

WATERY LINES

Geographe Bay Yacht Club

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From the Helm

Hello fellow members.

Your committee has already been preparing for another good sailing season at our Club. Here is an outline of what has already been done.

David Eyres has taken on the role of Rear Commodore Sailing, and the sailing program is almost finalized. Hopefully, all yacht classes will see that their preferences have been catered for, where possible.

Thanks to Vice Commodore Doug Kelly and his band 'Nightgame'. Many of us enjoyed "Hot August Night" - the first social night for this season. Doug and the house/social committee have more in the planning stage, including a juniors' disco night on a Saturday after sailing.

Jim Merton has taken on the task of bringing the 420's up to scratch. All six will be used by a visiting school in September. They will also be used again for sail training during the season. If anyone has any parts we can use, or some time to help with their repair and maintenance, please let me know.

Nick McPherson will be coordinating all sail training this season, catering for all ages from 7 to 70!! I'm sure that having sail training using the Club's Tackers & 420's and Kevin's Pelican fleet will give many more the opportunity to enjoy this great sport.

Ben Roodhouse, our Rear Commodore Juniors, has been busy arranging courses for new sailing trainers. All the qualifications, registrations and certificates need to be in place, as required for the Discover Sailing program. The Pelican sailing program has also been finalized.

Rod Smirk continues to look after our rescue/start boats, the trailers, tractor and all the associated equipment. He is also looking into the best way forward for the repair and maintenance of the ramp.

Bosun John Compton and his team of volunteers have continued their good work with various repair and maintenance projects tackled every Thursday. Anyone else who wants to join this group will be very welcome. They have erected a new storage shed to house our new ride-on mower and various tools and equipment used each week. You will also soon see the replacement of the compound fence and gates, to enclose and define the total compound area included on our new lease.

I'm very lucky that Barry Brown has stayed on the committee as our Secretary. He has already spent countless hours writing letters and filling in grant application forms, as we work towards the replacement of the main boat storage shed.

Kevin Smith has also remained as our Treasurer, making sure that your money is spent in the most beneficial way.

All other committee members have taken on support roles for those already mentioned. Keith Oldfield continues his good work for our sponsors, increasing Club membership and social functions. Anton Mann and Bill Biggs are part of David's sailing committee and Barry MacLennan is continuing his work with grounds and maintenance.

I am confident that all the work undertaken already will set us up for an enjoyable sailing season, and Club facilities we can all be proud of.

I look forward to the coming season, spending time with all members and their families, taking advantage of this unique location.

Commodore Terry Compton

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Sponsorship Packages

Now available for 2016/17 season:

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2016/17 Committee

Commodore:

Terry Compton

Vice Commodore:

Doug Kelly

Rear Commodore Sailing:

David Eyres

Rear Commodore Juniors:

Ben Roodhouse

Secretary:

Barry Brown

Treasurer:

Kevin Smith

Bosun:

John Compton

Committee Members:

Jim Merton, Barry MacLennan, Rod Smirk, Keith Oldfield, Anton Mann, Bill Biggs

POSITION VACANT BOOKKEEPER

Our Club Bookkeeper, Leonie Reynolds, has resigned from the position she has held for almost two years. Leonie has done an excellent job and we wish her well for the future.

Applications for a new Bookkeeper are now being accepted. Refer attached advertisement.

Pelican Class News

A number of new boats have arrived at the Club this year with new owners. There has also been some winter upgrades occurring in sheds around Busselton and expect to see some new paint and repairs done to the fleet. The season is starting in six weeks and we will see double figures for the fleet number this season.

A number of Pelican Sailors have been making the trip to South of Perth Yacht Club for the solo series over winter. Monkey Biz, Osmosis and Soulless One are all braving the cold wintery conditions and racing against the metro clubs with some excellent results.

Peli Power-up is on again at SOPYC in the school holidays. With on-site camping, this is a great week of coaching and sailing for all skill levels. More info on www.pelican.org.au or the face book page.

Congratulations to a couple of ex-Pelican sailors who represented the Club on the world stage. Caelin Winchcombe in Ireland, sailing a Laser Radial and Hailey Johnson in Germany, sailing a laser 4.7. (see Laser Class News report)

If you can assist in any way with the Pelican fleet this year please let me know, however big or small the contribution.

See you all on the water soon.

Ben Roodhouse, Rear Commodore Juniors

Club Busy Bee Sun 11 September, 2016 9.00hrs – 13.00hrs

- Members are encouraged to come along and help get the Club ready for the opening of the new season.
- Bring gardening tools.
- Sausage sizzle after the work is done.

For more details contact John Compton:
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Laser Class News

Laser Youth Worlds

Seven West Australians competed in two recent World Youth Championships.

Three went to Keil in Germany to compete in the smaller 4.7 rig Laser.

In the boys competition, of 256 entries Rome Featherstone from Perth finished 26th, the top Australian, Finn O'Dea 20th and Hayden Coote from Perth 40th.

In the girls competition, of 126 entries only two Aussies competed, Bronagh Allison finishing 43rd and Hailey Johnson (GBYC) finishing 52nd.

Four West Australians went to Dun Laoghaire in Ireland to compete in the bigger Laser Radial rig.

In the boys competition, of 231 entries, Finnian Alexander finished 5th, Brody Riley 19th, Caelin Winchcombe 36th (DBYC), Zac Littlewood from Perth 42nd.

In the girls competition, of 76 entries Perth girl Zoe Thompson won the World Title and Perth girl Elyse Ainsworth came 9th (2nd Australian).

Both Caelin and Hailey showed country sailors can compete on the world stage against the best and this is just another step in their journey, so stay tuned.

Andy Whittell, Laser Class Rep.

Congratulations to Tom Burton on winning the Laser Gold Medal at Rio Olympics. That will spur on our Laser fleet! Ed.



Hailey rounding top mark in Keil

Junior Clubhouse/Sail Training Centre/Boat Storage Shed

Planning is underway for the construction of a new building to replace the old boat storage shed and junior clubhouse. The existing facilities are over 50 years old.

A new junior clubroom facility will provide a boost for the social aspects of GBYC's junior sailing program.

The expansion of the Club's sail training programs requires a new Sail Training Centre facility, to deliver high quality off-water theory and rules training to program participants (both member and non-member), and enable elite level coaching to be offered to GBYC members and visiting clubs.

Grant applications are being submitted to secure the necessary funding for the project to proceed.

Volunteers Needed

JOBS TOO GOOD TO REFUSE!

We are seeking volunteers for Saturday afternoon sailing days for the new season.

Crew members are needed on the water to help Rod Smirk and his team with race starts, mark laying and on water safety.

What better way to spend a summer afternoon?

The GBYC Tower has the best views in Busselton!

We need volunteers in the Tower during racing to monitor boat safety, maintain radio communication with the on-water crews and to ultimately record the finishing times of the racing boats. You don't need specific skills other than a bit of patience and handwriting that is marginally better than a doctor.

If you are at all interested in climbing to the top level of the Club, this could be the role for you!

**Contact David Eyres: Mob. 0407 697 717
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Discover Sailing

A very big thank you to the Club members who have volunteered to undertake the training and qualifications required to become Dinghy and Tackers Instructors.

These members will be attending an Australian Sailing Dinghy Instructor course at DBYC from 14-16 October.

For more information on our Tackers and Discover Sailing programs contact Nick Macpherson email: nick2skip@gmail.com



OPENING DAY

2016/17 SEASON

SAT. 8 OCTOBER 2016