



RYE YACHT CLUB FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Sailing School Report:

After a frantic and eventful January, we are now entering the last three months of the season with a little more time to stop and reflect on the past month or so. January is always busy with the visitors over the school holidays and with 2 Discover Sailing Days and the F16 Nationals adding to our normal racing program and Sailing School activities, we had little time to rest.

A few of our members travelled to National Championships during January. Ben Hodder finished up with an excellent 8th overall in a fleet of 42 O'penBICs in Queensland. His best races were 2 first placings and a fourth in a series of 12 races. He did have the unfortunate luck to have his foot straps break in a chartered BIC on one day. He was placed 5th in the under 16 age section. Chris Campbell crewing for Jack Challands in the Nacra 15 Nationals (also Queensland) finished 6th of 9 competitors with their best results 5 fourth placings in a 12 race series. Jaimee Wall and Alex Dunne finished 30th of 43 29ers in their National Championships again in Queensland. Their best results were a 10th and 11th in a 16 race series. Isabelle and Campbell Matthews travelled to Perth for a windy 9 race series in the Minnow National Championships. Isabelle finished 21st of 29 boats with best results an 18th, 19th and two 21st placings; whilst Campbell finished 25th with best results a 20th and two 23rd placings.

Lastly, Clare Campbell and Chris Campbell both sailed (on different boats) in the F16 Catamaran National Championships held at Rye in the last week of January. Claire skippering her Viper finished 10th overall in a fleet of 15 with best results a 5th and five 7th placings in 12 heats. Chris, crewing for Simon Dubbin finished 8th overall with a 1st, 4th and 6th. The F16 series was held over 4 days with 4 races completed on each of the first two days and 2 each on the final 2 days. Conditions varied from a couple of light wind heats on day 1 to a solid 20 knot final race when two Nacra's dropped their masts. Thanks to all from the Club who volunteered to help run this event.

Summer Green Fleet was sailed over the Christmas / New Year period with a total over 24 races sailed and 12 young sailors taking part in total. We will do the presentation of medals for the competitors at the BBQ and Certificate Presentation for the Tackers courses on Sunday 8th April.

Our after Christmas Junior Sailing courses have had bigger numbers with 11 in the Saturday Start Sailing 1 and 2 groups and 19 Tackers sailors on a Sunday morning. The second of the Adult Start Sailing 1 and 2 courses with 8 participants will finish in two weeks' time as will the Better Sailing group of 4 ladies. The Junior and Youth Development Squad groups will continue until April 22nd.

We do hope still to run some more Power Boat Courses but finding the time to fit them in is proving difficult. April may be the best time for this. If you are interested in doing either a Power Boat Handling Course or a Safety Boat Operator Course (a completed Power Boat Handling Course Certificate is a pre requisite) please let me know ASAP.

Remember, often the best weather for the season is the next eight or ten weeks at the Club so make the effort to come down for a sail. See you at the Club soon.

Bob Cooper
Sailing School Principal

Social Committee Report:

Summer...

With the New Year now well and truly ushered in, January has been a time to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends, and fantastic lazy days spent “simply messing about in boats”. Thank you ‘Ratty’ for this wonderful line from *Wind in the Willows*; it’s so apt for a bunch of yachties!

Although there haven’t been any big events on the social calendar during this period, our Committee have continued to work behind the scenes: keeping the drinks fridge well stocked with icy-cold beverages for you to enjoy when you’re thirsty, making sure the Canteen is ready to provide you with lunch options and treats each week when you’re hungry and organising catering logistics for some significant sailing events to be hosted by our club early this year.

These include the F16 National Titles, OK Dinghy, Open Bic and Mosquito State Titles. Phew! Importantly, we must say a big ‘Thank You!’ to all the additional volunteers who have stepped in to support us by running the Canteen for these events; it can be a difficult time of year to recruit extra helpers between work/holiday/child-minding and other sporting commitments – so we appreciate the extra hours contributed by Mim Fuggle, Janine and Sarah Wallace, Liz Wilson, Jean Cooper and her merry crew of helpers in particular!

Sunday Sessions: 2nd Sunday of the Month...

Our next ‘Sunday Session’ is on the **11th February**. If you’d like to join us for an early dinner after club racing, please book and pay at the canteen before 12pm. So far we have enjoyed a paella, pasta, fresh salads and homemade focaccias. Next on the menu are a couple of different curries and rice and some extra trimmings. Should club racing be cancelled on the day, the dinner will also be cancelled and money either refunded or held in credit for next month’s dinner. Bon appetite!

Out with the old, in with the new...

The beginning of a new year is a great time to think about fresh starts, what lies ahead and what we’d like to accomplish in the future.

In the short term, the Social Committee is committed to providing RYC members with a weekly Canteen service on sailing days, supporting the Executive Committee in hosting regattas and providing a variety of additional social events to suit our Club’s very broad demographics. These events range from the informal monthly ‘Sunday Sessions’ following sailing, to annual events that are more formal in nature (such as our Opening Eve Dinner and Opening Day Morning Tea) or relaxed family friendly events including our Christmas and Easter celebrations.

In the longer term, we are beginning to think about the season ahead and what we can do differently that might improve or add value to our current activities. This includes the appointment of Social Committee members for the 2018/19 season and collecting feedback from RYC members in general, to see what **you** think!

This year we will be looking for a willing candidate to step into the role of Social Committee President, as Mim Fuggle will be retiring from this position after 3 years at the helm, to take up a new position on her boat (hopefully a comfortable one!). If you might be interested in filling this post, please talk to Mim to find out more about it and what is involved. As always, the other Committee positions (Secretary, Treasurer and General Members) are also up for grabs, and **ALL** RYC senior members are eligible to nominate for any position...not just the ladies!

