



YACHTING VICTORIA

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

One Sailing

It is now three years on from YV's adoption of One Sailing and it is still a movable feast. The process is in a long term transitional phase. Yachting NSW has deregistered from Australian Sailing, nearly all NSW clubs have joined Australian Sailing directly and a Regional Advisory Committee (NSW) has been established. Tasmania is in the throes of deregistration and South Australia is considering starting the process in the near future. YQLD and YWA have indicated they will not be going through this process for quite a while. The YV Board will continue to monitor progress in the other States and review the transition process with the intention of ensuring the YV path only leads to a better outcome for our clubs.

The club satisfaction survey is the primary means of monitoring club support and service and we encourage every club to ensure the right people are responding to the survey and providing critical feedback for our Board and Australian Sailing to consider and respond to. Each Board member has been allocated around 10 clubs for which they will become the main YV Board contact. The intention of this is to give each club a direct contact to a member of the Board for effective communication. Of course as President I invite you to contact me directly if you have any major issues you wish to discuss.

The One Sailing structure in transition still causes some confusion about YV's role as opposed to AS and the role of the YV Board. All Board members and all our hard working committee members are volunteers. All staff in Victoria (and other States) are employed directly by AS, and therefore report to AS. The YV Board and each MYA Board is still 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.

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. Our Women and Girls in Sailing Committee's experience has continued to be shared with other States and this initiative is being rolled out nationally; now branded as SheSails. Our Risk and Safety Committee led a working group which has responded to the Victorian Government's amendments to the Port and Marine Act. The resulting Code of Conduct has been well received by our clubs. Please refer to the committee reports for more detail on their activity.

State Sailing Centre

The State Sailing Centre (and Boatshed) has been a great success with other States looking to it as a model for them to follow. It provides Victoria with a focal point for sailing administration and is leading the country as a training venue. I would like to thank again the amazing project team which took this from an idea to reality, it was a great challenge, particularly with the budget we had.

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Our Victorian Australian Sailing Administration Team

I would like to thank Gavin Wall and his team on behalf of the YV Board (and our clubs) for another outstanding year of service to Victorian Sailing. They have often gone above and beyond their roles to ensure everything runs smoothly and have met many challenges with good humour and attention to detail. Their professional approach and commitment is a great asset to our sport.

Our YV Board

I would like to thank the continuing Board members of Debbie Parker, Linda Goldsmith, Liesl Petterd, and Meaghan Densley. I would especially like to thank previous presidents Ian Cunningham and Cherry Birch for their eight years of service to Yachting Victoria. Ian and Cherry stayed on for an extra year at my personal request to provide continuity and also their invaluable experience to Board discussions. Chris Boag who, due to his other commitments, is not continuing on the Board and has made a great contribution over the past year. Our Board's working group to assist Yacht Clubs with various aspects of their leases has provided assistance to a number of clubs with their concerns regarding lease negotiations with Parks Victoria or with local councils. Members of the Board have also 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 and beyond.

Sean Hogan

President

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. The main transaction for the year was the payment of the final instalment to the builder of the state sailing centre following the conclusion of the defects period.

The loss of \$94,000 was largely due to the depreciation charge of \$83,000 on the assets owned by Yachting Victoria including the SSC. This is as compared to the significant profit of \$467,000 for the prior year which included the income for 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.

There have been no further 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

REGIONAL MANAGER - VICTORIA REPORT

2018-19 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 team of Sue Phillips, Adam Gristwood, Ian Wall, Chris Jones, Clare Ridgway and Jack Sharman worked hard to ensure all Victorian clubs received the service required to help them and the sport flourish in Victoria.

This year has seen the national rollout of three Victorian initiatives and utilization of key learnings from those initiatives. It is important to note the support that Victorian Sailing has had from VicHealth and the State Government in the development of these initiatives.

