

PORT DALRYMPLE YACHT CLUB

Commodores Report to 2023 Annual General Meeting

I am excited to present this report to you following completion of the 2022/2023 Season.

I apologise unreservedly for bringing a “can do” attitude to this role, unfortunately this created a full-on agenda for the Club, both on and off the water, to this end I pay homage to our fantastic volunteers and supporters. With the support of my fellow flag officers and committee we embarked on a journey that saw us complete the refurbishment of the Clubs committee boat “Dalrymple” refresh the deck steel work & club furniture, refit our newly acquired club sabots, deliver a successful new sailors’ series and stage not one but two back-to-back National Championships for the Australian National Sabot Council and the Australian NS14 Association along with the staples of our annual calendar.

Our Club continues its strong relationship with Australian Sailing and acknowledges the new focus by Australian Sailing in ensuring that adequate and appropriate resources are provided to clubs to facilitate its strategic plan or should I say our strategic plan as we are all part of Australian Sailing. The principal goals of the Australian Sailing Plan are very similar to that of PDYC’s; *Growth, inclusion and participation*. It is imperative that we grasp the opportunities offered, training, no matter how basic can only help our club succeed in reaching our joint goals and provide a positive participant experience in a safe and friendly environment.

Our core business “Sailing” with Vice Commodore Ross at the helm has had an exceptional summer with member successes from major offshore races to one- design state champions complemented by a dynamic and extensive calendar at home.

Our DSC under Ben’s stewardship has continued its steady inroads into providing a new stream of young sailors into the club. With the interest shown from the new sailors races the club is actively working towards expanding the DSC to include Keel Boat training on top of the recent inclusion of Power Boat Handling.

Our Club remains committed to the “She Sails” program and the opportunities it brings for participation in all facets of sailing, we look forward to expanding this on and off the water into the future

Administration and governance are a time and resource consuming concern for any organisation and PDYC is no exception. The decision by the executive to let Vicki go was not taken lightly and has consequently given the executive the time to reassess the requirement, need and duties of our office admin. We are currently modelling what a new position may look like and ask for members patience as we finalise the position. Technology, communications, governance and reporting have changed considerably in the years since the club engaged its first retained secretary. In the interim our Secretary/Treasurer Shep has been fulfilling these duties and to him we are immensely grateful.

Insurance plays a big part of our annual budget (approx. 20%) and with the rapid increase in the cost of repairs and maintenance, a corresponding rise in the premiums levied has been imposed on the club. The Committee has been fortunate to have had some one of the calibre of Glen Cornish amongst our members leading the reviews of our policies, premiums & sums insured with a view to minimising the cost whilst assessing the risk and exposure to the club and its members. The committee looks at every review and applies a fundamental appraisal in assessing the proposal, policy and premium. That is;-

Can we justify to our membership the decision to:-

- a) Continue with the status quo and accept the offer from the broker of policy, terms and conditions.*
- b) Accept the policy with modified levels of cover and/or co-insurance/excess and a reduction in premium.*
- c) Deny the offer of cover having debated the risk and exposure to the club and its members.*

The Club has made considerable progress towards the commencement of our much-heralded slipway redevelopment project” Enviro-slip”. Whilst it will be reported elsewhere funds have been secured from the State Government and the West Tamar Council along with our Club Contribution and we await approval of our commonwealth funding request. This along with a final resolution on our trade waste arrangements we are hopeful of a commencement before the end of the calendar year.

This Club does not function without a team at the wheel and for this I am grateful to have had an exceptional line-up of flag officers and committee, to you all I extend my heartfelt thanks. In particular I would like to thank our retiring members starting with Glen Cornish, our retiring Rear Commodore. Glen has been a loyal and committed member of the team, not only as chair of our works committee, but leading our slipway redevelopment subcommittee and fulfilling due diligence over our insurance and moorings. Greg Rowsell concludes his stint on the Executive, Greg's attention to detail and governance has been invaluable. Over the last couple of years Greg has completed the important task of updating our constitution and re-drafting our Club By-laws bringing them both into the 21st century. Lastly Jason Harriss steps down from the committee, Jason's efforts in attending to the club register has provided a valuable base moving forward. This exodus of knowledge and talent is not to be seen as creating a void in our depth, but an opportunity to refresh with some new blood and I look forward to working with some talented new members from diverse backgrounds who bring with them their own fresh views and enthusiasm.

In closing it would remiss of me not to again thank our exceptional volunteers, I will not attempt to name them for fear of missing anyone, but with out you we are nothing so please pat yourselves and each other on the back.

Barrie McIndoe

Commodore

16 July 2023