



YACHTING VICTORIA

ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

One Sailing

Given Yachting Victoria adopted the One Sailing model on 1st June 2016, 2016/2017 has been yet another year of tremendous change.

Most would agree that One Sailing is still a work in progress, but we do believe that it will be in the best interests of the sport in the long term. As a sport, sailing is being held up as a role model for the 'one management' model and we have been contacted by other sports wanting to hear about our experience.

I have observed an increase in communication between Australian Sailing (AS) and the Member Yachting Associations (MYAs) – an example being the briefing that all presidents receive in a teleconference at least quarterly. In addition, there is more cross state dialogue and Victoria has been able to help other states by sharing our experience, as well as hearing from others.

As Ian said in his report last year, our YV Board is working with AS and other MYAs to ensure that One Sailing benefits everyone in the sport and we are especially concerned to ensure that we deliver the required support and help to all our Victorian members and clubs. We are delighted to see our membership continuing to increase with some 27,000 registered members.

One new project launched in the last 3 months is the Club Levy Working Party, on which I am representing Victoria along with other MYA representatives, John Lee and David Edwards. The working party is chaired by Garry Langford from the AS Board and a past President of Yachting Tasmania. Our remit is to find an equitable method for calculating affiliation fees which will be acceptable to all our members nationally. We have started by gathering information from all states with regard to the methods used, as well as reviewing other sports and other national sailing bodies. Currently it would appear that a banding model is favoured, however whatever is recommended will need the approval of our member clubs and we will ensure you are fully briefed on any proposals for changing the current system.

Committees

AS has now finished its review of all committees in each state. Not surprisingly, Victoria has the greatest number and whilst the need for some committees no longer exists e.g. the Remuneration Committee, most were confirmed as invaluable and will continue reporting to our YV Board with support from Australian Sailing. The review has shown the wide diversity of committees in each state and I firmly believe that there is a role that some of our committees can play in assisting other states. One example is our Women and Girls in Sailing Committee – no other state having an equivalent committee prior to One Sailing.

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed on a committee this year.

One Committee which is not continuing is our YV Training Committee. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank Sean Hogan (Chair), Robin Hewitt, Sonya Fiddes and Ian Fox who have been supported by Paul Tweddell, for all their hard work. Some have served on this committee for over 20 years – so a big thanks to you all. Whilst the committee will no longer meet formally, I am pleased to say they are already working on an ad hoc project! *(Just when they thought they had escaped!)*

State Sailing Centre

Another committee that has been working hard this year is our Project Control Group for the new State Sailing Centre at the Boatshed. The project is progressing well and hopefully our local AS staff will be able

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to move there later this year. We have been very fortunate to have secured additional State Government funding to make the project viable. We are also delighted that ORCV will be joining us in the newly refurbished space. Many thanks are especially due to Scott Davies, YV past president, who has worked tirelessly to get this project underway, as well as making some generous contributions. Scott has now stepped away but we hope he will be there to celebrate the opening of the new centre.

Sailing World Cup and Sail Melbourne International

December last year saw St Kilda and Melbourne on the world stage when we hosted the Grand Final of the Sailing World Cup. Whilst the weather gods tried hard to ruin our corporate day (yet again), the event was a resounding success. Many thanks to Mark Turnbull, The Sailing World Cup Committees and the army of volunteers, both on and off the water, who in no small way contributed to its success. We were naturally stunned by World Sailing's subsequent decision not to run even a leg of their Sailing Cup this year in the southern hemisphere – staggering when you consider that over a third of the sailing medals at the Rio Olympics were won by Australia or New Zealand. However, we are very excited by our relaunch of Sail Melbourne – now Sail Melbourne International – as part of the Tasman Series – a 3 regatta series held this year in Melbourne, Sydney and Auckland. The MOU with Sailing NZ stretches for 3 years as we position ourselves as the place to be in the run up to Tokyo. Indeed, we very much hope to be hosting a number of Worlds in 2019/2020 as part of our Sail Melbourne Summer of Sailing! Royal Brighton Yacht Club, with their fantastic new facilities, will be hosting Sail Melbourne International this year on November 29th to December 3rd. So please mark this in your diaries.

