

# **PORT DALYRMPLE YACHT CLUB**

## **Commodores Report to 2021 Annual General Meeting**

I am pleased to present this report to you following completion of the 2020/2021 Season. Twelve months ago, we were unsure what lay ahead and whether we would even be able to conduct a sailing season at all. As it turned out we have been extremely fortunate with activities both on and off the water proceeding essentially without interruption. Indeed, participation and achievements within the Club have been at levels not seen for some years. This has not happened by accident and I would like to note key highlights:

### **1. Sailing**

In line with our clear focus on sailing and racing, a full but realistic program was set prior to the season. Under the leadership of Vice Commodore Barrie McIndoe, this included a variety of events which were all very well supported by the sailors. During the season our club conducted a total of five State Championships together with the biggest dinghy event in Tasmania being the Blockbuster Weekend which attracted 73 boats. PDYC also ran the SB20 State Championships for the first time in the North of the State. This event certainly showcased the capability of our club with the fleet including international level competitors.

Congratulations to all those sailors who represented the club in State Titles, National Championships and the L2H, notwithstanding the cancellation of many events.

The PDYC Discover Sailing Centre continued to run Tackers courses and also racing courses for our growing Sabot fleet, with around 25 kids participating on a Sunday morning. This was only possible due to the strong involvement of our youth assistant instructors. Our junior program also recently received a further boost with an additional eleven fibreglass Sabots arriving at the club as a result of a generous donation from Cornish College in Victoria.

### **2. Works**

A significant works program has been completed under the direction of Rear Commodore Glen Cornish who will provide further details in his report. We were delighted to receive a significant commitment of \$112,500 from the State Government towards our slipway redevelopment project. This followed a number of representations by our committee and meetings with government members.

### 3. Finance, funding, technology and risk

This was a new sub-committee established this season and headed by Treasurer David Shepherd. In addition to the finance function, it has completed a number of initiatives including all matters relative to Covid compliance, completion of Grant applications, completion of a Slipway Operators Manual, introduction of an updated Code of Conduct, establishment of a new PDYC domain name together with dedicated club email addresses, and attending to ongoing IT hardware and software requirements.

### 4. Clubhouse

The increased sailing activity during the season corresponded with a strong demand for food and beverage in the clubhouse. A big thankyou to Margaret Dargan and Terina Ennis and their teams for covering everything from Sunday morning coffees for the Learn to Sail Group through to a superb dinner at the SB20 State Championships.

The Club maintains a strong relationship with our peak body Australian Sailing and continues to benefit from all the resources and benefits that it offers.

Whilst we have had a very busy season, we must keep an eye on the future. In this regard the general committee, along with representative members, recently held a forward planning day. We are developing a strategy and plan to focus our efforts, resources and funding. A fundamental component of this will be attracting and retaining members. Further details will be rolled out in due course.

It takes a lot of people to enable our club to operate as it does. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in any way. Many of you work behind the scenes and are not always noticed. Thank you as well to all our committee and sub-committee members. In particular I thank the club executive officers for their considerable work and support over the past year.

Finally, thank you to our Bosun/Caretaker Leigh Curwen for his ongoing commitment to the Club, Office Administrator Vicki Hume who joined us during the year, and also Rob Mantach who retired in November.

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