- The Woman and Girls in Sailing (WGIS) program that has been running in Victoria for the last 10 years has been rebranded "SheSails" and become a National priority. Thanks must go to the Victorian WGIS committee and all the volunteers that have worked so hard over the years to make this initiative the success it is today.
- The "Day Pass" scheme (originally developed at Sandringham Yacht Club) has now become a national initiative and been rebranded as the "SailPass". This temporary membership structure is designed to give people new to the sport the opportunity to experience sailing and club life, before committing to full membership.
- OutThere Sailing was piloted in Victoria during the 2018-19 season and has been funded by VicHealth. This new recreational program aimed at engaging 12 – 17-year old's in the sport of sailing has a focus on fun and social engagement. It can be summed up as "mucking around in boats with your mates". Australian Sailing was successful in securing a Sport Australia grant to roll this program out nationally in the 2019 -20 year. Thanks must go to the initial Victorian pilot clubs that helped with the development of the programs resources, SSCBC, RYC, MYC, RBYC, BYC, FYC, The Boatshed, RGYC.

This season again saw a large percentage growth in our Discover Sailing Course numbers, up 23% 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	+6%
Dinghy	+13%
Keel Boat	+20%

Below is an outline of some of the key activities and achievements from the 2018-19 year.

Discover Sailing

- The new OutThere Sailing program was successfully piloted in Victoria, with 8 clubs running the program in its first year. This saw over 500 teenagers experience sailing in a fun and socially engaging program. Through the feedback of the Victorian pilot clubs and VicHealth support a full suite of program resources have been developed to help clubs roll this new program out. These include, example sessions plans, checklists, communication guides, learning outcome sheets, marketing collateral and a comprehensive instructors manual.
- 60+ Victorian clubs ran DS Days over the October to January period with 4 on the National Day.

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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 SailPass system was 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 SailPass report that up to 40% of their new membership is attributed to the Sail Pass process. This initiative is now being run at over 49 clubs across Australia.
- Retention of sailors in our clubs is a key focus of Australian Sailing. Understanding this Carrie Smith (Victoria's head coach) has been working with a number of clubs on:
 - 1- An initiative to keep the 18 – 30-year-old age group sailing through a social sailing program that utilizes club resources and focuses on a varied sailing offering paired with a social event.
 - 2- The development and/ or support of club coaching programs to help grow club sailing fleets and to provide a pathway into the VIS sailing program.
- 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 and OutThere Sailing programs. This includes Apollo Bay SC, Portland YC, Flinders YC, Barwon Heads SA, Gippsland Lakes YC, Point Leo Boat Club, Wyndham Harbour and hopefully Yarrawonga SC.

Advocacy

- AS has continued to work on behalf of its member clubs on a number of topics. These include, but are not limited to:
 - 1- The Code of Practice for the amended Victorian Marine Act. This code was launched at the Victorian Club conference by the minister for Boating and Fishing, Minister Pulford. Again, thanks must go to Vanessa Twigg, Ray Shaw and Murray McCutcheon for their support and input.
 - 2- Numerous lease negotiations with local committees of management
 - 3- The marine licensing process as set out by Marine Safety Victoria. This issue facing some of our power boat centres continues to remain unresolved.
 - 4- The latest Marine and Coastal policy. Special thanks must go to Charles Meredith from RMYS for his expertise and support in this matter.

Gavin Wall

Australian Sailing Regional Manager - Victoria

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

I would like to begin this report by acknowledging and thanking Rob Ware for his enormous contribution to the role of Chair, Race Officials Committee. Rob's tenure ended at the end of 2018 and he has stepped into a mentoring role of the incumbent Chair ensuring continuity and support. I would also like to thank Luke Tupper who has ended his term as Secretary and moved into the role of Vice Chair. Taking Luke's place at the keyboard is Ben Fels who as Secretary, rounds out the ROC executive. The remainder of the 17 strong committee have continued to provide countless hours of support and commitment to race officials of all disciplines throughout Victoria for which I, on behalf of the sailing community, would like to thank them. The members of the committee are very active officials both within Victoria and throughout Australia and internationally and despite this, we have had health representation at all of our meetings. Our members represent all disciplines of race officiating and continue to function as a very effective and responsive 'expert committee' focusing on service delivery and the support and training of new and upcoming officials. Additionally, the committee serves as a peak body for race officials and represents their interests nationally and internationally with World Sailing.

