

# Semaphore



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## NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT DALRYMPLE YACHT CLUB

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## Commodore's Report July 2019

I sit back after packing up Lawless for the winter and look upon the 2018/19 season as another successful year of activities both on and off the water for the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club. We have continued to develop the over water structure with three new pontoons to compliment the new jetty infrastructure. This project has been a massive undertaking over the last two years with many volunteers contributing hours of their time and skills. From the blue prints to the floating of the new pontoons into position was another major achievement and without the dedicated work by everyone involved this would not have been possible.

The Club has held several very successful social functions throughout the season with good company, food, entertainment and attendance at the events. There are many more planned for the coming season.

The Tamar Classic was reintroduced this season spearheaded by an enthusiastic Dave Allan. New disciplines were introduced and this event looks like it will remain on our sailing calendar along with the Blockbuster Weekend and the Women on Water day.

Our sailors have represented the Club at both State and National Events with some outstanding results. The support they give to each other and the comradery shown is a credit to themselves and our club. Their achievements were certainly noted at the Annual Presentation Evening.

The Club is eternally grateful to all our sponsors' volunteers and life members that contribute to the running of club and without your continued support we would not be able to enjoy the club for what it is.

The Club would also like to acknowledge the support and guidance lent to us by Peter Kearney our club patron. Peter often drops into the club and shows an active interest in club projects.

I take this opportunity to personally thank Bob Silberberg our PRO and safety officer who despite suffering ill health has manned the start box from week to week throughout the season. Thank you Bob very much appreciated.

To Amanda McElwee canteen co-ordinator and team thank you for working tirelessly throughout the season catering for the sailor's friends and visitors both for events and weekend canteens.

This season we had good support with the junior development and we must stay focused for the future to maintain enthusiasm and sustain youth membership. Thank you Greg Rowsell Principal Instructor, Eric McCormack and assistant trainers for continued work and commitment to our junior sailors.

Again this year I have had tremendous support from Vice Commodore Barrie McIndoe Rear Commodore Glen Cornish and the committee who within their various rolls they have embraced with enthusiasm. The Club encompasses a friendly atmosphere and is a wonderful facility for all members and visitors to enjoy.

From myself and our members I would like to acknowledge the work of our paid staff Rob Mantach and Leigh Curwen who give freely of their time and are always available to answer any member's inquiries and questions.

As you will see from our financials we have traded with a healthy outcome for the year to date and this puts the Club in a much stronger position for the coming season although we do have numerous maintenance and replacement items which we will need to attend to over the coming years. Lastly I wish the incoming committee the very best for season 2019/20.

Stephen McElwee  
Commodore  
Port Dalrymple Yacht Club



LAWLESS CREW RECEIVING THE KING OF THE DERWENT PERPETUAL TROPHY

## Rear-Commodore

### REAR COMMODORES REPORT 66<sup>th</sup> PDYC SEASON

The last year for the Club has been a busy one. From my perspective I believe it has been successful. We have completed the refurbishment of three Club pontoons and they are now fully operational. The new design and materials make them superior to the old pontoons and has made them more functional. Ross Edmunds and David Blazely built the aluminium frames for all three pontoons in their spare time at no cost to the Club except the cost of the aluminium materials.

In relation to the main jetty and fuel berth this project is still ongoing with several aspects to be completed. We still need to remove the redundant railway iron supports and timber piles as well as devising a way of protecting the new steel piles from corrosion. Numerous suggestions have been discussed but many are costly and may not be low maintenance. This is a work in progress and we are not proceeding until we are satisfied that the outcome will be long lasting. In the meantime the jetty and fuel berth are also fully functional with our fuel sales for the past 12 months being satisfactory.

In relation to the slipway and cradles I noted that for a period this last season we had unmet demand for slipping and therefore we have been working to bring more cradles into use and whilst this work is progressing it is still ongoing. We hope to have four additional cradles which are available.

The moorings continue to be managed by the Club on behalf of MAST and I thank our members for ensuring that your mooring tackle is inspected and service on a bi- annual basis. It is most important for the safety of your vessel and has liability ramifications if you do not service your mooring as required under our by-laws.

Looking forward to the coming season there is much to do. In my last annual report I noted we are preparing a five year infrastructure expenditure plan. This plan is having the last finishing touches put to it and will be implemented this year. There will be many demands on our resources with the Clubhouse and slipway cradles being two of many items which require attention.

Finally, I would like to thank the usual stalwarts of the Works Committee who have continued to support the Club with their commitment to undertake the various tasks around the Club that keep it operational.

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Rear Commodore  
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1957. THE ORIGINAL JETTY UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITH JIM McELWEE PAST COMMODORE IN THE OVER COAT BERT NEVILLE IN THE LIGHT BLUE OVERALLS AND GEOFF CLARIDGE FURTHEST OUT.

# PDYC DISCOVER SAILING CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT

## **Season 2018/19**

This past season has been a very successful one for our Discover Sailing Centre.

