

PORT DALYRMPLE YACHT CLUB

Commodores Report to 2022 Annual General Meeting

I am pleased to present this report to you following completion of the 2021/2022 Season. This again has been a busy one for the Club, both on and off the water. I reflect on the key highlights:

1. Sailing

The success of the Club since inception has been centred on sailing and active participation on the water. This has continued under the strong guidance of Vice Commodore Barrie McIndoe with support from many volunteers. It has been pleasing to see good fleets across most events, in particular the mid-week series, a growing SB20 fleet, increased Sabot numbers, female participation and new enthusiasm for offshore sailing.

Congratulations to all those who represented the Club in the L2H, various Tasmanian Championships, and also National Championships with special mention to Andrew Jones and crew of "Advantage" in taking line honours in the L2H, Liam Jones in winning the State Sabot Titles, and our four Sabot sailors who were part of the Tas team competing in the Sabot Nationals in NSW over Easter. In particular, I note the big effort by Michael Jones in his capacity as TSSA State President in organising container transport and overseeing all the logistics in getting the entire Tas team of 12 boats to NSW and return. The PDYC Discover Sailing Centre continued to run learn to sail 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. Next season the DSC will be led by new Principal Ben Greatbatch along with deputy Magnus McIndoe.

Next season we have the Sabot Nationals at PDYC for the first time in 24 years followed immediately by the NS14 Nationals. This will be a busy time for the Club and an opportunity for our members and volunteers to again be involved in a variety of roles.

2. Works

A comprehensive works program has again been completed under the direction of Rear Commodore Glen Cornish who will provide further details in his report.

Our current major project is the "Enviroslip", being the environmental upgrade of our slipway. This is now close to a \$0.5m project with funding all but in place. We are currently waiting the outcome of a federal grant application for \$233k to compliment an existing state grant of \$112k, an in-principle commitment for a further \$60k, a local Govt contribution of \$40k with the balance funded from club reserves.

3. Finance, funding, technology and risk

Our Secretary/Treasurer David Shepherd has continued to more than capably oversee this important area of the Club. The Club has continued to benefit from prior year initiatives including change of bank to Bendigo, establishment of a new PDYC domain name together with dedicated club email addresses, introduction of an updated Code of

Conduct, ongoing updates and introduction of a Slipway Operators Manual.

Dealing with Covid compliance issues has now become a past issue for many in the community. However, I confirm this area of risk management has consumed significant committee time over the past two years. Thank you to Michael Jones for heading up our Covid risk management and compliance response, David for the associated financial/grant relief/documentation issues and all members for complying with necessary requirements.

With regard to funding, we were successful in receiving a CSS grant for the replacement of an outboard motor on a rescue boat. In relation to the Enviroslip project, significant ongoing work has occurred including preparation of the federal grant application under the Building Better Regions Infrastructure Program, representations and meetings with elected representatives at all three levels of government.

4. Clubhouse

A big thankyou to Terina Enniss for co-ordinating our bar, canteen and catering along with all volunteers to helped out. One highlight for me was the very successful mid-week catering provided from the downstairs "sailors wet bar". Whilst this was initially in response to the uncertainty with the lifting of border restrictions at the start of the year, the arrangement was well received and could be a regular for the future. This year the Annual Dinner was held closer to the end of the main season which worked well. Thank you also to Leah Blazely, Mel Jones and Terina for organising the winter social dinners at the club, with a number of non-club members attending being a positive.

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.

We must continue to look to the future. Last year the committee undertook a strategic review and prepared an initial draft of a forward plan. Whilst a number of the identified matters are longer term and require further financial resources, some key initiatives are able to be implemented in the near term. These include priorities around member engagement and growth, introduction of adults to sailing including basic keel boat crewing skills, and increasing our level of female participation. I believe we now have the impetus and desire to target these areas as part of transitioning the Club to the future.

Thank you to our Bosun/Caretaker Leigh Curwen and Office Administrator Vicki Hume for their ongoing commitment to the Club.

Finally, on completion of my term as Commodore, I thank all Committee members for their contributions along with all members who have helped out in any way. In particular, I thank executive members Barrie McIndoe, Glen Cornish and David Shepherd for their significant contributions and support over the past two years.

Greg Rowsell
Commodore

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