



JOIN US FOR OUR 60 YEAR CELEBRATIONS : SUNDAY 20 MARCH and FRIDAY 22 APRIL



COMMODORE’S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

The start to the season has been busy and full of action on the sailing front. At last we have had sailable weather even though it has often been at the top end of our wind strength.

A fabulous Opening day all be it later than usual due to Covid, followed by the Catamaran Classic, Santa’s Visit, Club sailing, The New Year Regatta and finally the Ronstan Regatta.

An extremely full program especially given the challenges still on going with Covid.

As a club we continue to monitor and implement the rules regarding Covid, however it can be challenging as a Volunteer to constantly keep up with the changes especially when the goal posts keep moving. I wanted to acknowledge that some members who are rostered for duties may not feel comfortable to attend the club at the moment. If this is the case please don’t worry we understand completely and understand your health and safety comes first. We ask if you could either find a replacement or notify us in plenty of time so we can organise a replacement for you.

Covid is well and truly out in the community so to keep us all safe I ask you all to take responsibility when coming to the club to check in on arrival. If you are attending the bar upstairs remember you must be vaccinated, wear a mask when ordering a drink and at all other times unless you are consuming food or drink.

All bar staff are required to wear a mask at all times when serving.

A reminder that only the rostered bar staff are to be behind the bar.

Please do not go behind the bar unless you are rostered on for duty.

I look forward to the second half of the season and hope we have some nice 10 knot breezes to round out our sailing season.

Bronwyn Evans, Commodore

Happy 60th Anniversary

Our club is having it's 60th birthday this year!!

Sunday 20th of March (All day)
Casual Party at the club
combined with McCYC Open

Friday 22nd of April (Evening)

Please book your expression of interest via sailor app or website
Seats are limited to 100 people

Place : Mornington Golf Club
Time : Starting at 6pm
Price : \$60 (approx.)
(2 course melas include welcome drink)

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We welcome all the members who have joined the "McCrae Family" this season. If you see people around that you haven't met before, please introduce yourself and make them feel at home. If they are new to sailing then please assist them in any way you can.

The following members have upgraded their memberships to include new family members or partners:

- Marley Brayshaw - baby daughter of Stephen and Emma and sister to Leah.
- Bethany Varkevisser - partner of Scott Cunningham
- Carmel Ackerly - partner of Hamish Sinclair
- Tricia Fitzpatrick - partner of Lachlan Cameron
- Simon Clavin - welcome back after a 3 year absence
- Archie and Vivien Newman - children of Paul and Amy Newman
- Cherry Langley - partner of Oliver McKeon
- Mac Bird - welcome back after several years

New memberships:

- Chris & Alisanne Boag - sons Hamish (4) & Harriet (1) - sails a F18
- Christian Herr - Secondary member from Mordialloc - sails an RS Aero 7
- Mark Ridgeway - Lighthouse Single
- Amelia (Molly) Evenden - Junior - sails a Laser 4.7
- Conchi Batson & Clinton Trevisi with sons Ruben & Xabier Trevisi - Sponsors - and the boys attend Sailing School
- Martin & Geraldine Gamble - Couple - sail a Sabre and Windsurfer
- David & Angela Waldren - Lighthouse Couple
- Elizabeth Hui - Senior - Windsurfer
- Max Friedrich - Junior - attending Sailing School
- Jonathan & Christine Jones with Joshua & Emily - Lighthouse Family. Josh attended Tackers this year and Christine was a member as a child with parents Geoff and Meredith Hughes.

The following received a Junior Membership through their Tackers

- Kobi and James Thorne
- Sveya and Heidi McDonald
- Beau Cleine
- Benjamin Puschenjak
- Ethan Gately
- Leah Mikhail

I would like to thank Alona for all the work she does in introducing, welcoming and inducting our new members. She is a very welcoming face for our new members.

Lyn Johannessen, Membership Secretary

CRAFT AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR SALE

Cherub 3114

Current sail plan carbon mast and boom; lots of spare gear comes with s/s beach trolley -\$5000.00 or nearest offer. Contact Allen Davis 0417424400



<< Ronstan 'Clear Start' Watch-new

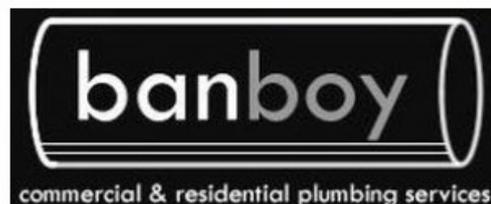
Unpackaged but never used. Wrist band didn't go around my wrist, later found out its suitable for juniors/teenagers male and female. See photo \$50.00

Contact Ron Wiggins 0407131766

Minnow (#156, 'Red Shark 2'): Boat + custom-made cover + trolley. Craft is complete - in GC and ready to sail. Complies in all respects. \$450. Contact Les Mullins 0418-321-000.