Training continues to be a priority for the committee and this is reflected in the significant amount of thought and redesign that is going into the content and delivery of training particularly at the club level. Training is being provided that is consistent in content but able to be tailored in breadth to meet the requirements of the Victorian clubs and officials. Clubs such as SSCBC are to be commended for their contribution to a growing ranges of training resources that are being generously shared and contribute to the ongoing development of our officials. There has been a steady participation in the primarily club level, race officer training which encompasses the bulk of our club level volunteers. Judge and umpire seminars have also been conducted and it remains a challenge to provide these across the state to a much smaller group of participants. We have seen positive responses from interstate officials who have attended training however, coordination of these seminars remains an ongoing challenge.

Re-accreditation rates particularly at the club level have dipped this year however, it would appear that this may be an aberration that reflects the inclusion of many new officials at club level a few years ago. Many of these officials were bought under the banner of the officiating program despite contributing to sailing in some cases, for many years. We are hypothesising that many may not be aware of the reaccreditation process and if so, we are aiming to identify and inform them of their options in the coming months. It has been brought to our attention that quite a few of these officials are in an older demographic and we need to be mindful of not relying totally on electronic or web based communication. An issue we will factor into our communication strategy.

Reflecting on previous reports of this committee, I note that a consistent theme has been the challenge of identifying and recruiting younger race officials to ensure the continuity and depth of the pool of officials. We have as an objective to identify barriers to entry for officials particularly with respect to age and gender. The ROC has continued to promote inclusive practice and identify barriers to participation. We aspire to the goal that based on merit, all officials will be provided with the opportunities to further their own officiating path to the level of their choosing. We have reflected on

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the changing nature of sailing and are mindful that participation challenges for our sport may also be reflected in the uptake of officiating. This is causing us to rethink how we encourage and communicate with our officials. Initiatives such as the Facebook page and regular email communication directly from the committee are being warmly received by officials. We also need to challenge our own thinking about purely linear progression paths. The demands on our younger, aspiring officials is increasingly complex and their participation may occur more sporadically as their life circumstances and demands on their time change. This is very much a work in progress for the committee.

In 2016, the move to One sailing changed the nature of work undertaken by the committee as some of the functions that were once performed by the volunteer committee with support from YV staff, have now been centralised and occur under the auspice of Australian Sailing. This has produced some positive benefits including the standardisation of many processes and procedures particularly for some of the other states. Unfortunately, the reality of moving some of these functions from volunteers to AS staff highlighted the volume of work that was being undertaken resulting in the realisation that a reassessment of budgets and resources was required to meet the demands. This was evident in the backlog of Appeals that built up over the first half of the year. With additional resources redirected to sailing services, the matter was resolved and the backlog cleared which was a great outcome administratively and for the sailing community. Consequently, this situation is unlikely to occur again. It does highlight that this process reorganisation still requires attention and monitoring.

Traditionally the summer sailing season always provides a huge concentration of activity for race officials with most clubs hosting events during the same short period of time. The 2019-2020 Summer of Sailing promises to be a challenging time for not only our committee members, but the 'army' of officials throughout Victoria who are engaged in supporting not only a huge number of events around the state but also events of the highest calibre. The demands on resources, volunteer time, coordination between clubs and events has not been seen for quite some time. It has been likened to the massive effort that was required for the 1999 worlds. Needless to say, the committee and Victorian Clubs have risen to the challenge and are working tirelessly to ensure the success of all the events. We will also be hosting many interstate and international officials who are joining our local officials to support these events. Victorian officials of all levels find these exchanges extremely valuable and are an important element of officiating.