Volvo Ocean Race Stop Over

Another exciting diary note must be the Volvo Ocean Race Stopover! Whilst a compressed stopover compared with the 2005/6 race when they were with us for 3 weeks, they are due to be sailing through the Heads possibly just as our ORCV fleet leave for Tassie. As the VOR website says "The leg from Cape Town to Melbourne will be a tough one both mentally and physically for the sailors as not only will they be submerged into the Southern Ocean but this leg also counts for double points. This arrival will no doubt be one of the most exciting as the teams will be fighting until the very end for those extra points." ETA is 26th or 27th December with departure on January 2nd and it sounds as if Docklands will be the place to be on New Year's Eve!

Our YV Board

Our Board is also changing this year with sadly the loss of 3 current members. Grant Dunoon has used the excuse of the Melbourne Osaka race to bow out (despite our protests re global communications!), and both Ray Shaw and Callum Burns have come to the end of each serving their 6 years maximum terms. All three have made fantastic contributions over their time as Directors and I would like to thank them whole heartedly for the many hours that they have donated to YV. Many thanks also to our continuing Board members of Ian Cunningham, Debbie Parker, Linda Goldsmith, Scott Llewellyn and Sean Hogan. I look forward to welcoming our 2 new nominated Board members at the AGM.

Lastly many thanks are owed to Gavin Wall and his team who have continued to work tirelessly for us. As AS staff they have experienced many of the challenges which naturally come with a major change and I think they have done a great job.

Cherry Birch

President

TREASURERS REPORT

Introduction

We are pleased to report a surplus for the year, however the extent of that surplus has been determined by accounting for capital works grants as income. This is however, in accordance with Accounting Standards although I feel the reported surplus sends an inaccurate message regarding the performance of the association for the year. I will comment more on this later.

This is the first financial report post transition to Australian Sailing of all operations with the exception of the Sailing World Cup (Sail Melbourne). In this respect the content of the financial statements differs significantly from those of prior years.

The financial activities of the Association have been reduced to management of Sail Melbourne and the renovation of the Albert Park boatshed into the Victorian State Sailing Centre, the future home for the Australian Sailing staff and YV operations following our move from the Sandringham offices later this calendar year. These activities require significant oversight and concentration given the now reduced financial resources of YV. In this respect I would like to thank the ongoing diligence of the YV Board and the committees responsible for these activities.

Statement of Profit and Loss

The current year Profit is showing s \$198,239 compared with \$8,281 in the previous year. This result is affected by bringing to account as income an amount of \$196,499 received as a contribution towards the creation of the State Sailing Centre. In the absence of this, the result would be \$1,740.

This result can be best called a breakeven which, when considering the Association runs a world class event with considerable risk, indicates the amount of work and budget control the committee has had to bring to bear, especially on the back of the previous year loss. I thank the committee and its chair, Mark Klemens, for their efforts.

Statement of Financial Position

The Association stands with a net asset position of \$462,278 with \$361,416 of that in various items of plant and equipment thereby leaving only approximately \$100,000 in cash reserves.

The items referred to as Trade Creditors (\$160,743) appearing in Note 5 and Trade Debtors (\$125,485) appearing in Note 3, relate substantially to the State Sailing Centre development.

The item appearing as Deferred Income in Note 7 of \$508,501 relates to the unexpended portion of the grants received for the development of the State Sailing Centre. These monies will be expended in the next financial year.

In conclusion, I thank the Board members of the Association for the oversight and governance during the year, Cherry Birch as President for her leadership and the assistance provided by the staff of Australian Sailing.

Ian Cunningham

Honorary Treasurer

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REGIONAL MANAGER - VICTORIA REPORT

2016-17 saw the full implementation of the One Sailing model and the first year of Australian Sailing's (AS) delivery of the sport of sailing. The Club Services team of Paul Tweddell, Sue Phillips, Adam Gristwood and Ian Wall worked hard to ensure all Victorian clubs received the service required to help them and the sport flourish in Victoria.