Although in the past there has been a tradition of candidates staying in these roles for at least a couple of seasons, there is no requirement for such a long-term commitment. We realise that peoples’ capacity to

volunteer can vary at different times - so if one season suits you, that's fine! We're happy to have you aboard for a 'hop-on, hop-off' style short tour rather than a long cruise if that's what works.

Slip, slop, slap and other S-words...

The sun safe message has got a bit longer since we started singing this famous jingle in 1981, with the addition of two new S's ('Seek' shade and 'Slide' on some sunglasses). Yeah, I know...that's actually more like four or five extra S's and it totally kills the original version, BUT - it remains an important message for all of us.

As a Sun-Smart club, we can help you to remain safe in the sun with club apparel for both children and adults. Why not *slip* on a club T-shirt or jumper, *slop* on some of the sunscreen provided near the sign-on desk, *slap* on a club hat or cap and then *seek shade* under our UV rated shade cloth on the patio – and don't forget to *slide* on some good quality sunglasses while you're out on the water. Club clothing is on display in the Canteen and can be purchased through Mim Fuggle, who can also give you an idea on sizing and prices.

At the risk of totally destroying any remaining enjoyment you may have had about humming the '*Slip, slop, slap*' song from 1980, I'm adding a final S of my own – *SURVEILLANCE*! In addition to all the other steps you can take to be sun-safe, getting your skin regularly checked for skin cancer is also important, as many of our members know from personal experience.

I can show you my scar from having a Stage 1 melanoma removed last year if you like...or you can just take my word for it. Get yourself checked - it might just save your life!

See you around!

Bec Marthick
Social Committee Secretary

Around the Club News by Peter Kinsman

Thanks to Nils Anderson, Bob Cooper, Kevin Thomas and Danny Byrne who built the new racks to store the remainder of the Mozzie cats. This provides urgently needed storage for another 7 boats. We need to continue to provide boat storage so we can continue to grow as a club, otherwise potential members will go to other clubs.

We prefer to only store junior boats in the isles as they are small and light and so easy to move.



Welcome to the following new members:

- ❖ Mick Arundell and Nikki Frescos joining as members doing the Adult training course.
- ❖ Noah Barrett joining as a Youth member.
- ❖ Connor Bretherton joining as a Youth member.
- ❖ Anthony Chau and Jason Whiteman joining as social members.
- ❖ Tim Doyle and Jude Fennell, joining as a Family with their children Ned, Georgina and Simone.
- ❖ John Dunn joining as member doing the Adult training course.
- ❖ Max, Heath and Owen Fahey joining as Youth members.
- ❖ Mustapha Funstan joining as a Youth member.
- ❖ Oscar Howarth joining as a Youth member.
- ❖ Leo Juliff joining as a Youth member.
- ❖ Jasmine Kennedy joining as member doing the Adult training course.
- ❖ Karen Langdon joining as a Senior Sailor, sailing a Hobie 16.
- ❖ Hugh Maloney joining as a Youth member.
- ❖ Chris McConville and Jacqueline Bransgrove joining as social members.
- ❖ Sue and Patrick McNamara joining as a Family.
- ❖ Karina Meyer joining as member doing the Adult training course.
- ❖ Henry Miller-Heinze joining as a Youth member.
- ❖ Erik Tveitnes and Frances Good joining as a Sailing family.

Clubhouse usage and Hire:

These are bookings on hand as at the date of publication of this issue of Sandbar

Bookings & enquiries to: Peter Kinsman on 0418 619921 or e-mail secretary@ryeyachtclub.org.au

Monthly bookings			
Tuesdays	Yoga group (Stacey Doleman)	1800-1930hrs	Upstairs rooms
Wednesdays	Yoga group (Nanette Currie)	0900-1230hrs	Upstairs rooms
Wednesdays	Yoga group (Bec Morrison)	1815-1930hrs	Upstairs rooms
Saturday 17/2/18	Peninsula Boat Training	0830-1230hrs	Upstairs rooms
Saturday 10/3/18	Peninsula Boat Training	0830-1230hrs	Upstairs rooms
Saturday 31/3 /18	Peninsula Boat Training	0830-1230hrs	Upstairs rooms

Other notable dates:

Nil at this time.

Facebook – Rye Yacht Club

Don't forget to LIKE us!!!!



Club Merchandise:

The Club Merchandise is available through the canteen or by contacting Mim Fuggle 0418 514 429. Details are also on the Club Website under "For Sale".

- Children's Tee-shirts - \$20
- Adult Polo shirts - \$35
- Navy Adult Windcheaters - \$45
- Baseball Caps - \$15
- Large Burgees - \$10
- Small sew-on Burgees - \$5





Bec Morrison Yoga

Term One Class Schedule

Body Breath Mind

Wednesday 6.15pm - 7.15pm (8 classes: Feb 7 - Mar 28)

Thursday 9.15am - 10.15am (8 classes: Feb 8 - Mar 29)

Foundation Course

Wednesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm (8 classes: Feb 7 - Mar 28)

Early Vinyasa

Thursday 6.15am - 7.15am (5 classes: Feb 8 - Mar 8)

Mums & Bubs - Toddlers

Pre/Post Natal & Pregnancy

Thursday 10.30am - 11.30am (5 classes: Mar 1 - Mar 29)

Small group classes in Rye

Bookings Essential 0405 315 209 to reserve your mat

"Teach what is within you, not as it applies to you, but as it applies to the one in front of you." T Krishnamacharya

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