And finally, in addition to the big events over summer, the regular club activities will continue to require the support and resources of the committee for local training, rules nights, protest hearings and general technical advices regarding the application of the rules. I would like to thank our committee for their tireless and largely, unsung efforts in these regards.

Darren Eger

Chair

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

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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, and The Boatshed at Albert Park. Saturday sailing travels around the bay with Davey's Bay Yacht Club, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Mornington Yacht Club and The Boatshed

The most significant event in the busy school sailing calendar is the School Team Sailing State Championship at Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. This was the first year hosting this event at RYCV and they were outstanding in delivering fun and engaging racing to the competitors under inconsistent and trying conditions. We had 32 teams competing in the three-day competition, with Brighton Grammar School taking out both the William Angliss Trophy and the John Middleton Trophy.

The 2019 Australian Secondary Schools Team Racing Championships were held at Sandy Bay Sailing Club from the 6th – 10th of June. 24 of the top school teams from around Australia competed in superb conditions. The Victorian teams placed: 11th Brighton Grammar, 12th Mentone Grammar and 23rd Toorak College.

The results from the Victorian Schools Team Sailing Championships:

Div 1

Place	School
1 st	Brighton Grammar
2 nd	Mentone Grammar
3 rd	Scotch College

Div 2

1 st	Peninsula 2nds
2 nd	Brighton Grammar 2nds
3 rd	Toorak College

Div 3

1 st	St Leonard's 3rds
2 nd	Albert Park College 2nds

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3 rd	Geelong Grammar 2nds
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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
School Sport Victoria	Highest placing School Sport Victoria School at this event	Albert Park College

John and Helen Middleton Series^[1]_{SEP}

Helen Middleton Trophy	Peninsula 2nds
John Middleton Trophy	Brighton Grammar
William Angliss Trophy	Brighton Grammar

A special thank you for the years of service to the school sailing committee by our Chair Scott Llewelyn who stepped down from the committee earlier in the year.

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 18/19 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 seven events at venues across the state,
- Host a successful season opening dinner and sailing day in Docklands,
- Conduct 2018/19 Trailable state championships by Royal Geelong Yacht Club,
- Regular seminars to provide indoor interest through the winter months,
- 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.

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The committee generally meet monthly at the Victorian State Sailing Centre at Albert Park where various trailable yacht associations and yacht club matters are considered.

The Season Opening dinner in October '18 included many attendees sailing up to docklands and pre dinner refreshments dockside before about 80 people attended the opening dinner and participating in the Bob Couper memorial quiz. The following day had many trailable yacht associations members attended a lifejacket servicing workshop. The season opening weekend was low key but attracted a good turnout of association members and their trailable yachts to the waters of Victoria Harbour at Docklands. A great outcome of the weekend being the participation and collaboration between various associations and yacht clubs' members getting together.

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The 2018/19 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 seven events (two drops):

- 1 'Around French Island Race' hosted by Warneet Motor Yacht Club;
- 2 'Pelican Race Geelong' hosted by Geelong Trailable Yacht Club;
- 3 'Around Sunday Island Race' hosted by Port Albert Yacht Club;
- 4 'Boating Central - Victorian Trailable Yacht Championships' hosted by Royal Geelong Yacht Club;
- 5 'C.H. Robinson - Marlay Point Overnight Race' hosted by Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club;
- 6 'Pulse Credit Union Lakes Classic Race' hosted by Loch Sport Boat Club;
- 6 'Four Points Race' hosted by Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club.

Notably, 120 trailable yachts entered the 51st year of the 'C.H. Robinson - Marlay Point Overnight Race' hosted by Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club.

The 2018/19 – Boating Central - Victorian Trailable Yacht Championships were hosted by Royal Geelong Yacht Club. This event concluded the TYD Sailor of the year, Jake Newman 'Broken Blade' an Elliot 5.9.