Once again Victoria has seen growth in our club membership with the states membership finishing at 27,109 (up approximately 1600). This has been a result of the hard work by our clubs, class associations and Yachting Victoria sub-committees and their numerous volunteers. It has been pleasing to see the high level of cooperation that Victorian Clubs and Associations have shown through information and best practice sharing over the last year. This collegiate approach sees the sport in a great space leading into the 2017-18 season.

Below is an outline of some of the key activities and achievements from the 2016-17 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.
Of interest is that a number of clubs that focused on club/member engagement and not on-water activities, combined with good follow up strategies, saw above average conversion into courses and membership of up to 25%.
- Work is continuing on incorporating Kite Boarding into member clubs. Rosebud YC have agreed to a new Kite Boarding membership category. This is in conjunction with Kite Boarding Australia membership.
- The online Day Pass system was trialed at a number of clubs with good feedback. This reduces club administration, ensures participants have AS insurance and allows the CSO team to run reports for relevant grant programs.
- AS is currently working with VicHealth on market research around the Day Pass system. This will then produce a set of templates for clubs to use for administration, marketing and ongoing conversion of Day Pass participants into club membership.
- The Boatshed has confirmed it will be visiting 8 regional clubs over the January period to assist them in their membership strategies with the delivery of the Tackers program. This includes Apollo Bay SC, Stawell YC, Portland YC, Flinders YC, South Gippsland YC, Gippsland Lakes YC, Point Leo Boat Club and Anglesea MYC.

Performance

- The Performance Coaching Program (PCP) has been a large success with good buy in from the sailing community.
- Victoria's PCP produced some very successful results at the Nationals and Youth Nationals. This included:
 - 7 in top 3 and 22 in top 10 at Nationals

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- 4 in top 3 and 7 in top 10 of Youth Nationals
- 2017/18 VST had 55 applications with the proposed program incorporating more class specific coaching.

Governance

- AS has been working with VicSport to help all Victorian clubs comply with the new Child Safe Standards and Working with Children Check requirements. This has been a large body of work, with the majority of Victorian clubs well placed with their compliance.
- AS has been working 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. A lot of work was put into the AS submission and I would like to thank the following people for their help; Vanessa Twig, Murray McCutcheon, Ben Fels, Graeme Watt and Ray Shaw.

Officials

- Instructor and Race Official courses continue to be well supported with one course a month being run.
- A number of regional clubs are taking up these courses including Ballarat YC and Albury Wodonga YC.
- An all-female Race Officials course was run in March with 25 participants.
- A regional instructor's course of 21 participants (20 being female) was delivered on the 30 and 31st of January in Painesville, with a second course running in mid-September 2017.

Events

The 2016-17 year saw a number of events/regattas being held across Victoria. Below is a summary of those events.

Australian Sailing

- Victorian instructor's conference was held at RBYC on Saturday 17th of June. One day conference incorporating on water professional development. This saw over 60 instructors from 32 clubs attending.
- Victorian Sailing Awards – Held at SYC on Sunday of 18th June. Another great event with over 200 participants attending.
- 12 Regional Roadshows were run over June and July.
- Victorian Club Conference – Held at SYC on Saturday the 12th of August. This was a great success with over 100 people from approximately 50 clubs in attendance.

Woman on Water

- Westernport's Woman on Water regatta was held on the 5th and 6th of November, with approximately 80 boats attending.
- The Sarah Blanc regatta held at SSCBC was a great success with approximately 40 boats attending.

Sailability

- Sailability Victoria held its 25th anniversary celebrations on board the Tenacious tall ship. This

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followed a day sail by the vessel that saw 33 Victorian Sailability participants take part.

