



ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB SAILING MANAGER'S REPORT 2014/15

Hello once again Royal Geelong Yacht Club (RGYC) Members. Sitting down once again to write this article for Corinthian, it forces me to stop and reflect over the last 12 months and think about what's coming up for the club.

There is no doubt in my mind that as a Club we are well and truly in the national spotlight as a leading yacht Club. We are working hard to continually provide quality

sailing and boating events for all our Members. With the help of our team of volunteers and staff we hope that we can continue to provide a fun and friendly environment for all our Members and guests.

On behalf of the Yachting & Boating Committee and all sailors I would like to thank and recognize our volunteers who made your racing possible this year.

ALPHA COURSE

Ray Goodwin	Past Commodore	Jason McVilly
Max Stein	Don Collins	Val Farnell
Janine Collier	Past Commodore	Phillip Smith
Greg Sinclair	Harry Farnell	Past Commodore
Ray Jones	Tom Smeaton	John Garner
Richard Ferguson	Ruth Plummer	Jan Jones
Peter Barrett	Noel Robertson	Geoff Searle
	Annina Varella	

BRAVO COURSE

Peter Alexander	Steve Randall	Ross Nolan
Steve Nuenhoffer	Sue Randall	Glenn Purnell
Tony Gage	Alison Goodfellow	Tony Bull
Arthur Herring	Geoff Newman	Chris Manton
Amanda Field	Lucy Townson	Murray Mitchelhill

CLUB SAFETY AUDITORS

Mal Eaton	Ray Goodwin	John Garner
Paul Buchholz	Steve Richardson	Michael Naughton

There is a host of other Members who work together to provide the opportunity for Members to have fun on the water. So when you are around the Club and see one of the volunteers please show your appreciation.

The 2014/15 season was full of exciting racing in a wide range of conditions. All of the events ran smoothly which is a credit to all involved. The successful events the Club ran included:

Opening Day, Thomas Jewellers Summer Series and special trophy races, Deakin Wordly Cadet Series and Deakin Scholarship, OTB Championship, Davidson's Winter Series, VRCA Twilight Series, Morris Finance Sydney 38s Regatta, International 14 World Championship, Rex Gorell Land Rover Festival of Sails, Etechells State Championships, Women's Pacer Series, Rex Gorell Super Sail, Victoria Secondary Schools Teams Racing.

RGYC has also conducted Sailing Academy programs like Tackers and Adult Learn to Sail. The Off the Beach program continues to thrive with a host of juniors sailing midweek and weekends under the supervision of Tony Bull and his team of volunteer coaches.

A select group of Junior and Youth Sailors qualified for the Barwon Sports Academy sports program which supports young athletes with access to specialist gym work and sports science. Many of the team competed at the Cadet World Championships in Italy. The Cadet team has worked really hard to build their skills to meet the challenges of sailing in unfamiliar waters. The young team was complimented on their approach to the competition and have done the Club proud.

SAFETY

The Club introduced the safety audit program last season which was met with mostly positive reviews. As more of the audits were completed, owners began to understand the value of reviewing their safety equipment and making sure all was in order. This coming year we are using the services of "Yacht Safe" an electronic service which is aimed at streamlining the declaration and audit process. RGYC continues to lead in yacht racing management.

ORC (CLUB)

The RGYC will be piloting a new yacht racing rating system ORC (Club) which will run alongside current handicap systems. This is a self measured fixed performance rating certificate. Dale Laurie has volunteered to help steer the new system.

RGYC SAILING ACADEMY

The Sailing Academy will continue to work on developing its junior and adult programs along with building relationships with schools and Deakin University. All the training courses are listed on the Club website, www.rgyc.com.au, under the "Learn to Sail" tab.

2015 – 2016 EVENTS

This coming year is another big year including the normal season championship. Other events include the Flying Dutchman Australian Championship, Morris Finance Sydney 38s Australian Championship, Festival of Sails presented by Rex Gorell Land Rover, The Wooden Boat Shop Yanmar Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong.

A great year has gone by with yet another exciting year planned. We hope that all our Members enjoy the on water events we have planned. If you would like to learn more about the Volunteer program at RGYC please don't hesitate to contact us here at RGYC.

SAILING ACADEMY – 21ST SEPT 2015

The Sailing Academy is now producing sailors who are keen to join the ranks of the regular sailing community at the Club. The adult crews have completed their Start Crewing and Start Helming Courses. These sailors have already shown their commitment to learning the art of sailing and boat handling. So if you are interested in expanding your crew base let us know here at the RGYC Office. Summer Season, Sail Experience evenings will take place on Friday early evenings. The Experience includes a short briefing a one hour sail followed by a complimentary drink and Club overview. All these courses for Adults and Juniors can be found on our website in the Learn to Sail Banner at the top right of the home page: www.rgyc.com.au