The VTYD 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/>

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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.

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, continued.

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-TVD committee including Des Russell, Ron Parker, Mitch Bayliss, Peter Shepard, Andrew Mackenzie, Greg Power, Peter Mart, Alex Stroud, John Mole 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

VTVD Chairman

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RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights

- The major focus for the year has been as part of the working group (comprised of Murray McCutcheon, Ray Shaw, Vanessa Twigg and Gavin Wall) to work with the Victorian Government to finalise a Minister-sanctioned Code of Practice that when followed by member clubs will provide a high level of confidence of compliance with the recently amended Victorian Ports and Marine Act. The Code of Practice incorporates and is entirely consistent with existing Australian Sailing policies, procedures and documents as far as risk management and safety is concerned, providing clubs with a well- integrated environment within which to develop their own safety management framework.
- Interfaced with Australian Sailing (AS) on a range of safety-related issues, both locally and nationally. That cooperation has now been greatly facilitated by being represented directly on the Australian Sailing National Safety Committee.
- Attended the local Club Captain's meetings to advocate for and inform local keel boat clubs on safety-related matters.
- 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 various clubs in developing their safety and risk management plans.

Challenges

- The recent changes to the Victorian Ports and Marine Act, though, it is important to point out, does not impose any new obligations on clubs, certainly has highlighted the need for all clubs to have in place a comprehensive suite of safety and risk management plans and procedures tailored to suit their individual range of activities.

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
- In the near-term, the focus will continue to be in helping, as needed, clubs to develop their safety and risk management plans. Various local workshops are in the pipeline and other assistance can be provided where helpful.

Alignment

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

Thanks

- To the those who have helped throughout the year and our collaborators at Australian Sailing

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Ray Shaw

RMSC Chair

SheSails COMMITTEE REPORT 2018-2019

The Women and Girls in Sailing (WGIS) committee's name changed to SheSails this year as part of a national rollout of the activities the Victorian committee has been undertaking. The committee was founded in Victoria as the Women in Sailing Interest Group (WISIG) which later evolved into the WGIS committee, as a sub-committee of Yachting Victoria. The Women and Girls in Sailing website and Facebook page have now been rebranded as SheSails.

The committee's objectives include:

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

The following table shows the current progress (July 2019) toward these objectives:

Item	Current
% Female club members (AS Target 40%)	34%
% Female Instructors	31%
% Female Officials	22%
% Female Coaches	23%

Highlights

- Launch of the She Sails National program and rebranding of WGIS as She Sails
- A successful submission to the State Government's Office of Women in Sport for a Change Our Game grant.
- Eighty-five women attended training courses including courses on race officiating, coaching instructing, assistant instructing, power boat and safety boat handling.
- The 7th year of the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series (PPWCS). The series included inspirational speaker events held in January - February of this year to promote each race of the series and attended by over 250 people.
- Five video case studies of women working in the marine/sailing industry were produced and

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shown at the Victorian Club Conference.

- The She Sails (previously known as Local Hero) Awards were promoted across Victoria. Five outstanding women were nominated and the winner, Wendy Wilson, was presented with her award at the Victorian Sailing Awards on 21st June. She Sails Awards have now been adopted nationally following the success of the Women and Girls in Sailing Local Hero awards in Victoria.
- A Leadership forum was attended by 45 women from clubs across Victoria.
- Three club representatives' forums held in the past year were well attended by representatives from over 25 clubs and covered various topics, such as successful grant writing and leadership skills.
- Currently there are 42 clubs with a total of 49 She Sails club representatives.

Funding

The committee, through the Australian Sailing Victoria office, was successful in its application for the Change Your Game Grant from the Victorian Government Office for Women in Sport. This funding enabled us to run a SheSails and She Leads Conference, club representative forums, provide subsidised training for women and girls under 18, and to provide inspirational speakers for female sailing events.



