION PATHWAYS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Coaching Committee is currently undergoing a review. While the process is still underway some important decisions have been made that will help shape the future of the committee. With changes flowing from Australian Sailing it is time to rename the committee to be reflect the its objectives, the committee concluded that 'Participation Pathways Committee' achieves this. The new name was recently ratified by the board.

The Participation Pathways Committee has a clear vision and is focused on 3 key objectives.

Vision

To be the leading state in Australia in youth participation, engagement and retention

Key Objectives

1. Enabling Connections to maximise junior and youth opportunity
2. Increase participation and engagement
3. Support for Clubs and Class Associations

There is more to come from the Participation Pathways Committee.

The Committee would like to thank Tim Grogan for his time on the Committee. The Participation Pathways Committee is chaired by Chris Boag with other members being; Matt O'Brien, Kate Goss, Chris Manton, Steve Ingram. The committee will be seeking additional members during the year.