



## Commodore's Comments



It's nearly time to get back on to the water, to catch up with our sailing mates and to further develop our sailing skills.

The Opening Day for the Maylands Yacht Club 2004/2005 summer series of sailing events will be held on **Sunday 10 October 2004**. The opening ceremony will start at around 1330 hrs followed by a sail past at approximately 1350 hrs and invitation race to start at about 1400 hrs. Invited Flag Officers and guests will be provided with afternoon tea following the opening ceremony. There will also be afternoon tea for competing sailors at the conclusion of racing. To assist with catering, members are asked to bring a small plate of food.

Our small 'Top of the River' amateur sailing club has a healthy membership of about 120 members, a full program of sailing events for the 04/05 summer sailing season and a keen group of Flag Officers and committee members. We are set for another great season of sailing!

The Management Committee for your Club this season is:

- *Patron* Terry Gaunt
- *Commodore* Jerome Toonen
- *Vice Commodore* Peter Kerrigan
- *Rear Commodore House* Lloyd Blake
- *Rear Commodore Sailing* Simon Vito
- *Rear Commodore Training* Ken Patterson

Committee members include:

- *Secretary* Alan Benn
- *Treasurer* Lisa Kerrigan
- *Sailing Captain* Blake Stephens
- *Power Boat Captain* Brian Plumb
- *Bar Manager* Kim Stephens
- *Canteen Manager* Joanne Stephens
- *Newsletter Editor* David Puddey
- *General committee* John Wallace, Chris Jones, John Gaunt, John Wood,
- *Start box* Max Albury, Jan Puddey, Sandy Patterson
- *Support Boat* Mal Puddey

Some of the club's *hardy* Laser sailors have recently completed a cool and challenging but enjoyable series of winter races which have been held at the club on the first Sunday of each month from May to September. Final results of the winter series will be announced on Opening Day on 10 October.

Members will be aware of the City of Bayswater plans to develop the river foreshore which may include some modification/addition/upgrade to the club facilities. Lloyd Blake and Kim Stephens have agreed to represent the club and to liaise with the City of Bayswater to ensure that any proposed plans are in the best interests of the yacht club.

The club has a new 4.2 metre Support Boat. A big thank you to Brian Plumb, John Woods and Ross Bennett who have done a great job preparing this boat with level flooring, a side console control system and sign writing. The new support boat will be named the *Clem Eaton Support Boat* in memory and recognition of our wonderful long time sailing colleague Clem Eaton who sadly passed away in June. It is planned to *christen* the new support boat on Opening Day.

I look forward to your participation and fellowship at the club this season. Happy sailing to all.

**Jerome Toonen**  
**Commodore**



( you'll see why when you read it ?)

The new season is almost upon us and it's time for all the radial sailors who have not been active during the winter to dust off the sailing gear and get ready for another summer of racing.

A warm welcome to radials for Kim who has swapped rigs with son Blake. Judging by his sailing since the swap the smaller rig has not been too much of a handicap. Also Roger has decided he doesn't need that extra sail area and is joining the radial ranks – the new sail is rumoured to have some fancy signage. These additions should ensure that the numbers should be higher than last season and that the racing will be ultra competitive throughout the fleet.

The Winter series results showed the radials to the fore with 3 of the first four boats in both championship and consistency. The last club Winter series race was also the final heat of the WALA winter series and fleet of 23 lasers on the starting line. With a good breeze 3 races in the shortened format were completed.

Kim and Alan have represented Maylands at the many of the WALA winter series races where Kim finished a close second (one point) – Oh to have sailed one more race!

Alan is certainly proving that the more time on the water, the faster you sail.

I once read an article where sailboat racing was likened to a game of chess. It stated that both involved strategy, tactics, adapting to changing situations, ability to plan ahead and foresee problems arising. The writer then explained how sailing involved solving many more complex problems than are encountered in a game of chess. There are rules that govern both chess and sailing but application of the rules in sailing is open to interpretation by the competitors in each situation. This interpretation can even be to the extent that there is disagreement over which rule applies. I've not seen any protests occurring during or after a game of chess. Also in a sailboat race all the pieces are all moving, the wind is changing in direction and strength (especially at Maylands), decisions have to be made continually and there are no squares to help guide our progress along the race course. Also each competing sailor has to control his/her piece while attempting to get around the course in the shortest time.

So now you know why you go home tired after sailing and fall asleep in front of the TV – it's not only your body that's tired from all that hiking, but your brain is also worn out from all the computations and calculations it's been performing.

Roll on summer & the SouWesters !

John Wallace

## Laser Full Rig Report....for real sailors!

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The winter series just completed showed just how keen our Full Rig sailors are to improve the performances.

Over the entire series 10 Full Rig sailors had braved a variety of conditions. Those that turned up regularly enjoyed some memorable rides particularly on the windy days.

Racing was very competitive in the mixed Radial /Full Rig fleet with Blake Stephens enjoying his move into the Full Rigs. Blake showed the fleet a clean transom on more than one occasion and deserved his win in the Consistency Series as well as finishing a creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Winter Championships. .

Keen as mustard new Club sailors, Alan Doak- Smith and Andrew Nicholls showed they will be a competitive force this season with some sound sailing. Like all Full Rig sailors, they just need to ensure the mast tip is facing skywards at all times to avoid that black mud on the sail. Alan finished 5<sup>th</sup> on Consistency and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Championship with Andrew reversing this order finishing 6<sup>th</sup> on Consistency and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Championships. Another Full Rig sailor David Mickle has joined the fleet after purchasing Mach 1.

The challenge will be on for young and old this season!



- Who got a new boom-vang for Fathers Day? Maybe a little tacker gave it to a special Dad.
- Can Rosco show Blake how to sail a Laser flat in 25knots? Will Rosco even have a boat?
- Will Chris Jones' prayers for no breezes over 12 knots come true?
- Will our Rear Commodore Sailing sail?
- What odds are quoted for Bung *not* breaking something this season?
- Would a bionic hand help Slick Chick?
- Will the possibility of a Company Sponsored new sail on a Laser, cause a Rebellion at the Club?
- On Which Sunday will Lloyd put his recent big boat practice into play?

Looking forward to seeing you all again this Season. Remember **Opening Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October**. Let's see if the Full Rigs can out number the Radials.

*FAST FORWARD (Kim Stephens)*

## **LASER SAILORS !!**

*Does your boat meet all the Club requirements?*

### *Yachting Australia, Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats*

- **R1** Is your personal floatation device in good order and to the Australian Standards?
- **R8** Does your boat have a securing rudder pin through the pintle to avoid rudder falling off in event of turning turtle?
- **R9** Does your boat have its Name and Sail Number and "MYC" on transom?

### *Laser Class Requirement*

- Small securing tie down cord from deck to around mast to ensure mast can't fall out if turned turtle. (Can easily be tied from deck fairlead near mast hole, around mast and over the boom vang tang to avoid the mast lifting up.)

***You can risk disqualification if your boat does not comply!***

### **LETTER FROM THE EDITOR!!!**

I would like to thank all the MYC reporters who have helped me put this newsletter together and welcome to our newest reporter this season, John Wallace.

## **MYC OPENING DAY 0930 SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER.**

### **BUSY BEE**

Members are requested to help with a general tidy up of outdoor areas and move boats out of the shed for a clean up.

Bring your broom, garden rake and plenty of helpers.

Please repair your boat dollies, several have flat tyres – Boats have to be moved often, we need dollies to function correctly.