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Commodore's Comments



Laser fleet on a cloudy day at MYC – WALA winter series. The winds remained light and fluky all day.

The Expectations for 2002 - 2003 Sailing Season !

How quickly a new season rolls around. I can't quite work out where the winter months have gone, but planning for Opening Day and the rest of the season is well underway.

It gives me great pleasure, from the onset, to welcome and introducing to you the Flag Officers for the Club this season :

- Vice Commodore
Jerome Toonen
- Rear Commodore House
Bruce Armstrong
- Rear Commodore Sailing
John Gaunt
- Rear Commodore Training
Ken Patterson

I wish them and all other Committee members good luck for the 2002-2003 Season.

This Club still relies heavily on its volunteers to maintain the smooth running of our sailing program both on and off the water. For anyone wishing to be involved, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. The more we are able to spread the workload the easier it is for everyone. You need not be an expert but just a willing participant. Any assistance offered will be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

This year I hope to focus on two main aspects for Club development. The first is the continued growth within the Junior Training area and the second is a revamping of aspects of the upstairs area of the Club. This will include improvements to the kitchen area. The Club will channel some of the income from our hall hiring for this purpose. This upgrade will in turn provide a more pleasant environment for our own Club members as well as those hiring the facilities.

Rear Commodore Training Ken Patterson, will be continuing the Training program established last year. We hope to see the return of many of last season's young sailors, with the hope that they will take the next step and learn to race around a course. If numbers of craft and helpers allow, morning races will be conducted. For the more experienced sailors, Mirrors will be included in the mixed fleet for afternoon racing. All of these initiatives will require the assistance of Club members if they are to proceed successfully. Please offer your services to Ken if you feel you can be of assistance.

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Maylands Yacht Club congratulates Colin and Ros Spann on their new arrival last month. Here's some words from the proud father!

"Just a little note to introduce you to our new baby daughter.

Jessica Isabella Spann was born at 04.49 am on Monday 16 September,

Vital statistics :- Very beautiful (Dad could be just a little biased) 3.225 kg (7lbs 1/2), and 49 cm tall.

Both mum and the little one are doing exceptionally well, and returned home on Saturday 21 September."

The Club's monthly Winter sailing program was well attended by a dedicated band of sailors on the first Saturday of each month. Maylands played host on two of these occasions to the visiting Laser fleet competing in their Winter Series. Plans are already underway to expand our Clubs winter series next year to offer the opportunity to more Club sailors to compete in this relaxed and friendly series.

Fleet numbers this season should be maintained with some interest over the winter months from sailors wishing to join our Club. It is in everybody's interest to try and attract as many sailors as possible to this Club in order to continue the strong growth experienced over the past seasons. Maylands is still one of the best kept secrets north of the Narrows Bridge!

We look forward also to the continued support from the Shire of Bayswater in the management of our facilities and the sailing area. Since taking over from the City of Stirling, Maylands YC has been fortunate to receive strong backing from the City of Bayswater in the pursuit of our recreational activities. This support has recently extended to our endeavours in maintaining the full extent of our sailing waters. These were under some threat from the Shire of Belmont and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure in relation to the Belmont/Goodwood Parade ski area. Although at this point in time the situation remains unresolved, the Committee is hopeful for a positive outcome.

Opening Day is scheduled for Sunday 13th October. I hope you are all able to dust off the cobwebs from your craft and attend this important day. Bring along all your friends and make this first race of the season one to remember. The Opening Ceremony will commence around 1330 hrs with racing starting at 1400 hrs. There will be an afternoon tea supplied for our invited Flag Officers and guests. If possible, members are requested to supply a plate. This will also allow us to supply some afternoon tea for the competing sailors at the conclusion of racing.

The Club is continuing the tradition of acquiring sponsors for Race Days. Currently, there still exists the opportunity for Club members or friends to sponsor a day's racing during the season. This concept has been most successful over the past years with good exposure being afforded to businesses that have taken up the chance.

Sponsorship is also available for the major trophies allocated to all Fleets for overall results at the end of the season. Please contact our Secretary, Ross Bennett or myself if you are interested.

I look forward to your participation and fellowship at the club this season. Good sailing to all and lets make this Season one of the best ever for Maylands Yacht Club.

Kim Stephens
Commodore

Laser Lark



Yes, we again have aged another six months, does this mean we will have more pensioners at the yacht club going for a mid week sail, drinking coffee and having scones and cream? I'm sure some of the boats are just about cracking at the seams due to the lack of water over the winter period, dust of the cob webs and get the tupperware ready for another season.

For the members who subscribe to WALA a mere \$40 p.a or 11c per day (start saving \$\$\$ today) would have received the quarterly newsletter confirming the winter series results, summer sailing calender, along with details of social events.

On the 19/10/02 WALA is holding a cocktail party cost \$25 per member heavily subsidised against the cost price of \$40 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased through Ian Pavey, late-deciduers will miss out! If you're not a WALA member please speak to Ian or myself about joining prior to paying for the Kocktail Karoke Kruiise.

On the 20/10/2002 WALA is holding a training day at RFBYC starting at 9am, this will give you plenty of time to make the 2pm start at MYC. The training day this year is going to be

more group orientated, it is planned that sailors will be placed in groups of three for more personalised assistance. A comment provided by some people last year was that while the assistance was good it was not personalised. This year the aim is to spend the majority of the time on the water learning practical skills rather than text book stuff, with plenty of assistance and encouragement. Colin Dibb and John Cassidy will be the two main coaches.