National level events

- Viper Worlds (Royal Geelong)
- 125 Nationals (Altona YC)
- Minnow Nationals (Blairgowrie YS)
- A Class Nationals (McCrae YC)

State Championships

- Vic Catamaran Championships (McCrae YC)
- Vic Dinghy Championships (Albury Wodonga YC)
- Vic Sports Boat Championships (MYC)
- Vic Mosquito Championships (Altona SC)
- Vic Open Bic Championships (Parkdale YC)
- Vic Minnow Championships (SBSC)
- Vic Optimist Championships (RGYC)
- Vic 9er Championships (SSCBC)
- Vic 420 Championships (SSCBC)
- Vic Taser Championships (SSCBC)
- Vic Couta Boat Championships (MYC)
- Vic Laser Championships (RBYC)
- Vic Etchells Championships (RBYC)
- Vic F16 & 18 Championships (FYC)
- Vic Hobie Championships (McCrae YC)
- Vic Impulse Championships (McCrae YC)
- Vic Sabre Championships (Sommers YC)
- Vic Taipan Championships (Portland YC)
- Vic Pacer Championships (Parkdale YC)
- Vic A Class Championships (Westernport YC)
- Vic Paper Tiger Championships (Frankston YC)
- Vic 125 Championships (Yarrawonga YC)

Off Shore

- ORCV ran a number of events over the holiday period including
 - Melbourne to Stanley (19 entrants)
 - Latitude 10-35nm (6 entrants)
 - Melbourne to Devonport 195nm (10 entrants)
 - Melbourne to Hobart Westcoaster 440nm (10 entrants)
 - Melbourne to Grassy, King Island 114nm (18 entrants)

Gavin Wall

Australian Sailing Regional Manager - Victoria

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The YV Race Officials Committee has seen another active and engaged 12mth period. The composition of the Committee has remained stable and has been boosted by two additional members, Glenys Hitchen and Matt Ross, who have already made positive contributions to the culture of the committee. Currently we have 20 members which given the travel associated with supporting events throughout the year, ensures that we always have a solid quorum at our meetings.

The Committee continues to be an industrious and responsive 'working committee'. Representing race officials of all disciplines from club level through to international level, members are both actively involved in officiating at events and committed to supporting the efforts of the wide group of Victorian race officials. The concentration of events in Australia from Dec through to March remains a challenge. The committee remains actively involved in help to manage the demand and ensure that events are adequately supported with appropriately qualified officials and those require experience and mentoring.

Key strategic initiatives that have been the focus for 2016-17 has been the identification and engagement of younger officials and where appropriate, redressing any gender imbalances. Working in conjunction with initiatives such as the Club Delegates program and school team sailing, members are working with clubs to identify and support young people who may be interested in embarking on an race official pathway. The challenge remains to attract younger officials and more importantly, retain their interest. We have acknowledged that this needs to be a long term initiative. 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 is turning to initiatives such as the YV Race Officials Facebook page in order to provide another, socially relevant medium for keeping a level of engagement and tool for disseminating information.

Please refer to <https://www.facebook.com/YVROfficials/>

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 have continued to roll out a steady offering of training courses for all levels of race official with the biggest uptake coming from club level. 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 well educated and supported club officials.

The beginning of 2017 saw the update to the rules of sailing for 2017-2020 come into effect. Our members have responded by offering local clubs information and 'rules nights' to assist with the transition. This remains a popular service and sessions have been conducted throughout Victoria with more planned in preparation for the 2017 summer season.

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The transition to Australian Sailing saw a number of changes to the YV staff. We would like to thank them for their assistance during the change over and reiterate our appreciation for the staff support that the committee continues to enjoy.

And finally, I would like to thank the tireless efforts of all of our committee members who's contribution to the sport both in terms of time and passion 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's leadership of the group and Luke Tupper's organisation have contributed to the YV Race Officials Committee continuing to provide a valuable service to the sailing community.

Darren Eger
Vice Chair
Yachting Victoria Race Officials Committee.

Chair: Rob Ware

Members: Darren Eger (V.Chair), Luke Tupper (Sec), Bill Bell, Chris Wilson, Noel Allen, 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, Ian Cunningham (YV Rep).