Paper Tigers (#2973): Fibre glass construction; probable 2005 build; white without signage; complete with 2 sails (1 x very good, 1 x like new); custom-made cover, no trolley. Comes with usable trailer but poor condition. Boat in nice condition, ready to sail but trampoline needs minor repair. Last sailed at McCrae. \$2,500. Contact Les Mullins 0418-321-000.

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The summer property market continues to roll on. There have been many great McCrae sales but the standout was 20 Cairn Rd McCrae which sold at auction for \$2,850,000.

There have been lots of tourists down this summer as many were reluctant to travel further afield in this current climate. There has been a dramatic change of buyers now calling The Peninsula home instead of opting for the holiday home. Covid has certainly changed most businesses and real estate is no exception.

In 20 years, I have never experienced the number of bidders at auctions, some up to 12. McCrae has increased approximately 30% over the past 12 months, quite staggering to think that \$1m doesn't buy you much anymore.

I recently auctioned 1A South Rd McCrae for Club members John & Katriona Newman, which sold above reserve. A huge congratulations!!

If any member is looking at selling, I will donate \$500 back to the club after a successful sale.

Happy Sailing



YACHT CLUB SOCIAL CAR DRIVE AND PICNIC

The McCrea Yacht Club Social Car Drive and Picnic event is being held on Sunday 13 Feb 2022.

Starting at the yacht club it will be a scenic drive through the Peninsula finishing at Coolart homestead at Somers for a picnic.

This is not a competitive event and all types of vehicles are welcome.

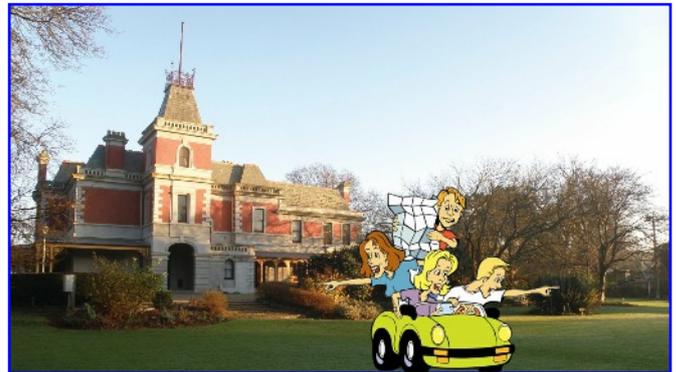
Be at the Club at 9.45 for a 10.00 am start.

Bring your own picnic lunch and drinks.

Coolart Homestead has recently been refurbished and will be open to visit.

Call Max Owen (59861945) or Neil Wilson (59871735) for further information.

Max Owen



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TRAINING CENTRE REPORT

Happy New Year from the Training Centre! For those of you who may never happen to visit the club on a Saturday morning, I would urge you to make an effort to come down one fine day and have a look at what we do. You may wonder why we have all that equipment sitting there or just simply wonder who actually does the work of teaching our new generation of sailors.

Maybe you don't wonder at all!

The fact is that we have an absolutely amazing group of both younger and older members who are dedicated to the task. Without them it could not happen.

I'm so grateful and proud of all their efforts. Their passion for our sport and the joy of teaching it is inspiring!

New Training Centre Administrator

Katrina Berryman has kindly offered herself to be our new administrator! I'm absolutely delighted that she has come on board with the Training Centre. She will begin the role shortly as soon as the Principal can find some time to do the handover!

New Whitworths sponsored Opti Trainers launched!

Thank you to Trevor Knight and Glen Koffyberg for doing the conversion of the rudders to make them swinging rather than the standard fixed!

It brings our total fleet of Opti trainers to twenty! This gives us so much flexibility in our operation and the opportunity for considerable growth of the operation.

The season so far

We began with around 21 kids booked into the Saturday morning and six doing Sunday morning coaching in their Laser 4.7s.

The are currently 13 kids booked in as Try Sailors during the month of February.

The first week of the Tackers summer program was thwarted when head instructor Evelyn Floyd was afflicted with the virus a few days prior to it beginning. Luckily, she recovered in time to get the second week going with a group of about 13 kids.

Adult sail training has also been progressing for some of our newer members! Keep up the good work!

