

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



With sailing as our core business, the 2016/17 year saw an unprecedented level of regattas, club sailing and learn to sail activity at RGYC.

It was most pleasing for all at the club that this hard work and focus on sailing has been recognized by Yachting Victoria as Victorian Yacht Club of the Year and Discover Sailing Centre of the Year.

I provide some statistics and detail that contributed significantly to RGYC winning these awards:

- Broad club sailing and boating programs: Summer sailing season, Twilight sailing, OTB sailing, Winter sailing season, Nav rallies, Cruising, Women's sailing programs
- Over 4000 competitors visited the Club during championships and events held in 2016/17
- 23 dinghy sailing courses
- 23 keelboat sailing courses
- 3 powerboat courses
- 13 Tackers program courses
- 4 new women's sailing programs
- An increase of 127% annually over the past 3 years in sailing course participation: total 284 participants in 2016/17
- 5 Australian Sailing accredited RGYC coaches

- 11 full instructors, 19 assistant instructors, 2 keelboat instructors
- 15 qualified club Race Officers
- 3 qualified jurors
- 18 participants in Green Fleet program
- 10 young sailors in the Barwon Sports Academy program
- Coaching programs: Cadets, Lasers, Optimists, Pacers, 49er, 29er and Etchells
- Women's programs: Sailing Pink night, Women's Keelboat Race, Women's Twilight Pacer series
- 125 new members with total membership remaining constant at 1152
- Sailability program for people of all abilities: 32 volunteers, 3 days per week in terms 1 and 4
- 42 club sponsors
- 6 interclub regattas (Schools team racing (2), Mornington to Geelong races, Sydney 38s, ORCV Melbourne to Geelong race, Tillets series)
- 5 State Championships (Optimist, Fireball, Laser Masters, OK, Spring Sail)
- 2 National Championships (Noelx, Super 11)
- 1 International regatta (Hansa Asia Pacific)
- 1 World Championship (Vipers)
- Festival of Sails
- Over 200 volunteers across all club programs, events and activities
- Weekly e-newsletter (Seachest)
- Weekly e-news "Sailing News" in summer season
- Clean Marina Award through the Marina Industry Association
- Comprehensive community

programs

- » Deakin University – Diversity program
- » St Ayles Skiffs – Community Harmony program
- » P-Tech partnership with Newcomb Secondary College
- » Charity fundraising

Our Yard & Marina Committee and staff have implemented numerous improvements over the past year, including:

- Constructing a new access ramp for the Sailability program
- Completed the replacement of over 300 eyebolts on our marina piles
- Changed over 500 shackles for marina eyebolt springs
- Replaced 5 light poles
- Installed 5 new fireboxes

Our major project – the Geelong Waterfront Safe Harbour Precinct (GWSHP) Project – continues to gather strong support from the State Government of Victoria, the City of Greater Geelong and our community leaders. We are on the cusp of turning our vision into reality and I encourage all Members to continue to engage in the various GWSHP workshops that are planned in the coming weeks and months.

Clearly, all this activity can only be delivered through a committed Board, a plentiful supply of generous and committed volunteers, a dedicated staff team, a broad range of loyal sponsors and community partners and most importantly, strong support from our Members.

Thank you to you all.

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