

THE BEACON

McCRAE YACHT CLUB: OFF THE BEACH SAILING AT ITS VERY BEST!



COMMODORE'S COLUMN

I can't believe the season is over already and we are planning 2023/24. The presentation night was extremely well attended and the Q&A session with Casey Imeneo really set the tone for the night. Casey's enthusiasm and dedication to her sailing pursuits is highly commendable and

inspirational to us all. We wish her well on chasing her Olympic dream.

The season saw some fabulous sailing conditions and the club was well attended on race days as well as on Sundays for casual sailing. We also had a great attendance at our Friday Sunset Drinks and Pizza.

Thanks to all the members who have dedicated their time to keeping the club running. Your efforts don't go unnoticed.

Campbell has been producing the Beacon since 2016 and is taking a well-earned break so this will be his last edition. Thanks again Campbell.

I hope you all have a restful break over winter with plenty of boat maintenance being undertaken. I know many of you will continue to sail, stay warm and enjoy.

See you in October.

Bronwyn Evans, Commodore

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The Awards Night celebration began with our multi-time World Champion, Mark Bulka interviewing our contender for Olympic selection, Casey Imeneo...a fascinating insight into what it takes to succeed at this level of performance.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AWARDS NIGHT



Bronwyn presented Evelyn Floyd with the Georgiana McCrae Trophy.



The McCrae Crews Recognition and Equalisation Trophy went to...Ollie Bulka...



...while Amelia Evenden received the Nigel Huggett Award from Murray.



And this year the Rowlands Trophy was awarded to Mark Bulka by Col Dodds whilst the Suter Trophy went to Lachlan Cameron.



Despite the mishap on the start line, Richard Stout was not embarrassed to win this year's Big Splash Award.



Liz Hui received the White Knight Award for being joyously involved in everything.



John Mason presented the Rosemary Mason Memorial award to Ollie Bulka.

Joel Prime received the Roger Randal Memorial Trophy from Joey Randall.





TRAINING CENTRE REPORT

The McCrae Yacht Club Training Centre ran the following events and programs during the sailing season:

Provide First Aid 15
 Saturday Morning Sailing School 28
 Development Squad Coaching 11
 Try Sailing 14
 Adult Start Sailing 13
 Tackers Summer Program 24
 Powerboat Handling Certificate 5
 Safety boat Operator Certificate 4

Total Participants 114

Three new SUP-sailboards were purchased by the Training Centre for or during the 2022/23 season from general club funds for a total cost of \$4,091. However, we have a significant donation fund from which six Minnows were purchased pre-season to be sold within the club to junior sailors. Four of those Minnows were successfully sold.

The Training Centre currently holds approximately \$7,500 dollars in the donation fund, We still have 3 Minnows in stock which will be ready to be sold for the coming season.

Total revenue for the 2022/23 season was \$22,089 with costs of \$14,090 for a nett of \$7,999.

The Training Centre fleet includes:

- 20 Opti Trainers
- 4 Pacers
- 2 Hobie Wave catamarans
- 2 RS Quests
- 2 SUPS
- 3 SUP sailboards
- 1 Sabre

I would like to thank all of those who committed so much to the Training Centre again this past season. It is a huge commitment of time and energy and we proved once again that we are the hardest working group at McCrae Yacht Club!

Instructors/coaches: Scott Watson, Mark Bulka, Donovan Bailey, Evelyn Floyd, Finn Loader, Cameron Dunwoody, Colin Dods.

Assistant instructors/helpers: Glen Koffyberg, Wes Miles, Olivia Miles, Milly Evenden, Tom Kohne, Tessa Kohne, Ollie Bulka, Ed Johannessen, Ada Dynes, Loki Fahl, Michael Johannessen, Jamie Caithness, Trevor Knight and committee member John d'elin.

Murray O'Brien, Training Centre Principal

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B14 NEWS

It is sad to see the end of another sailing season and the end of our good weather.

For some of us, the European summer season is about to kick off with the upcoming B14 Euro' and Worlds at Lake Garda, Italy from 12-22 July.

Team McCrae consists of:

1. Hugo Briggs & Tristan Williams
2. Joey Randall & Louis Chapman
3. Craig Garmston & Paul Fleming

We had eight B14s packed in a 40HC shipping container in April, so the boats are well and truly on their way over, and most of us are in final preparations with only a few weeks to go now.

We wish all McCrae competitors the best of luck over in Italy.

B14 NATS at Safety Beach Sailing Club in January 2024

We are also lucky to have a local Australian Championships this coming summer, with Safety Beach Sailing Club hosting the event in conjunction with the Javelin and Musto Skiff Nationals.

We are hoping for a good McCrae presence, and we hope someone from Team McCrae will win the silverware this year.

If anyone is keen to buy a boat or get a ride on a B14 this summer please reach out to me on mobile 0415 327 099.

Craig Garmston, B14 Representative



B14s racing on Lake Garda, Italy



And some of our Divisional Winners...

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AWARDS NIGHT



The Catering Stalwarts



The Patrol Boat Stalwarts



The Board Sports Team





AusILCA appoints a new Principal Race Officer (PRO)



It is with great pleasure that I can announce the appointment of long-time McCrae YC member, Colin Dods as the new regional PRO for the ILCA class.

Col has agreed to take on this role meaning he will officiate at the ILCA Australian Open and Youth championships for the next six years i.e. one complete rotation of the Australian states.

His first event will be at the Adelaide Sailing Club in January 2024. It is an Olympic year and the ILCA 7 Worlds are in Adelaide following on immediately after the Nationals. So, all the of the top international teams are expected to be competing in a fleet of approx. 200. Col is being thrown in at the deep end!

To help Col prepare, the ILCA has invited him to attend Sail Sydney in December. This is the Oceania event for sailors to qualify their country for the Olympics. The PRO for this event is Hugh Leicester who is the race officer on the ILCA course at the Olympics. Col will have the opportunity to watch Hughie in action and hopefully pick up some good tips.

This appointment is a great credit to McCrae Y.C. It is recognition by the sailing community of the excellent race management standards at our club.

We have celebrated our champion sailors; we should also be proud of our champion race officials.



THE ILCA'S SUPPORT GIRLS IN SAILING

This year the AusILCA Solidarity program will be expanded to include Oceania countries.

As well as the six Australian states, a female sailor from NZ and from three of the Pacific Island nations will be invited to participate in the program. Under the program the selected participants receive the following FREE:

Entry in the ILCA Nationals (2024 Adelaide)

An ILCA 4 charter boat.

A team coach for the event.

Team uniform and merchandise supplied by sponsors PSA and Viakobi.

The package is worth approximately \$2,500 per sailor and does not cover travel and accommodation.

This is not about winning or high performance. The selection criteria is more around participation and contribution to the sport.

Last year, Maddy English from Mornington YC was selected as Victoria's representative at the Sydney event.

The opportunity is open to any female between the ages of 13 to 16 years, not necessarily an ILCA sailor. However, they should be a competent skipper at least at club level.

More details and an expression of interest form (EOI) will be released soon.

John d'Helin, McCrae YC ILCA representative

AND MORE WINNERS FROM THE AWARDS NIGHT