This year there will be a number of assistants, those assistants will be attending a coaching day on Saturday the 5th October 2002 at Fremantle Sailing Club with AYF coach Brendon Todd. Shelley Yacht Club has stated that they will be supporting this event and hopefully the majority of Maylands members will also attend, you will need to be a WALA member (you can join on the day!)

The WALA winter racing was reasonably sucessful a handful of people participated in all the races with the majority only sailing at their respective club. Well done to the members who at least sailed on at least one of WALA winter races - hopefully a few more particpants next year so we can ensure MYC continues to receive support from WALA (WA Laser Association).

Thanks to the following for having a sail; Kim Stephens, Kris Grande, Ian Pavey, John Wood, Bruce Lee, Darryl Bonny,

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Ken Patterson, Blake Stephens. A special thanks goes to the helpers/organisers (regulars) who provided the racing on the days. For those who are erring on the slightest possibility of travelling to Largs Bay for the 2002 (Adelaide) Nationals please pick up a notice of race from your club rep. At the moment it appears about eight or so boats will be attending from WA. If you are thinking about going speak to me so I can give you a form "application for travel grant"

Look forward to seeing you at opening day.

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Moth Mutterings



As the saying goes "No news is good news" – this could apply to the Moth fleet.

The Recruiting Drive with the bonus of "join the Club, Pay Storage Fees and sail *Jerkymia* free for a year" hasn't been scooped up by anyone as yet. Talk to your friends about this sensational offer. The cheapest way to get into yachting anywhere!.

A winter series for all classes will be programmed next year. Stock up on cough syrup now.

make a point of crossing the line on October 13th.

Blue Jacket



No Pacer news this issue, so here's a pic to remind you all what they look like! Hopefully we'll see a good-sized fleet with ultra-close racing like last year!

Heron Hailings

Well unless our Heron fleet manages to attract any newcomers the Gaunt/Christie stranglehold looks like continuing this season, and study commitments might take a toll on some sailing days. Hey we would gladly forego some trophies for a bigger fleet.

A Heron Association newsletter and Notice of Race for the State Championships has been sent out - if you have not received one please contact me. Seven heats are programmed at each of the Heron clubs and one at Koombana Bay, with one heat to drop. The Association is also hoping for an increase in interest as recent events have not been well supported.

Electronic communications have become so prevalent that I think the majority of sailing newsletters etc are now by email.

The National Association has a website: www.nhsaa.asn.au which has some interesting stuff, study plans for the stitch and glue Heron - one or two prototypes have been built in Queensland, downloadable measurement form, information for the Nationals, a bulletin board etc.

Cunningham eyes are now permitted on Heron mainsails! No longer shall we suffer those on-the-beach jibes "haven't you guys ever heard of a cunningham?" Setting the mainsail tack below its black band will still draw some smirks but I have learned that this class owes its survival in "classic" form to more than just love of tradition.

Best wishes to all members for another sailing season, John Gaunt.

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Junior Corner



The opening of the new season takes place on Sunday 13th of October. For those of us still at school that means the last day of the school holidays.

What better way to celebrate the end of the holidays than to get out on the water sailing!

However, for the training group, sail training will not begin until the following Sunday, October 20th. The reason for this is that Opening Day is a busy day with lots of invited guests and visiting sailors.

You are of course very welcome to come along to join in the celebrations, take in the spectacle of a sail-past and see some top class sailors in action.

There is no reason why some of you should not sail in a short Mirror race in the morning if you would like to. At least four boats would be needed on the water to make it exciting. Contact Ross Bennett on 9370 1304 by Friday October 11th if you are interested so that he can schedule the event.

Some of you who are feeling confident could also join the mixed fleet in the afternoon. You would race a shorter course in a fleet of different kinds of boats; the winners would be decided using a special handicap system.

I hope that in the off-season you have not forgotten too many of the skills you learned during training. You will probably find you have become a little rusty during the break. However, it will not take very long for you to get back to your previous level.

There are only a few new skills to learn before most of you will have completed the AYF Basics 2 qualification. We can then set our sights on regular racing. This is where the fun really begins.

At this stage we have no clear idea of the number of new enrolments in the sail-training program. If the numbers are big enough then I plan to run sail training in the mornings for the beginners and allow the use of the training boats for racing in the afternoons. If the number of beginners is small then we can link training to morning races.

In the meantime, keep a lookout for boats listed for sale in the newspapers and practice those knots. Remember, there is a prize for the first to show me how they are tied.

In case you have forgotten, these are



I never forget my knots!

the ones you need to be able to tie:

- 👁 reef knot
- 👁 round turn and two half hitches
- 👁 bowline
- 👁 rolling hitch
- 👁 clove hitch


See you next time

Ken



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Water Ski Area Extension into MYC's sailing water CANNED!

MYC has just received formal advice from the office Of Dr Judy Edwards MLA, also Minister for the Environment, that the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure has reviewed the proposed ski area extension in consultation with the City of Bayswater, Belmont & the Town of Victoria Park. Also MYC and Dr Judy Edwards and DoPI were involved.

The unanimous decision from all of the local Government authorities supported the view that the ski area will not be extended. The Minister supported this position and the ski area extension into MYC sailing waters has been rejected.

Further, DPI marine safety will -

- have better signs at the boat ramps
- more and better speed restriction signs
- more frequent monitoring patrols
- Water Ski Association will be conducting an education campaign in the ski area

I think the MYC members who worked on this issue together with the local residents, City of Bayswater, local councillors Terry Gaunt and Sonia Turkington, and Dr Edwards should be congratulated on their efforts that have fended off the water skiers for the second time. Let's hope there is no third time.

Ross Bennett
Secretary, MYC

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