WGIS COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights

1. Another successful Port Phillip Women's Challenge Series (PPWCS) was run this season. The series is now attracting an average of 30 – 40 boats and continues to attract newcomers to the sport with many skippers ensuring they bring at least one new sailor along. While there was a slight decrease in the number of boats, the number of participants increased this year.
2. A successful submission to the Australian Institute Sport provided funding to run two one day training courses in leadership. Both courses were booked out with 40 women and girls attending with a follow-up leadership forum planned along with a mentoring program.
3. Two WGIS club representative's forums held this year were well attended. The next one will be held in September 2017 at Sandringham Yacht Club.
4. Two all women-only race official training courses were held, attended by over 30 females & run by a female presenter.
5. Sailing at Albert Park was held on a number of Friday evenings over summer. Newcomers were encouraged to come along for a casual sail followed by a BBQ or sandwiches. Numbers increased most weeks and it is intended to continue next summer, with 50 people attending over the season.
6. Successful combined 'Synergy' launch of the Australian Women Keelboat Regatta and PPWCS/PPWPS events this year with over 200 women sailors involved.
7. There are now 45 women and girls club representatives.

Challenges for the next year

1. Identifying women with the skills and desire to take up leadership roles and providing mentorship and training to facilitate progression to leadership positions in their clubs.
2. Continuing to build the PPWCS and PPWPS events.
3. Ensuring WGIS reaches more OTB sailors and regional clubs.

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4. Increasing the number of clubs that have a WGIS Club Representative.
5. Providing WGIS Club Representatives with useful resources and the training and skills to run successful events/ participation programs at their clubs.

Events

WGIS has continued to manage and promote the Port Phillip Women's Challenge Series (PPWCS) and the Port Phillip Women's Passage Series (PPWPS) over the past year. The PPWCS has just completed its 5th year; the numbers in 2016 showed an increase on previous years however, in 2017 the number of participants was slightly down on 2016 but similar to 2014 and 2015.

The PPWPS was a new event in the 2015-16 season and is still in a growth phase, with the committee working closely with keelboat clubs to achieve 100% participation amongst the Port Phillip keelboat clubs.

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

Social Sailing

WGIS and Australian Sailing ran a number of Friday sailing evenings 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. The sailing was followed by a BBQ and social networking. These evenings have been appreciated by attendees and have attracted a number of novice sailors. It is intended to continue these next summer and advertise more widely to increase participation. Australian Sailing has also supported women's social sailing at Mornington Yacht Club through the clubs GOSS (GIRLS OUT FOR SOCIAL SAIL) program and the after school women's program CLASS (CHELSEA LADIES AFTER SCHOOL SAILING) at Chelsea Yacht Club.

Grants

The Women and Girls In Sailing Committee was successful in its application for an Australian Institute of Sport 'Women Leaders in Sport' grant in March 2017. This grant was used to run 2 leadership workshops, one for over 18 year olds and one for under 18 year old women and girls. Both days were booked out with 40 women and girls attending, feedback from attendees was excellent.

Social media/promotion

WGIS continues to use social media platforms to promote women's events for all Victorian clubs. Facebook and the web site are used to post stories of success, 'local heroes', training courses and general interest items. The number of followers on the Facebook (FB) open page is now more than 900; there is also a closed FB group for club representatives.

WGIS Club Representatives Forum

WGIS aims to run at least 2 women and girls club representative forums per year to provide training, networking and support to the WGIS club representatives. Two forums were held last season one in September 2016 and one in April 2017.

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Item	Target	Current
% Female club members	40%	34%
% Leadership roles filled by females	25%	27%

TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights

The 2016/17 year will be the last for the training committee. I can reflect on my 25 year involvement with this committee very fondly and endorse the work of all those who have served on the committee over those years. The steady growth in participation, the improvement and consolidation of the training programs have been the highlight. The quality of the programs delivered, including the annual instructor conferences has regularly drawn high praise from Australian Sailing.

Challenges

Continuing the growth in participation has been a constant challenge and to this end we always strived to improve the quality of services we provide.

Looking Ahead

I look forward to the continued support, advice and direction from the members of the training committee as we continue to review and improve the way we deliver courses in Victoria. We will continue to have a particular focus on diversity and inclusion.

Alignment

Our work has always aligned to YV's overall participation and club support focus and on the growth in participation at the grass roots level. We have always strived to increase the capacity for DSC's to be able to provide higher quality sailing and boating experiences to the public and their members through various activities.

Thanks

I would like to thank the following people for their valuable input and commitment over the years:

Robin Hewitt

Doug King

Sonya Fiddes

Ian Fox

Gavin Wall

Paul Tweddell

We all look forward to contributing to the growth of this sport into the future.

