

**Commodore's Report**  
**Sailing Season 2021-2022**



Once again, the start to our 2021/22 sailing season was disrupted by Covid 19 and Victoria still being in lockdown.

The season started with a bang on 6<sup>th</sup> November with strong winds not deterring our club Captain who led the charge (literally) and this left us under no illusion that sailing was on this season.

A busy season it has been kicking off with the Cat Championships, Opening Day, followed by the News Year Regatta, Ronstan Australia day Regatta and of course Sailing school and club sailing.

It has been an incredible effort to pull all this off whilst battling with Covid restrictions changing every week. Thanks to the general committee for all their patience and time wading through the rules and regulations so we could continue to run club sailing and social activities at a safe level. To the volunteers who willingly turned up each week to run racing and to the sailors for having the trust in us that Mc Crae was a safe place to be.

You may have all noticed how wonderful the grounds have looked this season. Thanks to the locals who kept the grounds ship shape over lockdown under the direction of Greg Newman. They are now enjoying the new Ride on mower, hand mowers and whipper snipper, and I'm hoping it is making your job easier.

The Sail board rack has been reorganized and shade cloth attached to the front fence to stop the sand building up. Sand has been evacuated from the west side of the Patrol boat shed making it easier to access the training Centre boats. I believe we have had a little community of animals burrowing in this part of the boat yard that our junior environmentalists have been observing.

The training centre have been enjoying the 6 new Optis made possible with the Whitworths sponsorship.

Akemi has a new oven (very well deserved) and handwashing sink installed. Thankyou Akemi for always being so keen to feed us all with delicious food. We all love and appreciate your efforts.

The start boat crews are benefiting from the automatic starter that has been fitted on Freedom and starting is mostly now stress free. This has really been a fabulous addition and one I have personally enjoyed this season.

Finally, we have council approval to paint the club. "Yay" Everything going well this will be completed by the beginning of next season. I look forward to seeing this final stage of the renovations completed giving our club a new fresh look to compliment the recently painted Light house.

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## 2021/22 Season Commodores Report

I think you will all agree our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations have added some fun to the season. We topped it off with a great Presentation night and Birthday celebration at Safety Beach Sailing Club.

On a personal note, I have loved my first year as Commodore, it has been a pleasure working with everyone and getting know so many of you. It makes running a club so much easier when we all pitch in and do what we can to help.

I look forward to seeing you all next season and fingers crossed we are over the Covid restrictions and can have a less stressful season than the past couple.

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