Events

The She Sails committee ran a Leadership SheSails and She Leads Workshop in May 2019 which was a huge success and attended by over 50 people. Professional speakers Anneli Blundell and Michelle Redfern, and Jarka Kluth (She Sails committee member) ran sessions on leadership, personal presentation and people skills and was followed by a panel of successful female leaders in sailing, Meaghan Densley, Amanda Jacobs and Sue Bowes, interviewed by Cath Hurley. The event received great feedback from attendees.

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A second SheSails and She Leads workshop is scheduled for the start of September 2019 and will again include a panel of female leaders as well as a session with executive coach, Aimee Foster. This workshop is being provided free of charge for club representatives. Aimee Foster previously ran a small leadership session for women at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron and this training also received great reviews.

The SheSails committee also provides support to clubs running events for women and girls by promoting their events in social media and on the SheSails website, and providing expertise, resources and assistance to ensure the event's success.

The SheSails committee has continued to manage and promote the Port Phillip Women's Challenge Series (PPWCS) and the event has just completed its 7th year. Photographs of each race and race reports were produced by a professional journalist and promoted on the She Sails website and Facebook page

throughout the year. Each event also had an invited speaker and some amazing presentations were delivered by inspirational speakers which included Wendy Tuck the 1st female skipper to win the Clipper Round the World Race, Sophie Cizek – two time Volvo Ocean Race Sailor, Stacey Jackson and Jade Cole – Skipper and crew of the all-female boat, Ocean Respect Racing, that competed in the last Sydney to Hobart Race and Annette Hesselmanns who competed in the Melbourne to Osaka race.



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Kitty Chiller AM, CEO of Gymnastics Australia, delivered a very personal account of her work as the Australian Olympic team's Chef de Mission for the Rio Olympics, at the Victorian Club Conference and then gave up her time over lunch to give the She Sails club representatives an opportunity to network and ask questions about her career, leadership and insight into women's sport. This time was much appreciated by those who attended.

Social media/promotion

Social media platforms are a key communication tool used to promote women's events for all Victorian clubs. Facebook, Instagram and the new She Sails web site, are used for sharing stories of success, Local Heroes, training courses and general interest items. These original WGIS sites have been rebranded as She Sails and the Facebook site now has over 1500 followers.

Club Representative Forums

The She Sails committee runs at least two forums each year to support the work that club representatives do by providing training, networking opportunities and resources. Three forums were held last season in September and December 2018, and in March 2019.



2018 Sail Melbourne

The 2018 Sail Melbourne held on the 13 – 16 December at Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC).

The 2018 SMI, built upon the successful relocation and transition of Sail Melbourne hosting the Oceania leg of the Sailing World Cup to being Australians annual major Olympic and Invited Classes event and the largest of its type in the Southern hemisphere.

A total of 368 boats and 466 competitors attend Sail Melbourne held at Royal Brighton Yacht Club. A total of 22 invited classes, the event attracted international sailors from 17 countries with 160 volunteers plus Australian Sailing staff and 62 support boats registered.

Support of State Government funding to assist the event provided many benefits to the sailing community and Victoria as a whole, with 82% of the event expenditure was spent in Victoria.

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2020 Sail Melbourne

2020 Sail Melbourne dates are 17 – 21 January at Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC) and Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC). Multiple classes holding Oceania or National Championships at Sail Melbourne eg International 505 Nationals, Laser Oceania Championships.

The 49er, 49er FX and Nacra 17 Nationals and Oceania Championships in conjunction with Sail Melbourne shall be held at Royal Geelong Yacht Club from the 30 Jan – 3 Feb 2020.

Sail Melbourne has been appointed again by World Sailing a 100 Point Event.

Planning is well underway between the host clubs and race management committee.

2020 Summer of Sailing

This season in Victoria will see 29 events covering Nationals, Oceania and World events starting from December 2019 – March 2020. A website covering all events in Victoria can be found on the Summer of Sailing Website – www.summerofsailing.org.au