Sean Hogan, Chair, Training Committee

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SCHOOL SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

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.

The Junior Carnival was held in February at the Boat Shed with a number of schools traveling from afar, it was wonderful to see Moorooduc and Red Hill Primary School travel to the Junior Carnival.

This year School Teams Sailing 2016-17 had another busy season with Davey's Bay Yacht Club, Black Rock Yacht Club and Royal Brighton Yacht Club hosting the mid-week series for schools based around the bay. The Saturday series travels around the bay with up to 16 teams. A total of 20 schools/30 teams were involved in the Helen and John Middleton Series hosted around the bay plus the girl's only Krystal Series. School Team Sailing during the season places 170 students on the water making this the largest youth sailing program for school team sailing each week.

The Bill Bell Series was held at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron with a regional school Albury High School winning the series with 10 teams competing.

The major event on the calendar for School Teams Sailing was the School Teams Sailing State Championships held at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. It was the largest number of schools registered for this year with 31 schools enrolled over the three day championships in division one (1), two (2) and three.

The results from the Victorian Schools Team Sailing Championships.

Open Division

1st Scotch College

2nd Brighton Grammar

3rd St Leonard's College

Div 2

1st Pauda

2nd St Michaels 2nds

3rd Mentone 2nds

Div 3

1st Albert Park College

2nd Brighton Grammar

3rd McKinnon Secondary College

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Girls

1st St Leonard's College

2nd Toorak College

The Overall Awards for State Championships are

William Angliss Trophy – Scotch College

SSV – McKinnon Secondary College

GSV - Toorak College

AGS – Mentone Grammar School

APS – Scotch College

Most Improved School Albert Park College

Best Regional School – Dromana Secondary College

John and Helen Middleton Series

John Middleton Trophy – Brighton Grammar

Helen Middleton Trophy – Mentone Grammar

This year saw three Victorian schools attend the Nationals in Perth with Scotch College, Brighton Grammar School and St Leonards representing the state and their schools.

The Inter dominion Schools Team Racing Championship is to held in Melbourne during September 2017. Victoria will also host the Australian Schools Team Racing Championship in 2018.

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

The committee would also like to recognise our key Race Officials Glenys Hitchen, Geoff Eldridge, Luke Tupper, Ben Fels and Matt Himson who have been heavily involved in School Team Sailing during the season plus 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.



Chair,
Scott Llewelyn

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TRAILABLE COMMITTEE

The highlights for the 16/17 year for the Victorian Trailable Yacht Division committee have been to;

- deliver a training package for trailable yacht sailors,
- promote the traveller series including six events at venues across the state,
- host a successful season opening dinner and discover sailing day in Docklands,
- conduct the 2016/17 Trailable state championships at Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club,
- regular seminars to promote various cruising events across Australia,
- continue to improve our web site and the promotion of Facebook page,
- submissions for CBH ratings for new and reviews to NTYSBR committee.

The committee 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 '16 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 contribute to the successful running of the Discover Sailing day with visitors taken out on the waters of Victoria Harbour at Docklands. Also a number of trailable yachts on display on their trailers attracting much interest. Another great outcome of the weekend being the collaboration between various associations and yacht clubs to host the event.

The successful running of the fourth Traveller Series was well attended by many trailable yacht owners and crews was run across the state. This year including six race events:

- 1 'Queenscliff to Geelong' hosted by Geelong Trailable Yacht Club;
- 2 'Around Sunday Island Race' hosted by Port Albert Yacht Club;
- 3 'Four Winds Marine Victorian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Championships' hosted by Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club on the Gippsland Lakes;
- 4 'Marlay Point Overnight Race' hosted by Lake Wellington Yacht Club;
- 5 'Pulse Credit Union Lakes Classic Race' hosted by Loch Sport Boat Club;
- 6 'Four Points Race' hosted by Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club.

The series attracted an increased number of 192 trailable yachts, many attending several events. The six race format receiving a good following and competitive racing by all.

The 2017 Four Winds Marine Victorian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Championships were hosted by Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club on Gippsland Lakes. A successful event concluding the VTYS Sailor of the year, Mitch Bayliss 'PIPALINI' a Castle 650. The Championships attracted 30 trailable yachts in three divisions.

