

Vice Commodores Report

to the

2020/21 AGM of the PDYC

To say we entered the 2020/21 season with an ambitious and optimistic program is an understatement, the fact that we delivered this intense calendar of events is a credit to our hardworking volunteers. To recap in brief 5 State Championships, a massive Blockbuster and continued offshore growth with a total of 887 boats crossing the start lines with 183 start guns fired.

Congratulations to all our winners over the season.

Our small army of volunteers that help make the program happen are an immeasurable asset of the club. I know it is a broken record but just reminding all Sailors that they need to pitch in to help.

The Committee is committed to providing and facilitating members to develop their skills and competencies in all fields of sailing and club/race management. Moving into next season we aim to provide training in race officer, protest committee, power and safety boat handling survival and safety at sea, assistant instructor, food handling along with special interest courses such as tuning, boat maintenance and the like.

Our Discover Sailing Centre continues to keep giving through the hard work of its Principle, our Commodore and our team of youth instructors and is putting our junior sailing program on a sure footing moving forward. With a return to racing for our Sabot fleet we can feel confident that the tide has turned for this important steppingstone group. With the work the General committee has been progressing on a strategic plan serious consideration is being given to identifying the future of our off the beach fleets. With the adoption of the Spark sails in the sabots there is less tendency for young sailors to sail 2up. With factors to be considered in selecting classes to be supported/encouraged are affordability, availability of new and 2nd hand boats, strength of local and interstate competition and association support, classes such as Sabres come to mind for single handers and the International Cadet for two handed Youth all the while debating whether the NS14 has run its course as the senior two handed class. A considered process will be taken in this line of change to ensure that we have the best interests of our club and its members. Reflection needs to be given to the opportunities offered by classes in local and national competition in conjunction with association support.

Such an extensive program can only be facilitated with the fantastic support of our many sponsors, supporters and benefactors, without their support the cost to competitors would blow out and the rewards for winners diminish, So I urge all members and sailors to get behind our many valued supporters.

Delivering our annual program is no easy feat and not without considerable contribution from a great team of members, to my sailing committee many thanks for your contributions, to Bob our principle race officer, to Tim our equipment auditor, To Kev our Handicapper and our many volunteers on and off the water from me and on behalf of our members THANK YOU

Forward planning for next season and beyond will see the club strengthen its position as the premier **SAILING CLUB** in the states north with a commitment to inclusion, training and safety

In closing I offer you a list of my 2020/21 highlights

A doubling of the fleet in the Shakedown, the 1st SB20 Regatta in the north of the state and subsequent class growth, a bumper 4 starters in the L2H, A humongous Blockbuster, an increase in She Sails activity, continued growth in our discover sailing center and lastly a commitment from the committee to move forward and consolidate our great club

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Vice Commodore

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