Highlights for the season were:

- Completion of annual re-accreditation review with Australian Sailing last September
- Full adoption of the Australian Sailing new IT platform and support network
- Full adoption of the Tackers program to complement our other training programs
- Focus on promotion of our programs, including running a "Try Sailing Day" in October
- Very successful running of two six week courses with excellent numbers (23 registered participants for the pre-Xmas course and 32 for the post-Xmas course). Each course finishing up with a Certificate Presentation and sausage sizzle on the top deck.
- Attracting new junior sailors, friends and families to PDYC from a wide catchment area
- Acquisition and commissioning of five new Opti trainer boats. This was made possible thanks to the five generous sponsorships from Mr Peter Kearney, Mr DI "Robbie" Roberts, WD Booth Charitable Trust, Shaw Contracting and McKillop Insurance Brokers together with an interest free loan from Australian Sailing.
- Transfer of control to the Club of two Hansa Sailability boats.
- Strong involvement of our youth Assistant Instructors who have undertaken a greater role in the delivery of our programs and also completed their qualifications with Australian Sailing.
- Conducting an Australian Sailing Assistant Instructor accreditation course at PDYC in March

It has been great to see the development of our budding young sailors during the season. They are very enthusiastic and on the final day were already asking about the next step and when they can go sailing again.

## **Season 2019/20**

Next season will see us building on the solid base from last season. Key areas of focus will include:

- Coordination of our programs in the context of our available instructors, volunteers and equipment.
- Ensuring a clear pathway for juniors coming out of Tackers and joining our youth sailors.
- Running additional target programs and events where possible.
- Encouraging involvement from parents, carers and other new volunteers
- Review, maintenance and update of our training fleet as necessary (we now have 12 Opti and 4 Sabot trainers, 1 Pacer Dinghy and other assorted boats). Some additional Pacer Dinghies to cater for youth and older sailors would seem a priority.
- Guiding and assisting those wishing to purchase their own boat
- Facilitating those Assistant Instructors wishing to progress to full Instructor qualification
- Delivery of relevant Power Boat courses, particularly the Safety Boat Operator course and also the Power Boat Handling course (a pre-requisite for Dinghy Instructor qualification). In this regard we are now fortunate to have a Power Boat Instructor in the Club with Andrew Jones recently completing that qualification
- Maintenance of safety, risk management and regulatory protocols

## **Appreciation & thank you**

On behalf of the Club I would like to acknowledge the following who have helped out during the season with the Discover Sailing Centre (in no particular order):

### **Youth Assistant Instructors**

Ellen Hillcoat, Ruby Edmunds, Sam Jones, Taylor Edmunds, Magnus McIndoe, Max Edmunds, Elysha Jones, Luci Cooper

### **Training day volunteers**

Eric McCormack, John Hillcoat, Sam & Lindy Bailey, Barrie McIndoe, Michael Jones, Ben Greatbatch, Stephen Wilkins, Jamie Cooper

### **Behind the scenes volunteers**

David Shepherd (Registrations & finances), Errol O'Toole (maintenance), David Hall (maintenance) Jack Wells (maintenance), David Blazely (rescue boat coordination), Amanda McElwee & Damon Wecker (coffee and hospitality)

See you all next season and please contact me if you would like any further information.

**Greg Rowsell**

*Principal Instructor*

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## Canteen 2019

WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN HAD A VERY BUSY YEAR WITH NUMEROUS FUNCTIONS AND CLUB EVENTS HELD SUCH AS THE CLASSIC, BLOCK-BUSTER WEEKEND AND OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER.

WE HAD AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL DINNER WITH NEARLY 70 GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE AND IT WAS AN AMAZING FEAST. THANK YOU GOES OUT FOR THIS TO DAMON WECKER, CHEF JOEL, CHEF FLETCH AND TO ALL THOSE WHO ASSISTED WITH THE SETTING UP SERVING AND THE CLEAN UP THE FOLLOWING DAY. BY SUNDAY EVENING THE CANTEEN HAD BEEN RESTORED TO ORDER. MY PERSONAL THANKS GOES OUT TO LEIGH CURWEN, HELEN GIBSON, BEN GREATBATCH, NARISSA MCELWEE AND JACK WELLS.

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Glen Cornish  
Rear Commodore



## For the club

### What's your definition of "Club"

Google it up and you get - "an association dedicated to a particular interest or activity", then you see words like organization, team, group.

We are indeed fortunate that geography and history have give us Beauty Point as a venue for our club and I would hasten to say we are doubly fortunate to have had so many wonderful members that have built traditions, bricks and mortar along with great sailing into PDYC.

Your elected flag officers and committees have steered the club, on your behalf, on the best course, as they have seen it, and over the years the club has continually re-invested in member benefits.

Flag officers and committee have been more recently looking at likely and more immediate maintenance projects looming on the horizon. Most of these projects will go barely noticed until or unless they impact a sailing day. In some instances these projects (that may be hard to see) could be or are big ticket items. So if you are interested how YOUR club works with YOUR membership, have YOUR say, attend an AGM, become part of the process, have a vote.

## Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club will be held on Sunday, 21st of July, 2019, at the clubrooms commencing at 2:30 PM.

### AGENDA

- Minutes of the previous AGM
- Receive reports
- Elect office bearers
- Set fees for 2019/20
- Appoint auditor
- Any Other Business

Nominations for the positions of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and Committee are still open until Sunday 14th of July. Nomination form is available [here](#).

All members are invited to attend however voting rights are restricted to Senior Members, Student Members, Cadet Members, Honorary Members, Honorary Life Members and Veteran Members as per the constitution.



## Just sailing!



SMOOTH CHA CHA JODIE SULLIVAN AND DAMON WECKER (GO FOR BROKE WINNER)



THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE NICK MCELWEE