The VTYS 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'.

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

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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 traveller 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 traveller series events. Thanks go to Geoffrey Searle for support at the workshop.

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

The VYTD also getting behind the 'C.H. Robinson – Marlay Point Overnight Race' Lake Wellington Yacht Club celebrating the running of the 50th anniversary of the famous race.

I would like to thank the VTVD committee including Des Russell, Ron Parker, Saxil Tuxen, Rob Milner, Peter Shepard, Andrew Mackenzie, Mitch Bayliss, Chris Bland and Kate Lathouras (YV) for all your great support. Also Collin Forester for support with the traveller series handicaps and results for all participants.

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

Mark McLellan

VTVD Chairman

Sailability Victoria Committee

Highlights

1. The 25th Anniversary of Sailability Victoria was celebrated on the Jubilee Sailing Trust's flagship Tenacious in November 2016. The event was well attended by past and present Sailability Presidents, committee members and Sailability volunteers.
2. As part of the Anniversary celebrations ten Sailability participants went on a day sail on Tenacious and had a fabulous day sailing.
3. The Jubilee Sailing Trust became a new Sailability program bringing the total up to 24 Sailability programs in Victoria.
4. Existing programs are growing from strength to strength with Mornington Yacht Club launching their 11th Hansa boat at the club.
5. Docklands Yacht Club have become a truly inclusive club now operating only Hansa boats from the club and running Community Open days.
6. Over 10,000 Sailability experiences were taken by participants.
7. First time a new Inclusive Club award was presented at the Annual Victorian Sailing Awards. The joint winners were Shepparton Sailability and Docklands Yacht Club. With the President of Docklands Yacht Club Russell Phillips winning Sailor of the Year with a Disability.
8. A partnership has been developed with the Centre for Multicultural Youth to help clubs with support and training in engaging with the multicultural communities that surround their clubs.
9. Sadly David Staley stepped down as President of the Sailability Committee this year to take up a new role with Middle Harbour Yacht Club in Sydney. David was President for 5 years and a committee member for many years and a driving force for Sailability in Victoria
10. 2017 Hansa Asia Pacific Championships were held at Geelong Yacht Club in April. The regatta saw sailors aged from 11 to 92 taking part and combined the Victorian and Australian Hansa Class

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Championships.

11. Sailability Programs have been recognised in many Council awards – City of Casey and City Of Knox both recognised Sailability Volunteers in their Australia Day Awards.

Challenges for the next year

1. Increasing the number of Sailability Programs and Inclusive Club Standards undertaken by Clubs.
2. Sailability Programs to collecting accurate data on participants.
3. Improving the training on offer to Sailability Program volunteers.
4. Expanding the membership of the Sailability Committee
5. Embedding Sailability programs truly into the club culture.

Brian Grizling

Chair

RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights

- Provided input to Australia Sailing and reviewed the draft 2017-2020 YA Special Regulations.
- Provided leadership and support for the National Equipment Auditor Scheme and liaised with local auditors.
- Supported local clubs and class associations on a range of safety and risk management issues
- Drafted a report on the proposed changes to the marine VHF channel allocations which then became the Australian Sailing response to ACMA, the relevant government authority.
- Provided input to Australian Sailing regarding the role of local committees which helped shape the national MYA committee framework.
- Supported the YV response to the proposed changes to the Victorian Ports and Marine Legislation.

Challenges

- The committee covers a wide range of topics reflecting the diversity of club activities and finding committee members to adequately cover all those areas is challenging.

Looking Ahead

- Continuing to work with Australian Sailing with ongoing changes to the Special Regulations and Safety Information Bulletins
- Australian Sailing now has a comprehensive array of risk management and safety related policies and procedures and the challenge now should focus more on ensuring that the principles and concepts embodied in those policies are then appropriately adapted and effectively deployed to suit the needs of our diverse club environment. The YV Risk Management and Safety Committee will increase the focus of its efforts in support of that 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.

Thanks

- To the committee members and our collaborators at Australian Sailing

Ray Shaw

RMSC Chair