New addition to the fleet

Our club has been fortunate to have inherited a written-off but quite new Sabre 2067. It was T-boned by a Mari Cat at Wallagoot Lake in Southern NSW. The story is a bit long as to how we came to receive it, but I can report that it is very close to a launch. The hole is fixed (lockdown project) and the trolley is nearly finished.

We have lacked a single-handed training option for adults and teenagers and this boat will help to fill the void!

It will also be available to race in our fleet for those who are considering the Sabre Class as an option.

Murray O'Brien, Training Centre Principal



Having wrapped the Arc de Triomphe the next obvious object for Cristo and Jean-Claude is the McCrae lighthouse.

VALE: MICHAEL ATKINSON

Members will be saddened to hear of the death of Michael Atkinson on 19 January 2022 aged 83.

Michael crewed on a 125 for many years with Alan Morris and sailors will remember Michael fully clad in long pants and shirt or slicker with hat and slathered in zinc to keep the harsh sun from his pale skin.

After retiring from sailing he crewed on the patrol boats including Lady Mac, Eastern Light and Georgiana along with Peter Bird, Russell Edwards and Ralph Morris.

Michael was on the General Committee from the 2005/06 season until 2006/07 season and several years as Assistant to the Treasurer. He was found most Saturday mornings counting the cash ready for banking and doing the data entry for the Treasurer. His job became redundant with the introduction of more complex computer programs. Michael was also Acting Honorary Secretary while Gordon Crossland was overseas in 2004.

He is another of our Club's unsung heroes and quiet behind-the-scenes volunteers who do their job without fuss and often don't receive the accolades they deserve.

While always a member, in later years he kept in touch with the Club through a Wednesday coffee group. Always a gentle man with a dry humour.

Our condolences go to his family.





CLUB APPAREL AND 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Hello everyone,

We have a full range of club merchandise this year. The best selling of our products so far is the soft shell jackets. Our newest product is "Ronstan Rashies." Come to the canteen and try them on.

We also have two big days coming up to celebrate our 60th anniversary.

Sunday 20 March (All day)

McCrae Open then BBQ lunches (available to purchase from the canteen)

In the afternoon we are planning to have Adult "Opti Races."

More details to follow

Friday 22 April

This is the night to celebrate our 60 year history.

Book your expression of interest only without payment.

We will contact you regarding the final booking about a month before the event date

Here is the link : <https://www.mysailingclub.com.au/event/GHJQU>

Any inquiries regarding the clothing or anniversary, please come to the canteen and talk to Akemi O'Brien.

Regards,

Akemi O'Brien, Canteen Manager



HOT LASER RADIAL FLEET AND SUPER COACHES AT MCCRAE FOR THE RONSTAN REGATTA

The Ronstan regatta provided the opportunity for Casey Imeneo to invite AST teammates, Mara Stransky and Zoe Thompson to home club McCrae. They arrived with recently appointed Australian Sailing (AS) Laser Radial coach Ben Walkemeyer to train and compete in the Ronstan regatta.

A late entry was next generation sailor Sylvie Stannage from Hunters Hill SC in Sydney who arrived with coach Brett Beyer. They were attracted by the quality of the fleet. 'Super coach' Brett Beyer coached Laser sailors from five different countries to reach the qualifying standard for the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Great that our young 4.7 sailors could meet and talk to Olympian Mara Stransky and AST member Zoe Thompson. Our club members may not know that Luke Mairs (McCrae member now residing in Airlie Beach) taught Mara to sail in

a Laser 4.7 at the Whitsunday Sailing Club.

The foiling boards came with coach Arthur Brett, recently appointed by AS to manage the development of foilers so that Australia can have an impact at the Paris Olympics. They put on an awesome display for the spectators as they reached at warp speed a couple of hundred metres from the club.



What is the linkage that connects these high-performance sailors and coaches? SLM, developed by Don Elks and others in WA.

Ben Walkemeyer, Zoe Thompson, Gold medallist Matt Wearn, U21 world champion Zac Littlewood et al. all products of the WA system who go on to be coached by Arthur Brett at the Fremantle Sailing Club. But WA beware - a threat in the east is rising! Sylvie Stannage is from Hunters Hill SC in Sydney- the club that saved itself from extinction by introducing SLM in 2017. Along with Sylvie in the Lasers, HHSC now has the biggest fleet (20+) of 29ers in the country and has over 100 sailors under 21 participating every week.

Our Sail Training committee is implementing SLM. Our small group of 4.7s is developing sailing skills and working well together. The success of SLM relies on

effective recruiting, development of home-grown coaches and a whole of club commitment.

John d'Helin, Laser rep.



AST arrive for the Ronstan