

# Vice Commodores Report

## 2019 – 2020 Season

How do you measure the success or otherwise of the 2019 -20 season, A season with tremendous highs and profound lows, the diversity of which is what challenges a small club and I commend my fellow committee, flag officers and members for dealing with it in their stride and soldiering on.

The pre-Xmas sailing program commenced with the inaugural “Shakedown Series”, a Friday overnight passage race up the river to Rosevears, around the cans on Saturday afternoon and back to Deviot on Sunday. A great new event set to become a Club staple.

Good numbers contested the Annual Inshore Regatta, with tight racing over both days, we are hopefully of adding the Tasmanian Trailerable Championships to the schedule this coming season.

The distinctive PDYC events that make up our summer program continue to be well supported many of which could not take place without our numerous sponsors. For their ongoing support we are extremely grateful and on behalf of the committee I urge all members to return their generosity and support these businesses and suppliers in these tough times.

Our Discover Sailing Centre has gone to another level this year under solid stewardship from Greg, the new model that has been progressed gives more ownership and responsibilities to our youth instructors, resulting in the delivery of a highly interactive program that reflects relevance and engagement of all participants Congratulations Greg Rowsell, Eric McCormack, Mick Jones, Ben Galbraith, Steve Wilkins and the youth team on a job extremely well done.

Once again many of our members travelled far and wide to contest many Regattas, Championships and Offshore races.

Some of the more notable achievements include;

Ambition, Mick Jones and crew; 1<sup>st</sup> PHS & 3<sup>rd</sup> IRC L2H

Ruby Edmunds, National Female Champion, NS14

Ruby Edmunds & Magnus McIndoe, National Junior Champions, NS14

Uluka Bayne & Jasmine Harris, National Classic Boat Champions, NS14

Barrie McIndoe & Max Edmunds, National Heavyweight Champions, NS14

Whilst the season was cut off in its prime the program delivered was again well supported by a great team of volunteer members, making sure that races were started and finishes recorded, results calculated, buoys laid, rescue boats launched and manned. Without people stepping up races can't take place, so on behalf of all members thank you and give yourself a pat on the back from all of us. I urge every one to do their bit and help out when sailing resumes.

In conclusion I would like to thank the members of my sailing committee for your contributions big or small, moving forward we aim to streamline the way in which the sailing committee works, if one thing good has come from Covid is our ability to adapt to online meetings and their augmented flexibility. I am looking forward to being part of a strong leadership team for the following year as we steer the club through and hopefully out of the Covid Tunnel, Lastly thanks again to our many sponsors who support our sailing program.

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